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**IMOLEAYO MICHAEL
NIGERIA**

**FACING TRUMPED-UP
CHARGES FOR PROTESTING
POLICE VIOLENCE**

IMOLEAYO MICHAEL NIGERIA

When young people took to Nigeria's capital Abuja in October 2020, Imoleayo Michael joined them. They were marching against violence, extortion and killings by the Special Anti-Robbery Squad, popularly known as SARS. The young computer programmer promoted the protests on Twitter and Facebook, using the viral hashtag #EndSARS.

Two weeks later, 20 armed men raided Imoleayo's home in the early hours of the morning. They shattered his bedroom window and pointed a gun at him, forcing him to open his front door. Once inside, they seized his mobile phones and computer, then locked his wife, elderly mother and seven-month-old son in a room and disconnected the power supply to the streetlights around his house.

They took Imoleayo to the state security service headquarters where they held him in an underground cell for 41 days without access to a lawyer or his family. While there, he was cuffed, blindfolded and chained to a steel cabinet. He was forced to sleep on a bare floor and fed porridge mixed with stones. Security officers interrogated him a total of five times.

Imoleayo suffered pneumonia and was eventually released on bail in December 2020. He's facing trumped-up charges of 'conspiracy with others to disturb public peace' and 'disturbing public peace'.



Tell Nigeria to drop all charges against Imoleayo.

ACT NOW

Tell Nigeria's authorities to drop all charges against Imoleayo immediately.

Grab a petition and start collecting names and emails.

SHOW IMOLEAYO HE'S NOT ALONE

Print off the solidarity letter template and write Imoleayo a message of friendship and support.

SEND TO

Post your petitions, letters and solidarity letters to:

Amnesty International Australia,
Locked Bag 23,
Broadway NSW 2007
Australia.

Make sure you post them to us by 31 January 2022.

We'll post them to the target, include them in the handover in February 2022 and make sure that Imoleayo gets your solidarity messages.

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