

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Applicant Name: NNANYELU BLESSING EGEH

Date of Birth: 06-Dec-1997

Nationality: Nigerian

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To Whom It May Concern,

I, NNANYELU BLESSING EGEH respectfully submit this personal statement in support of my application for asylum. I am a citizen of Nigeria and am seeking protection due to a well-founded fear of political persecution by state authorities.

1. Background and Activism Against Police Brutality

Since 2020, I have been actively involved in the #EndSARS movement, a youth-led protest against police brutality in Nigeria, particularly targeting the notorious Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS). I joined the protests because of my personal experiences and those of others in my community who suffered extortion, harassment, and violence from this unit. I participated in peaceful demonstrations, sensitized youth, and assisted with logistics and medical aid for injured protesters.

2. Incidents of Persecution Related to End SARS Protests

As a direct result of my involvement:

- On October 25th, 2020, I was arrested by Nigerian Police after attending a peaceful #EndSARS memorial protest in Alausa Ikeja, Lagos State. I was unlawfully detained for 10 days without charge. During detention, I was beaten, denied access to a lawyer, and threatened with death for speaking against police brutality.
- On November 10th, 2020, unidentified men—believed to be plainclothes security operatives—came to my home in Alausa Ikeja, Lagos State. They harassed my family and left a chilling warning that I was under surveillance and should stop supporting anti-government movements like #EndSARS.
- I reported this intimidation to the local police station in Alausa. Instead of protection, I was told by an officer to stop 'challenging the system' if I valued my life.

Fearing for my safety, I went into hiding for several months. With the rising wave of abductions and crackdowns on End SARS protesters, I had no option but to flee Nigeria to seek safety abroad.

3. Fear of Returning to Nigeria

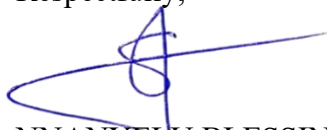
I believe that if I return to Nigeria, I will face immediate danger—either unlawful arrest, prolonged detention without trial, or even extrajudicial harm. Former End SARS protesters are still being tracked and silenced. Many have disappeared or remain in detention to this day.

4. Request for Protection

I respectfully request that I be granted asylum in Italy so that I may live in safety, free from fear, and continue to express my beliefs without risking my life. I am prepared to provide supporting documentation and testimony to validate the facts outlined above.

Thank you for considering my application.

Respectfully,



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