

# MASSOB not violent — Secretary

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**M**OVEMENT for the Actualization of Sovereign State of Biafra (MASSOB) in Anambra State has cried out against allegation of violence levelled against the group by the state Commissioner of Police, Mr. John Haruna.

The group said in a statement, signed by the group's National Secretary, Prince Isigwe Akpa, that it is non-violent in its agitating for peaceful liberation of their father land.

"MASSOB is practising and teaching total peace and non-violence, we are God-fearing and has nothing to do with any form of fetish. The international community has recognized MASSOB, the only movement in Africa agitation for freedom through non-violence," said the statement.

MASSOB in the statement alleged that over 2,800 innocent members of the group were murdered during the mayhem in Onitsha by the combined team of soldiers and police under the command of Mr. Haruna.

The group urged the senate to summon the commissioner to explain to the whole world, what happened to the decomposed bodies, shown on the night of Friday,

October 6, on AIT Network News.

He also appealed to world leaders to advise the Federal Government and its agencies to put a stop to the frequent harassment of the group.

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**A**FRICAN health experts, yesterday in Brazzaville advocated improved community participation for effective health care delivery in the continent.

They also urged governments to ensure 10 per cent representation of community members at health boards in addition to regular reviews of national hospital policies.

Delegates from 14 countries and the Network of Hospitals in Africa, Indian Ocean and the Caribbean (RESHOAC) stated this Wednesday in Brazzaville, Congo, at the just concluded meeting on strengthening the role of hospitals in nation health systems in the