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Socialist Labour Condemns the unlawful arrest of Comrade Hassan Taiwo Soweto and other Peaceful Protesters in Lagos State.

Stop the Demolitions!

Defend the right to peaceful protest!

Socialist Labour condemns the unlawful arrest of Comrade Hassan Taiwo Soweto and other peaceful protesters against forced demolitions of workers' homes in Lagos State.

On Wednesday, 28/1/26 the Lagos State Police unlawfully arrested Comrade Hassan Taiwo Soweto, workers and other ordinary people who reside in Makoko, Ajegunle, Oworonshoki and other communities where workers and ordinary people reside in Lagos state who were peacefully protesting against the illegal demolition of their homes at the Lagos State House of Assembly.

The Chairman, House Committee on Information, Strategy and Security, Otunba Ogundipe Stephen Olukayode, led a group of legislators to try and convince the protesters to abort the demonstration at the Assembly gate. The Commissioner of Police, CP Owonikoko, joined in this effort to abort the peaceful demonstration. Comrade Soweto and other protesters responded with logical arguments affirming their legal and constitutional rights to protest as Nigerian citizens and Lagos State Residents.

The Police resorted to the use of force, when they could not win the verbal arguments with the protesters. They attacked, brutalized and tear gassed the peaceful protesters. They arrested Comrade Soweto and other protesters for exercising their constitutional freedom to peaceful assembly and protest as well as their freedom of speech.

The Lagos State Government must stop its demolition of homes of ordinary or poor people, including workers, and its drive to increase the number of homeless workers in Lagos State. The homes of workers and other segments of poor people in Lagos State cannot be demolished to make room for political cronies, ground rent collectors, fake real estate developers and other agents of economic underdevelopment.

Socialist Labour demands the immediate release of Comrade Soweto and other peaceful protesters from police custody. We call on Nigerian workers, trade unions, resident associations who are victims of arbitrary and unconscious demolitions, and other Civil Society Organizations to join the resistance against the demolition of their homes and all State sponsored attacks against our freedom to peaceful assembly, to protest and to speak against all forms of injustice and oppression.

Free Comrade Soweto and all other anti-demolition Protesters!

In solidarity!

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