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On Isuaniocha Crises
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Sir

ISUANIOCHA COMMUNITY CAUSES OF CRISES AND SOLUTION UN-RELATED TO LAND DISPUTE

Preamble: Isuaniocha town has been a peaceful community till in the year 2017 when Mr. Anthony Onyeagolu who aspired for office of President-General of Isuaniocha Development Union applied unconstitutional means to unlawful usurp and impose himself illegally as the President-General contrary to express constitutional rotational arrangement of villages as enshrined in the constitution of Isuaniocha 2016. The said illegal usurpation and imposition of office of Isuaniocha development union President-General by Mr. Anthony Onyeagolu was resisted by a challenge in court in suit No A/306/2018 Sylvanus Mkpume & 7 ors vs Anthony Onyeagolu whereby the honourable court gave judgement in favour of upholding the letters of Isuaniocha Development Union constitution 2016, and set aside the purported election of Mr. Anthony Onyeagolu as illegal and unlawful and the said judgment annulled all actions taken by the said Anthony Onyeagolu as unconstitutional and unlawful. However before the determination of the said suit, Mr. Anthony Onyeagolu has carried out many actions that are detrimental to the overall interest of the Isuaniocha Development Union and which said actions incidented to the present crisis the Isuaniocha town community is experiencing.

2. **MAJOR CAUSE OF CRISES:** Though the Isuaniocha crises started with illegal election of Mr. Anthony Onyeagolu as President-General of the town in 2017, however the series of unlawful and fraudulent actions taken by the said Mr. Anthony Onyeagolu created serious crises in the Isuaniocha Community and which the crisis the community is being confronted with till date. Some of the illegal actions are itemized thus:
- i. Soon after his emergent as President-General he picked some members of the youth wing of the Isuaniocha town union and assigned to them the role of revenue collection agents from land developers in Isuaniocha town whereby he taxed the said handpicked youth the responsibility of collecting the sum of N250,000 from every land developer in Isuaniocha town. The said money was being collected in cash and receipted by late Mr. Angus Okoye and who in turn after collection will pay same into a private account of the said Mr. Anthony Onyeagolu without remitting same into the bank account of Isuaniocha development union.
 - ii. It was after much collection of estimated sum of N50 million from illegal levy tax as evidenced from receipt issued by the said late Angus Okoye that the youth wing chairman of Isuaniocha by name Mr. Onyemazu Ngini demanded for account of the said illegal collection since the said sum was being paid into the said Mr. Anthony Onyeagolu private bank account.
 - iii. The demand for account of the said estimated sum of over N50m collection from Mr. Anthony Onyeagolu was unsettling for him as he resorted into making desperate attempts aimed at removal of the said youth chairman and their executives even when he knew that Awka North Local Government Authority empowers the youth chairman for a four (4) year tenure and which they were serving.
 - iv. It was when the purported attempt at removing the youth wing chairman failed that the said youth body wrote a petition to E.F.C.C. Enugu whereby they complained against the unlawful act of Mr. Anthony Onyeagolu at seizing the community money without any reason. The authority of EFCC Enugu invited Mr. Anthony Onyeagolu and raised questions concerning the said

illegal collection and payment of over N50m into his private bank account. It was during the said investigation that late Angus Okoye who deposits money into the said private account was also invited for explanation. It was a few days to honouring the E.F.C.C. invitation by late Angus Okoye that he was kidnapped in his house at night and was seen the following day a murdered person at a bush path in Nawgu town of Dunukofia Local Government Area of Anambra State.

- v. It was the suspicion and apprehension of Isuaniocha Town people that the Sinister motive behind the kidnap and eventual murder of the late Angus Okoye was to frustrate investigation and revealing the circumstances as to how the community money collection enters into private bank account of the said Mr. Anthony Onyeagolu and ever since the incident took place. The said Mr. Anthony Onyeagolu has been inventing all sorts of fake stories against the good people of Isuaniocha town and to the extent of forming a dissident groups who acts in connivance with the police at zone 13 Ukpo in making Isuaniocha Town ungovernable including but not limited to chasing away the lawfully and legally elected executives of Isuaniocha Development Union out of the town, forming unlawful caretaker committee in its stead and issuance of threat letter leaflets to all tenants and household living in the houses of "person" he termed as hoodlums to vacate from the said premises with intent at vandalizing the houses of the said persons. In summary, it was the said action of fraudulent money collection and the willful murder of Angus Okoye that precipitated into crises of unwanton propation in Isuaniocha town.
- vi. It was in a bid to cover up the E.F.C.C, investigation into acts of selfish aggrandizement that Mr. Anthony Onyeagolu employed in order to divert attention of the real issue in contention to that of unrelated land sharing boundary with Isuaniocha Community Secondary School land period.
- vii. The truth of the case pertaining to lands sharing boundary with Isuaniocha Community secondary school was that in between January and February 2018, the three families of Amakpu, Irunebo and Mkpume of Isuaniocha town who were the original owners of

all the land where Isuaniocha Community Secondary School was built and all the surrounding lands shared the remaining part of their land which is outside the allotment given to the school.

- viii. As the said original land owners set out to work on the shared land, the students of the school led by the school vice principal came and removed beacons claiming that the school land was affected. As a result of the action of the school authorities, the three families through their lawyer wrote a letter dated 17/05/2018 to Post Primary School Service Commission (PPSSC) reporting to them the activities of the teachers and students of the school. The said PPSSC has in reaction wrote invitation letter dated 13/06/2018 to the said three families for a meeting. It was after series of meetings and inquiries conducted by the PPSSC personnel that the PPSSC caused and drafted a memorandum of understanding signed by the said families land owners and the commission over the incident.
- ix. The said memorandum was made and dated 20/06/2018 and by its content maintains boundary at the Ogilisi trees late Igwe Emebo planted when he 1st initiated peace between the said three families and Community Secondary School Isuaniocha was initiated. It was also agreed that survey plan of the school land should be done by PPSSC using Government surveyor to avoid any future story. The survey was carried out by one surveyor Tagbo Nwune who later gave me a copy of the sketch which I followed executing the walling work of the school.
- x. It was much later after conclusion of memorandum of understanding between the said land owners and the PPSSC that Mr. Anthony Onyeagolu wrote to the Hon. Commissioner for Education allegedly claiming that the three said families had encroached on the school land and was said petition was false. The commissioner however ordered PPSSC to investigate the allegation of encroachment alongside other schools in Anambra State.

The PPSSC came up with a memo to the commissioner in reply and absorbed the said three families of Isuaniocha of any form of land encroachment or misdeed. They stated it clearly that they

had boundary dispute with the said three families and have since settled same properly by establishment of school walling following the Ogilishi trees initially planted by late Igwe Emebo. A copy of the said memo reply is hereby attached.

It was during the period that the contract for the fencing of Isuaniocha community Secondary School was awarded to Natuson Global Resources LTD. As usual Mr Anthony Onyeagolu vehemently opposed the award of the contract to any other person other than himself as he believed that as president general of Isuaniocha anything coming into Isuaniocha from government must pass through him. He first confronted the then commissioner for education on the award but was seriously warned to stay off Government modus of awarding contracts. Then he came back and employed the services of thugs to disrupt the work at the site. It was not until after I wrote to the Director of DSS on 10th October 2018 that he was invited and warned to stay off from Government Contract not awarded to him.

In June 2018, Mr Anthony Onyeagolu ordered the youths to go and demolished properties belonging to people in the said land area but the youth chairman and his executive told him that they cannot take laws into their hands by destroying peoples properties and advised him to report the matter to proper Government agency responsible for schools. Instead of doing that Mr Anthony Onyeagolu brought in armed thugs and started unleashing terror in Isuaiocha. They demolished properties of people in the land and the three families took him to court after several petitions to the police were not investigated.

- xi. He also wrote a petition to the government to take over the land. The government set up a panel of enquiry whose report was challenged in court and set aside by the three families.

Six clear months after, Mr Tony Onyeagolu brought in thugs to help him remove Mr Onyemazu Ngini and Mr Edward Okoye as both Youth Chairman and vigilante Chairman which both resisted on the grounds that their time of office has not elapsed. He kidnapped the youth chairman Mr Onyemazu Ngini, took him to his house in Otoko village where he was being forced to resign his

position as youth chairman before the youths stormed the house and rescued him. Mr. Tony Onyeagolu and his gang resorted to destroying houses and properties belonging to the youths and the youths in turn reacted by where destroying the properties of Mr. Anthony Onyeagolu and his group of dissidents.

In the month of October 2018 he and his gang met Chidiebele Okoye alias "Obele Agu" in a filling station at Ifite Isu junction, shot at him severally, thinking him dead they abandoned him in a pool, of his blood to die but miraculously he survived and is alive today to tell his story.

- xii. In the night of December 15th 2018, They went to the house of Mr Angus Okoye and kidnapped him. His lifeless body was seen the following day 16th December 2018 at a location in a neighbouring village Nawgu in Dunukofia L.G.A. That same morning Mr Tony Onyeagolu and all the suspects in the murder of Angus Okoye fled Isuniocha with their entire families and the former CP of Anambra State GARUBA UMAR was shielding them from arrest.
- xiii. When eventually he was arrested in 2020 for murder of Mr Angus Okoye and attempted murder of Mr Chidiebele Okoye and was charged to court and which said charge he is still facing till today, he now changed the story to land as the cause of Isuniocha crises. But the actual cause of Isuniocha crises was the struggle for the control of the structure of the youths between Tony Onyeagolu led Group and the youths led by Onyemazu Ngini on one hand and the desire of Tony Onyeagolu to remove and replace Edward Okoye as the vigilante Chairman which was resisted, following the quest of rendering of account of N250,000.00 from estate developers in Isuniocha of which over N50m is unaccounted for.
- xiv. In an attempt to muscle the opposition and dismiss the murder charge hanging on him, he resorted to arrest of innocent citizens of Isuniocha on trumped up charges of terrorism and murder among other frivolous charges. 18 citizens of Isuniocha are now in the prison custody awaiting trial while 13 others are detained at zone 13 UKPO for more than Six months now running some for offenses as small as burglary. He wrote a petition in which he mentioned about 101 people and others as involved in the case of

murder and other offenses. Most names among the 101 names listed are dining and wining with him now simply because they went and bowed to him as the supreme commander of Isunaocha town.

In the month of June 2023 Mr. Anthony Onyeagolu and his gang assisted by an illegal Army, police and unknown gunmen stormed Isunaocha community in a commando style shooting sporadically into the air. They chased away the legally recognized executive of the town union, chased away the elected IGWE of the town and some major stake holders. They instituted an illegal caretaker committee in the town, forced the indigenes to obey their orders or be taken to zone 13 UKPO and charged for murder where your case can not be treated. Out of fear of zone 13 police the citizens were obeying their instructions. They were forced to go on demonstrations against the elected IGWE of the town.

The latest action they took now which the Government of Anambra state need to urgently address and call them to other was Issuing tenants of residential buildings and shops belongings to some marked people quit notices. On 23rd December 2023 they went round and ordered the tenants to vacate forcefully their tenancy of such properties or edge they will be forced to vacate. They are acting as if there is no Government and law in place in Anambra State. They should be called to order before the situation gets out of hand.

- 1) I humbly present that the so called caretaker which is unconstitutional are simple a gang of non-state actors which government will look into a treat as such since there is a constitutional recognized executive of Isuaniocha.
- 2) I pray that Mr. Anthony Onyeagolu not occupying any position whatsoever in Isuaniocha town has locus standi to form a dissidents group using falsehood and conniving with police at Zone 13 in hatchet job of destabilizing Isuaniocha town union.
- 3) Flush out the unknown gun men masquerading as security men in Isuaniocha as there cannot be a security outfit carrying arms in Isuaniocha without the Knowledge or recognition of Anambra

State Government through the office of Home land affairs or the IGWE and PG of the town.

- 4) Remove the police Men who were stationed there against the wish of the commissioner of police of Anambra State. As they are doing Hatchet Jobs for the Onyeagolu's.
- 5) Stop with Executive order from Anambra State Government the extortion of =300,000 (Three hundred thousand naira) Per plot of land from developers in Isuaniocha as this money is being used to fund the activities of unknown gun men also this money is the main cause of friction among the youths.
- 6) Withdraw all pending court cases on both sides.
- 7) Release all Isuaniocha Indigenes detained both in the prison yard and zone 13 police Ukpo.
- 8) Pay condolence visits to all the families who lost their sons and if possible compensation be paid to them by wealthy Isuaniochi indigenes who are willing to do so for peace to return.
- 9) Fix a day of celebration of high mass of peace to be attended by all parties.

Attached Document:

- 1: Court Judgment Nullifying the election of Mr Tony Onyeagolu as the president general of Isuaniocha Development union.
- 2: Letter by Anambra State Government removing him as president general of Isuaniocha when he became uncontrollable.
- 3: Letter of award of contract to Natuson Global Resources LTD for the fencing of Isuaniocha community secondary school.
- 4: Letter to the Director of DSS reporting Tony Onyeagolu for disruption of Government contract.

- 5: Petition by the youth chairman of Isuaniocha to I.G of police over his kidnap by Tony Onyeagolu and others.
- 6: Letter written by the lawyer of the three families to PPSSC over the action of teachers and pupils of Community Secondary School Isuaniocha
- 7: Letter of invitation from PPSSC to the three families of Amakpu, Irunnebo and Mkpume families.
- 8: Memorandum of understanding by the three families to PPSC.
- 9: Memo from PPSSC stating that there was no land encroachment in community Secondary School Isuaniocha rather boundary dispute which has been resolved and boundary established and school land walled.
- 10: The survey plan of the school land
- 11: Court judgment setting aside the panel report
- 12: Resolution of the illegal care taker committee constituted by Tony Onyeagolu and group in Isuaniocha.

Signed: _____

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**THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE SHOULD BE INVITED FOR INTERVIEW
OR PRESENT THEIR PAPER IF THEY CANNOT APPEAR IN PERSON
FOR FEAR OF ASSASSINATION BY TONY ONYEAGOLU**

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3. Inno Okeke. 08036095967
4. Donatus Okeke. 08037006870
5. Onyemazu Ngiru. 08037054781
6. Chuma Onyibor. 07066902463
7. Charles Okoye. 08033148358
8. Chidiebele Okoye. 08085741969
9. Paul Okoye (current PG). 09062315194

10. Ike Okonkwo 0708894855

Also to be interviewed in prison include;

1. Edward Okoye
2. Damian Nnaemene
3. Felix Onyibor

These peoples statement is very vital to the peace process in isuaniocha