



# #EndSARS

A TIMELINE OF KEY EVENTS (OCTOBER 2020 - OCTOBER 2023)

## Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

- An online video allegedly showing an officer of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) shooting a young man in front of Westland Hotel, Ughelli, Delta State went viral.

## Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

- Douglas Agu (Runtown) and Falz announced they will be leading an #EndSARS protest on Thursday, October 8.
- The Inspector-General of Police (IGP), Mohammed Adamu banned SARS and other tactical squads from carrying out routine patrols and other conventional low-risk duties (stop and search duties, checkpoints, mounting of roadblocks, traffic checks, etc).

## Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

- Youths in Lagos State (Rinu and others) began a protest to call for the disbandment of SARS.
- Omoyele Sowore - Publisher, Sahara Reporters, called for an #EndSARS protest in Abuja to begin on Thursday, October 8.

## Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

- Debo Adedayo (Mr Macaroni), Rinu Oduala and other Nigerian youths protesting the disbandment of SARS spent the night in front of the Lagos State House of Assembly, Alausa, Ikeja.

## Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

- The #EndSARS protest began to spread across the nation and globally.

## Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

- Jimoh Isiaq was killed when police opened fire to disperse protesters in Ogbomosh, Oyo State.
- Police shot at #EndSARS protesters in Abuja.

## Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

- IGP announced the dissolution of SARS across all 36 states and the FCT.

## Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

- President Buhari addressed the #EndSARS protelevised speech.
- Youths began a sit-in protest at Lekki Toll Gate, Lagos.
- Police attacked the #EndSARS protesters in Surulere, Lagos; killed Mr Iloamauzor and arrested some protesters.

## Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

- IGP announced the set-up of the Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT).
- Lagos State Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu received protesters' demands (#5for5) at the protest grounds in Alausa and presents them to President Buhari in Abuja.
- Youths in Enugu, Oyo, Plateau and Rivers joined the #EndSARS protests.

## Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

- Vice President, Yemi Osinbajo (SAN) announced that the 36 state governors and the FCT Minister will set up Judicial Panels of Inquiry that will adopt a public hearing model.

## Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

- Femi Gbajabiamila (Speaker, House of Representatives) vowed not to sign off on the 2021 Budget without provision for victims of police brutality.
- #EndSARS protesters were attacked by pro-SARS protesters in Abuja.
- **Peaceful protesters were shot by Nigerian Army officers at Lekki Toll Gate. There were casualties in other parts of Lagos and in other states.**

## Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

- President Buhari addressed the country in a broadcast on the #EndSARS protests in which he was silent on the shooting of protesters at the Lekki Toll Gate in Lagos State.

## Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

- Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) got a court order to freeze 20 #EndSARS promoters bank accounts. However, these accounts and more had been frozen by October 15, 2020, without a court order.

## Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

- The UK parliament debated a petition seeking sanctions against the federal government and Nigeria Police over human rights violations during the #EndSARS protests.

## Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

- Youths protesting the Lagos Judicial Panel of Inquiry's approval to reopen the Lekki Toll Gate were met with a show of force by the Nigerian Police.
- Over 39 youths (Mr Macaroni and others) were arrested for protesting and later released after public outcry.

## Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>

- 18-year-old girl arrested during #EndSARS protest in Ondo gave birth in prison.

## Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

- A statement released by NEC, stated that the FG should pay compensation to victims of #EndSARS protests and prosecute those indicted.

## Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

- Protests and vigils happened in Abuja, Delta, Edo, Enugu, Kwara, Lagos, Osun, Oyo and Rivers States for the one year commemoration of the #LekkiMassacre. The protest was met with brutality, arrest, and teargas.

## Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

- The 2022 anniversary protest was met with brutality, arrest, and teargas.
- Amnesty International released a report that more than 40 #EndSARS protesters were still in jail.

## Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

- 9 Protesters were released from Agodi Correctional Centre, Ibadan, after 2 years.

## Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

- A Bill seeking compensation for the victims (protesters and police officers killed, business entities that suffered loss and destruction of properties) of the 2020 #EndSARS protest passed the second reading by the Nigerian Senate.

## Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>

- A letter dated this day went viral indicating '**No objection**' of the Lagos State Public Procurement Agency to the award of contract to Messrs TOS Funerals Limited at N61,285,000.

## Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

- The Lagos State Government responded to the leaked memo and said the bodies were the aftermath of #EndSARS violence and community clashes at Fagba, Ketu, Ikorodu, Orile, Ajegunle, Abule-Egba, Ikeja, Ojota, Ekor, Ogba, Isolo and Ajah areas of Lagos State. Claiming none of them was from Lekki Toll Gate.

## Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

- EiE Nigeria wrote Freedom of Information requests to TOS Funerals and the Lagos State Ministry of Health on the status of the bodies they allegedly got a contract from Lagos State to bury en masse.

## Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

- EiE resent the Freedom of Information requests to TOS Funerals and the Lagos State Ministry of Health.

## Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

- **#LekkiMassacre 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary**

2020 2021 2022 2023

We will continue to follow events until all demands are met. **#5for5 #EndSARS**

Read the detailed timeline of events at [eieng.co/endsars](https://eieng.co/endsars)

Please send us an email to correct or add other events.

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