



ECOWAS STATEMENT ON GUINEA BISSAU - 10 OCTOBER 2013

The ECOWAS Commission has learnt with concern and dismay the mob attack perpetrated on 8 October 2013 against the diplomatic mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in Bissau and the fatal lynching of her nationals in the capital.

It is regrettable that at a time when ECOWAS and its Member States, in particular Nigeria, are leaving no stone unturned in the efforts to keep Guinea Bissau solvent and resolve the multiple crises facing her, misguided hoodlums in the country would turn against Community citizens in such such despicable manner.

The Commission unreservedly condemns this reprehensible act and calls on the Transitional Authorities to thoroughly investigate the incident with a view to shedding light on it and bringing the perpetrators to justice. It also conveys its heartfelt condolences and sympathy to the Government and people of Nigeria, and to the bereaved and victims of this outrage. ECOWAS firmly believes in adherence to the rule of law and the resolution of any suspected crimes through the judicial process.

ECOWAS reaffirms its commitment, in cooperation with the rest of the International Community, to facilitating the restoration of constitutional order in Guinea Bissau by 31 December 2013 to pave the way for urgent reforms aimed at ending impunity and institutionalized instability in the country.

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