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To whom It may concern

We would like to bring your attention to the current actions of the Gambia Government, slowly bringing back dictatorship. We have also recalled that, the former European Union ambassador in the Gambia, **Attila Lajos**, made a statement before our protest was held on 26th January 2020. He said, quote '**EU will never support any group who want to change the Government of the Gambia forcefully**'. We believe that **Attila Lajos'** statements stoke Adama Barrow's government to harm peaceful protesters. Our executives were sent to prison as a result.

We were offended by these remarks because we do not have weapons to forcefully disrupt democracy. We were simply exercising our rights as citizens to remind a mandate that was signed by then, Adama Barrow of the coalition government. We are one of the most peaceful pressure group in the region of Africa. We are unique pressure group with substance and intellect. We simply implemented, the '**Sections 25, subsection D**', of our constitution.

As you may have known, we became the largest crowd in the history of Gambia to resist the crippling of dictatorship in the Gambia, by the Adama Barrow government. Citizens of all works of life took to the streets exercising their civil duties, on December 16th, 2019 to deliver a petition letter to Adama Barrow. This petition letter was to remind him, of the 2016 MOU (Memorandum of Understanding), on the number of terms that he would serve to ensure that there is **Electoral reform, Institutional reform, Security reform, Health Sector reform** and **New Constitution**, by the people and for the people.

Adama Barrow for four years now, have failed to achieve these reforms and now has formed his political party. This does not make sense to citizens, but he is using his influence of power, money, nepotism, and corruption to stay in power.

When there was no acknowledgment from the government of our plight, we came out again on January 26th, 2020. The march was scheduled at 11am and during the assembly around 10:30 am, the security forces under the leadership of Adama Barrow, came with live bullets and tear gases to disperse the crowd. Many got wounded including **Abdou Darboe**, whose jaw was broken. He was hit with bricks by the security forces and permanently got disabled in the function of chewing hard foods.

Binta Nyabally was chased all the way to the neighboring homes, pulled out and sexually harassed, by male security personnel spanking of her bottoms throughout until she was put in the vehicle while the cameras were on. The chairman of the pressure group and 10 other executives were arrested and jailed without any charges.

Victory came on us on 02/09/2021 when our executives were acquitted and discharged by the Banjul Magistrate court. To our dismay, they were rearrested right after their discharge and freedom.

We are also aware that **European Union** is funding the presence of ECOMIG security forces in the Gambia until now. Adama Barrow continue to delay a meaningful security reform and undermining his own citizens due to his political ambitions and obstructing the oxygen of democracy that the citizens fought for. This was how Yahya Jammeh started and we do not want to be in that situation anymore.

Please intervene with the Gambia government to give a good reason why a citizen can be freed and charged again of the same charges that they were freed from?

We are looking forward to your responds at, **info@operation3yearsjotna.com**. We thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

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