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PRO-BIAFRAN ACTIVIST SHOT AND ABDUCTED

Sunday Chucks Obasi (30) was abducted from his home in Amuko Nnewi Anambra State on 16 August by five armed men suspected to be Nigerian security agents who had a vehicle with a government registration number plate. Witnesses say he was injured during the incident. His whereabouts remain unknown.

Sunday Chucks Obasi (30), a pro-Biafran activist, was abducted by five armed men suspected to be security agents at about 9pm on 16 August from the front of his home in Amuko Nnewi, Anambra State.

According to his family members and other witnesses, the five armed men in two SUV vehicles, one of them bearing a government registration number plate, ambushed Sunday Chucks Obasi as he drove into his compound at about 9 pm. They said that the men shot him, then put him in one of vehicles and drove away.

Family members and neighbours who came out after the shooting saw blood and empty bullet shells on the ground in front of Sunday Chucks Obasi's house as well as near his vehicle.

Sunday Chucks Obasi's whereabouts remain unknown but witnesses including family members reported that he may have been arrested. The family made inquiries in several police stations in Anambra state but was told that he is not in their custody. This has raised fears that the authorities have subjected him to enforced disappearance and he may be at increased risk of torture or death in custody.

Please write immediately in English or your own language:

- Urging the Nigerian authorities to immediately disclose the whereabouts and fate of Sunday Chucks Obasi, and if he is detained release him unless he is promptly charged with a recognizable criminal offence, in line with international law and standards;
- Calling on them to ensure that, if he is in custody, he should have prompt access to lawyers, his family and medical treatment.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 7 OCTOBER 2016 TO:

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Lawal Daura
State Security Service
Nigerian Presidential Complex,

Aso Rock Presidential Villa Federal Capital Territory

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Salutation: Director General

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Salutation: Honourable Minister

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Also send copies to diplomatic representatives accredited to your country. Please insert local diplomatic addresses below:

His Excellency Olukunle Akindele Bamgbose, Acting High Commission for the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Nigeria House 9 Northumberland Avenue, WC2N 5BX Fax Fax 020 7839 8746 Email chancery@nigeriahc.org or information@nigeriahc.org.uk or hc@nigeriahc.org.uk or hc@nigeriahc.o

Please check with your section office if sending appeals after the above date.





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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Sunday Chucks Obasi is a member of the security team of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB), a group campaigning for the independence of former Biafra territory in south eastern Nigeria.

Since August 2015 several IPOB members and supporters have been arrested, detained or killed while engaging in peaceful protests. Dozens of IPOB members and supporters have also been arrested from their homes.

Name: Sunday Chuks Obasi

Gender m/f: Male

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