



INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF BIAFRA

(A Non Violent Biafran Self-determination Movement)

31st January 2026

Press Statement

The Directorate of State of the Indigenous People of Biafra has deemed it as critically imperative to make certain clarifications as part of our efforts in ensuring that the IPOB global movement operate in consonance with institutional best practices that is globally recognised and accepted.

Whereas the name **Emma Powerful** is an operational pseudonym used by the IPOB publicity secretary for the dissemination of IPOB's press releases;

Fully aware that any press statement brought out in the name of the Indigenous People of Biafra under this pseudonym places an enormous responsibility upon IPOB and its leadership;

Taking cognisance of the fact that **the pseudonym Emma Powerful has been abused, misused and compromised;**

Bearing in mind the evident danger the continued use of the pseudonym will be to IPOB as a movement and for the Biafran people's Self-Determination struggle;

Having observed the subtle moves by certain groups and individuals **using the pseudonym Emma powerful** as a vehicle to disrupt the pervading peace and security being enjoyed by both Biafrans and visitors in Biafraland;

The Directorate of State of the Indigenous people of Biafra (the DOS) resolve as follows;

- i. In line with organizational usage, hence forward all press statements representing the position of the Indigenous People of Biafra **MUST be released on IPOB's official letterheaded paper.**
- ii. Flowing from the abuse, misuse and compromise of the pseudonym Emma powerful, **IPOB ceases to use this name henceforth in releasing its press statements.**
- iii. For the avoidance of doubt and for the sake of clarity, any press statement released henceforth with the pseudonym Emma Powerful neither emanates from IPOB leadership nor represents the position of the IPOB Directorate of State (the DOS).
- iv. In view of the forgoing, the **Directorate of State of the Indigenous People of Biafra unequivocally state that it did not authorize anyone whatsoever to issue a lock down/sit at home order of Biafraland on Monday 2nd of February 2026.**

Signed

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Head of Directorate of State of the
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