

MASSOB Protests Detention of Members

The Movement for the Actualization of the Sovereign State of Biafra, (MASSOB), has protested against the alleged massacre of over 2000 of its members and detention of several others in different prisons in the country without trial. Addressing a press conference in Calabar Tuesday, the Regional Administrator of MASSOB, Mr Sylvester Okafor said that despite this figure the Federal Government of Nigeria "is still carrying out more arrests with the intention to clamp into detention more MASSOB members. Okafor, who was accompanied by large number of members of the Movement recalled that "on March 29, 2003, MASSOB members were massacred at Okigwe by Nigerian security agents yet the Obasanjo administration did not do anything about it while 1044 others were killed at Onitsha massacre in 2006/2007". Similarly, he said MASSOB members "were killed at Aba and Owerri just to mention a few while the detailed list of those killed can be found in the compiled booklet and the list does not include those languishing in different prison yards". He disclosed that MASSOB has commenced plans to have its members in Cross River State participate fully in a protest to actualize its independence from Nigeria and called on all Easterners, "to come out en-mass and partake in this peaceful protest to show the world that we are united with one resolve for freedom".