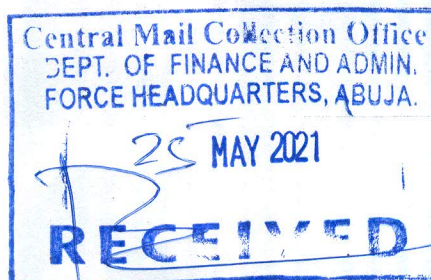




Mr. Usman Alkali Baba
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May 21, 2021



Dear Inspector-General,

PETITION TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE ON THE THREAT TO SAFETY AND SECURITY OF BBC REPORTER, CONTRIBUTORS AND CREW MEMBERS BY MR. AHMED ISAH (AND FOLLOWERS) OF HUMAN RIGHTS RADIO AND BREKETE FAMILY SHOW.

INTRODUCTION

BBC World Service is the world's leading international broadcaster. It provides impartial news, reports and analysis in English and other languages. BBC World Service is part of a global news division which includes the BBC's international English language TV channel BBC World News; the international online news service bbc.com/news; the global media tracking service BBC Monitoring; and the international charity BBC World Service Trust.

ABOUT BBC AFRICA EYE

BBC Africa Eye is team of investigative journalists from the BBC. Africa Eye produces high-impact investigations from across Africa with a mission to hold power to account. It is part of BBC News Africa which provides a huge variety of content online, on TV and on Radio. It's important to highlight injustices in society, to improve society for the better.

THREATS FROM AHMED ISAH AND FOLLOWERS OF BREKETE FAMILY SHOW

On Monday 17th May 2021, BBC Africa Eye released a documentary about the work of Mr. Ahmed Isah, a human rights campaigner who runs a radio and online programme, known as Brekete Family Show. The programme offers some Nigerians the opportunity to tell their stories bordering on injustice they have experienced.

The BBC documentary, fronted by journalist Peter Nkanga, was a wholly objective overview of Ahmed Isah's work, reflecting both the positive impact he has managed to bring out in the lives of many ordinary Nigerians, while also reflecting criticisms that have been levelled against him.

Following the release of the documentary, there has been series of harassment and threats to the reporter Peter Nkanga and his family and other crew members of the investigation. Mr. Ahmed Isah was heard on live radio issuing curses on the BBC reporter and crew members. Subsequently, their private telephone numbers were released to the public, necessitating a deluge of calls, text and WhatsApp messages from unknown people across Nigeria and elsewhere, threatening the BBC crew.

We have attached a note from Mr. Peter Nkanga chronicling these threats.

POLICE INVESTIGATION URGED

We urge the Nigerian Police to investigate to these threats and harassment. At the same time, we want to put on record that the BBC and the Africa Eye Investigation crew have not done anything wrong to warrant these cyber-attacks, threats and harassment. Ahmed Isah of the Human Rights Radio and the Brekete Family Show must be held accountable should anything happen to Peter Nkanga or his family members, Abdullahi Kaura Abubakar, his family members or any member of the BBC crew in Nigeria as a result of these threats.

Yours Faithfully

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