

# **ALEX EJESIEME (SAN) & CO (MADIBA CHAMBERS)**

LEGAL PRACTITIONERS, ARBITRATORS & NOTARY PUBLIC

9<sup>th</sup> June, 2026.

**Mr. Kenneth Okonkwo**  
08033226689  
Abuja.

Dear Sir,

## **DEMAND FOR IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF FALSE, MALICIOUS AND DEFAMATORY PUBLICATIONS AGAINST MR. PETER OBI, PUBLIC APOLOGY AND UNDERTAKING**

We are Solicitors to Mr. Peter Obi, former Governor of Anambra State, presidential candidate of NDC, and distinguished statesman, hereinafter referred to as “our Client”, on whose clear instructions we write this letter.

Our Client’s attention has been drawn to certain false and defamatory statements made by you during a live broadcast on Channels Television’s programme, “Sunrise Daily”, on 8th June, 2026, which statements were thereafter published, reported, broadcast and widely circulated, including by Channels Television under the headline “Kenneth Okonkwo Criticises Peter Obi, Condemns NDC Primaries”, and by numerous other media outlets, including Daily Post Nigeria, Pointblank News and Igbere TV, and across various online and social media platforms (including the video-sharing platform YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nzu4J5CjKIE>), wherein you stated, in substance and effect, as follows:

- (a) that our Client, Mr. Peter Obi, together with the leaders of the Nigeria Democratic Congress (NDC) in the South-East, informed the party’s aspirants that any person seeking to contest as a member of the House of Representatives must, after paying the prescribed expression of interest fee, pay a bribe of Ten Million Naira (₦10,000,000.00) to the NDC and to the Caucus leaders;

- (b) that the said unlawful demand was accompanied by documentary proof; the person who relayed the information to you having sent the said information together with the receipt evidencing the payment;
- (c) that our Client personally wrote and compiled the list of the party's candidates from his hotel room at the Johnwood Hotel;
- (d) that you warned the said aspirants that our Client is going to scam them;
- (e) that our Client travels abroad to collect money from people; and
- (f) that our Client and the leaders of the NDC in the South-East are perpetuating criminality.

The above statements, in their natural and ordinary meaning, and by necessary implication, falsely and maliciously represent our Client as a person who demands, solicits, organises and collects bribes; who extorts, defrauds and swindles political aspirants of their money; who is a fraudster, a scammer and a dishonest political actor; and who, in concert with others, is engaged in criminal conspiracy and is actively perpetuating criminality. These are extremely grave, damaging and reckless imputations of bribery, extortion, fraud, financial dishonesty and criminality directed at the character, integrity, reputation and public standing of our Client.

For the avoidance of doubt, our Client states categorically that the said allegations are false, baseless, malicious, reckless, defamatory and wholly unsupported by any fact. They were made with the clear intent and purpose of lowering our Client in the estimation of right-thinking members of society, exposing him to hatred, contempt and ridicule, and injuring his hard-earned reputation as a man of unquestionable integrity, a statesman and political leader.

It is particularly disturbing that the said statements were made by you on live television and were thereafter republished, broadcast and widely circulated through online and social media platforms, including video-sharing platforms, where such falsehoods spread rapidly and assume a life of their own. Your words were not mere political commentary. They crossed the permissible bounds of fair comment and constituted a direct assault on our Client's person, integrity, image and reputation.

The law is settled that while citizens are entitled to hold and express opinions, no person is entitled, under the guise of political speech, to publish false statements which impute criminality, fraud, dishonesty or moral depravity to another. The right to freedom of expression does not extend to the reckless destruction of another person's reputation.

Accordingly, we hereby demand that you do the following within seven (7) days of your receipt of this letter:

1. Immediately withdraw the said false and defamatory statements in their entirety;
2. Publish a clear, unequivocal and unreserved public apology to our Client, Mr. Peter Obi;
3. Publish the said withdrawal and apology, with equal prominence, through the same medium of the original broadcast and through all your social media handles and platforms, including but not limited to Channels Television, your X/Twitter handle, Instagram, Facebook, YouTube and any other platform through which the defamatory statements were made, broadcast, reposted, circulated or amplified;
4. Ensure that the apology is given the same or greater prominence, visibility and circulation as the original defamatory publication;
5. Pay to our Client, through our Chambers, the sum of Five Billion Naira (₦5,000,000,000.00) only, as general, aggravated and exemplary damages for the grave injury occasioned to his hard-earned reputation, character and public standing by the said false, malicious and defamatory statements; and
6. Deliver to us a written undertaking that you shall cease and desist from making, publishing, circulating or causing to be published any further false, malicious or defamatory statement concerning our Client.

**TAKE NOTICE** that should you fail, refuse or neglect to comply with the above demands within the stipulated period, our Client shall be left with no option than to seek legal redress against you without further recourse to you. Such action shall include, but shall not be limited to, claims for general, aggravated and exemplary damages in the said sum of Five Billion Naira (₦5,000,000,000.00), and indeed such higher sum as the Court may deem fit, together with injunctive reliefs, public retraction, apology and the full cost of the proceedings.

This letter is written without prejudice to all other rights, remedies and reliefs available to our Client under the law, all of which are hereby expressly reserved.

We trust that you will be properly advised.

Yours faithfully,



**CHIEF ALEX EJESIEME, SAN**

