

**Statement by the**  
**The Indigenous People of Biafra**  
**Mr. Nnamdi Kanu**  
**At the**  
**Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Hearing**  
**Conflict and Killings in Nigeria's Middle Belt**

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I am pleased at the attention by the august Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission of the United States Congress to the plight of Nigerians and the Indigenous Peoples of Biafra and welcome their attention to human rights in Nigeria. Every single day, my brothers and sisters, Christians and Jews and other religious minorities, are being targeted indiscriminately and are the victims of human rights abuses at the hands of Boko Haram and Fulani militants.

It is long overdue for leaders around the world to hold the Nigerian government accountable for its brutality and history of human rights abuses. The actions of SARS are illustrative of the systemic violent persecution that men, women and children throughout Nigeria face. While we appreciate the vocal support from the international community, this brutal regime must be stopped through action, not just words.

Worse, the Nigerian government is not only allowing these atrocities to take place, they are empowering these extremists who are terrorizing our communities and killing our people. My great hope is that leaders around the world open their eyes to this and begin to hold the Nigerian government accountable for its brutality and history of human rights abuses.

For the Indigenous People of Biafra, we celebrate human rights every single day because we understand how precious life is.

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