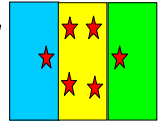


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Press Statement

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MOSOP CONDEMNS ATTACK ON INC PRESIDENT, PROF. ATUBOYEDIA OBIANIME

The Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People, MOSOP strongly condemns the attack on the President of Ijaw National Congress, INC, Professor Atuboyedia Obianime, by unknown assailants along Choba Road on Monday, February 21, 2011 on his way from Yenagoa, Bayelsa State for a meeting in preparation for the 2011 Ijaw National Day Celebrations that was to be held on Wednesday, February 23, 2011.

MOSOP is alarmed by the escalating state of insecurity in the polity and calls on the various security agencies to redouble efforts to protect lives and property, especially those of ordinary citizens. In our view, the appropriation of a sizeable proportion of available police and other security personnel by mainly government and corporate executives to the detriment of ordinary citizens is an unacceptable abdication of the primary responsibility of governance.

MOSOP notes with serious concern that the incident reportedly took place at the busy "UNIPORT" Junction where there is also a Police check point and challenges the security agencies to spare no stones in apprehending those responsible. Considering the fact that the culprits reportedly fled abandoning their weapons from which fingerprints could be processed, this incident calls to question the needed forensic capabilities of the police.

Realizing the sad irony that Prof. Obianime is not only the President of INC but was actually attacked in the Niger Delta whilst making final preparations for celebrations for a day put together for the people of Ijaw ethnic nationality that has been a principal partner in the struggle for justice in the Niger Delta, puts responsibility on all of us to assist in unravelling those behind this dastardly act. The struggle for justice cannot be fought and won by meting injustice to its apostles.

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