

Mr. Adeniji Kazeem
Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice, Lagos State
Ministry of Justice, Lagos State
Lagos State Secretariat
Alausa, Ikeja
Lagos, Nigeria

RE: REQUEST FOR CHARGES AGAINST RAYMOND GOLD TO BE DROPPED

Dear Attorney-General,

I write to bring to your attention the case of Raymond Gold; a human rights defender in Irede Community, Lagos. Raymond Gold is currently facing two separate trials filed against him by Integrated Oil and Gas Ltd. The cases against Raymond Gold are only because he asked Integrated Oil and Gas Ltd to carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) on the area they were dredging in preparation for the set-up of an oil refinery and submit the report to the government. The assessment and report are a requirement under Nigerian law and without it there could be long lasting negative effects for the community living around the area. Therefore, Raymond Gold was only trying to defend the rights of the people in his community.

I urge you as the Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice to ensure that the criminal charges against Raymond Gold are dropped and his trials are discontinued as they are only because of his human rights work.

Thank you in advance for your time on this urgent matter.

Sincerely,