

Tinubu's Three Years Worst Period for Nigerians -HURIWA

...Says Nigerians Face Hardship, Insecurity, Rights Abuses and Economic Decline

The Human Rights Writers Association of Nigeria (HURIWA) has delivered a scathing assessment of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's administration as it marks its third anniversary in office, describing the period as one of severe economic hardship, worsening insecurity, alleged human rights violations and declining living standards. In a statement signed by its National Coordinator, Comrade Emmanuel Onwubiko, the civil rights advocacy group said millions of Nigerians are enduring one of the most difficult periods in the country's democratic history. According to HURIWA, the administration's promise of "Renewed Hope" has failed to translate into meaningful improvements in the lives of ordinary citizens. "The third anniversary of the

administration of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu offers Nigerians a painful opportunity to reflect on what has become one of the most difficult periods in the nation's democratic history," the group stated. HURIWA argued that key economic policies introduced by the government, including the removal of fuel subsidy and the floating of the naira, have triggered soaring inflation, weakened the national currency and significantly reduced the purchasing power of citizens. "The removal of fuel subsidy, the floating of the naira, spiraling inflation, and the persistent depreciation of the national currency have severely weakened the purchasing power of citizens," the statement noted. The group said the consequences have been widespread, with food prices, transportation costs, medicines and educational materials becoming increasingly unaffordable for many Nigerians.

across both urban and rural communities. On security, HURIWA expressed concern over the continued activities of terrorists, bandits, kidnappers and violent criminal groups across different parts of the country. "The continuous attacks on farming communities, the destruction of livelihoods, and the inability of citizens to freely travel on several highways remain a grave indictment of the nation's security architecture," the organization said. The rights group also raised concerns over allegations of extrajudicial killings, torture, unlawful detentions and enforced disappearances allegedly linked to some security agencies. It specifically referenced complaints surrounding the operations of the Tiger Base police facility in Owerri, Imo State, calling for transparent investigations and accountability. "The continued cries of affected families demand transparent investigations, accountability, and justice," HURIWA stated. On corruption, the group argued that public confidence in government transparency remains low, citing concerns about public finance management, procurement processes and the operations of the Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPCL). HURIWA said the perceived gap between the sacrifices demanded of citizens and the privileges enjoyed by government officials has further widened public distrust.

The organization also criticized the power sector, saying millions of Nigerians continue to experience unreliable electricity supply despite repeated promises of reform. It added that the education and healthcare sectors remain underfunded, while many young Nigerians increasingly view migration abroad as the only option for a better future. HURIWA further warned that growing ethnic, religious and regional divisions could threaten national unity if not properly addressed. "Three years into this administration, Nigerians deserve honest answers. They deserve a government that prioritizes security, protects human rights, combats corruption without fear or favour, strengthens democratic institutions, and creates opportunities for citizens to prosper," the group said. The organization called for an urgent reassessment of governance priorities and demanded concrete actions to tackle insecurity, human rights violations, economic challenges, corruption and institutional inefficiency. "Nigeria deserves leadership that protects lives, respects rights, safeguards public resources, and restores hope to the people," HURIWA added.



It further lamented that businesses are shutting down, unemployment remains high and poverty has deepened