



**FACING CHARGES FOR PROTESTING
POLICE VIOLENCE**

IMOLEAYO MICHAEL
Nigeria

Imoleayo Michael, facing ordeals after protesting police violence in 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, in the early hours of November 13, 20 armed men raided Imoleayo's home. 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 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 also forced to sleep on a bare floor.

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.

WRITE TO NIGERIA'S AUTHORITIES

Tell them to drop all charges against Imoleayo immediately.

TO: Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice

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SALUTATION: Honorable Attorney General
of the Federation

SHOW IMOLEAYO HE IS NOT ALONE

Write him a message of friendship and support. Take a photo of it and post it on your social media channels, tagging him as shown below and using the hashtag #FreeImoleAyo.

TWITTER: @imoleayomichael (tag @AmnestyNigeria)

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/adeyeun
(tag @ainigeria)

Sample letters can be found at *on the back of this sheet*

or at: <https://amnestysacramento.org/write4rights>

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