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The Acting Executive Secretary,  
National Human Rights Commission,  
Abuja.



**RE: Petition to the NHRC to make public its findings on the alleged killing of 6 inmates in Abakiliki Prison on 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.**

Sequence to our petition to the Commission on 19 August, 2016 following the alleged killings of six inmates and injuring of ten in Abakiliki Prison on 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2016, the Commission established a Special Investigation Panel on Extral-Judicial Killings at Abakiliki Prison, which conducted hearings in Abakiliki Prison and at the NHRC in Abuja. However, close to a year after that incidence, the Commission is yet to make public, its findings on this matter.

I want to remind the Commission that justice delayed is justice denied and that the Commission, being the government's human rights watchdog, is under obligation to respect, protect and fulfil human rights of Nigerians and foreign residents in Nigeria. This include the obligation to investigate all human rights abuses and hold violators to account as well as ensure that appropriate and adequate compensations are paid to victims and their families, and make recommendations to prevent reoccurrence. The failure to do these constitutes violation of human rights. An important element of this entails making public, the findings and decisions of the Commission, as the public has the right to know what happened.

Consequently, CURE-Nigeria, once again, reminds the Commission that Nigerians and the human rights community around the world are waiting for the outcome of its investigation into the alleged killings of six and injuring of ten inmates.

Sincerely yours,



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