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Dear DG,

## THE STATE OF INSECURITY IN BAUCHI STATE AND NEED TO INTERROGATE AIR MARSHALL SADIQUE ABUBAKAR

We bring warm greetings to your esteemed personality and commend your patriotism and dedication to the Nigerian cause in service to our dear nation.

This letter became necessary as an avenue to bring to your attention the renewed onslaught by Boko Haram terrorists and splinter groups in Bauchi state in recent times. We are concerned that if urgent steps are not taken, the state will experience a phenomenal disruption of socio-economic activities and subsequent threat to human lives and properties.

As a group, we have extensively x-rayed the spate of insecurity in Bauchi state and the various indices points in the direction of the governorship candidate of the All Progressive Congress, Air Marshal Sadique Abubakar, Rtd.

Our position is hinged on the blatant and arrogant display of power and affluence, with known supporters of his oppressing and coercing state citizens into submission to the whims and caprices of Air Marshal Sadique Abubakar.

It is indeed a worrisome trend in the state, and it is such an aberration that a former service chief could be reckless enough to deploy violence as an electoral strategy for the gubernatorial elections in the State.

It is on record that Air Marshal Sadique has equipped a militant group with which he utilizes to oppress dissenting voices in the state that have questioned his strategy towards winning the elections in the state.

A good example was how he blackmailed fellow aspirants in the APC at the gubernatorial primaries into submission. Those that opposed his ambition were meted with violence in their communities.

The state is now surrounded by groups believed to be offspring of the dreaded Boko Haram group. These groups operate at the behest of Air Marshal Sadique Abubakar. They are also well-armed and sometimes adorn military camouflage in their various operations in wreaking havoc on communities and settlements, all to coerce these settlements into submission and acceptance of his gubernatorial ambition.

It is, therefore, curious that Bauchi state has not known peace since Air Marshal Sadique Abubakar won the nomination of the APC. As a fact, his supposed victory was celebrated with sporadic gunshots in different parts of the state.

Even in his convoy, it is common to see gun touting individuals that are not known security operatives, operating freely in the full glare of the general public, the sophistication of their arms and ammunition. And they bore every resemblance to the Boko Haram terrorist group in their dressing and operational pickup vehicles with suggestive Arabic inscriptions.

It is indeed a dire situation in Bauchi State, and Air Marshal Sadique Abubakar and his cronies have instituted a reign of terror in different parts of the state through covert sponsorship of the operations of terror groups. The various indices point in the direction of Air Marshal Sadique Abubakar as the sponsor of the renewed spate of insecurity in the state.

Consequently, we are left with no choice but to appeal for the interrogation of Air Marshal Sadique Abubakar to ascertain his complicity and culpability in the recent surge in insecurity in Bauchi state. We fear that if the situation is allowed to fester, Bauch State might erupt in violence and become the new operational headquarters for terrorist groups.

We are calling on the DSS to launch an investigation into the spate of insecurity in Bauchi state by interrogating Air Marshal Sadique Abubakar to tell us what he knows about the presence of armed groups in strategic locations around the state.

It is also our prayer that in the event of facts that Air Marshal Sadique Abubakar is behind the various terror groups in the state, he should be made to face the full wrath of the law.

Bauchi state is bleeding at the moment. People are being killed and maimed daily, and no one is safe anymore with this renewed onslaught. Our greatest fear is the disruption of the fragile socio-economic activities in the state, which would have unpleasant consequences for the state and the country at large.

We trust that you would use your good office to institute an inquiry into the state of insecurity in Bauchi state, as no none should be seen to be above the law.

While we anticipate a favourable response, please accept the assurances of our highest regard.

Signed:



**Comrade Ajibade Moses Adebayo**  
Convener