Protest letter to The Acting High Commissioner Ambassador Mohammad Maidugu

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Dear Ambassador Mohammad Maidugu,

I am / We are writing to protest the Nigerian government's harassment and persecution of critics of its policies and activists who mobilised in August 2024 under the banner #EndBadGovernance.

The charges, including "treason", which carries the death penalty, brought against activists such as Adaramoye Michael, National Coordinator of the Youth Rights Campaign, and Mosiu Sodiq, both in Abuja, are ludicrous. The entire so-called 'legal' process to which these and other charged activists have been subjected, from their arrest, through their detention, and eventual charging, has been an outrage against democratic rights.

That ten activists, including Adaramoye Michael and Mosiu Sodiq, have been released on bail on 13 September 2024 is welcome but wholly inadequate given the continuation of the trial on 9 October 2025. I / We demand the dropping of all charges against them and their co-accused and the release of all those arrested in relation to the #EndBadGovernance protests who are still languishing in detention without charge. The petition on nigeriasolidarity.com signed by Jeremy Corbyn, Member of Parliament and former leader of the British Labour Party, and other prominent British trade unionists, echoes this demand.

I / We also demand an immediate independent and accountable public enquiry into the killings of protesters and that their murderers, including in the state forces, are prosecuted.

Further, the continued harassment of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) and its President Joe Ajaero, including preventing him from attending the congress of the British TUC in September 2024, was an assault, not only on basic democratic rights, but workers' right to organise. I \ We demand an immediate end to this campaign of harassment.

We believe that by now you will be well aware of the growing clamour of protest around the world at the actions of the Nigerian government. To this we now add our voice and await your commitment to desist from the abuses we have described. Failing this, I / we will continue to build support for the accused among the millions of workers and trade unionists in my / our own country.

Yours in protest,

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