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DISREGARD FOR THE LAW BEARS FRUIT

Houston TX... February 4, 2005. The Egbé Omo Yorùbá, North America (Egbé) recently held its First Quarterly National Executive Council (NEC) meeting in Houston, Texas, United States of America. At the meeting, the opening address was given by the National President, Ọ̀gbéni Adéolá Ọ̀dúsànyà, after which the National General Secretary, Ọ̀gbéni Dàpò Odúnlámi, read the summary of the fourth quarterly meeting of the Egbé hosted in Oakland, CA last November. After adoption of the minutes, various committee reports were presented to the NEC members.

After extensive deliberations:

1. The Egbé continues to be disconcerted with the federal governments continued detention of Dr. Fredrick Fáseùn and Ọ̀túnba Gàní Adams. The Egbé believes this is a deliberate attempt by President Olúségun Obásanjó led Administration to dampen the fighting spirits of well meaning Nigerians that are bold enough to stand up and challenge the dictatorial tendencies of the government; that this is an attempt by those who do not wish Yorùbá well, to disorganize this Yorùbá stabilization group prior to the upcoming national elections; and the Egbé views the charges of “treasonable felony” against these two Yorùbá leaders as frivolous, baseless and unfounded.
2. The Egbé observed with repulsion, the gangster-like force used to overthrow and subsequent impeachment of the Ọ̀yó State Governor by certain members of the Ọ̀yó State Assembly and Alhaji Làmídì Adédìbù. The Egbé is particularly perturbed by the continued disregard for civil law by Alhaji Làmídì Adédìbù and the indifferent attitude exhibited by the Nigerian Law enforcement authorities over Alhaji Adédìbù’s actions.
3. That the Egbé reiterates its call for autonomy as a panacea for sustainable development; as situations in Nigeria today have made it absolutely necessary to have more meaningful control at the zones.
4. The Egbé observes that the teaching of Yorùbá cultural heritage, which form the bedrock of the Yorùbá society, is fast eroding in our schools, partly because more attention is given to other foreign languages at the detriment of our own indigenous languages.

As a result of the above observations, the Egbé therefore:

1. Calls on the Nigerian Judiciary Branch to dismiss without prejudice, the case against Dr. Fredrick Fáseùn, Ọ̀túnba Gàní Adams and others who have been unjustly incarcerated along with them, immediately as it is against the constitution of Nigeria to hold them indefinitely.

The Egbé further asks the Nigerian Supreme court to clearly pronounce to the Nigerian law enforcement authorities that, they desist from the unlawful detention and indefinite

arrest of law abiding Nigerian citizens at the request of powerful Nigerian politicians including President Olúségun Obásanjó.

2. The Egbé calls for the immediate reprimand and prosecution of Alhaji Lámídì Adédibú and his followers by Chief Báýò Òjó Nigeria's Minister of Justice. The Egbé also warns Alhaji Adédibú and his cohorts to cease immediately, their disgraceful embarrassing and unconstitutional actions with regards to the controlling of the Òyó State Government. The Egbe reminds them that the next generation of leaders are watching and learning from their dastardly un-Yorùbá acts.

The Egbé demands that the courts in Òyó State swiftly carry out its legitimate constitutional assigned role as it attempts to mitigate the issue brought by the embattled Senator Rashid Ládojà and other feuding parties in the Òyó State aberration.

The Egbé uses this opportunity to remind President Obásanjó to release the balance of the local Government allocations owed to Lagos State by the federal government and also hold him culpable for Alhaji Adédibú's disgraceful actions. The Egbé feels that Alhaji Adédibú actions were motivated partly by President Obásanjó's apparent disregard for the ruling of the Supreme Court of Nigeria, on one hand and ultimately Nigeria's constitution, which he swore to uphold upon assumption of office.

The Egbé further reminds all Yorùbá to be cognizant of their great culture, history and that they are flag bearers and should act like Yorùbá's are taught to act.

3. The Egbé again puts all private school administrators on notice that, it is law in all Yorùbá States that Yorùbá language be taught as a standard course. Therefore, all school administrators in Yorùbá land are encouraged to teach Yorùbá as a standard course like English and Mathematics in all these schools.
4. The Egbé urges all Yorùbá everywhere in the world to speak, teach and communicate in Yorùbá to their children, friends and household at all times in order to ensure that the Yorùbá language does not become extinct like several other languages.

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