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Dear Comrade,

I am directed to write formally to congratulate you on the recent abrogation by the Federal Government of the Draconian Decree which banned you along with ten (10) other Comrades from participation in active Trade Unionism.

As you are well aware, right from the time this obnoxious Decree was promulgated, Congress has consistently agitated against it. This is because of our firm belief that the Decree was unjust and patently punitive. The annulment of this Decree therefore cannot but be welcomed by Congress. We feel highly justified to state here that the abrogation of this Decree is a clear vindication of the justness of the cause you stood for and for which Congress holds your name in high esteem.

It is therefore, our hope that in line with this understanding, Congress and the entire Nigerian workers will continue to enjoy your strong support and that your wealth of experience will as always be used in galvanising and consolidating the

Comrade Wahab Goodluck,

Accept hearty congratulations on lifting of ban on active trade unionism. Welcome back to labour frontline. The struggle continues!

E.A. Bello,  
Food Workers Union,  
Ikeja - Lagos.

Comrade Wahab Goodluck,

Hearty Congratulations for your freedom from Trade Union bondage. A testimony of your fearless but hard struggle for Nigerian workers survival.

May you live longer to reap the fruits of your labour.

A.O. Sadiku

Dear Mr. Wahab Goodluck,

It is with great pleasure to hear that

We congratulate you and look forward to your great leadership.

Yours Comradely,  
for and on behalf of the Progressives.

Dear Comrade,

The Kwara State Organ of Civil Service Technical Workers Union of Nigeria have mandated us to send her hearty Congratulatory Message to you on this year May-Day Bonanza, when the ban on you and other veteran Comrades was lifted by President Badamosi Babangida.

Comrade, now that you can contribute freely to the progress of the entire working class of this country, we hope you will not deny us that valuable contributions which can lead to immediate eradication of sufferings of the teeming masses of Nigeria and Africa as a whole.

The struggle continues.

Fraternally yours,  
J.S. Tanimowo,  
State Chairman

## 'We welcome the lift on the ban'

gains of the Nigerian Labour Movement.

Once again Comrade, accept our warm regards and heartfelt congratulation.

Fraternally yours,  
Dr. Lasisi A. Osunde,  
General Secretary (NLC)

Dear Comrade,

The Lagos State Administrative Council of our CSTWUN received with joy the news of the lifting of the ban hitherto imposed on you and ten other veteran Trade Unionists by the Obasanjo/Yar'Adua regime in 1977.

We received the news with joy as earlier said, but it does not come to us as a surprise, since our Union like all other progressive organisations in the country were convinced beyond all reasonable doubts that the ban was ill-motivated and not in the best interest of the workers in particular, and the labour movement generally.

Yours Comradely,  
Ayodele O. Elesho,  
Secretary.

the Federal Military Government had lifted ban on your involvement in active Unionism alongside with ten other colleagues.

Therefore, the entire staff of WAATECO Limited join other well-wishers to congratulate you and wish you long life, prosperity and more useful service to the nation and mankind in particular. It may also interest you to know that it is a mere coincidence that our letter to you was delayed till now that the ban was lifted because we would have sent the letter since Thursday, April 30.

We therefore consider the coincidence as a sign of many good things to come.

Yours faithfully,  
WAATECO Staff.

Dear Comrade,

We the entire progressive staff of the National Union of Hotels and Personal Services Workers hereby congratulate you and other progressive Trade Unionists in this Country for the hard, toiled for freedom and emancipation which the Nigerian workers have now won on the toil and blood and sweat of the Nigerian workers.

Dearest Comrade,

Kindly accept my hearty congratulatory message to you on the occasion of lifting the ban imposed on you and other veteran comrades.

Comradely yours,  
S.A. Bayero,  
Ministry of Works, Ilorin.

Dear Comrade,

We have heard with greatest pleasure the lifting of the ban placed on you and other Comrades by the Federal Military Government.

We join you like many other Trade Union Leaders in this country to remember your able late Comrade S.U. Bassey whose working class spirit we shall continue to remember. His achievements have now been installed with full honour.

We pledge our support for your great leadership and look forward to receiving you into our midst once again.

Yours sincerely,  
C.O. Farinloye,  
Secretary-General,  
(AAWUN).

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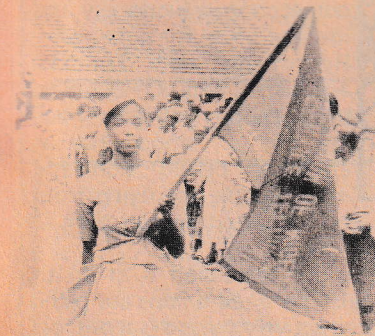
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'Women accuse some male unionists of being unable to appreciate the worth of their female counterparts. They say the men often pose: 'What do these women want?'

Women, it should be honestly pointed out, themselves often fail, even the active ones, to recognise their intrinsic worth and organise themselves and show that they are capable of leadership role."

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A female unionist

### AWO:



Late Pa Awolowo

### WHAT WENT WRONG?

The capital question which will continue to pose itself before researchers is: Why did Nigeria reject the services of someone they consider to be a great intellect at the time the people needed those services most?

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### MAY DAY DEMONSTRATION

"As a press statement of Congress of May 1987 said: "the protest of workers on the May Day, was crystally a manifestation of the expression of their frustration on the prevailing harsh economic conditions which have marginalized their existence beyond endurance."

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Dr. Osunde

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# 1,000,000 Nigerians are signing for a nuclear-free world ...



The Composite Campaign picture here comes from Akure, capital of Ondo State, where the Peace Signature Campaign is going on at present

... and for the survival of mankind

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