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Honourable Pascal Obi
Chairman, House of Representatives Committee on Heath Institutions

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH INSTITUTIONS

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Federal Capital Territory, Abuja

Dear Sir,



BREAKDOWN OF LAW AND ORDER AT THE FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE (FMC), ABEOKUTA, OGUN STATE

We write on the above subject matter as a leading Anti-Corruption Organization in Nigeria and Non-partisan Human Rights and Development league with the mandate to protect and promote universally recognized human rights, public accountability, transparency and environmental justice in Nigeria and Africa, in accordance with International best standards.

The attention of your committee is hereby drawn to imminent breakdown of law and order in the Federal Medical Centre, Abeokuta, Ogun State. This is due to the ultra vires and unlawful actions of the Medical Director of the Centre, Prof Adewale Musa-Olomu who, without recourse to the Board of Management of the Hospital suspended the Director and the Deput-Director of Administration, physically removed them from their offices without allowing them to take their personal effects and locked up both offices thereby significantly disrupting government business in FMC, Abeokuta.

I kindly urge your Committee to bring this complaint to the floor of the Green Chamber so that prompt action can be taken to forestall law and order in the Centre and also to avoid any physical clashes that may lead to disruption of services with potential loss of lives of both patients and members of staff.

The current state of anomie in FMC Abeokuta is due to the ongoing investigations of the Medical Director by the Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC) and Force Criminal Investigation Department (FCID) for the following allegations, among others:

- 1. Purchase of a refurbished CT scan machine at the price of a new one. The machine broke down 3 months after purchase. This allegation was investigated and confirmed to be true by the Board of Management of the Centre.
- 2. Unilaterally decided to use hospital funds to finance the repairs of the refurbished CT scan machine despite the Board's directive that the contractor, who supplied the machine, should bear the cost of repairs.
- 3. The lack of a functional CT scan at FMC Abeokuta has put very sick patients who require CT scan examination under tremendous burden as they have to travel to Lagos, Ibadan or Ilisan Remo to conduct the test.

- Falsification of Age and irreconcilable names on certificates: This fact was proven by an investigative Panel of the Board of Management who authenticated this fact at UCH, Ibadan and Olabisi Onabanjo University, Sagamu.
- 5. Abuse of office and poor personal relationship with staff: The Board noted in its report that they have experienced first-hand verbal and physical aggression from Prof Adewale Musa-Olomu which corroborated the verbal and physical aggression reported by Medical Consultants and other staff in the Hospital.
- 6. Prof Adewale Musa-Olomu employed his son as a staff and without recourse to the Board, he unilaterally approved study leave for his son who had barely spent 11 months in service to get advanced education in an European country in contravention of the Public Service Rules which stipulates a minimum of 2 years of unblemished record to qualify for such privilege.

We kindly request as a matter of urgency, that your Committee bring this complaint to the floor of the House of Representatives and cause a diligent and comprehensive investigation to be conducted into the affairs of the Federal Medical Centre, Abeokuta, Ogun State and specifically, the administration of Prof Adewale Musa-Olomu for the purpose of preserving the integrity of our public health institutions to enhance service delivery and preservation of lives.

We thank you while looking forward to a diligent investigation and action on this petition as you are assured of our usual cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Olanrewaju Suraju

Chairman