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## Ikorodu Branch

31st December 2025

### THE NBA-HRI MONITORING COMMITTEE

#### ATTENTION:

#### MR. SEBASTIAN ANYIA

First Vice President

Nigerian Bar Association

Dear Sir,

### RESPONSE OF THE NBA IKORODU BRANCH TO THE PUBLICATION BY THE NBA-HRI MONITORING COMMITTEE "PUTTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT"

The attention of the Nigerian Bar Association, Ikorodu Branch has been drawn to the publication credited to the NBA Human Rights Monitoring Committee dated 29th December 2025, titled "NBA Ikorodu Branch Complaint: NBA – HRI Monitoring Team Putting the Record Straight." The Branch does not wish to dwell endlessly on this issue; however, the publication in question contains false and misleading assertions which, in the interest of accuracy, institutional integrity and fairness to our members and volunteers, necessitate this response to put the record straight.

First, it is important to state that the concern raised by the Ikorodu Branch was never about "winning" or losing any competition. The issue raised, clearly and consistently was the gross misrepresentation of the Branch's documented human rights activities as being only six (6) within the stated period, a conclusion that is demonstrably incorrect and hence, demoralizing to the collective efforts of members who volunteered time, resources and professional expertise in service to humanity.

Unfortunately, rather than address this core issue with facts and evidence, the Committee's response resorts to sweeping allegations, inaccurate characterizations of our submissions and an abdication of responsibility for what is plainly a deficient evaluation process.

The initial conditions issued to Branches did not restrict qualifying activities solely to court decongestion, charge numbers, or inmate releases. On the contrary, they expressly recognized other human rights interventions, including seminars, sensitization and enlightenment programmes, advocacy initiatives, prison and police station visits and community outreaches. These categories were fully reflected in the Branch's submission and further evidenced in a brochure with clearly labeled pictorial headings, strictly as corroborative material. Any attempt, after the fact, to narrow the criteria exclusively to court



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processes or charge numbers amounts to a post hoc reinterpretation unsupported by the text of the notice earlier issued to Branches.

The NBA Ikorodu Branch submitted through the vice Chairman, three (3) distinct documents of pro bono and human rights activities within the stated period, including a comprehensive Human Rights Compendium, accompanied by a pictorial annexure provided strictly as supporting evidence and CTC of Court judgment.

The submission referenced in the NBA HRI response comprised:

- A compendium of monthly written reports of activities, clearly categorised headings, stated dates in some instances and summaries in other instances, venues or judicial divisions, whichever is applicable
- Picture evidence provided both in the compendium and brochure as corroboration, not as a substitute for facts.

At no time did the Branch request that pictures be assessed independently of the accompanying documentation. To suggest otherwise is either a grave misunderstanding or a misrepresentation.

On the claim of absence of charge numbers, suit numbers, and / or parties, this allegation does not withstand even cursory scrutiny. Dates, locations, courts, judicial divisions, charge numbers, and parties were clearly stated throughout the Compendium. A simple audit reveals not less than thirty-four (34) distinct charge numbers and/or parties, across multiple courts and with dates, which is still in excess of the figures attributed to the Branch by the Committee even if groupings were by dates.

It is therefore surprising that the Committee, while asserting non-compliance appears unable to identify particulars that are plainly set out in the Ikorodu Branch submissions.

Kindly find below some of the specific Court cases and referenced pages.

### **COURT DECONGESTION COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES FULLY REPORTED**

#### **Page 71 — Court 4, Igbogbo (Pro-Bono Matters)**

Date:	30th January 2025
Case No.	Parties — Charge / Issue — Court Activity — Next Date — Status
1. IKD/C/13A/2021	COP v. Samson Gilbert — Grievous bodily harm — Plea changed to Guilty — 13 Feb 2025 (Sentencing) — Ongoing
2. IKD/D/6/2024	COP v. Ariyo Agro & Ikuforiji Daniel — PW1 concluded evidence — 13 Mar 2025 — Ongoing



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### Chief Magistrates Court Ikorodu (CMC) Updates

Case	Update — Status
1. COP v. Kennedy Ikechukwu	Adjourned to 20 Feb 2025 — Ongoing
2. COP v. Quadri Salami	Adjourned; medical reports awaited — Ongoing

### Page 72 — Court-Centered Decongestion Committee

Date:	17th February 2025
Case	Issue / Action — Outcome — Status
1. COP v. Kennedy Ikechukwu	(CRT 1) Medical exam order not transmitted; follow-up with Correctional Services — Pending — Ongoing
2. COP v. Quadri Salami	Committee applied for discharge — Defendant discharged — Concluded

### Page 73 — Court 4, Igbogbo

Date:	20th March 2025
Case No.	Parties — Court Decision — Outcome
1. IKD/D/34/2024	COP v. Yinusa Garuba — Strike-out application; 2 months community service — Determined
2. IKD/D/5/2025	COP v. Ashafa Ganiu — Complaint withdrawn — Concluded

### Page 74 — Multiple Courts (March–April 2025)

- <b>Court:</b>	<b>Court 5, Ijede</b>
Date:	27th March 2025
Case	Activity — Next Date — Status
1. COP v. Basit Awokoya	Cross-examination of DW-1 — 24 Apr 2025 — Ongoing
- <b>Court:</b>	<b>Agbowo Magistrate Court</b>
Date:	3rd April 2025
Case	Activity — Status
1. COP v. Tobi Fatai	Trial commenced; adjourned to 8 May 2025 — Ongoing
2. COP v. Mohammed Aliu	Struck out — Concluded
3. COP v. Ayomide Abraham	₦40,000 settlement; withdrawn — Concluded
4. COP v. Orto Donald	Withdrawn; struck out — Concluded
5. COP v. Samsideen Benepo	Trial fixed — Ongoing





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### Page 75 — Agbowo Magistrate Court (Pro-Bono Matters)

Adjournment Date:	8th May 2025
Case	Key Issue — Status
1. COP v. Lamide Alibi & Anor	Bail issues — Adjourned
2. COP v. Elijah Peter	No witness — Adjourned
3. COP v. Senami Yedoyetan	Trial continuation — Ongoing
4. COP v. Yusuf Seleuta	Complainant testified — Ongoing
5. COP v. Taofeek Moruf	Adjourned
6. COP v. Abdullahi Oladele	Adjourned
7. COP v. Emmanuel Kingsley	Adjourned
8. COP v. Oladipupo Yusuf & Ors	Cultism charge; DPP advice awaited — Ongoing
9. COP v. Azeez Hammed	Convicted; 1yr 6 months imprisonment — Concluded

### Page 76 — Court 5, Ijede & Court 4, Igbogbo

Case	Activity — Next Date — Status
1. COP v. Michael Anyigor & Olalekan Raji	Addresses adopted — 6 May 2025 — Ongoing
2. COP v. Awokoya Basit	Trial continued — 22 May 2025 — Ongoing
3. COP v. Daniel Usiobafor	Counsel secured — 29 May 2025 — Ongoing
4. IKD/D/7/24 – COP v. Ademola Afolabi	Stealing 9m+ goods — 31 July 2025 —Ongoing

### Page 77 — Agbowo Magistrate Court

Date:	3rd July 2025
Case	Outcome
1. COP v. Lamide Alibi & 2 Ors	Adjourned for DPP advice
2. COP v. Adeniyi Adebowale	Adjourned to 17 July 2025
3. COP v. Samsideen Benepo	Defence stage fixed
4. COP v. Senami Yedoyetan	Further hearing fixed
5. COP v. Reuben Andrew (IKD/F/29/2025)	Struck out
6. COP v. Bidemi Taiwo (IKD/F/26/2025)	Withdrawn; struck out
7. COP v. Ogundele V. Seun (IKD/F/28/2025)	Withdrawn; struck out

### Page 44 — Court Decongestion Sub-Committee (Magisterial Courts)

<b>Court:</b>	<b>Igbogbo Magistrate Court</b>
Case	Activity — Status
1. Ariyo Agoro	No-case submission adopted; ruling awaited — Ongoing
2. Akingbade Fawaz	Trial commenced; adjourned — Ongoing
3. Ademola Owolabi	PW testified; adjourned — Ongoing
4. COP v. Ayomide Ofopele	Withdrawn; struck out — Concluded



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### Court:

### Ita-Elewa Magistrate Court

### Case

### Charge No — Activity — Status

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|------------------------------|---|
| 1. COP v. Mikailu Yakubu     | IKD/A/78/24 — Adjourned for trial — Ongoing       |
| 2. COP v. Isaiah Michael Odo | IKD/A/12/25 — Plea changed to guilty — Sentencing |

### Page 46 — Court Decongestion (Ita-Elewa Magistrate Court)

### Case

### Charge No — Date — Intervention — Status

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1. COP v. Bashiru Muhammad & Anor | IKD/A/39/25 — 4 Sept 2025 — NBA Pro-Bono intervention — Ongoing |
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### Page 47 — Court Decongestion (Igbogbo Magistrate Court)

### Case

### Activity — Status

- |                           |                                      |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. COP v. Ariyo Agoro     | No-case submission adopted — Ongoing |
| 2. COP v. Akingbade Fawaz | PW1 testified — Ongoing              |
| 3. COP v. Ademola Owolabi | Objection raised — Ongoing           |
| 4. COP v. Ayomide Ofopole | Withdrawn; struck out — Concluded    |

### Pages 69 & 70 — Court Decongestion (Agbowo Magistrate Court)

### Date:

23 January 2025

### Court:

Court 6, Agbowo

### Presiding Magistrate:

Hon. Mr. Tunji Dawodu

### Case

### Outcome

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. COP v. Adeniyi Adebawale Ganiyu | Adjourned for settlement        |
| 2. COP v. Hamzat Olalekan          | Strike-out refused; adjourned   |
| 3. COP v. Samsideen Benepo & Anor  | Charge amended; trial fixed     |
| 4. COP v. Umar Gaddafi             | Adjourned                       |
| 5. COP v. Mohammed Aliu            | Adjourned                       |
| 6. COP v. Mogaji Umaru & Ors       | Adjourned                       |
| 7. COP v. Ibrahim Aliu             | Withdrawn; struck out           |
| 8. COP v. Agbaje Semiu Alibi       | Adjourned for settlement report |

The Committee's silence on the non - court based human rights activities contained in the Compendium, activities with clear locations and dates necessarily raises the question whether those interventions were discounted, notwithstanding their express recognition under the applicable earlier published criteria. Human rights work, by its nature, is not limited to concluded litigation alone. To retroactively impose a narrow, litigation only metric betrays a poor appreciation of the justice chain and undermines the very essence of human rights advocacy which the Committee itself purports to promote.



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Several of the Branch's activities including sensitization programmes, police station interventions, mediation efforts, domestic violence interventions and community based pro bono engagements are not activities that necessarily culminate in concluded judgments and cannot be evidenced in strict verifiable forms other than pictorial evidence and facts. I believe the institute reserved a right to call for further evidence where in doubt or where clarification is needed. Where litigation related interventions occurred, the Branch supplied details consistent with the nature and stage of such matters, also noting that the certified true copy obtained was submitted while others cannot be processed within the deadline.

Sufficient facts were documented across numerous non-litigation activities; even a brief review made several instances apparent, without the need to survey the entire document. Some highlights are noted below:

### **POLICE AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE (POLICE DUTY SOLICITORS SCHEME)**

#### **Page 20**

Date: 6th of February, 2025 - PDSS training session focusing on equipping Lawyers with essential skills for defending the Rights of accused. Key topics were Legal Procedures, Ethical Advocacy & Strategies for reducing unlawful detention.

#### **Page 22**

Police Duty Solicitors accompanied the Magistrates in Ikorodu to visit Divisions with more than 30 suspects interviewed.

#### **Page 43**

- **Station**                      **Area 'N' Command**  
Date:                              15 August 2025  
Activity:                         Four suspects reviewed on crime board; IPOs absent; Advisory issued against unnecessary detention and follow-up promised
- **Station**                      **Imota Police Division**  
Date:                              21 August 2025  
Activity:                         Interview of two suspects (alleged stealing and burglary); Intervention against prolonged detention without bail; Inspection of detention facilities (cells found clean and organised)
- **Station**                      **Agbowo Police Division**  
Date:                              21 August 2025  
Activity:                         Two brothers arrested for affray; One suspect sustained machete injuries; Immediate human-rights-based medical intervention; Secured release for treatment and engagement with community leaders





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### Page 72 — Police Station Visitations

**Date:** 1st October 2025

Stations Visited: Owutu, Ipakodo, Igbogbo, Ijede, Area 'N' Command

Activities: Detention inspections, charging recommendations, PDSS Advocacy, provision of hygiene materials

### ANTI-CULTISM COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOLS (SPECIFICALLY REPORTED)

#### Page 41

**Date:** 9th of July, 2025

Venue: United High Schools

Theme: "SAY NO TO CULTISM & DRUG ABUSE"

Activity: Talk on Peer Pressure, Social vices etc; Fliers with relevant information including helplines shared. Recommendations and challenges reported as well

#### Page 48

**Date:** 18th September, 2025

Venue: Homat Group of Schools, Agric, Ikorodu

Activity: Sensitization on the dangers of Cultism and Drug Abuse

Participants: SS1–SS3 students and teachers

#### Page 55

- **Date:** 15th October 2025

Venue: Homat Unique Pivotal Secondary School, Odogunyan

Activity: Sensitization on dangers of cultism and drug abuse

- **Date:** 22nd October 2025

Venue: Homat Group of Schools, Igbogbo

Activity: Sensitization programme for senior secondary students and teaching staff

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, CHILD RIGHTS & PERSONS LIVING WITH DISABILITIES COMMITTEE

#### Page 22

It was expressly indicated that two trainings were held for volunteers as follows:

- 9th of May, 2025 Promoting Child's Rights & Protection through Education
- 23rd of May, 2025 Violence Against Vulnerable: Approach and Ethical Conducts



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### Page 40

**Date:** 25th of July, 2025  
**Venue:** General Hospital, Ikorodu  
**Activity:** Special sensitization outreach to Ante-Natal Clinic & Triage ward

### Page 48

- **Date:** 24th of September, 2025  
**Activity:** "Say No to Domestic Violence" Campaign walk to Ladega Market, Ikorodu
- **Date:** 24th of September, 2025  
**Venue:** General Hospital, Ikorodu  
**Activity:** Special sensitization outreach to Ante-Natal Clinic

A similar outreach was recorded for the 30th of September, 2025

### INTERVENTIONS

**Date:** 25 October 2025  
**Activity:** Walk against domestic violence at Alagomeji, Yaba (in honour of late Barr. Temitope Felicia Odu); Police engagement and monitoring in the investigation of her death

### ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMITTEE ENGAGEMENTS

### Page 22

**Date:** 29th of April, 2025  
**Activity:** Awareness interview with the Press on channels T.V by the head of the Committee; Areas of interview were boldly identified

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- **Date:** 26th of July, 2025  
**Activity:** Community Discussion titled "Break the Cycle; Tackling Human Trafficking Through Grassroots Involvements"  
**Participants:** National Union Transport (NURTW), Trafficking Survivor, Lagos Legal Hub, NAPTIP, NBA Representatives from other Branches, STV, CDC's representatives etc.  
**Outcome:** This community sensitization program noted outcomes including, public awareness and prevention in the report.
- **Date:** March 2025  
**Activity:** Returnee sensitization for 194 returnees





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### **GENERAL SITTINGS OF THE DOESTIC VIOLENCE, CHILD'S RIGHTS AND PERSONS LIVING WITH DISABILITIES (DVC) AND LEGAL AID COMMITTEE SITTINGS**

#### **LEGAL AID**

##### **Page 39**

Date: 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th of July for instance  
Venue: Cloakroom, High Court Ikorodu  
Activities: Legal Aid Sitting

Descriptions of the nature of matters attended to were stated and the location of Complainants' identified and stated the actions taken, without revealing the complainants identity. For the records, this is one of the weekly legal aid sessions of the Branch, reported for a month. A similar report was made for the following dates 14th, 21st and 21st of August, 2025, and the 9th, 16th, 18th and 26th of October on Pages 43 & 53 of the same compendium.

#### **THE DOESTIC VIOLENCE, CHILD'S RIGHTS AND PERSONS LIVING WITH DISABILITIES**

Reports were also made for the D.V Committee on Page 39

Dates: 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd of July, 2025  
Venue: Cloakroom, High Court Ikorodu  
Activities: Committee sitting to resolve issues bothering on domestic violence, custody, access and child welfare disputes

Similar sittings was noted on the 7th, 14th, 21st and 25th of October, 2025; identifying the actions taken, legal advice, undertakings and referrals where applicable to Court for unresolved issues. Matters were noted to be referred from several units but somehow, despite the facts presented in the compendium, the committee finds the claims to be a mirage, lacking sufficient proof. All these records remain documented and verifiable in our registers and more. Documents I cannot as a responsible Branch Executive publish for data protection reasons.

Even assuming, without conceding, that details of non-litigation Human Rights activities were not provided and the parameters were based on litigation activities alone, the Committee still could not reasonably have arrived at the figure published. The documents submitted clearly show numerous court related matters, identified by suit numbers, courts, parties and dates, also specifying the counsel(s) appearing. If the "Brochure only" was relied upon, how exactly did the committee arrive at its outcome? Please guide me.

I wish to state that verification is the core duty of the Committee and this responsibility cannot be discharged perfunctorily, nor should it be reduced to a mere show of recording assignments for reporting sake. If the exercise is worth undertaking at all, it must be done diligently and responsibly, otherwise, it ought not to be undertaken.



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The publication provides no scoring breakdown, no referenced omissions, no analysis nor explanation of how the figure of six (6) activities was reached. In the absence of transparency, the assertion remains unproven and indefensible. Yes, there were general reports and summaries of activities in some cases but what happened to the specifics? Did the numerous specifics also not meet the criteria?

For the avoidance of doubt, this response is not an attack on the Committee, nor is it an attempt to discredit other Branches. It is a principled objection to the careless misrepresentation of documented efforts and the public diminution of the work of volunteers who have consistently served our communities under the banner of the NBA Ikorodu Branch. The enduring efforts of successive Branch leaders and Committees heads to champion human rights and social responsibility, a tradition firmly embedded in the Branch's institutional history will neither be rewritten nor diminished by any external influence.

We therefore place it firmly on record that:

- The Branch carried out far more than six (6) human rights related activities within the stated period
- The Committee's publication is factually inaccurate, misleading and reflective of a deficient review process

Again, the issue raised by the Branch concerns accuracy, fairness and institutional responsibility, not competition outcomes. It is about correcting a public misrepresentation that reduces extensive, documented human rights service to an inaccurate figure. Such a portrayal is not only demoralizing but also undermines the collective efforts of volunteers and members who committed time, resources and professional expertise in service to humanity.

The NBA Ikorodu Branch remains committed to human rights advocacy, justice reform and service to humanity, regardless of mischaracterizations of its efforts. We have never been defined by awards nor recognitions.

Warm regards,

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