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**GENERAL MOHAMMADU BUHARI GCFR,
PRESIDENT AND COMMANDER IN
CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA,
ASO ROCK,
ABUJA.**

SIR,

**OPEN LETTER
PETITION ON THE GENOCIDE AND
EXTRA JUDICIAL**

**KILLINGS/ABDUCTION/KIDNAPPINGS OF KOGI INDIGENES TO
WIT, HON. MUSA ADELABU 2. MRRUFAI JIMOH 3. MR. HADI
ABDULMALIKI 4. MR KASHIM ISMAILA 5. ISMAILA MOMOH 6.
MR. MONDAY IDOWU 7. MR. ABDULAZEEZ SALAMI BY UCHENDU
NICHOLAS AKALEZI A.K.A (CHARLES AK ALIEZE) COMMANDER
OF THE NAVY SPECIAL FORCES IN KOGI STATE AND THE CHIEF
OF NAVAL STAFF.**

The above subject matter refers.

INTRODUCTION:

We are a firm of Legal Practitioners and we have been briefed and our services retained by the Families of the victims of the extra Judicial Killings/Abduction/Kidnappings of Kogi Central indigenes of Kogi State by **AKALEZI** ; Commander of the **NAVY SPECIAL FORCES IN KOGI STATES** and they are Herein referred to as our **"CLIENTS"**.

This open letter is necessitated by issues of urgent importance connected with the atrocities, killings, maiming, kidnapping and the reign of terror

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been carried out by one AKALEZI of the NNS Lugard who is the Commander of the "Navy Special Forces" in Kogi State and the Chief of Naval Staff for his lackluster disposition in taking disciplinary actions against the said **COMMANDER UCHENDU NICHOLAS AKALEZI (hereinafter called Commander Akaliezi)**. It is evident that the Chief of Naval Staff stalls the probe of Commander Akalezi's extrajudicial activities in Kogi state.

THE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST AKALEZI; COMMANDER OF THE NAVY SPECIAL FORCES IN KOGI STATE.

Mr. President, we humbly bring to your attention the case of Commander Akalezi of NNS Lugard who is the Commander of the **Navy Special Forces** (a taskforce created by Gov. Yahaya Bello in Kogi State. Upon our clients' brief and verifiable evidence, we believe that the said Akalezi is the personal Hitman of the Governor of Kogi State; Yahaya Bello. That the Governor uses the said Akalezi to kill, abduct and kidnap Kogi indigenes who are opposed to his Political views.

It is also our brief that these series of extrajudicial killings, intimidation, abductions and kidnappings of Kogi indigenes have been occurring since 2019 and has not abated rather Akalezi is further emboldened to continue carrying out his dastardly acts. It is our brief also that the families of the victims of Akalezi's brutality have written several petitions to the Department of State Security, the Inspector-General of Police and the Chief of Naval Staff; however, non were investigated by the respective authorities.

Mr. President sir, our Clients further intimated us that the said Uchendu Nicholas Alkalize has hands in the disappearance of over one hundred and fifty (150) person of Kogi origin who are political opponents to the Governor of Kogi State. Amongst the lot but not limited to the mentioned are as follows:

1. **HON. MUSA ADELABU** who was the PDP Chairman of Okene Local Government Area of Kogi State has since been abducted by Akalezi and his team on the 10th day of August, 2019 from his residence and till this very moment hasn't been found by his family nor close associates.
2. **MR. RUFAI JIMOH** (A.K.A LOVER) was also abducted by the same Akalezi and his team on the 27th day of January, 2021 along old Ageva Secretariat on the Lagos Highway and till this very moment, MR RUFAI JIMOH's whereabouts is unknown.
3. **MR. HADI ABDUMALIKI** was also abducted on the 3rd day of January, 2022 at Ihima, Okehi Local Government Area by the said Commander Akalezi.
4. That also **MR. KASHIM ISMAILA** (A.K.A KAMUCHE) on the 21st of December, 2020 was also abducted by Commander Akalezi and his team and till this very moment has not been seen or heard from.
5. That **Ismaila Momoh** was also abducted/kidnapped from his house by the team lead by same Akalezi.
6. That **Mr. Monday Idowu** was also abducted/kidnapped on the 10th day of January, 2022 at Ihima by the Akalezi team in company of the Chairman of Okehi Local Government Area, Abdulraheem Ohiare.
7. That **Abdulazeez Salami** was also kidnapped/abducted on the 10th day of July, 2019 by Akalezi and his team in company of one Abdulraheem Ohiare; the Chairman of Okehi Local Government Area of Kogi State.

It is worthy of note that at every time these Extrajudicial Killings, Abduction and Kidnappings are being carried out by the said Commander Akalezi and his team, the Chief of Staff to the Governor of Kogi State, **MR. MOHAMMED JAMIU ASUKU** is always with

Akalezi serving as a pointer in identifying the Governor's Political Opponents to be eliminated.

The brutality and killings are not also limited to our clients who are opposed to the Governor of Kogi State but also innocent members of the National Youth Serving Corps who are assigned to Kogi State for their mandatory one-year service to the nation. Worthy of note is the case of corp member **OGUNWO ADETONA OLUWASEYE** with state code KG/21C/2009 who was tortured and brutalized by Commander Akalezi for no just cause.

Sir, it is a brief of fact that the said Commander Akalezi was transferred out of Kogi in the last quarter of 2022 by the Naval Authorities upon the uproar and protest against his illegal activities. The said transfer of Commander Akalezi out of Kogi State to NNS Kano in Lagos state brought relative peace to the state as indigenes of Kogi State were able to go about their political activities without the fear of being killed.

However, it is to the consternation of our clients to discover that the said Commander Akalezi was reposted from NNS Kano, Lagos state to NNS Lugard in Kogi state on the 9th of January 2023 by the Chief of Naval Staff and that no form of disciplinary action was taken against him neither were our clients reached out to in furtherance of any investigation to their petition before the Naval Command.

Sir, its worthy to mention that the return of Commander Akalezi to Kogi was influenced by the Governor to have him continue his reign of terror on the people of Kogi Central during this critical yet vulnerable political season in a bid to frighten and scare the people from willfully exercising their civic responsibilities as enshrined in the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 as amended.

Mr. President, dishearteningly we notify you that that several petitions have been written to the Chief of Naval Staff by the families of those killed by Commander Akalezi using various Human rights organizations and law

firms yet nothing has been done by the Chief of Naval Staff to bring the perpetrator to justice. We wish to state that we are in receipt of the acknowledged copies of these petitions written to the Chief of Naval Staff which he has failed to act on.

Sir, the Nigerian Navy was created by the force of law to protect the territorial waters of the Federal Republic of Nigeria from external aggressions and to protect the country's assets situated in waters. It is so disheartening that the Nigerian Navy under the current Chief of Naval Staff has derailed from their constitutional roles and delved into the murky waters of politics in Kogi State. It is also very shameful that the Chief of Naval Staff is allowing the Men and Officers of the Nigerian Navy to be the personal attack dogs/ killer squad used by the Government of Kogi State to eliminate its perceived political enemies. A food for thought is : why is Navy Commander Akalezi living in an operating from the hilly Okene when the waters are in Lokoja?

It is our brief that since the return of Commander Akalezi back to Kogi State, he has boasted of Gov. Yahaya bello's support and financial influence over the Naval Chief making him untouchable and unanswerable to any petition. In view of reinstating fear in the indigenes and political opponents of the Kogi State Gov., Commander Akalezi with his team recently abducted one Ahmed whose whereabouts is still unknown.

Sir, we wish to state that Nigeria is not a banana republic where laws are nonexistence or not obeyed. Nigeria has laws and no person or group of persons are above the laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Therefore, Commander Akalezi and the Chief of Naval Staff are not above the laws of the land. The action of Commander Akalezi and the Chief of Naval Staff dents the image of the disciplined officers of Nigerian Navy who are reputed for their bravery and uprightness; and, if left unabated will lead to breakdown of law and order; and destruction of lives and properties in Kogi State.

CONCLUSION

Mr. President it is worthy of note that just recently on National Television; you called on Nigerians to go about performing their civic responsibility of voting for anybody or party of their choice in the forthcoming general elections without fear of molestation from anybody or quarters. It is on the above premise we are calling on your good office to call the Chief of Naval Staff to order and we humbly urge you that Commander Akalezi be arrested and brought to justice.

We further wish to State that the representatives of the above listed victims are willing to come forward to testify to all the atrocities that have been and are still being committed by Commander Akalezi. Also find attached to this petition the said picture of Commander Akalezi.

We also wish to state that the actions of Commander Akalezi and Chief of Naval Staff are a clear breach of the operational code of conduct of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic Of Nigeria.

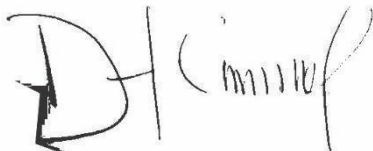
PRAYER OF THE PETITION.

It is the prayer of our Clients that you use your good office to call the Chief of Naval Staff to order and direct that Commander Akalezi be arrested and brought to justice for all his genocidal acts.

Thanks.

God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

For: **DEMAKI & DEMAKI**



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