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PRESS RELEASE

LET US STOP TINUBU FROM BEING A FULL-BLOWN DICTATOR NOW OR NEVER

NADECO USA strongly condemns the arrest and detention of prominent Nigerian human rights activist Mr. Dele Farotimi by Nigerian security agencies, spearheaded and masterminded by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu. This blatant disregard for human rights and the rule of law is a disturbing sign of what is to come under President Tinubu's administration.

Looking at what transpires in the political ecosystem in Lagos for decades now, President Bola Tinubu's administration is a stark reminder that power, when unchecked, can be a recipe for disaster. The arrest and detention of renowned Nigerian activist Dele Farotimi by Afe Babalola is a blatant attack on democracy and human rights, and Tinubu's administration is squarely to blame.

It's nothing short of ironic that Tinubu, who once fought against the military dictatorship of General Sani Abacha, is now spearheading a regime that's hell-bent on silencing dissenting voices and stifling free speech. The man is out of control, and his administration's actions are a disturbing sign of what's to come.

The Nigerian legal system provides fertile ground for authoritarian rule. For instance, civil matters that are internationally recognized, such as defamation and debt, have been criminalized in some states for political manipulation. Additionally, there is a notable prevalence of injunctions being "purchased" by the highest bidders, regardless of the subject matter or the appropriate jurisdiction. It is important to note that injunctions are meant to be an equitable remedy used sparingly in legal

systems around the world. However, Nigeria has become a unique case where such an important equitable relief can be easily obtained from judges, primarily for political purposes. These corrupt practices within the legal system make it easier for oppressive leaders, like Mr. Tinubu, to thrive.

As Nigeria approaches the 2027 elections, it's clear that Tinubu's administration will stop at nothing to maintain its grip on power. The international community and Nigerians alike must rise up to condemn this egregious attack on democracy and human rights.

We urge the Nigerian government to immediately release Dele Farotimi and drop all charges against him. The international community, particularly the incoming administration of President Donald Trump, must take notice of the deteriorating human rights situation in Nigeria and hold Tinubu's administration accountable for their actions.

The people of Nigeria deserve better. They deserve a government that respects their human rights, protects their freedoms, and promotes justice and accountability. It's time for Tinubu's administration to be held accountable for their blatant disregard for human rights and the rule of law.

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