

PRESS RELEASE  
OF

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THE CRITICAL INJURY TO HIS WIFE

(MRS ABIKE FAWEHINMI)

BY THE AIR FORCE.

Yesterday, Thursday 6th day of October, 1988 at about 9.00 p.m. after eating the dinner brought by my wife, Mrs Abike Fawehinmi, she left with the driver in my MAZDA LA 9299 SH. About one hundred yards from my house at Ikeja GRA, Block 9A Ademola Close, very close to Police Headquarters, an Air Force car number NAF 842551 A ferociously rammed into the MAZDA, crashing it beyond recognition. My wife was critically injured. About three seconds after the "accident", another car, a Federal Government 504 Peugeot No.3 FGN 2122 emerged virtually from nowhere, took my wife, who was then unconscious and bleeding profusely and dumped her in my premises. She was fully soaked in her own blood. My wife is four months pregnant. I then put her in my 505 Peugeot car and took her to Dr Falomo's Maryland Specialist Hospital, where she was admitted.

The Air Force car which hit my wife was driven by Lance Corporal Umoru Gambo, with Air Force Service Personnel Identification Card Number 4-11424 and his rank number is NAF 8213026. He is attached to S01 Admin., Ikeja. According to the service record found on him, he was born on the 3rd of July, 1960 and his height is 1.68 metres.

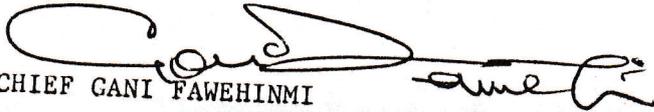
I will like the press to bear in mind the following events which occurred last year and this year:

1. On Sunday 16th August, 1987 I was beaten up along Airpor Road by members of the Navy when they accused me of not taking my car off a jammed road.
2. On Thursday 3rd March, 1988 the Attorney-General of Lagos State filed 4 (four) charges of Professional Misconduct against me before the Legal Practitioners Disciplinary Committee for criticising the judgment of Justice Longe for quashing the charge of murder against COL. HALILU AKILU and LT. COL. A.K. TOGUN.
3. On Wednesday 16th March, 1988 I was arrested by the S.D.I.I. Pantl Police Station and charged with Contempt of Court and released on Police bail.
4. On Thursday 17th March, 1988 I was formally charged at Chief Magistrate Court before Magistrate Kelani with criminal contempt and I was released on bail.
5. On that day Thursday 17th March, 1988, a strange man who posed as a Law Student amongst 48 (forty-eight) Law Students on attachment for the Law School was found out and when searched he was wearing two pairs of trousers - the inner trouser bore the number of the STATE DIRECTORATE OF INTELLIGENCE AND INVESTIGATION (S.D.I.I.NO. MD243).
6. On Friday 18th of March, 1988 COL. HALILU AKILU and LT. COL. A. K. TOGUN filed 3 (three) charges of Professional Misconduct against me before the Legal Practitioners Disciplinary Committee for accusing them of murder and for criticising their so called trial.
7. On Friday 22nd April, 1988 I was charged before Ikeja High Court No. 10 with Criminal defamation for alleged criticism of the judgment of Justice Longe for quashing the charge of murder preferred against COL. HALILU AKILU and LT. COL. A. K. TOGUN.
8. On Monday 2nd of May, 1988 one of my Night Guards by name Mallam Abubakare Gambo was knocked down by an unknown person near Oshodi market and taken by a Police Officer Corporal Godwin Ehoche No. 3134 to Ikeja General Hospital.

- On **Saturday 7th May, 1988** my Gardener Mr. Emmanuel Eziohuru was knocked down near our house by a vehicle belonging to the State Directorate of Intelligence and Investigation attached to Panti Police Station. The Police Officer involved was one Chibuzo Onuoha.
10. On **Friday 24th June, 1988** an attempt by 8 (eight) persons was made to burn my house at 28 Sabiu A Jose Crescent Surulere where my pregnant second wife with 4 (four) of my children live and also where I have books worth more than N1 m. Two of them were arrested and are still being kept by the Police.
  11. On **Wednesday 29th June, 1988** I was again charged with criminal defamation at Ikeja High Court.
  12. On **Wednesday 29th June, 1988** I was beaten up by a Security agent and I was subsequently detained by the Police.
  13. On **Thursday 30th June, 1988** I was charged before Chief Magistrate (Mrs) Adebajo with conduct likely to cause the breach of the peace and I was released on bail.
  14. On **Thursday 30th June, 1988** I was taken to Panti Police Station where Assistant Commissioner Mr. Odubela charged me with attempted arson to burn my own house.
  15. On the night of **Friday/Saturday 15/16th of July, 1988** my house at Ondo my home town was raided and vandalised by more than 8 (eight) hefty persons.
  16. On **Saturday the 10th of September 1988**, my International Passport No. A172238 was seized by the State Security Service at the Muritala Mohammed International airport, Ikeja when I was about to board the air plane to London. I could not go that day. The passport was returned the third day.
  17. On **Tuesday, the 27th of September 1988**, I arrived from London by British Airways flight No. 361 and I was immediately arrested by State Security Service Officers who searched me and luggages and seized my passport No. A172238.

#### CONCLUSION

It is significant to observe that October 19 is near. You will recall that it was on the 19th October, 1986 that Dele Giwa was bombed and since then, I have been at loggerheads with the Federal Government in my pursuit of justice as I have accused top Federal Government functionaries of the murder of Dele Giwa.

  
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