

Media release

The Okomu Board of Directors wishes to assure all its shareholders and stakeholders that, despite ongoing unrest and further attacks occurring within the company, it continues to operate normally on a day-to-day basis.

Monday 3rd June 2024.

Since the 6th and 7th of May 2024, when respectively 3 of our workers were murdered in our rubber plantation and 4 were injured, after hoodlums attacked one of our workers' estates on the plantation, there have been several other incidents, both within and without the company's boundaries, being perpetrated by the same group of hoodlums.

We, the Management and Board of Directors of the Okomu Oil Palm Company Plc (the "Company") felt it pertinent to inform our stakeholders on further incidents in and around our company following the unfortunate attacks on the company on 6th and 7th May 2024.

One week after those tragic incidents, the same hoodlums attacked AT&P Community (Marioghionba) which borders our company's eastern boundary, killing a worker from our company and burning houses and vehicles. These hoodlums further identified themselves as the "Okomu Kingdom Ijaw Freedom Fighters" in a notice left for the authorities wherein they stated that they were fighting the government for their land, which included the likes of our company, the Okomu National Park and the Rubber Estates of Nigeria, Limited.

On the 14th of May 2024, the same hoodlums extended these attacks to members of their own communities along our company's southern boundary on the Okomu River, namely the Okomu Ijaw Community, IK Community and Edonghan Community, where they injured numerous inhabitants and burnt vehicles, boats and houses belonging to the communities and government.

The Edo State Government, in collaboration with the Nigerian Police Force and Nigerian Army, have subsequently taken care of the area and have initiated a lockdown of movement in order to minimize any further attacks whilst they endeavor to bring the hoodlums to book. Our company continues to collaborate with the security agencies whilst they protect our workers and the company's property enabling us to carry on functioning optimally despite the ongoing threats precedent in the area.

Therefore, notwithstanding the ongoing unrest in our area, we thank you, our shareholders and our stakeholders for the confidence and support that you have demonstrated to us under these trying circumstances which has enabled us to carry on undisturbed. We assure you that we shall not succumb to any form of intimidation or terrorism and shall ensure that all role players in our company are free and safe to do business or to work with us, now and in the future.

Once again, we extend our sincerest condolences during this time of profound grief to the families and loved ones of the deceased.

Signed:



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