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The Origins & Progression of the #EndSARS 2020 Movement in Nigeria

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AGENDA

- Introduction of Speakers (Yemisi Dina)
- History of Nigeria (Femi Cadmus)
- Origins of #EndSARS (Femi Cadmus)
- Government Response (Oludayo Bamgbose)
- Comments from Association of African Law Library and Information Professionals (AfLLIP) (Oludayo Bamgbose)
- Q & A
- Closing Remarks (Errol Adams)

#EndSARS



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History of Nigeria



- Federal Republic located in West Africa
- Former British colony for 100 years
- Became an independent state on October 1, 1960
- Member of the Commonwealth
- Military and civilian rule since independence
- Emerging democracy
- Currently made up of 36 states and a Federal Capital Territory
- Estimated population of 200 million
- [Nigerian Constitution](#)

Origins

- Past history of police brutality
- History of abuse and harassment of civilians by members of SARS
- Indiscriminate killings, detention, extortion, rape

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/End_SARS

2020 TIMELINE

October 3

Twitter handle of SARS brutality in Ughelli, South East Nigeria

October 8

Mass protests across Nigerian cities by youths

October 10

IGP disbands SARS, replaced with SWAT

October 20

Lekki Shooting

Current

1. Presidential Address
2. Judicial Panel of Inquiry in selected states

Protesters on the streets



Protesters on the streets



Protesters at Lekki Toll Gate



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