



THE UK PARLIAMENT DEBATES #ENDSARS



On Monday, November 23, 2020, the UK parliament called on the British government to immediately commence an investigation into human rights abuses by the Nigerian government and its security agencies based on the outcome of the debate on the floor of the parliament triggered by Silas Ojo's e-petition.

The petition was started on October 12, 2020 and gained traction in the aftermath of the October 20, 2020 Lekki Massacre. It was debated because it had over 100,000 signatories and members of parliament were interested in the matter. Over 220,000 people have signed it to date, providing a channel for them to join the call to end police brutality in Nigeria.



ABENA OPPONG-ASARE
LABOUR MP FOR ERITH AND THAMESMEAD
SHADOW EXCHEQUER SECRETARY (TREASURY)

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" Accountability is the cornerstone of democracy. "



ALYN SMITH
SCOTTISH NATIONAL PARTY MP FOR STIRLING
SHADOW SNP SPOKESPERSON (FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE)

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" At the very least, pending a review of our actions and the effect of the UK's foreign policy and trade policy in Nigeria, we should surely suspend arms exports to the country. "



JANET DABY
LABOUR MP FOR LEWISHAM EAST
JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEMBER

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" In the case where Nigerian officials are avoiding accountability over the killing of protesters, I believe that the UK should consider imposing sanctions on state officials involved in the human rights abuses of Nigerians. "



KATE OSAMOR
LABOUR (CO-OP) MP FOR EDMONTON
CHAIR, ALL PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP (APPG) ON NIGERIA
ARMS EXPORT CONTROLS COMMITTEE MEMBER

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" 20th October, 2020 will be remembered for the Lekki tollgate massacre—the day a deliberate and coldly calculated attack on peaceful Nigerian civilians was carried out by the Nigerian Army. "



LYN BROWN
LABOUR MP FOR WEST HAM
SHADOW MINISTER (JUSTICE)

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" The least we should do is ensure that those who have murdered Nigerians and deprived them of their human rights cannot benefit from trade or travel to the UK. In my view, that should include the leaders of the government and the military, who are even now refusing to allow transparent and fair investigations to happen, and justice to be implemented. "



STEPHEN DOUGHTY
LABOUR (CO-OP) MP FOR CARDIFF SOUTH AND PENARTH
SHADOW MINISTER (FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT)

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" From the Black Lives Matter movement in the USA to the #EndSARS movement in Nigeria, it is clear that any democratic government must respond to the needs first and foremost of their citizens in providing policing and security. "



TAIWO OWATEMI
LABOUR MP FOR COVENTRY NORTH WEST
INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMITTEE MEMBER

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" If a democratic country deprives its people of their aspiration, livelihoods and voices; strips them from their loved ones; forces them into hiding; and instils in them the fear of retribution through violent attacks on free speech, that country can only be a dictatorship disguised as a democracy. "



THERESA VILLIERS
CONSERVATIVE MP FOR CHIPPING BARNET
INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY COMMITTEE MEMBER

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" If the #EndSARS protesters secure the reform and improved governance they are demanding, Nigeria could become a formidable economic powerhouse, and the diaspora community here can be a vital bridge linking our two countries in a brighter future of increased trade and prosperity in the years to come. "



TOM TUGENDHAT
CONSERVATIVE MP FOR TONBRIDGE AND MALLING
FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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" We know that today, even now in this great city of ours, there are some people who have taken from the Nigerian people and hidden their ill-gotten gains here. Sadly, we know that our banks have been used for those profits and for that illegal transfer of assets. "



CATRIONA LAING, British High Commissioner in Nigeria, is it not ironic that President Buhari is getting medical care in the UK while the Nigeria Police kills citizens and doctors are on strike?
Please tell the UK government that Nigerians are waiting on next steps from the debate in parliament.