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GOVERNOR SULE'S LAWSUIT: WHY WE MUST RALLY BEHIND PROFESSOR ZACHARYS GUNDU

Angbianev,

The hour of Hôôn Se Kpe has come. For too long, we have endured the brutal killings, displacement, and dispossession of our people. Our ancestral lands have been violently occupied, our brothers and sisters reduced to despair in IDP camps, while armed herders, sheltered and protected by our neighbors in Nasarawa State, continue their unchecked atrocities. It is no secret that these aggressors strike from Nasarawa and retreat there with impunity.

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Yet, when our illustrious son, Professor Zacharys Gundu, gave voice to this undeniable truth at the News Central Townhall titled "*Crisis in the Heartland: Ending the Cycle of Violence in Benue*", Governor Abdullahi Sule's response was not one of reflection or responsibility, but of intimidation. Instead of addressing the plight of the Tiv people, he chose the path of suppression, dragging Prof. Gundu to court in a frivolous lawsuit designed to silence not just one man, but an entire people.

Let us be clear. This lawsuit is not merely against Prof. Gundu. It is an attack on every Tiv man, woman, and child who has ever dared to speak out against injustice. It is a calculated assault on free speech, a distortion of truth, and a shameful attempt to erase the lived reality of our suffering. To imagine that our collective pain could be silenced by legal intimidation is to profoundly misunderstand the Tiv spirit.

Let the world hear us clearly: **the Tiv voice cannot and will not be silenced.**

Prof. Gundu's words did not come from personal grievance. They carried the anguish, the history, and the truth of a people under siege. His voice is our voice. His courage is our courage, and now, his burden must be our shared responsibility.

This is not the time for silence or passivity. This is the time for unity. We call upon all Tiv sons and daughters, at home and abroad, to rise in solidarity. Stand with Prof. Gundu not only with words, but with action, whether moral, legal, financial, and spiritual. This is a **CALL TO ACTION.**

MUTA, on behalf of the Tiv people in the diaspora, will marshal every resource available, including legal, diplomatic, and otherwise, to ensure that this attempt to muzzle us fails. The warrior spirit of our ancestors remains alive within us, and it shall guide us as we defend truth, dignity, and justice.

In courage and solidarity,

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