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Rt. Hon. Rotimi Chibuike Amaechi
The Executive Governor,
Rivers State Government,
Government House,
Port Harcourt,

Dear Rotimi Chibuike Amaechi,

Release Charles Jaja, Mazi Chukwuladi and Georgewill Enefaa, and Stop Further Arrests of Student activists now

On behalf of the **Centre for Environment, Human Rights and Development (CEHRD)**, we write to express our grave concern over the continued detentions of the above student activists of the **Rivers State University of Science and Technology (RSUST)**, Nkpolu, Port Harcourt who were abducted from their various homes since early December, 2009 by the State Security Services (SSS), Nigeria's secret police.

On October 20 and 29, 2009 respectively the above progressive students joined other of their colleagues to protest the abysmal poor management of the state owned university led by Prof. Barineme Bekae Faka, the Vice-Chancellor of the institution .The protests which CEHRD monitored were largely peaceful and non-violent in spite of the excessive force employed

by rampaging and lawless officials of the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) invited by the school authority. The police invaded the student campus in Gestapo style, and committed gross acts of violence and violations against poor protesting and non-protesting students.

Not satisfied with such savagery, progressive student activists identified as arrow heads of the protest movement are secretly kidnapped from their hideout and held in SSS torture cells. CEHRD was reliably informed that Charles Jaja, part 5 student of the Petroleum Engineering Department, Mazi Lucky Chukwuladi, part 3 of the Marine Engineering Department and Georgewill Enefaa, part 3 of the Law Faculty arrested last night are currently held in SSS solitary confinement. And sadly, that more 21 student activists are being witch-hunted because of the protests. We urge you to stop these abductions and intimidation forth with. Protest is part of progressive student tradition anywhere in the world. CEHRD condemns this unequivocally and calls for an end to this.

While pleading with you to pressurize your security officials to stop further abduction and detentions of more student activists of the institution. However, if such act continues, we assure you that we will explore every constitutional instrument at our disposal to get justice for these victims, and stop these illegalities.

We crave your co-operation in this direction urgently.

Thanks,

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