

CISLAC Commends President Tinubu's Call for Dialogue, Commitment to Addressing Citizens' Concerns

The Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC) has applauded President Bola Tinubu for his recent address urging protesters and organizers to suspend further protests and embrace dialogue.

In a statement signed by Auwal Musa Rafsanjani, Executive Director of CISLAC, the organization acknowledges the President's recognition of the grievances driving these protests and his commitment to listening to and addressing Nigerian citizens' concerns.

President Tinubu emphasized the need for unity and collective effort in reshaping the nation's future, calling on all Nigerians, irrespective of age, political affiliation, tribe, or religion, to work together for a better Nigeria.

"CISLAC stands firmly with the demands for justice and reform within the administrative justice system and improved governance, as this will ensure a just and prosperous nation where peace, freedom, and meaningful livelihoods are enjoyed under a transparent and accountable government," affirmed Rafsanjani, who also serves as Chairman of the Board of Amnesty International Nigeria and Head of Transparency International Nigeria.

"President Tinubu and his appointees must stop their concerted efforts to link the protests and grievances of Nigerians to political agendas. Such attempts clearly divert attention from the pressing reality of deep poverty affecting millions of Nigerians. Instead, the government should focus on inclusively improving the economy," added Rafsanjani.

The organization appreciates President Tinubu's unequivocal stance against ethnic division and threats, underscoring their incompatibility with Nigeria's aspirations. CISLAC emphasizes the importance of maintaining peace, law, and order while upholding human rights in line with international conventions to which Nigeria is a signatory. "The safety and security of all Nigerians are paramount," added Rafsanjani.

CISLAC calls on Nigeria's security operatives to heed the President's call for respect for human rights, ensuring that peace, law, and order are maintained in accordance with these principles. The President must also give a clear directive to the security agencies not to engage in human rights violations.

As a prominent civil society organization in Nigeria, CISLAC urges all stakeholders to heed the President's call for dialogue. Open and constructive conversations are essential to addressing the underlying causes of unrest and finding sustainable solutions.

CISLAC remains committed to supporting these efforts and contributing to the realization of a peaceful, democratic, and prosperous Nigeria.

Yours Sincerely,



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