



#EndSARS

1 YEAR TIMELINE OF KEY EVENTS (OCTOBER 2019 - 2021)

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Tuesday, October 15th

- A federal high court in Ottawa, Canada, refused the asylum application of a former operative of SARS, Olushola Popoola, because of corruption and extrajudicial killings of the police unit. Popoola filed an appeal.

Saturday, October 3rd

- 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 4th

- Douglas Agu (Runtown) announced he will be leading an #EndSARS protest on Thursday, October 8th.
- 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).
- Mr Akin Alabi (Federal House of Representatives, Egbeda/Ona-Ara Constituency) moved a motion in the House of Representatives to dissolve SARS.

Wednesday, October 7th

- Youths in Lagos State 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 8th.

Thursday, October 8th

- 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.

Friday, October 9th

- Feminist Coalition (FemCo) called for donations for the #EndSARS protest and requested those leading protests to reach out for financial support.

Saturday, October 10th

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

Sunday, October 11th

- IGP announced the dissolution of SARS across all 36 states and FCT. Shortly after, #EndSARS protesters were dispersed with water cannons by the police in Abuja.

Monday, October 12th

- President Buhari addressed the #EndSARS protests in his first televised speech.
- Youths begin a sit-in protest at Lekki Toll Gate, Lagos.
- Police attack #EndSARS protesters in Surulere, Lagos; kill Mr Iloamauzor and arrested some protesters.

Tuesday, October 13th

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

Friday, October 16th

- Vice President, Yemi Osinbajo (SAN) announces 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 20th

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

Thursday, October 22nd

- President Buhari addresses 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.

Monday, October 26th

- National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) fined AIT, Channels TV, and Arise News, claiming they used unverifiable video footage from social media during the #EndSARS protests.

Saturday, October 31st

- Premium Times published an investigative piece that beamed a spotlight on the untold happenings that occurred at the Lekki Toll Gate on October 20, 2020.

Friday, November 6th

- 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.

Wednesday, November 18th

- CNN published a documentary video that uncovered evidence that the Nigerian Army opened fire with live rounds on unarmed protesters.

Monday, November 23rd

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

Thursday, December 3rd

- The legal department of the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) filed a suit to stop the judicial panels. However, the IGP said it was not authorised by police leadership and the suit would be withdrawn.

Wednesday, January 20th

- The BBC published a documentary that gives an account of what really transpired on the night of October 20, 2020 at Lekki Toll Gate.
- Foundation for Investigative Journalism (FIJ) published an investigative story on how #EndSARS protesters were massacred at the Lekki Toll Gate.

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

Read the detailed timeline of events at eieng.co/endsars

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