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Mr. Afam Osigwe, SAN
President
NBA
NBA House
Abuja.

Dear President Osigwe,

PROTEST OVER HIJACK OF MY NBA ACCOUNT 6 DAYS TO ELECTION.

This afternoon, at precisely 12.28pm, I got a shocker of my life when I received two consecutive mails from NBA. The first email, received on my firm's email address which serves as my username on NBA portal, and titled **"Reset Password OTP"** reads thus:

"OTP Request!

Your OTP is **360987**. This code will expire in 10 minutes.

If you did not make this request, report this activity immediately and change your password.

If you have any questions or need assistance, our support team is here to help.

The NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION"

At the same minute and hour, another mail arrived. The second mail's caption was **"Password Updated Successfully"**. The mail contained the following words:

"Password Update Notification

Your password has been successfully updated.

If you did not request this change, please contact our support team immediately.

NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION!"

Immediately, I went to the association's portal and attempted to log in, using my username and password but alas! It was simply impossible to log in. The message on the screen was **"Invalid email/scn and password combination."** The images of the three above messages are attached to this letter.

The curious point here, Mr. President, is that at no time did I request for a change of my password. And neither did I effect any update of my password.

I should make known, Sir, that I have more than basic knowledge of IT and I know that the emails I received were not accidental and that my inability to log into my NBA account was

not a matter of a computer glitch. These were operations that were clinically executed by someone who has access to NBA portal's backend.

The very important questions I now want to ask are: Who changed my password? Does the person wish to use my credentials to vote in the Saturday 18th July election? What else did the person do with my personal information that he has access to in my NBA account? How do I now feel safe relating with NBA going forward?

In a season like this, you may be tempted to ascribe political intent to my questions. Regardless, I believe that the issues that I have raised here should be looked at dispassionately, shorn of political considerations but judged on the basis of what is right or wrong even in this election period. Mr. President, this blatant act is not only wrong, it is unconscionable. It is a crime, pure and simple and whoever did it ought to be identified and made to face the music. If he or she acted in concert with some others to perpetrate this evil, those complicit must also be made accountable.

Coming especially when Nigerian lawyers approach an election to elect a new President and at a time when there are allegations of bias against the ECNBA and your good self, an act like this robs the election of trust in its fairness. The question our colleagues will ask is, how many other members have had their NBA accounts hijacked by some unseen persons. As at this moment, the bulk stops at your table as our President. NBA portal is under your control. Whatever is happening to it must be of serious concern to you.

I therefore call on you, Mr. President, to take the necessary steps:

1. To ensure that I am able to log in again and use my NBA account without any further interference;
2. To protect the integrity of the NBA portal by ensuring that there is accountability on the part of those who have access to the portal's backend.
3. To identify and make public the identity of anyone involved in the compromise of my NBA account;
4. To report to the Nigeria Police Force any person found responsible for hacking my NBA account and for conspiracy in the hacking, for investigation and prosecution.

These are my humble requests in the circumstance.

Yours faithfully,

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