



## INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF BIAFRA

### DECLARATION OF THE NATION OF BIAFRA: MAY 30 1967

Fellow countrymen and women, you, the people of Eastern Nigeria: Conscious of the supreme authority of Almighty God over all mankind, of your duty to yourselves and posterity;

Aware that you can no longer be protected in your lives and in your property by any Government based outside Eastern Nigeria; Believing that you are born free and have certain inalienable rights which can best be preserved by yourselves.

Unwilling to be unfree partners in any association of a political or economic nature;

Rejecting the authority of any person or persons other than the Military Government of Eastern Nigeria to make any imposition of whatever kind or nature upon you;

Determined to dissolve all political and other ties between you and the former Federal Republic of Nigeria;

Prepared to enter into such association, treaty or alliance with any sovereign state within the former Federal Republic of Nigeria and elsewhere on such terms and conditions as best to subserve your common good;

Affirming your trust and confidence in me;

Having mandated me to proclaim on your behalf, and in your name, that Eastern Nigeria be a sovereign independent Republic,

Now, therefore, I, Lieutenant-Colonel Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu, Military Governor of Eastern Nigeria, by virtue of the authority, and pursuant to the principles, recited above, do hereby solemnly proclaim that the territory and region known as and called Eastern Nigeria together with her continental shelf and territorial waters shall henceforth be an independent sovereign state of the name and title of "The Republic of Biafra". And I do declare that-

- i. all political ties between us and the Federal Republic of Nigeria are hereby totally dissolved;
- ii. all subsisting contractual obligations entered into by the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria or by any person, authority or organization or government acting on its behalf, with any person, authority or organization operating, or relating to any matter or thing, within the Republic of Biafra, shall henceforth be deemed to be entered into with the Military Governor of the Republic of Biafra for and on behalf of the Government and people of the republic of Biafra, and the covenants thereof shall, subject to this Declaration, be performed by the parties according to their tenor;



25<sup>th</sup> May 2017

## THE BIAFRAN GENOCIDE 50 YEARS ON

To

- ❖ The United Nations Secretary General
- ❖ The President United Nations Security Council
- ❖ The President United Nations General assembly
- ❖ The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- ❖ Distinguished World Leaders
- ❖ The Chairperson African Union
- ❖ The President of the European Union
- ❖ International Human Rights organizations

Your Excellencies

The indigenous people of Biafra (IPOB) as its name connotes are Biafrans resident in Biafraland and in the Diaspora with the sole objective of exploring and utilizing every available legal framework and universally guaranteed rules to assert its right to self-determination and to determining its own economic, political, legal and cultural systems in a sovereign and independent Biafran nation. The Directorate of State (DoS) of the Indigenous People of Biafra is the institution responsible for overseeing the day to day affairs of the IPOB worldwide.

Fifty (50) years on, the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) under the leadership of "Onyendu Mazi Nnamdi Kanu", are on this date the 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2017 commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> year centenary of the Biafran Genocide. The horrors of 1966-1970 are once again very contemporary in the memories of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB). During the period in question, hundreds of thousands of Biafrans were first slaughtered through a well planned, well coordinated and well executed pogrom of Biafran people living outside of Biafraland and resident in other parts of Nigeria. Then millions were murdered by the barrel of the gun while millions more especially women and children were starved systematically to death in a most brutal form of genocide in modern African history. As the dust of the terror unleashed upon the IPOB settled, over five million Biafran lives, HUMAN lives were wasted while Biafran towns, villages and cities were devastated and in complete ruin. What was the crime of the Indigenous People of Biafra, why would a people be exterminated in such a mass and with such viciousness? Their crime was their desire and hunger for liberty and freedom. They desired to live in dignity in the land of their ancestors. Humanity betrayed its essence as it watched unconcerned and unmoved by the Biafran people's suffering while their annihilation unfolds before the very eyes of the world community.

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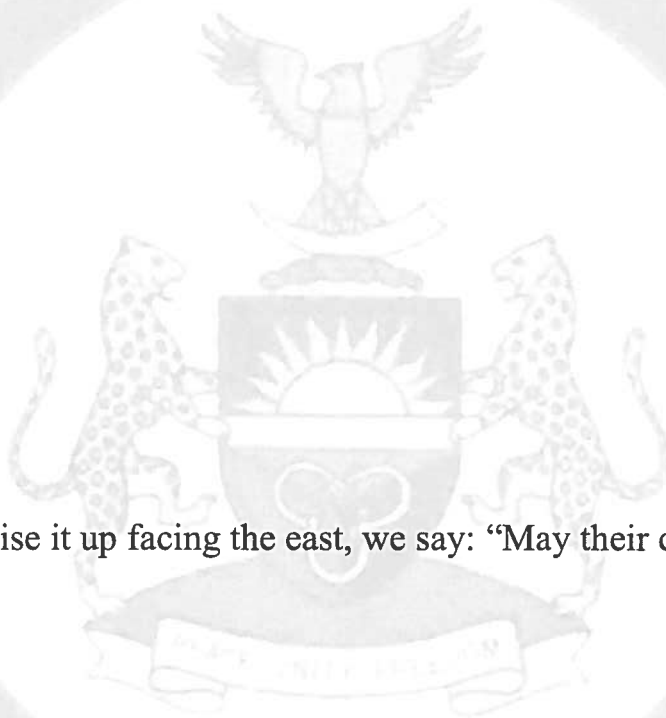
### SECOND POST READER:

1. The Souls of the righteous are in the hand of GOD, and there shall be no more torment touching them. 2. In the sight of the unwise they seem to die, and their departure is taken for misery. 3. And their going from us to be utter destruction, but they are in peace. 4. For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is there hope full of immortality. 5. And having been a little chastened, they shall be greatly rewarded for GOD proved them, and found them worthy for HIMSELF.

We remember our brothers and sisters whose sacrifice kept the dream of Biafra based on truth, love and justice alive we remember;

Capt. Chukwueke  
Lt. E. C. N. Achebe  
2/Lt. E. Ogbonnaye  
Lt.Col. G. O. Okonweze  
Lt. G. O. Mbabie  
Capt. H. A. Iloputaife  
Major I. E. Ekanem  
Lt.Col. I. C. Okoro  
Capt. I. U. Idika  
Major J. I. Obienu  
Major J. O. C. Ihedigbo

Using a lighted candle, raise it up facing the east, we say: "May their courage be our inspiration and strength."





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**THIRD POST READER:** Fellow Biafrans, we are called upon by the most solemn admonition to uncertainty of human life and inevitable termination of all earthly pursuits; for we gather to pay a last farewell to our heroes, the brave Men and Women who died that we may live. These last offices and honor paid to our dead provide us an opportunity to express our sense of loss and to offer a tribute to their memory, while they enable us likewise to bear witness to our belief in the immortality of the soul.

For Life cut short and vision unrealized; we remember:

Lt. J. D. Ovuezirie

Lt. J. U. Ugba

Capt. Jonathan Egere

Lt. K. Day Waribor

Capt. L. C. Dillibe

Major Obi

Major O. Isong

Capt. P. C. Okoye

2/Lt P. K. Onyeneho

2/Lt. P. D. Ekediyi

Lt. S. E. Onwukwe

Capt. S. E. Mmaduabum

Major T. E. Nzegwu

Lt. P. O. Ibik

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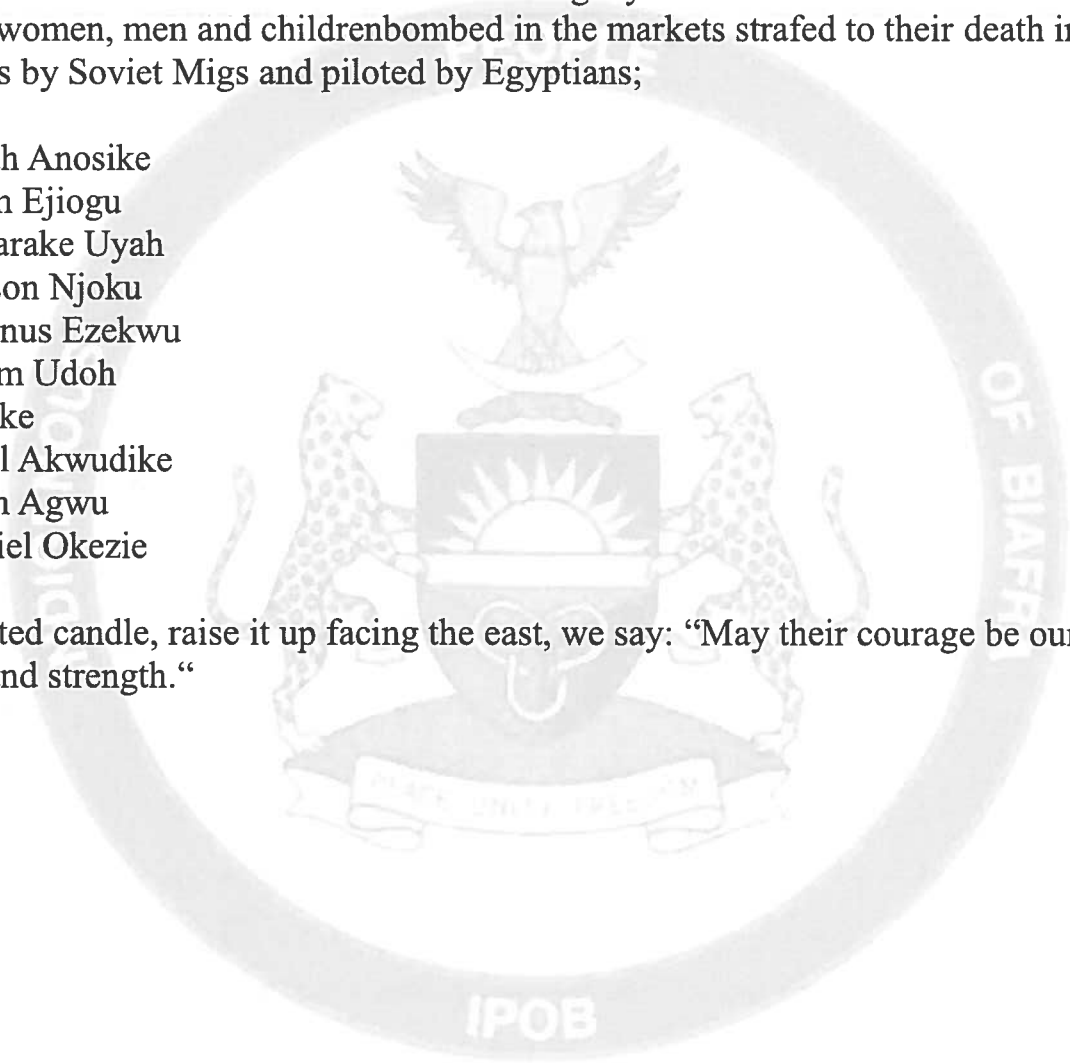
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### FOUR POST READER:

In particular they remind us that our lives are to be leaved in accordance with DIVINE providence and ready to lay it down for the course of Biafra and salvation of humanity, that we are diligently to work While it is yet day, so that when the call comes to lay down our tools, we may be found ready to enter into the Kingdom of CHI-UKWU ABIAMA (GOD) where in HIS Light we shall see Light. We remember the fallen of our Biafran Armed services; we remember the victims of terror and tragedy. We remember the millions of defenseless women, men and children bombed in the markets strafed to their death in schools and hospitals by Soviet Migs and piloted by Egyptians;

W.O. 1 Elijah Anosike  
S/Sgt. Ewom Ejiogu  
W.O. 11 Ndarake Uyah  
S/Sgt. Davison Njoku  
S/Sgt. Sylvanus Ezekwu  
Sgt. Evan Jim Udoh  
Cpl. Pius Dike  
Cpl. Michael Akwudike  
Cpl. Johnson Agwu  
L/Cpl. Gabriel Okezie

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### FIFTH POST READER:

While we sorrow for our loss, let us lift up our hearts in thanks giving for their sacrifice, fight well fought, life well spent, and work well done; And let us humbly pray that we may be given grace, strength and wisdom to enable us perform our duty in partway of Biafra quest and of life's service. May the darkness of their loss not obscure the light of our peace. They were in love with the land of Biafra and were in love with life. For the agony, the tears, the mothers and the fathers, for the children who were and the children yet to be. We remember;

L/Cpl. David Ishikwuma

Pt. Fidelis Onyekwe

Pt. Mba Iroha

Sgt. Celestine Okafor

L/Cpl. William Olani

Pt. Innocent

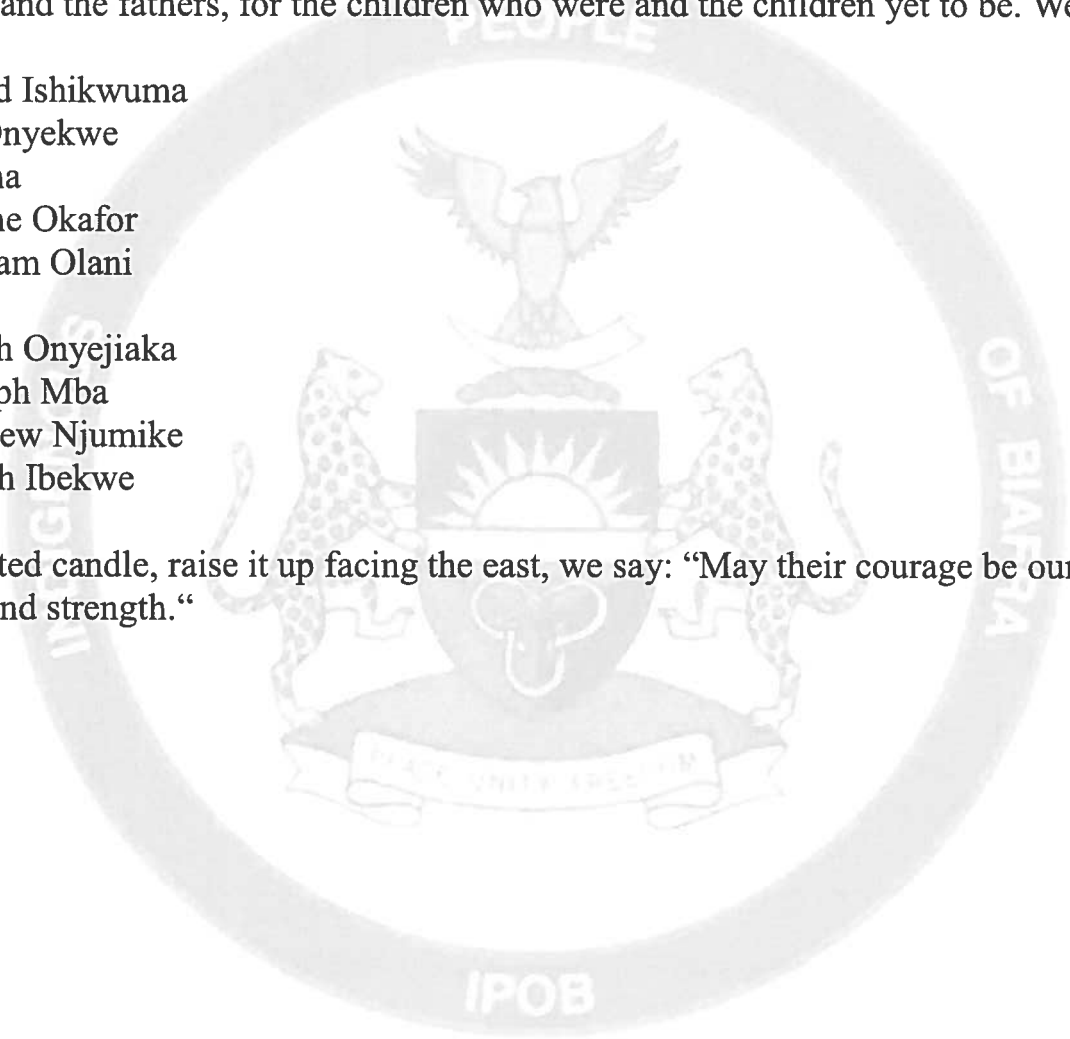
L/Cpl. Josiah Onyejiaka

W.O. 1 Joseph Mba

L/Cpl. Mathew Njumike

S/Sgt. Joseph Ibekwe

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### SIXTH POST READER:

By the Light of divine countenance we shall then pass without fear in the face of our adversaries through the valley of the shadow, and at last shall receive the reward of true virtue, of truth and honesty and acquire the possession of Biafra land and of an immortal inheritance. For death cannot keep us from the face of CHI-UKWU ABIAMA(GOD), Whose strong grip will free us from Nigeria bondage and lift us out of shadows into the Light that cannot die.

In the numberless towns and villages in Nigeria and the rest of Africa and elsewhere in Europe and Asia where we have lived in too many of them we have endured cruel suffering died in the hands of our fellow human beings just because of who we are we remember:

S/Sgt. Afogboro  
S/Sgt. Peter Bassey  
Sgt. Robert Bassey  
Sgt. Michael Uche  
Sgt. Boniface Njemanze  
Cpl. Timothy Isienyi  
Cpl. Sunday Amaoli  
Cpl. Anthony Amaoli  
Cpl. Paul Udakwu  
Cpl. Festus Nwaodika

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**SEVENTH POST READER:** Generations of victims and martyrs; still their blood cries out from the earth: What can we say? What can we do? How do we bear the unbearable, or accept what life has for our people? We know that all that was born must die, but how do we compare the slow passage of time with the callous slaughter and the starvation of the millions of innocent cut off before their time. They lived with faith and hope. Not all but most. And surely most died with faith in God Chukwu Abiama, in life, in the goodness that even flames cannot destroy. May we find a way to increase the strength of that faith, that trust, that sure sense that life and soul endure beyond this body's death.

We remember;  
Cpl. William Agbata  
Cpl. Okorie Agwu  
Cpl. Wilfred Azubuike  
Cpl. Reginald Green  
Cpl. Joseph Adaka  
L/Cpl. Silas Uzomba  
LCpl. Maurice Ibekwe  
Pt. Joseph Ibe  
Pt. Conelius Uwuoha  
Pt. John Ekejuba

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Almighty and Most Merciful CHUKWUABIAMA, OKIKE (GOD); in WHOM we live and move and have our being, and before WHOM all men must hereafter appear to render an account of the deeds done in the body, we do most earnestly beseech THEE, to impress upon our minds the solemnities and infamy of this day. May we ever remember that in the midst of life we are in death, and so live and act our separate parts that we may have no cause for sorrow or fear when the hour of departure is at hand. And on this we commit our Being in pursuit of Biafra Nation that the Souls of those who have died may find rest in YOUR PRESENCE.