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**HIS EXCELLENCY,
PROF. CHARLES C. SOLUDO,
GOVERNOR OF ANAMBRA STATE,**

**RE: 'ISUANIOCHA CRISIS: EXPOSING EXTERNAL FORCES AIDING WANTED
CRIMINALS FOR ECONOMIC GAINS':**

A REFUTAL!



Introduction

I write on behalf of concerned citizens of Isuaniocha community in response to a certain sponsored report published online under the faceless and unknown identity of "Joe Nwankwo" who claimed to be writing on behalf of Anambra citizens in New jersey, United States. The writing and its contents which maliciously targeted mainly two eminent citizens of Anambra State namely Barr. Chijioke Ozumba and HRH Igwe Peter Ughanwa who had been selflessly involved in the Isuaniocha peace process, were full of lies, propaganda and a hardly disguised attempt to mislead and incite hate against the two noble citizens and the entire good and law abiding people of Isuaniocha in Awka North, Anambra State.

The issues

On the 24th of February 2025, Mr. Tony Onyeagolu, accompanied by Fred Egwunwa the man being paraded by him as the Acting President General (PG) of Isuaniocha; Joseph Adike and Mrs. Ebo the wife of Tony's chief hired assassination squad who has led several assassinations for Tony, and their lawyer Chief Barrister Oli, visited Chief Arthur Eze at his residence in Abuja.

Their original motive for the visit was to go and lie to Chief Arthur Eze about the actual cause and actors in the insecurity in Isuaniocha and to mispresent the facts and portray other member of the community who have been at the receiving end of their violence as those responsible for the crimes and insecurity in the community.

Unfortunately for them, and to their utter disappointment, Chief Arthur Eze decided to send for and invited the other side against whom they have been unleashing violence and whom they intended to lie against. The other side was led by the traditional Ruler of Isuaniocha H.R.H. Chief Barr. Sylvester Ngini who was accompanied by the President General of Isuaniocha, Chief Paul Okoye; the Onowu of Isuaniocha, Chief Ambassador Charles Okoye who is the brother to the late Angus Okoye murdered by Tony Onyeagolu's killer squad led by one Anizoba (aka Ichafu), a notorious serial killer on the 16th of December 2018; the Assistant Secretary General of the community, Chief Damian Nnaemena, the victim of attempted murder in the hands of Tony Onyeagolu's hit squad, Chidiebele Okoye who now moves with crotches following the deadly attack and assassination attempt on him by Tony's killer squad on November 18, 2018; the incumbent Dunukofia L.G.A. Chairman, Barr. Ozumba Chijioke, and the Traditional Ruler of Ukwulu Autonomous community, H.R.H. Peter Ughanwa, among others.

At the meeting, Chief Arthur Eze informed the parties that he was not interested in listening to their complaints but that they should all go home and make peace. He assigned H.R.H. Igwe of Ukwulu and the Igwe of Isuaniocha and the Chairman of Dunukofia LGA as well as Tony Onyeagolu's lawyer – Barr. Oli - to lead and facilitate a peace process with a view to resolving the dispute and report back to him within the shortest period. He gave some money to both parties separately and urged them to maintain peace promising to further support them financially when peace is finally restored. He appointed Igwe Ukwulu as the Peace Committee Chairman.

Barr. Ozumba, the Chairman of Dunukofia LGA, in his capacity as a member of the peace committee, and in discharge of his duty as a member of the committee, reached out to the parties and requested them to send in their memoranda and their proposed peace pathway. In response to this, the community led by the PG of Isuaniocha, Chief Paul Okoye promptly responded and sent in their proposal to the committee via Chief Ozumba. However, till date, the dissident team led by Tony Onyeagolu has not submitted any proposal. Tony Onyeagolu's lawyer Barr. Oli has not provided any tangible and acceptable answer to inquiries about the delay in sending in their own peace proposal. He continues to tell the committee that he is still waiting for Tony to hand in their own proposal which is a deceit after all.

Surprisingly, on Monday our attention was drawn to stories trending on social media purportedly written by one unknown "Joe Nwankwo" who claims to be writing from New Jersey, USA and further claiming to be speaking on behalf of Anambra State citizens in New Jersey. The story was full of several unfounded accusations directed particularly at Hon. Chijioke Ozumba, the Dunukofia LGA Chairman and Igwe Ughanwa, the same two persons among whom Chief Arthur Eze had nominated and mandated to join in facilitating peace in Isuaniocha community while his own lawyer is a saint. It is rather curious that the same people who were included in a peace committee by the respected Chief Arthur Eze could, without reverting back to him, decide to be issuing false and inciting publications accusing their fellow members in the same peace committee of "shielding and emboldening... certain external forces sabotaging peace efforts".

This unknown and obviously hatchet writer claimed that "reports from (their) field operatives combined with independent investigative findings paint a disturbing picture of how elements outside Isuaniocha particularly Hon. Chijioke Ozumba the Chairman of Dunukofia LGA and H.R.H. Igwe Peter Ughanwa, Eze Dike of Ukwulu Kingdom are allegedly working against justice by attempting to exonerate notorious criminals already declared "wanted" by security agencies including the Force Headquarters in Abuja. This is rather curious and should be understood for what it is: desperation and insincerity. They have failed to send in their memorandum to enable the peace process commence, yet they have already started accusing credible members of the committee even before they have sat, said or done anything! What are they afraid of? Why is Tony and his lawyer that has no public portfolio to his name are seeing these credible figures as a threat to them to make peace if not these obvious reasons-

1. Tony Onyeagolu will no more be relevant in the society politically and socially if peace is achieved at this point.

2. Tony Onyeagolu will lose control of zone 13 police on payroll shielding him and his killer squad in intimidating and shooting at will Isuaniocha innocent citizens dying in silence with no help from anywhere.

3. Tony Onyeagolu's poverty status will reflect to affect his personal pride.

4. His elder brother, Festus Onyeagolu will lose out completely in his die hard quest to Igweship of Isuaniocha and greedy and forceful land acquisition from the poor helpless citizens in the community to himself alone.

5. Tony Onyeagolu will no more have ground to extort his stark illiterate money miss road brother, Festus Onyeagolu living Ghana who has been the brain behind all the atrocities being committed in Isuaniocha till date that has led to human killings, destructions and permanent body injuries to Isuaniocha citizens.

Mr. Governor, is it not ridiculous for Tony to sponsor a false article to accuse a sitting Dunukofia LGA Chairman and a traditional ruler of a peaceful Ukwulu community of having economic interest in Isuaniocha crisis at the time of about bringing peace under Chief Arthur Eze while excluding his own lawyer who has no public portfolio to his name as a saint and yet has not submitted his peace proposal till date. Who does not need peace here and who is benefitting economically here in Isuaniocha crisis?- His lawyer who failed to submit the proposal for peace and his client, Tony Onyeagolu or the two accused resourceful personalities with public portfolios to their names who just stepped in this year of a lingering crises created by Tony Onyeagolu since 2018 as a dethroned stark illiterate and drug addict PG?

The writer also accused these eminent men of "pressurising the state government and security agencies to rescue notorious criminals" and "pursuing economic interest". But they are the ones currently standing trial in two different Awka High Courts for murder and attempted murder respectively, and also standing trial before a federal high court for the murder of a DSS personnel, and have been working tirelessly to scuttle their trials. Some of their hitmen are still in DSS custody. The governor is in a position to know whether these men have been pressurising him for whatever purpose. They tried to create the impression that the crisis in Isuaniocha is about the Isuaniocha secondary school land. But we all know that this is a ruse. They are constantly working hard to divert attention from the real causes which include their greed for political and economic power and their criminal tendencies which manifest in the number of violent attacks and killings they have sponsored in the community, using both thugs and compromised officers on payroll from Zone 13 police headquarters. They are also non-relenting in their effort to shield themselves from prosecution but will fail woefully no matter the level of propaganda.

The writer also questioned the interest of Igwe Peter Ughanwa and Chijioke Ozumba the LGA Chairman in the crisis. But they pretended to have forgotten that it was Chief Arthur Eze that nominated and requested them to be in a committee to find peace in Isuaniocha. They are invariably challenging and questioning the interest of Chief Arthur Eze. He further accused the two eminent men of shielding those who opened fire on police officers from Zone 13 when they came to arrest criminals in the community. The truth about the role of the police from Zone 13 in the lingering Isuaniocha crisis is well known and we are not surprised that they are bringing Zone 13 into this issue.

It is pertinent that we draw the attention of the governor to the existence of a criminal hideout at Iffite Isu junction, Isuaniocha called "White House". This is a hideout for criminal elements operating in Isuaniocha and environs. We had written to the Inspector General of Police concerning this location and the activities going on there. The IGP in response directed the CP Anambra to visit the location. The CP ordered the RRS to go to the location. As soon as RRS arrived, a directive came from Zone 13 ordering the operatives to release all arrested criminal elements and the weapons recovered from the scene. Later, Zone 13 dispatched some operatives who invaded the community in retaliation. We are aware that the White House belongs to Tony Onyeagolu's brother and he has an unholy alliance with Zone 13 to perpetrate evil on daily basis to remain relevant.

Some victims of recent attacks by criminals operating from the White House are currently in various orthopedic hospitals. They include:

1. Abuchi Ementa shot on 6/6/24
2. Chukwuma Onyibo shot on 7/12/24 still lying critically in the hospital
3. C. J. Okoye, elder brother to Chidiebere Okoye (attempted murder victim) shot on 8/01/25 still in the hospital

We are not unmindful of the infantile and desperate gimmicks by these unrepentant criminal elements who are determined to sustain crime and insecurity in Isuaniocha despite the good efforts of many including recently by Chief Arthur Eze to restore peace in the community.

It is not in doubt that their attempt to portray Hon. Ozumba and Igwe Ughanwa in bad light is borne out of their disappointment that their mission to Chief Arthur Eze's house failed but instead these two respected men were asked by Chief Arthur Eze to be among those in the committee to make peace, suddenly from nowhere they are now accusing them of all sorts while their own lawyer also a member of the committee is a saint.

They made reference to certain persons declared "wanted". Nothing can be more laughable! They are so dishonest and deceitful that they feign ignorance of the fact that the people they are referring to as "wanted" were citizens of the community who were fraudulently declared "wanted" by a Nasarawa State Magistrate's Court through the manipulations and financial inducement of Tony Onyeagolu. However, the same Magistrate's Court, following a counter application, also reversed its order declaring the innocent people "wanted". The fact that they are still portraying these people as "wanted" shows their mischief and the insincerity of their purpose.

We are by this medium assuring the able Governor of Anambra State and all men and women of conscience and discernment that there is no truth in all that this faceless writer whose identity is dubious and unknown in Isuaniocha community has stated and claimed in his story. It is only full of lies and name calling against the two eminent men of our state. This has been their stock in trade as in the past when they similarly falsely accused the Hon. Commissioner for Homelands Hon. Chikodili Anara and Anambra State Commissioner for Local Government and Chieftaincy Matter, for resisting their inducement to support their criminal and illegal activities.

We clearly understand why the writer was sponsored to embark on this shameful and fruitless voyage. We are aware that Tony had previously approached Barrister Ozumba's chambers to defend him in his murder case arising from the murder of late Angus Okoye in 2018 but he turned down his brief knowing that he has a bad case. We are also aware that Tony is not happy because he believes that it was Igwe Ughanwa who advised Chief Arthur Eze to invite the other party when his lawyer first visited to get an appointment for the meeting to see Chief Eze and misrepresent the situation to him. We understand that after the meeting involving the two sides, Tony privately approached both Igwe and Barr. Ozumba and requested them to help him talk to Chief Arthur Eze to give him the sum of eight hundred million naira (N800m) to let go the crisis but again they turned him down. These are the immediate reasons for his senseless and misguided sponsorship of the story where understandably he singled out Igwe and Barr. Ozumba for false accusations while leaving out his lawyer.

This report by the faceless character sponsored by Tony Onyeagolu is clear evidence of Tony's lack of sincerity in pursuing peace in Isuaniocha. It is a clear repudiation of Chief Arthur Eze's fatherly and commendable gesture in bringing the warring parties together for reconciliation and to ensure the restoration of peace. It is clearly an insult to Chief Arthur Eze and a futile attempt to misinform the state government with a view to inciting the governor against innocent victims of their many years of violence using thugs and security agencies to destroy peace and order in the community

While we commend the Governor, Prof. Charles Soludo for the recent security measures he has put in place, particularly the establishment of "Agunechemba" security outfit, to help flush out criminal elements in the state and the so called "white house" of Tony Onyeagolu and zone 13 police as the only way to save Isuaniocha community from incessant attacks and killings, we hereby call on the Governor to pay a special and critical attention to the lingering crisis in Isuaniocha and impartially hear the full story not any one side in order to determine the root cause and the actors fuelling the violence and insecurity and obstructing the cause of justice. This will enable him to direct the right actions necessary to end insecurity and restore peace in Isuaniocha and save the helpless citizens of the community from the monsters called Tony Onyeagolu and Festus Onyeagolu family of Otoko village, Isuaniocha

E-signed by



Chief Paul Okoye,
President-general, Isuaniocha community,



H.R.H. Barr. Sylvester Mkpuorah Ngini,
Igwe Gidigidi 1 of Isuaniocha Kingdom.

For & on behalf of concerned citizens and stakeholders of Isuaniocha community, home & abroad.