

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PANEL ON THE REFORM OF THE POLICE SPECIAL ANTI-ROBBERY SQUAD

1.0: Introduction

The Federal Government of Nigeria through the Office of the Acting President, Vice President Yemi Osibanjo, GCON, SAN, requested the National Human Rights Commission to constitute a Panel on the Reform of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) on 15th August, 2018. This followed the wide public outcry against the alleged human rights abuses by officers of SARS across the country. The NHRC inaugurated the panel on 28th August, 2018 with the mandate to investigate, make recommendations and advice government on the reform of SARS and the Nigeria Police Force (NPF). The Panel had three months to accomplish its assignment.

The allegations of human rights violations against officers of SARS were widely discussed among members of the public wide media interest. The allegations of human rights violations against officers of SARS led some Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to launch campaign and created a hash tag, **#EndSARS**, as the signature of the campaign. CSOs like CLEEN Foundation, in collaboration with the NHRC, commenced public hearings on SARS to press for accountability for alleged human rights violations. The discussions and debates on the relevance and service-value of the SARS featured on social media space.

The allegations of human rights violations bring to the fore the continued complaints against the performance of the police in Nigeria in general. The Federal Government was interested in ensuring that the SARS remains a responsible, responsive and human rights compliant agency of the police without disregard to the difficult task and dangers that police officers confront in the line of duty. Thus the constitution of the Presidential Panel on the Reform of SARS was designed at instituting measures for the police to regain the confidence of the people and effectively discharge their functions. The Panel was an avenue for citizens with genuine complaints against the officers of the SARS and other outfits of the police, including those citizens with concrete suggestions, to meet with the Panel to present their cases.

1.2: Membership of the Panel

The Federal Government constituted the Panel on Reform of SARS to inquire into the allegations of human rights violations with the following as members Panel:

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| 1. Anthony Okechukwu Ojukwu, Esq. | - Chairman - Executive Secretary
National Human Rights Commission |
| 2. Tijani Mohammed Esq- Member | -Representing Police Service
Commission |
| 3. David I. Shagba | - Member -Representing Public
Complaints Commission |
| 4. Chinonye Obiagwu SAN | -Member- Chairman Human Rights
Agenda Network Representing Civil
Society Organizations. |

5. Iyabode Ogunseye, Esq - Member- Representing the Nigerian Bar Association
6. Prof. Etannibi Alemika- Member - Representing the Academia
7. Hashimu, S. Argungu (DIGRtd) - Member- Representing the Public from Police Background
8. Adulrahman Ayinde Yakubu, Esq. - Secretary- Representing the National Human Rights Commission.

1.3: Terms of Reference

Accordingly, the Panel was mandated to hear, investigate and determine complaints of alleged human rights violations against the SARS and to make recommendations for its reform and other members of the Nigeria Police Force (NPF). The terms of reference of the Panel are:

- i. Investigate the veracity of allegations of human rights abuses and abuse of power made against SARS within the last two (2) years
- ii. Independently review and render advice on any value added by SARS from a public safety and public security perspective
- iii. Make recommendations to government on:
 - a. The steps that may be taken to reform or restructure SARS
 - b. Measures to be taken in respect of operatives of SARS, if any, found in violation of human rights of citizens
 - c. Remedial steps that may enhance the professional conduct of SARS operatives and other members of the Nigeria Police;
 - d. Any other recommendations that may be considered appropriate

1.4: Methodology

The Panel determined the mode of operation that would guide it to achieve its goal. The Panel adopted complementary methodological approaches for the assignment. This was necessary in order to produce a more nuanced report appropriately rooted in international conventions, legal provisions, administrative procedures, received complaints, made visitation to SARS detention centres, organized public hearings and involved consultants.

The Panel consulted various reports on the reform of the Nigeria Police Force including declarations and guidelines on arrest, detention, treatment and prosecution of suspects, seizure and disposal of property including inquests. In addition, the Panel organized a press conference on Friday 31st August, 2018; public announcements were placed in the print and electronic media the *Daily Trust* and *Vanguard* newspapers of 30th August, 2018; requested members of the public to make submissions in person at the Offices of the NHRC across the country, use the postal or courier services or use the e-mail address specially created for receiving complaints and memoranda over a two-week timeframe. The Panel also wrote letters to human rights agencies, and organisations, ministries and agencies for input into its work. Public hearing was also arranged and held in each geopolitical zone: Abuja for the North Central, at the Ceremonial Court of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) High Court Complex, 22nd – 25th October, 2018; Lagos for the South West; at Court of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) the West, Ikeja High Court, Old State Secretariat, Ikeja, 13th – 17th November, 2018; Gombe for the North East, at the Federal High Court, 5th – 7th December, 2018; and Owerri for the South East and South South, at the Federal High Court, 27th November – 1st December, 2018. A second public hearing was held in Abuja, at the FCT High Court from 14th to

26th January, 2019. The sittings also continued at the Council Chambers of the National Human Rights Commission Abuja from 31st January to 22nd February, 2019 to round up all unconcluded cases from all the geo-political zones.

The Office of the Inspector General Police sent a team of lawyers from the Police Legal Department to defend officers alleged to have violated the rights of citizens and also attached a superior officer, AIG Shehu Lawal, to support the work of the Panel as a representative of the office of the Inspector General of Police.. This made it easy to secure the co-operation of Commissioners of Police, Heads of Departments or Units including Commands and Divisions. The police also provided security to the Panel.

To ensure that no complainant was left out, phone calls were made using the phone numbers provided by complainants to request them to appear before the Panel. Some complainants showed no interest in pursuing their complaint and, in other instances, the phone number supplied, was that of representatives who stated that they could not decide for the complainants whether to go on or not with their cases. The Panel in such situations had to set the complaint aside for lack of diligent follow up.

In the course of the sittings of the Panel some police officers tried to mislead the members by refusing to own up to cases of extortion or threats against citizens. The Panel had to verify the phone numbers presented by victims to establish ownership of the phone numbers or the relationship between the officer and owner of a phone number used to make the threat or express intention to extort. It was through this that the Panel was able to establish some evidences against some officers.

Complaints were treated using the appropriate human rights instruments: International Instruments, National Laws and regulations.

1.5: Legal Framework Establishing the Panel

Nigeria has evolved legal frameworks for addressing human rights violations which are the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Act, 1995 (as amended) and the Tribunal of Inquiry Act (as amended). The NHRC Act was enacted in 1995 and was subsequently amended in 2010 giving the NHRC enhanced powers to promote, protect and enforce human rights; monitoring and investigation of all human rights violations; and, assists the victims of human rights violations to seek for appropriate remedies. It is also empowered to make appropriate recommendations to the Federal Government for prosecution of violators of citizens' rights and to recommend any other action that it considered necessary.¹ The NHRC constituted its own Standing Orders² and Rules of Procedure (STORP), which contains NHRC's defined rules of procedure. Panel

2.0: TOR A: INVESTIGATE THE VERACITY OF ALLEGATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AND ABUSE OF POWER MADE AGAINST SARS WITHIN THE LAST TWO YEARS.

Nature of the Human Rights Violations: The Panel identified the following types of human rights violations:

- a. Arbitrary arrest and detention
- b. Bail and other forms of extortion
- c. Confiscation and auctioning of property

¹ NHRC Act, 2010 (as amended)

² NHRC Standing Order

- d. Torture, inhuman and degrading treatment
- e. Extra-judicial killings
- f. Biased investigation
- g. Enforced disappearance of suspects
- h. Sexual exploitation
- i. Infringement of citizens' privacy
- j. Refusal to release corpse of victims
- k. Disobedience to court orders
- l. Denial of access to family members and counsel

2.1.0: Summary of Complaints Received According to Geopolitical Zones

The Panel received 113 complaints across the country. Most of the complaints received by the Panel were from the North Central and South West Zones. The breakdown of the complaints according to geopolitical zones is presented in Table I:

TABLE I: SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED ACCORDING TO GEOPOLITICAL ZONES

S/No.	Geo-Political Zone	State and No. of Complaints Received	TOTAL
1.	North-Central	Niger (1) Kogi (3) Kwara (1) Benue (5) FCT (29)	39 (34.5%)
2.	North-West	Kaduna (1)	1 (0.9%)
3.	North-East	Gombe (3)	3 (2.7%)
4.	South-West	Lagos (39) Ogun (5) Oyo (1)	45 (39.8%)
5.	South-South	Rivers (7) Delta (2) Edo (1) Akwa-Ibom (4) Cross-River (1) Bayelsa (1)	16 (14.2%)
6.	South-East	Anambra (1) Enugu (5) Imo (3)	9 (8 %)
	TOTAL		113 (100%)

2.2.0: Summary of Complaints not Admitted

The Panel decided on the admissibility of the complaints and rejected those that were not admissible. The complaints that were not admitted are presented in Table II:

TABLE II: SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS NOT LISTED FOR HEARING

GEO	COMPLAINT NO	COMPLAINANT	RESPONDENT	SUBJECT	NOT
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POLITICAL ZONE			(s)	MATTER	LISTED
North Central	NHRC/PSARS/2018/A BJ/28	Ogedegbe Godwin on behalf Collins C.K Chinendu and 17 Others.	IPO Garba Hassan of FSARS, Abuja.	Alleged unlawful arrest, detention, inhuman and degrading treatment.	1
South West	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/8	Mr. Alatise on behalf of Mrs Alatise.	FSARS, Ikeja	Alleged unlawful arrest and detention.	8
NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/10	Jehoshaphany Brook on behalf of Gideon Brook.	FSARS, Lagos.	Alleged unlawful arrest, detention and extortion.		
NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/12	Agbaje Kazeem on behalf of his friend.	FSARS, Lagos.	Alleged unlawful arrest and detention.		
NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/25	Barr. Abbass on behalf of his friend.	FSARS, Lagos.	Alleged unlawful arrest, detention and extortion.		
NHRC/PSARS/2018/LA/36	Mr. Babatunde Geshon on behalf John Idowu.	FSAR, Lagos.	Alleged unlawful arrest, detention and extortion.		
NHRC/PSARS/2018/O G/1	Chief Chorafa Ayorinde on behalf of Segun Elegbede.	FSARS, Abeokuta.	Alleged extra-judicial killing.		

	NHRC/PSARS/2018/O G/3	Sunday Agbomide.	FSARS, Abeokuta.	Alleged unlawful arrest, detention and extortion.	
	NHRC/PSARS/2018/O Y/1	Alhaji Wasiu on behalf of Hassan Monsuru lyanda & Trimisiyu Pele.	IGP XQUAD, Ajayi FSARS Lagos & Ors.	Alleged unlawful arrest, detention, extortion and violation of right to property.	
Total					9

The Panel did not accept the complaints because they did not make allegations against officers of the SARS; the alleged human rights violations happened in 2016, a period that was outside the time frame and some of the complainants had previously been sent to the Police Complaints Rapid Response Unit (PCRRU).

2.3.0: Summary of Complaints Struck Out

The Panel struck out some complaints because of lack of follow up on the case by the complainants.

TABLE III: SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS STRUCK OUT

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S/No	COMPLAINT Nos.	SUBJECT	PARTIES	REASON(S) FOR STRIKING OUT	TOTAL
NORTH CENTRAL					
1.	Benue: NHRC/PSARS/2018/BN/2	Alleged Torture Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment	Ochai Onazi, Esq on behalf of Joseph Ocheme and family V 1. Sgt. Godwin Audu, SARS Unit, Benue State 2. F-SARS, Benue State 3. Commissioner of Police, Benue State 4. Inspector General of Police	Complaint was struck out on 15 th Jan, 2019 for lack of diligent prosecution	12
2	NHRC/PSARS/2018/ABJ/3 (C/2018/438/HQ)	Alleged Unlawful Arrest, Detention and Torture	Jimoh Juliet on behalf of Paul and James V 1. Officers of F- SARS, FCT SARS 2. Commissioner of Police, FCT 3. Inspector General of Police	Complainant was absent	
3	NHRC/PSARS/2018/ABJ/5 (C/2018/629/HQ)	Alleged Unlawful arrest, detention torture cruel, inhuman & degrading treatment	Appah Godday V 1. Mrs. Ngozi 2. F-SARS 3. Commissioner of Police, FCT 4. Inspector General of Police	Complainant was absent	
4	NHRC/PSARS/2018/ABJ/6 (C/2018/717/HQ)	Alleged Unlawful detention	Abubakar Usman on behalf of Abubakar Usman V 1. F- SARS 2. Commissioner of Police, FCT 3. Inspector General of Police	Complainant was absent	
5	NHRC/PSARS/2018/ABJ/7 (C/2018/946/HQ)	Alleged unlawful arrest & detention and violation of right to fair hearing	Grace Christian John on behalf of Christian John V 1. F-SARS 2. Abba (IPO) 3. Commissioner of Police, FCT 4. Inspector General of Police	Complainant was absent	
6	NHRC/PSARS/2018/ABJ/10 (C/2017/4436/HQ)	Alleged unlawful arrest & detention	Rev. Makama Timothy on behalf of Enoch Timothy V 1. F- SARS (Abuja) 2. Commissioner of Police, FCT 3. Inspector General of Police	Complainant was absent	
7	NHRC/PSARS/2018/ABJ/12 C/2017/7185/HQ	Alleged Violation of Right to Personal Liberty, Cruel, Inhuman, Degrading Treatment and Extortion	Ezeani Henry V 1. F- SARS (Abuja) 2. Bawa James of SARS Abuja 3. Commissioner of Police, FCT 4. Inspector General of Police	Complainant was absent	
8	NHRC/PSARS/ 2018/ABJ/15	Alleged Unlawful Arrest, Detention and Extortion	Iorter Peter, Editor Satellite Times on behalf of Mr Edache V 1. F SARS 2. Commissioner of Police, FCT 3. Inspector General of Police	Complainant was absent	

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9	NHRC/PSARS/ 2018/ABJ/18 (C/2018/4101/HQ)	Alleged Unlawful Arrest and Detention and Incessant threat to life	Daudu Ajadosu & Co on behalf of Mr.Adebayo Aderemi V 1. Officers of F SARS 2 Mr. Akinola of F-SARS. 3. Commissioner of Police, FCT 4. Inspector General of Police	Complainant was absent	
10	NHRC/PSARS/ 2018/ABJ/21 C/2018/CPR/4833-4834/HQ	Alleged Unlawful Conduct and Extortion	Mazi Afam Osigwe (on behalf of Hillary Ehichioya and Harrison Ehichioya) V 1. Insp Adesina Ogundipe 2. IGP Intelligence Response Team 3. Commissioner of Police, FCT 4. Inspector General of Police	Complainant was absent	
11	NHRC/PSARS/ 2018/ABJ/22 C/2018/CPR/4081-4084/HQ	Alleged Unlawful Arrest and Detention	F.N. Monye, Esq. (on behalf of Mrs. Eucharia Kebodi & 3 Ors) V 1. IGP Intelligence Response Team 2. Commissioner of Police, FCT 3. Inspector General of Police	Complainant was absent	
12	NHRC/PSARS/ 2018/ABJ/25	Alleged Harassment, Intimidation, Unlawful Arrest and Detention	Francis .U. Obalim, Esq. V 1. Divisional Police Officer, Apo Resettlement Police Station, Abuja 2. Mr. Michael Eze 3. Commissioner of Police, FCT 4. Inspector General of Police	Complainant was absent	
NORTH EAST					
13	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/GM/1 (NHRC/GSO/C/2018/276)	Alleged Extra Judicial Killing	Lois Danladi on behalf of Emmanuel Danladi Luka (deceased) and family. V 1. F-SARS, Gombe State Command 2. Commissioner of Police, Gombe State 3. Inspector General of Police	Complainant submitted a letter of withdrawal	1
SOUTH WEST					
14	Ogun: NHRC/PSARS/2018/OG/2	Alleged unlawful arrest, detention, extortion and violation of right to property	Emmanuel Sumaila v. 1.FSARS, Osada Oko, Ogun State. 2.Ojo (IPO) of FSARS Osada Oko. 3. Commissioner of Police, Ogun State 4. Inspector General of Police	Proof of service was sighted. Complainant was called on phone but he was absent throughout the sitting and subsequently struck out	
15	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/LA/1	Alleged Inhuman and degrading treatment	Delibe Chinedu Ifuzue Esq. on behalf of Executive Director and Staff of Finlab Nig. Ltd. V 1. Criminal Investigation & Intelligence Dept. Yaba 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police	Complainant was absent	

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16	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/LA/3	Alleged Inhuman and degrading treatment	Njoku Raphael Uzoma V 1. F-SARS, Pako Police Station 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police		
17	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/8 (SWZ/17/205)	Alleged unlawful Arrest and detention	Mr. Alatise on behalf of Mrs Alatise Folasade V 1. SARS, Ikeja, Lagos State 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police	Complainant absent	
18	Lagos: NHRC/PSARS/2018/LA/9	Alleged unlawful Arrest and detention and violation of Right to property	Chukwu Chibuzor on behalf of Sylvester Mbanefo and others V 1. F-SARS, Ikeja, Lagos 2. Insp. Ogbesgide Adeleye, F-SARS, Lagos 3. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 4. Inspector General of Police	Complainant absent	
19	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/10 (SWZ/18/11)	Alleged unlawful Arrest, detention and Extortion	Jehoshaphay Brooks on behalf of Gideon Brooks V 1. F-SARS, Ikeja, Lagos 2. Insp. Ogbesgide Adeleye, F-SARS, Lagos 3. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 4. Inspector General of Police	Complainant absent	
20	NHRC/PSARS/2018/LA/11	Alleged unlawful Arrest, detention and Extortion	Mrs Ajagba on behalf of Hamed Ajagba V 1. F-SARS Ikeja, Lagos 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police	Complainant's lack of interest	9
21	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/12 (C/2018/CPR/3573-4/HQ)	Alleged unlawful Arrest and detention	Agbaje Kazeem on behalf of his friend V 1. F-SARS Ikeja, Lagos 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police	Complainant absent	
22	NHRC/PSARS/2018/LA/15	Alleged unlawful Arrest, detention, cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment	Victoria Ibezim- Ohaeri of Spaces for Change on behalf Joseph Adeniran and 9 Ors. V 1. F-SARS Ikeja, Lagos 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police	Counsel stated that the complainant are no longer interested and applied that the matter be struck out and matter subsequently struck out	
23	NHRC/PSARS/2018/LA/17	Alleged unlawful Arrest, detention, cruel, inhuman, degrading treatment and extortion	Victoria Ibezim- Ohaeri of Spaces for Change on behalf Joseph Adeniran and 9 Ors. V 1. F-SARS Ikeja, Lagos 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police	Complainant Counsel applied that the matter be struck out due to complainant's lack of interest	
24	NHRC/PSARS/2018/LA/18	Alleged unlawful Arrest, detention, cruel, inhuman, degrading treatment and	Victoria Ibezim- Ohaeri of Spaces for Change on behalf Joseph Adeniran and 9 Ors. V 1. F-SARS Ikeja, Lagos	Complainant Counsel applied that the matter be struck out due to complainant's lack	

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		violation of right to property	2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police	of interest
25	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/19	Alleged unlawful Arrest , detention, cruel, inhuman, degrading treatment and violation of right to property.	Ofoka Joshua V 1. FSARS, Lagos 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police	
26	NHRC/PSARS/2018/LA/23	Alleged unlawful Arrest , detention, cruel, inhuman, degrading treatment and forceful invasion	Olutokumbo Philips of Legal Ocean View on Behalf of Residents of Millennium Citi Centre Estate, Kosofe, Lagos V 1.IGP's X-SQUAD 2. Oyedele Family 3. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 4. Inspector General of Police	Panel was informed that matter had been resolved
27	NHRC/PSARS/2018/LA/26	Alleged unlawful arrest , detention and extortion	Mrs Ijeoma Izu-Igwe on behalf of herself and 2 others. V 1. F-SARS Lagos Island. 2. Officer Rasheed 3. Commissioner of Police, Lagos State 4. Inspector General of Police	Complainant was absent
28	NHRC/PSARS/2018/LA/27	Alleged unlawful arrest , detention and extortion	Abiola Yusuf V 1.FSARS, Ikeja, Lagos 2. Muhammed of .FSARS, Ikeja 3. Adegoke Rotimi of FSARS Ikeja 4. Kinsley Alukwo of FSARS, Ikeja 5. Commissioner of Police, Lagos State 6. Inspector General of Police	Complainant's counsel applied that the matter be struck out and matter due for complainant's lack of interest
29	NHRC/PSARS/2018/LA/28	Alleged unlawful arrest , detention , extortion and violation of right to property	Chukwuemeka Fred V 1.FSARS, Ikeja, Lagos 2. Kehinde Joshua 3. Abiodun and others 4. Commissioner of Police, Lagos State 5. Inspector General of Police	Complainant was absent
30	NHRC/PSARS/2018/LA/29	Alleged unlawful arrest, detention and violation of right to property	Odeye Deji V 1. F-SARS, Lagos 2. Commissioner of Police, Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police	Complainant was absent
31	NHRC/PSARS/2018/LA/30	Alleged unlawful arrest, detention, extortion and violation of right to property	Samuel Omojolu V 1.FSARS Ikeja, Lagos 2. Sunday of FSARS Ikeja 3. Amos of FSARS Ikeja 4. Commissioner of Police, Lagos State 5. Inspector General of Police	Complainant was absent
32	NHRC/PSARS/2018/LA/31	Alleged unlawful arrest and detention	Amaeze Linda on behalf of her husband Amaeze Charles V 1.FSARS, Ikeja, Lagos 2. Intelligence Response Unit, Ikeja, Lagos 3. Victor of FSARS Ikeja	Complainant was absent

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			4. Commissioner of Police, Lagos State 5. Inspector General of Police		
33	NHRC/PSARS/2018/LA/32	Alleged extortion	Afolabi, Ossai V 1.FSARS, Ikeja Lagos 2.Inspector James of FSARS , Ikeja, Lagos 3. Commissioner of Police, Lagos State 4. Inspector General of Police	Complainant was absent	
34	NHRC/PSARS/2018/LA/33	Alleged extortion	Dauda, Maruf V 1. F-SARS, Lagos 2. Commissioner of Police, Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police	Case struck out for lack of diligent prosecution	
35	NHRC/PSARS/2018/LA/34	Alleged unlawful arrest and detention	Nwanguma, Okechukwu V 1.FSARS, Adeniji, Adele, Lagos 2. Ojo Adekunle of FSARS, Adeniji, Adele, Lagos 3. Commissioner of Police, Lagos State 4. Inspector General of Police	Respondent was present reported that the matter has been settled and the matter was subsequently struck out due to lack	
South South					
36	Rivers: NHRC/PSARS/2018/RVS/6	Alleged Extra-Judicial Killing of Bright Ogoloma by SARS and Mrs Okpara Precious	Handsome Ogoloma V 1. F-SARS, Port-Harcourt, Rivers State Command 2. Mr. Asuquo, IPO F- SARS, Port-Harcourt, Rivers State 3. Mrs Precious Okpara 4. Mrs Sardawa Oghola, F-SARS Port-Harcourt, 5. Commissioner of Police, Rivers State 6. Inspector General of Police	Matter was struck out for lack of interest	6
37	NHRC/PSARS/2018/CRS/1	Alleged Extra-Judicial Killing of Mr. Emmanuel Etta Nkim	Tawo E. Tawo, SAN & Co. on behalf of Mrs. Esther Etta Nkim V 1. F-SARS, Cross River State Command 2. DSP Sekiru Akinlaja, OC Operation Skolombo, Nigerian Police Force 3. DSP Efoli Essien, F-SARS, Cross River State Command 4. Insp. Eze Anthony, F- SARS, Cross River State Command 5. Insp. Abel Damilola, Team Leader, Operation Skolombo 6. Sgt. Akinade Lukman, Operation Skolombo 7. Sgt. Ugbe Emmanuel, Operation Skolombo 8. Commissioner of Police, Cross River State Command 9. Inspector General of Police	The Complainant Counsel sent a correspondence that they will continue with the matter pending before Akwa Ibom State High Court. Matter struck out	

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38	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/AKS/1 (C/2018/CPR/3082/H)	Alleged inhuman, cruel and degrading Treatment on Detainees at Ikot Akpa Abia, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State	Oluwafemi Esq. Gavel of Citizens V 1. F-SARS, Ikot Akpa Abia, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State Command 2. Commissioner of Police, Akwa Ibom State 3. Inspector General of Police	Complainant was absent	
39	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/ BAYL/1 (C/2017/66901/HQ)	Alleged Extra-Judicial Killing of Emmanuel Ominigbo in Police Custody	Collins Boleigha, Esq. Chief on behalf of Agundu Enoch & 5 Ors V 1. F-SARS, Bayelsa State Command 2. Inspector Agala F-SARS, Bayelsa State Command 3. Stephen, F-SARS, Bayelsa State Command 4. Commissioner of Police, Bayelsa State Command 5. Inspector General of Police	Complainant was absent	
40	NHRC/PSARS/2018/ED/1	Alleged Threat to Life, Unlawful Arrest and Detention, Extortion, Violation of right to own property, and Abuse of Power	B. A Iluobe Law Firm on behalf of Mr. Owenaze Johnbull and Prince Emmanuel Eweka V 1. IGP Intelligence Response Team, Edo State Command 2. Insp. Festus Idia 3. Commissioner of Police, Edo State 4. Inspector General of Police	Complainant in his testimony revealed that same subject matter is before police service Commission and High Court. Since the matter is before government agency and also a competent court of law, the matter was struck out	
South East					4
41	NHRC/PSARS/2018/EN/2 (SEZ/2018/531)	Alleged Unlawful detention and Extortion	Mrs. Okafor on behalf of Mr. Obinna Okafor V 1. F-SARS Enugu 2. Commissioner of Police Enugu State Command 3. Inspector General of Police	Complainant was absent	
42	NHRC/PSARS/2018/EN/3	Alleged Unlawful Detention, Torture, Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment	Mrs Obinna Queendalin on behalf of Eneh Ferdinand V 1. O/C Anti Cultism Division Goshen 2. Ekeleme Chidobe (Anti Cultism Police) 3. Commissioner of Police, Enugu State Command 4. Inspector General of Police	Matter was struck out for complainant's lack of interest in the matter	

43	NHRC/PSARS/2018/EN/4 (SEZ/2017/493)	Alleged Unlawful Arrest and Detention	Amuzie & Associates on behalf of Mr. Obinna Egbo and Mr. Kingsley Onyemobi V 1. F-SARS Nenwe Enugu 2. Commissioner of Police, Enugu State Command 3. Inspector General of Police	Complainant was absent
44	Anambra: NHRC/PSARS/2018/AN/1	Alleged unlawful arrest, intimidation and Harassment	Mr Eze Augustine Ogochukwu V 1.F-SARS, Awkuzu, Anambra State 2. Commissioner of Police Anambra State 3. Inspector General of Police	Complainant was absent and the Respondent reported that matter had been dealt with in the previous SARS sitting. Matter was struck out

2.4.0: Alleged Human Rights Violations and Abuse of Power

The details of the human rights violations allegations and abuse of power made against SARS are presented below:

2.4.1: Arbitrary Arrests and Detentions

The Panel found that there were cases of arbitrary arrests and detentions of persons by some police officers on the pretext that they were suspecting them. Some of the persons arrested and detained were later labeled by the police as armed robbers or responsible for crimes they did not commit. In the process of such arrests, police officers would resort to methods that are outside the legal guidelines, police methods and procedures and subjecting suspects to inhuman and degrading treatment in the form of beatings, hitting with gun butts, insults, threats, gunshots and intimidation.

It was apparent that some of the operatives of SARS, mostly the upcoming young police officers, lack in-depth knowledge of Police procedures and processes which could partly explain their arbitrariness in arresting and detaining suspects or deliberate disregard to the law, rules of procedure and police regulations

The complaints in which the findings were extracted are in Box 1 below:

S/N	COMPLAINT NO.	SUBJECT MATTER	COMPLAINANT/PETITIONER	RESPONDENT
1.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/NG/1 (NHRC/NGSO/2018/048)	Alleged Unlawful Arrest and Detention	Alice Akintayo on behalf of John Akintoya	1. F- SARS, Dutse Kaura, Niger State 2. F-SARS Abuja 3. Commissioner of Police, Niger State 4. Inspector General of Police
2.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/ABJ/2 (C/2018/CPR/4232/HQ)	Alleged Unlawful Arrest, Detention and Torture Leading to Death	D.I.A Uloko on behalf of Abraham Uloko	1. F-SARS, FCT 2. Sgt. Faruk 3. Commissioner of Police, FCT 4. Inspector General of Police
3.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/ABJ/3 (C/2018/438/HQ)	Alleged Unlawful Arrest, Detention and Torture	Jimoh Juliet on behalf of Paul and James	1. Officers of F- SARS, FCT SARS 2. Commissioner of

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				Police, FCT 3. Inspector General of Police
4.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/ABJ/5 (C/2018/629/HQ)	Alleged Unlawful arrest, detention, torture, cruel, inhuman & degrading treatment	Appah Godday	1. Mrs. Ngozi 2. F-SARS 3. Commissioner of Police, FCT 4. Inspector General of Police
5.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/ABJ/6 (C/2018/717/HQ)	Alleged Unlawful detention	Abubakar Usman on behalf of Abubakar Usman	1. F- SARS 2. Commissioner of Police, FCT 3. Inspector General of Police
6.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/ABJ/7 (C/2018/946/HQ)	Alleged unlawful arrest & detention and violation of right to fair hearing	Grace Christian John on behalf of Christian John	1. F-SARS 2. Abba (IPO) 3. Commissioner of Police, FCT 4. Inspector General of Police
7.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/ABJ/10 (C/2017/4436/HQ)	Alleged unlawful arrest & detention	Rev. Makama Timothy on behalf of Enoch Timothy	1. F- SARS (Abuja) 2. Commissioner of Police, FCT 3. Inspector General of Police
8.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/ABJ/11 (C/2017/5417)	Alleged Unlawful Arrest, Detention, Torture, Extortion and Enforced Disappearance	Salamatu Ado on behalf of Aminu Adamu Ykasai	1. F- SARS, Abuja 2. IGP-Intelligent Response Unit, Force headquarters Abuja 3. Commissioner of Police, FCT 4. Inspector General of Police
9.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/ABJ/13 (C/2017/8082/HQ)	Alleged Unlawful Arrest and Detention	Kazeem Otun on behalf of Usman Adebawale	1. Intelligence Response Team 2. Commissioner of Police, FCT 3. Inspector General of Police
10.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/ABJ/14 (C/2018/2027-2028/HQ)	Alleged Unlawful Arrest, Detention and Torture	Mathew Ojonomi Onoja & CO on behalf of Mark Kajo	1. F SARS Abuja 2. IPO Godwin Mike Ahua 3. Commissioner of Police, FCT 4. Inspector General of Police
11.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/ABJ/15	Alleged Unlawful Arrest, Detention and Extortion	Iorter Peter, Editor Satellite Times on behalf of Mr Edache	1. F SARS 2. Commissioner of Police, FCT 3. Inspector General of Police
12.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/ABJ/16 (C/2018/CPR/4044-4045/HQ)	Alleged Unlawful Arrest and Detention	Mela Audu Nunghe & Co on behalf of Vincent Solomon	1. SARS Abuja 2. Commissioner of Police, FCT 3. Inspector General of Police
13.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/ABJ/16 (C/2018/CPR/4044-	Alleged Unlawful Arrest and	Mela Audu Nunghe & Co on behalf of Vincent	1. SARS Abuja 2. Commissioner of

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	4045/HQ)	Detention	Solomon	Police, FCT 3. Inspector General of Police
14.	NHRC/PSARS/ 2018/ABJ/18 (C/2018/4101/HQ)	Alleged Unlawful Arrest and Detention and Incessant threat to life	Daudu Ajadosu & Co on behalf of Mr.Adebayo Aderemi	1. Officers of F SARS 2 Mr. Akinola of F-SARS. 3. Commissioner of Police, FCT 4. Inspector General of Police
15.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/ABJ/20	Alleged abuse of office and violation of right to property	Delu Consulting firm on behalf of Johnson Oyewole	1.FSARS FCT 2.Commissioner of police FCT 3.Inspector General of police
16.	NHRC/PSARS/ABJ/22	Alleged unlawful arrest and detention	F.N Monye Esq on behalf of Mrs Eucharia Kabodi & 3ors	1.IGP Intelligence Response Team 2.Commissioner of Police FCT 3.Inspector General of Police
17.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/ABJ/24	Alleged unlawful arrest, detention and confiscation of properties	Johnson Oyewole, Esq on behalf of Jamiu Agarawu	1.Insp. Julius Idowu & 4 ors 2.FSARS Abuja 3.Inspector General of Police
18.	NHRC/PSARS/ 2018/ABJ/25	Alleged Harassment, Intimidation, Unlawful Arrest and Detention	Francis .U. Obalim, Esq.	1. Divisional Police Officer, Apo Resettlement Police Station, Abuja 2. Mr. Michael Eze 3. Commissioner of Police, FCT 4. Inspector General of Police
19.	NHRC/PSARS/ 2018/ABJ/26 C/2018/CPR/3873/HQ	Alleged Extortion, Unlawful Arrest and Detention	Johnson Oyewole, Esq. (on behalf of Qudus Adeleke)	1. Insp. Julius Idowu & 4 Ors 2. F-SARS, Abuja 3. Commissioner of Police, FCT 4. Inspector General of Police
20.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/ABJ/ 2 (C/2018/CPR/4232/HQ)	Alleged Unlawful Arrest, Detention and Torture Leading to Death	D.I.A Uloko on behalf of Abraham Uloko	1. F-SARS, FCT 2. Sgt. Faruk 3. Commissioner of Police, FCT 4. Inspector General of Police
21.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/NG/1 (NHRC/NGSO/2018/048)	Alleged Unlawful Arrest and Detention	Alice Akintoya on behalf of John Akintoya	1. F-SARS Abuja 2. Inspector General of Police
22.	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/LA/4	Alleged Inhuman and degrading treatment/unlawful detention	Bar Ezeobi Chinedu	1. F-SARS, Adeniji Adele, Lagos State 2. Supol Solomon & Team 3. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 4. Inspector General of

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				Police
23.	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/9 (SWZ/18/135)	Alleged unlawful Arrest and detention and violation of Right to property	Chukwu Chibuzor on behalf of Sylvester Mbanefo and others	1. F-SARS, Ikeja, Lagos 2. Insp. Ogbesgide Adeleye, F-SARS, Lagos 3. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 4. Inspector General of Police
24.	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/11 (SWZ 18/061)	Alleged unlawful Arrest, detention and Extortion	Mrs Ajagba on behalf of Hamed Ajagba	1. F-SARS Ikeja, Lagos 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police
25.	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/13	Alleged unlawful Arrest , detention , cruel, inhuman , degrading treatment and extortion	Victoria Ibezim-Ohaeri of Spaces for Change on behalf of Samuel Tamidun and 9 Ors.	1. F-SARS, Lagos 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police
26.	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/14	Alleged unlawful Arrest, detention, cruel, inhuman, degrading treatment , extortion and right to property	Victoria Ibezim- Ohaeri of Spaces for Change on behalf of Idowu Makanjuola	1. F-SARS Ikeja, Lagos 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police
27.	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/15	Alleged unlawful Arrest , detention, cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment	Victoria Ibezim- Ohaeri of Spaces for Change on behalf Joseph Adeniran and 9 Ors.	1. F-SARS Ikeja, Lagos 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police
28.	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/16	Alleged unlawful Arrest , detention, cruel, inhuman ,degrading treatment and extortion	Victoria Ibezim- Ohaeri of Spaces for Change on behalf Comrade Agbodemu	1.F-SARS Ikeja, Lagos 2. Umar Paiko 3. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 4. Inspector General of Police
29.	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/17	Alleged unlawful Arrest, detention, cruel, inhuman, degrading treatment and extortion	Victoria Ibezim- Ohaeri of Spaces for Change on behalf Mr. Lawal Alabi Nurudeen and Ors.	1. F-SARS Ikeja, Lagos 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police
30.	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/18	Alleged unlawful Arrest, detention, cruel, inhuman, degrading treatment and violation of right to property	Victoria Ibezim- Ohaeri of Spaces for Change on behalf Emmanuel James Ibe	1. F-SARS, Ago-Palace, Okota, Lagos 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police
31.	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/19	Alleged unlawful Arrest , detention, cruel, inhuman, degrading treatment and	Ofoka Joshua	1. FSARS, Lagos 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police

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		violation of right to property.		
32.	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/21	Alleged Unlawful Detention and Torture	1. Honourable Attorney General of Lagos State 2. Otuchere John	1.F-SARS, Ikeja,Lagos 2. Supol Omoleme 3. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 4. Inspector General of Police
33.	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/23	Alleged unlawful Arrest , detention, cruel, inhuman, degrading treatment and forceful invasion	Olutokumbo Philips of Legal Ocean View on Behalf of Residents of Millennium Citi Centre Estate, Kosofe, Lagos	1.IGP's X-SQUAD 2. Oyedele Family 3. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 4. Inspector General of Police
34.	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/24	Alleged unlawful Arrest , detention, cruel, inhuman, degrading treatment and violation of Right to Property	Delu Consulting Firm on behalf of Victoria Victor Weatley	1. IGP's X-SQUAD 2. F-SARS 3. Supol Abbas 4. CSP Seye Odunmdaku 5. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 6. Inspector General of Police
35.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/LA/26	Alleged unlawful arrest , detention and extortion	Mrs Ijeoma Izu-Igwe on behalf of herself and 2 others.	1. F-SARS Lagos Island. 2. Officer Rasheed 3. Commissioner of Police, Lagos State 4. Inspector General of Police
36.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/LA/27	Alleged unlawful arrest , detention and extortion	Abiola Yusuf	1.FSARS, Ikeja, Lagos 2. Muhammed of .FSARS, Ikeja 3. Adegoke Rotimi of FSARS Ikeja 4. Kinsley Alukwo of FSARS, Ikeja 5. Commissioner of Police, Lagos State 6. Inspector General of Police
37.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/LA/28	Alleged unlawful arrest , detention , extortion and violation of right to property	Chukwuemeka Fred	1.FSARS, Ikeja, Lagos 2. Kehinde Joshua 3. Abiodun and others 4. Commissioner of Police, Lagos State 5. Inspector General of Police
38.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/LA/34	Alleged unlawful arrest and detention	Nwanguma, Okechukwu	1.FSARS, Adeniji, Adele, Lagos 2. Ojo Adekunle of FSARS, Adeniji, Adele, Lagos 3. Commissioner of Police, Lagos State 4. Inspector General of Police
39.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/LA/34	Alleged unlawful arrest, detention,	Shittu Risikat	1.FSARS, Adeniji, Adele , Lagos

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	5	extortion and violation of right to property		2. Abdul Gani of FSARS, Adeniji, Adele , Lagos 3. Commissioner of Police, Lagos State 4. Inspector General of Police
40.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/LA/38	Alleged Unlawful Arrest, Detention, Cruel and Degrading Treatment	Nnamdi Samuel Nwafor on behalf of Mr. Ikechukwu Uzo	1.FSARS, Lagos 2. Inspector Friday, F-SARS, Ojo 3. Insp. Hilary (IPO) 4. Commissioner of Police, Lagos State 5. Inspector General of Police
41.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/OG/2	Alleged unlawful arrest, detention, extortion and violation of right to property	Emmanuel Sumaila	1.FSARS, Osada Oko, Ogun State. 2.Ojo (IPO) of FSARS Osada Oko. 3. Commissioner of Police, Ogun State 4. Inspector General of Police
42.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/OG/4	Alleged unlawful arrest , detention and extra judicial killing	Adeniyi Sulaiman of Human Rights and Social Justice on behalf of Adetiba Sunday (deceased) and family.	1. FSARS, Magbon, Abeokuta 2. Commissioner of Police, Ogun State 3. Inspector General of Police
43.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/OG/5	Alleged unlawful arrest and detention	Biola Olopade on behalf of his brother Aliyu Olapade	1. FSARS, Abeokuta 2. Commissioner of Police, Ogun State 3. Inspector General of Police
44.	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/RVS /5	Alleged Unlawful Arrest and Detention	Koko, Alayemieka & Associates on behalf of Mr. Chima Wosu	1. Nigeria Police Force Special Monitoring Team 2. ASP. Etubi Danjuma 3. F-SARS, Rivers 4. Commissioner of Police, Rivers State 5. Inspector General of Police
45.	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/DEL /1 (C/2018/279/HQ)	Alleged Unlawful Arrest and Detention	Oludotun Sowemimo & Associates on behalf of Mr. Romeo Council	1. IGP's Intelligence Response Team (IRT) Unit 2. Commissioner of Police, Delta State 3. Inspector General of Police
46.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/AN/1 (SEZ/2017/367	Alleged unlawful arrest, intimidation and Harassment	Mr Eze Augustine Ogochukwu	1.F-SARS, Awkuzu, Anambra State 2.Commissioner of Police Anambra State 3. Inspector General of Police
47.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/EN/2 (SEZ/2018/531)	Alleged Unlawful detention and	Mrs. Okafor on behalf of Mr. Obinna Okafor	1. F-SARS Enugu 2.Commissioner of

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		Extortion		Police Enugu State Command 3. Inspector General of Police
48.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/EN/3 (SEZ/2017/455)	Alleged Unlawful Detention, Torture, Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment	Mrs Obinna Queendalin on behalf of Eneh Ferdinand	1. O/C Anti Cultism Division Goshen 2. Ekeleme Chidobe (Anti Cultism Police) 3. Commissioner of Police, Enugu State Command 4. Inspector General of Police
49	NHRC/PSARS/2018/EN/4 (SEZ/2017/493)	Alleged Unlawful Arrest and Detention	Amuzie & Associates on behalf of Mr. Obinna Egbo and Mr. Kingsley Onyemobi	1. F-SARS Nenwe Enugu 2. Commissioner of Police, Enugu State Command 3. Inspector General of Police
50.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/1M/1 (SEZ/2017/603)	Alleged Unlawful Arrest, Extrajudicial Killing and Violation of Right to Property	1. Gift Onyinyechi Ezenwa 2. Emmanuel Okoronkwo & 3Ors on behalf of Collins Ezenwa Okoronkwo (deceased)	1. F-SARS Owerri, Imo State 2. Intelligence Response Team 3. Supol Victor (F-SARS Imo State) 4. Inspector Nwachukwu 5. SP Philip Reininwa 6. ISP. Ndidi Nwaneri(IRT) 7. IPO Columbus Aniozor 8. Commissioner of Police, Imo State 9. Inspector General of Police
51.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/ IM/2 (C/2018/CPR/4241/HQ)	Alleged Unlawful Arrest, Detention, Torture and Enforced Disappearance	1. Nlemeke Oluchi 2. Chief Nlemeke Miracle (on behalf of Nlemeke Chinedu)	1. F SARS Owerri Imo State 2. Commissioner of Police Imo State 3. Inspector General of Police
52.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/ IM/3 (C/2018/IMS/11)	Alleged Unlawful Detention Leading to the Death of a 5 Months Old Baby	PHILIP OLISEH & ANOR	1. FSARS, Owerri Command, Imo State 2. Mr. Iwuji Julius 3. Mrs Merit Emerole 4. Mrs. Ngozi Obilom 5. Commissioner of Police, Imo State Police Command 6. Inspector General of Police (IGP)

2.4.2: Recommendations

Police officers need re-orientation and to understand the consequences of unlawful arrest and detention; victims of arbitrary arrests and detention should be paid compensation with a written apology to them for the unnecessary inconvenience they

had to experience; and, it is important to sustain the culture of training and re-training of officers with attention to respecting, promoting and protecting human rights of citizens.

2.5.0: Bail and Other Forms of Extortion

The Panel established cases of extortion by police officers of the SARS using various methods. This included asking suspects or their relations to pay money for the release of the suspect that were arbitrarily arrested; asking suspects whether they had money on them to give the police; and, making suspects to withdraw from ATMs to give officers.

The refrain that “bail is free” seems to be an empty slogan in the experiences of complainants. Bail had become a source of making money by the side as no records of bail funds collected appear to be recorded for accountability. Hence the resort to arbitrary arrests and detention when officers of SARS are broke as a way to raise quick funds for their weekends, house rents or children School fees or personal development projects or to acquire and confiscate the property of others.

The findings are extracted from the complaint files regarding bail and extortion in Box 2

S/N	COMPLAINT NOs	SUBJECT MATTER	COMPLAINANTS	RESPONDENTS
1.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/ABJ/11 (C/2017/5417)	Alleged Unlawful Arrest, Detention, Torture, Extortion and Enforced Disappearance	Salamatu Ado on behalf of Aminu Adamu Ykasai	1. F- SARS, Abuja 2. IGP-Intelligent Response Unit, Force headquarters Abuja 3. Commissioner of Police, FCT 4. Inspector General of Police
2.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/ABJ/12 C/2017/7185/HQ	Alleged Violation of Right to Personal Liberty, Cruel, Inhuman, Degrading Treatment and Extortion	Ezeani Henry	1. F- SARS (Abuja) 2. Bawa James of SARS Abuja 3. Commissioner of Police, FCT 4. Inspector General of Police
3.	NHRC/PSARS/ 2018/ABJ/15	Alleged Unlawful Arrest, Detention and Extortion	Iorter Peter, Editor Satellite Times on behalf of Mr Edache	1. F SARS 2. Commissioner of Police, FCT 3. Inspector General of Police
4.	NHRC/PSARS/ 2018/ABJ/17 (C/2017/7924/HQ)	Alleged Unlawful Arrest, Detention and Extortion	Ali Adah & Co on behalf of People of Iwewe Community	1. IGP Special Tactical Squad Abuja 2. ASP Emmanuel Onyenecho and his team 3. Commissioner of Police, FCT 4. Inspector General of Police
5.	NHRC/PSARS/ 2018/ABJ/21 C/2018/CPR/4833-4834/HQ	Alleged Unlawful Conduct and Extortion	Mazi Afam Osigwe (on behalf of Hillary Ehichioya and Harrison Ehichioya)	1. Insp Adesina Ogundipe 2. IGP Intelligence Response Team 3. Commissioner of

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				Police, FCT 4. Inspector General of Police
6.	NHRC/PSARS/ 2018/ABJ/26 C/2018/CPR/3873/HQ	Alleged Extortion, Unlawful Arrest and Detention	Johnson Oyewole, Esq. (on behalf of Qudus Adeleke)	1. Insp. Julius Idowu & 4 Ors 2. F-SARS, Abuja 3. Commissioner of Police, FCT 4. Inspector General of Police
7.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/KG/2	Alleged Extortion and Illegal Detention	Nze Ifeanyi	1. FSARS, Kogi State 2. Commissioner of Police, Kogi State 3. Inspector General of Police
8.	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/11 (SWZ 18/061)	Alleged unlawful Arrest, detention and Extortion	Mrs Ajagba on behalf of Hamed Ajagba	1. F-SARS Ikeja, Lagos 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police
9.	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/13	Alleged unlawful Arrest , detention , cruel, inhuman , degrading treatment and extortion	Victoria Ibezim- Ohaeri of Spaces for Change on behalf of Samuel Tamidun and 9 Ors.	1. F-SARS, Lagos 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police
10.	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/14	Alleged unlawful Arrest, detention, cruel, inhuman, degrading treatment , extortion and right to property	Victoria Ibezim- Ohaeri of Spaces for Change on behalf of Idowu Makanjuola	1. F-SARS Ikeja, Lagos 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police
11.	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/16	Alleged unlawful Arrest , detention, cruel, inhuman ,degrading treatment and extortion	Victoria Ibezim- Ohaeri of Spaces for Change on behalf Comrade Agbodemu	1.F-SARS Ikeja, Lagos 2. Umar Paiko 3. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 4. Inspector General of Police
12.	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/17	Alleged unlawful Arrest, detention, cruel, inhuman, degrading treatment and extortion	Victoria Ibezim- Ohaeri of Spaces for Change on behalf Mr. Lawal Alabi Nurudeen and Ors.	1. F-SARS Ikeja, Lagos 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police
13.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/LA/27	Alleged unlawful arrest , detention and extortion	Abiola Yusuf	1.FSARS, Ikeja, Lagos 2. Muhammed of .FSARS, Ikeja 3. Adegoke Rotimi of FSARS Ikeja 4. Kinsley Alukwo of FSARS, Ikeja 5. Commissioner of Police, Lagos State 6. Inspector General of Police
14.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/LA/28	Alleged unlawful	Chukwuemeka Fred	1.FSARS, Ikeja,

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		arrest , detention , extortion and violation of right to property		Lagos 2. Kehinde Joshua 3. Abiodun and others 4. Commissioner of Police, Lagos State 5. Inspector General of Police
15.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/LA/33	Alleged extortion	Dauda, Maruf	1. F-SARS, Lagos 2. Commissioner of Police, Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police
16.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/LA/35	Alleged unlawful arrest, detention, extortion and violation of right to property	Shittu Risikat	1.FSARS, Adeniji, Adele , Lagos 2. Abdul Gani of FSARS, Adeniji, Adele , Lagos 3. Commissioner of Police, Lagos State 4. Inspector General of Police
17.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/OG/2	Alleged unlawful arrest, detention, extortion and violation of right to property	Emmanuel Sumaila	1.FSARS, Osada Oko, Ogun State. 2.Ojo (IPO) of FSARS Osada Oko. 3. Commissioner of Police, Ogun State 4. Inspector General of Police
18.	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/RVS/1	Alleged Extra-Judicial Killings, Theft, Extortion of Motorists and Destruction of APC Secretariat	Meschack Uyi, Ag. Director, Integrity Friends for Peace and Truth Initiatives	1. F-SARS, Rivers State 2. Mr. Akin Fakorede 3. Commissioner of Police, Rivers State 4. Inspector General of Police
19	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/RVS/3	Alleged Torture, Extortion and Extra Judicial Killings of Defenseless persons in Rivers State	Prince Sudor Nwiyor of Initiative for Amity and Great Leadership & 4 Ors	1. F- SARS, Rivers State 2. Commissioner of Police, Rivers State 3. Inspector General of Police
20.	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/RVS/4	Alleged Extortion and Cruel/Inhuman and Degrading Treatment	Chima Horgans Nnadi on behalf of Dennis Horgans	1. F- SARS, Rivers State 2. Mr. Danjuma, F-SARS, Rivers State 3. Mr. Joseph, F-SARS, Rivers State 4. Commissioner of Police, Rivers State 5. Inspector General of Police
21.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/ED/1	Alleged Threat to Life, Unlawful Arrest and Detention, Extortion, Violation of right to own property, and Abuse of Power	B. A Iluobe Law Firm on behalf of Mr. Owenaze Johnbull and Prince Emmanuel Eweka	1. IGP Intelligence Response Team, Edo State Command 2. Insp. Festus Idia 3. Commissioner of

				Police, Edo State 4. Inspector General of Police
22.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/EN/2 (SEZ/2018/531)	Alleged Unlawful detention and Extortion	Mrs. Okafor on behalf of Mr. Obinna Okafor	1. F-SARS Enugu 2. Commissioner of Police Enugu State Command 3. Inspector General of Police
23.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/EN/5 (SEZ/2017/120)	Alleged Violation of Right to Property and Extortion	Ani Okechukwu	1. F-SARS Enugu 2. Commissioner of Police Enugu State Command 3. Inspector General of Police

2.5.1: Recommendation

It is important to insist on the proper documentation of detained persons suspected of committing any offence and the conditions that led to their release from police custody and such record should be available for inspection by senior/superior officers, National Human Rights commission and the Courts on a weekly basis. Regular spot checks could help to nip this abusive practice. Officers found to have been culpable should be appropriately disciplined according to the extant regulations and the law.

2.6 .0: Confiscation and Auctioning of Property

The Panel was able to establish that properties, especially vehicles, were confiscated from the complainants and taken to the offices of the SARS pending investigations. The seized vehicles were not properly documented and were subsequently, without following due process, auctioned to police officers. As a result of the auction the owners of the vehicles were made to suffer deprivation of the use of their vehicles and property contrary to section 44 of the CFRN 1999 as amended.

The confiscation of property by police officers raises questions on the character of some of the police officers operating under the auspices of SARS with further damaging effect on the reputation of the police as an institution charged with the responsibility of protecting life and property. However, in this case, it was the police that became the perpetrators of confiscation of property from citizens

S/N	COMPLAINT NO's	SUBJECT MATTER	COMPLAINANTS	RESPONDENTS
1.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/ABJ/4 (C/2018/378/HQ)	Alleged cruel, Inhuman and degrading treatment and seizure of property	Peter Akeju of Petekeju Concept Limited	1. Officers of IGP Intelligence Response Team 2. IPO Austin 3. F-SARS Operatives (FCT) 4. Commissioner of Police, FCT 5. Inspector General of Police
2.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/ABJ/8 (C/2018/CPR/3460/HQ)	Alleged violation of right to property	Isaac Faga Ajum Esq.	1. F-SARS 2. ACP Fatai kinyomi 3. ASP Suleiman Ewida 4. Commissioner of Police, FCT

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				5. Inspector General of Police
3.	NHRC/PSARS/ 2018/ABJ/20 C/2018/1636/HQ	Alleged Abuse of Office and Violation of Right to Property	Delu Consulting Firm on behalf of Johnson Oyewole	1. Officers of F SARS FCT 2. Commissioner of Police, FCT 3. Inspector General of Police
4.	NHRC/PSARS/ 2018/ABJ/20 C/2018/1636/HQ	Alleged Abuse of Office and Violation of Right to Property	Delu Consulting Firm on behalf of Johnson Oyewole	1. Officers of F SARS FCT 2. Commissioner of Police, FCT 3. Inspector General of Police
5.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/ABJ/27	Alleged Threat to Life, Demand Extortion and Confiscation of Property	Okpanmo Samuel (on behalf of Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Okpainmo)	1. ASP Pius Ocheme of F-SARS, Abuja 2. DSP Abdullahi (Admin Officer) 3. F-SARS, Abuja 4. Commissioner of Police, FCT Command 5. Inspector General of Police
6.	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/LA/5	Alleged violation of Right to Property	Emeka Iwegbulam, Esq. on behalf of Christian C. Onyemachi	1. F-SARS, Ikeja, Lagos 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police
7.	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/9 (SWZ/18/135)	Alleged unlawful Arrest and detention and violation of Right to property	Chukwu Chibuzor on behalf of Sylvester Mbanefo and others	1. F-SARS, Ikeja, Lagos 2. Insp. Ogbesgide Adeleye, F-SARS, Lagos 3. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 4. Inspector General of Police
8	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/14	Alleged unlawful Arrest, detention, cruel, inhuman, degrading treatment , extortion and right to property	Victoria Ibezim-Ohaeri of Spaces for Change on behalf of Idowu Makanjuola	1. F-SARS Ikeja, Lagos 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police
10.	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/18	Alleged unlawful Arrest, detention, cruel, inhuman, degrading treatment and violation of right to property	Victoria Ibezim-Ohaeri of Spaces for Change on behalf Emmanuel James Ibe	1. F-SARS, Ago-Palace, Okota, Lagos 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police
11.	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/19	Alleged unlawful Arrest , detention, cruel, inhuman, degrading treatment and violation of right to property.	Ofoka Joshua	1. FSARS, Lagos 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police
12.	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/24	Alleged unlawful Arrest , detention,	Delu Consulting Firm on behalf of	1. IGP's X-SQUAD 2. F-SARS

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		cruel, inhuman, degrading treatment and violation of Right to Property	Victoria Weatley Victor	3. Supol Abbas 4. CSP Seye Odunmdaku 5. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 6. Inspector General of Police
13.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/LA/28	Alleged unlawful arrest, detention, extortion and violation of right to property	Chukwuemeka Fred	1.FSARS, Ikeja, Lagos 2. Kehinde Joshua 3. Abiodun and others 4. Commissioner of Police, Lagos State 5. Inspector General of Police
14.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/LA/28	Alleged unlawful arrest, detention, extortion and violation of right to property	Chukwuemeka Fred	1.FSARS, Ikeja, Lagos 2. Kehinde Joshua 3. Abiodun and others 4. Commissioner of Police, Lagos State 5. Inspector General of Police
15	NHRC/PSARS/2018/LA/28	Alleged unlawful arrest, detention, extortion and violation of right to property	Chukwuemeka Fred	1.FSARS, Ikeja, Lagos 2. Kehinde Joshua 3. Abiodun and others 4. Commissioner of Police, Lagos State 5. Inspector General of Police
16	NHRC/PSARS/2018/LA/35	Alleged unlawful arrest, detention, extortion and violation of right to property	Shittu Risikat	1.FSARS, Adeniji, Adele, Lagos 2. Abdul Gani of FSARS, Adeniji, Adele, Lagos 3. Commissioner of Police, Lagos State 4. Inspector General of Police
17		Alleged unlawful arrest, detention, extortion and violation of right to property	Emmanuel Sumaila	1.FSARS, Osada Oko, Ogun State. 2.Ojo (IPO) of FSARS Osada Oko. 3. Commissioner of Police, Ogun State 4. Inspector General of Police
18	NHRC/PSARS/2018/1M/1 (SEZ/2017/603)	Alleged Unlawful Arrest, Extrajudicial Killing and Violation of Right to Property	1. Gift Onyinyechi Ezenwa 2. Emmanuel Okoronkwo & 3Ors on behalf of Collins Ezenwa Okoronkwo (deceased)	1. F-SARS Owerri, Imo State 2. Intelligence Response Team 3. Supol Victor (F-SARS Imo State) 4. Inspector Nwachukwu 5. SP Philip Reininwa 6. ISP. Ndidi Nwaneri(IRT) 7.IPO Columbus

				Aniozor 8. Commissioner of Police, Imo State 9. Inspector General of Police
19	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/DEL/2	Alleged Unlawful Confiscation of Toyota Picnic Vehicle with Registration No. UGH59KZ and Violation of Right to Property.	S.O Ataro & Co. on behalf of Mr. Clement Aphiare	1. F-SARS, Ugheli, Delta State Command 2. Commissioner of Police, Delta State 3. Inspector General of Police

2.6.1.: Recommendations

The police have to review their documentation processes, not just relating to the documentation of suspected stolen vehicles and auction, but also to plug any loopholes that were exploited to perpetrate the confiscation of properties; the officers that were established to have taken part in this abuse of due process should pay the market value of the vehicle or replace it with a vehicle of the same model and year of manufacture with additional compensation to the victims; It should be made mandatory that certified Exhibit Keepers are appointed at every level of Police formations to ensure that every property/exhibit are properly documented, retrieved and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Police Act and Regulation.

2.7.0: Torture, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment

Some officers believed that they had the right to beat up suspects, force them to talk or injure them as the established practice of extracting confessions from suspects. The failure to record the wounds or injuries on suspects before being taken into custody was noted to be the case in the complaints before the Panel. The injuries by the suspects were meted to them while in police custody.

The complaints on which the findings were based are listed in Box

S/N	COMPLAINT NOS	SUBJECT MATTER	COMPLAINANTS/PETITIONERS	RESPONDENTS
	NHRC/PSARS/2018/BN/4	Alleged Torture, Cruel, Inhuman and degrading treatment	Mr. Ote John Oche	1. Ace of Spade Recreational Center, Makurdi 2. F-SARs 3. Commissioner of Police, Benue State 4. Inspector General of Police
2.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/KG/1 (C/2016/1132580/HQ)	Alleged Torture and extrajudicial killing	AT Yusuf on behalf of Adamu Haruna	1. F-SARS Lokoja 2. Commissioner of Police, Kogi State 3. Inspector General of Police
3.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/A BJ/14 (C/2018/2027-2028/HQ)	Alleged Unlawful Arrest, Detention and Torture	Mathew Ojonomi Onoja & CO on behalf of Mark Kajo	1. F SARS Abuja 2. IPO Godwin Mike Ahua 3. Commissioner of Police, FCT 4. Inspector General of Police
4.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/A BJ/2 (C/2018/CPR/4232/HQ)	Alleged Unlawful Arrest, Detention and Torture Leading to Death	D.I.A Uloko on behalf of Abraham Uloko	1. F-SARS, FCT 2. Sgt. Faruk 3. Commissioner of Police, FCT 4. Inspector General of Police
5.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/A BJ/3	Alleged Unlawful Arrest, Detention and	Jimoh Juliet on behalf of Paul and James	1. Officers of F- SARS, FCT SARS

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	(C/2018/438/HQ)	Torture		2. Commissioner of Police, FCT 3. Inspector General of Police
6.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/A BJ/4 (C/2018/378/HQ)	Alleged cruel, Inhuman and degrading treatment and seizure of property	Peter Akeju of Petekeju Concept Limited	1. Officers of IGP Intelligence Response Team 2. IPO Austin 3. F-SARS Operatives (FCT) 4. Commissioner of Police, FCT 5. Inspector General of Police
7.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/A BJ/5 (C/2018/629/HQ)	Alleged Unlawful arrest, detention torture cruel, inhuman & degrading treatment	Appah Godday	1. Mrs. Ngozi 2. F-SARS 3. Commissioner of Police, FCT 4. Inspector General of Police
8.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/A BJ/9 (C/2017/1260-1261)	Alleged violation of right to Personal Liberty, Dignity of human person and fair hearing	Dr Yakubu Fobur & co. on behalf of Auwal Mohammed & Kyari Garba	1. F SARS ABUJA 2. Commissioner of Police, FCT 3. Commissioner of Police, Plateau State Command 4. Inspector General of Police
9.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/A BJ/11 (C/2017/5417)	Alleged Unlawful Arrest, Detention, Torture, Extortion and Enforced Disappearance	Salamatu Ado on behalf of Aminu Adamu Ykasai	1. F- SARS, Abuja 2. IGP-Intelligent Response Unit, Force headquarters Abuja 3. Commissioner of Police, FCT 4. Inspector General of Police
10.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/A BJ/12 C/2017/7185/HQ	Alleged Violation of Right to Personal Liberty, Cruel, Inhuman, Degrading Treatment and Extortion	Ezeani Henry	1. F- SARS (Abuja) 2. Bawa James of SARS Abuja 3. Commissioner of Police, FCT 4. Inspector General of Police
11.	NHRC/PSARS/ 2018/ABJ/19 (C/2018/CPR/3559/HQ)	Alleged cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment	Mallam Umar Manu	1. Sgt. Umar Suleiman of F-SARS Abuja 2. Commissioner of Police, FCT 3. Inspector General of Police
12.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/B N/2 (C/2017/634/BSO)	Alleged Torture, Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment	Ochai Onazi, Esq on behalf of Joseph Ocheme and family	1. Sgt. Godwin Audu, SARS Unit, Benue State 2. F-SARS, Benue State 3. Commissioner of Police, Benue State 4. Inspector General of Police
13	NHRC/PSARS/ 2018/ABJ/23 C/2017/544/HQ	Alleged Cruel, Inhuman, Degrading Treatment and Illegal Confiscation of Motorcycle	Enoch Goje	1. F-SARS, Abuja 2. Commissioner of Police, FCT 3. Inspector General of Police
14	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/L A/1	Alleged Inhuman and degrading treatment	Delibe Chinedu Ifuzue Esq. on behalf of Executive Director and Staff of Finlab Nig. Ltd.	1. Criminal Investigation & Intelligence Dept. Yaba 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police
15	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/L A/3	Alleged Inhuman and degrading treatment	Njoku Raphael Uzoma	1. F-SARS, Pako Police Station 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police
16	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/L A/4	Alleged Inhuman and degrading treatment/unlawful detention	Bar Ezeobi Chinedu	1. F-SARS, Adeniji Adele, Lagos State 2. Supol Solomon & Team 3. Commissioner of Police Lagos

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17	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/K D/1	Alleged Cruel, inhuman, Degrading Treatment and Torture Leading to Death	Joy Okon (on Behalf of Mr. John Okon (deceased))	4. Inspector General of Police 1. S.P. Jummai of Anti Crime Dpt, Gabasawa, Kaduna 2. O/C Anti-Crime Dpt, Gabawasawa, Kaduna 3. Commissioner of Police, Kaduna State 4. Inspector General of Police
18	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/13	Alleged unlawful Arrest , detention , cruel, inhuman , degrading treatment and extortion	Victoria Ibezim-Ohaeri of Spaces for Change on behalf of Samuel Tamidun and 9 Ors.	1. F-SARS, Lagos 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police
19	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/15	Alleged unlawful Arrest, detention, cruel, inhuman, degrading treatment , extortion and right to property	Victoria Ibezim- Ohaeri of Spaces for Change on behalf of Idowu Makanjuola	1. F-SARS Ikeja, Lagos 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police
20	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/16	Alleged unlawful Arrest , detention, cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment	Victoria Ibezim- Ohaeri of Spaces for Change on behalf Joseph Adeniran and 9 Ors.	1. F-SARS Ikeja, Lagos 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police
21	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/17	Alleged unlawful Arrest , detention, cruel, inhuman ,degrading treatment and extortion	Victoria Ibezim- Ohaeri of Spaces for Change on behalf Comrade Agbodemu	1.F-SARS Ikeja, Lagos 2. Umar Paiko 3. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 4. Inspector General of Police
22	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/18	Alleged unlawful Arrest, detention, cruel, inhuman, degrading treatment and extortion	Victoria Ibezim- Ohaeri of Spaces for Change on behalf Mr. Lawal Alabi Nurudeen and Ors.	1. F-SARS Ikeja, Lagos 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police
23	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/19	Alleged unlawful Arrest, detention, cruel, inhuman, degrading treatment and violation of right to property	Victoria Ibezim- Ohaeri of Spaces for Change on behalf Emmanuel James Ibe	1. F-SARS, Ago-Palace, Okota, Lagos 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police
24	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/20	Alleged unlawful Arrest , detention, cruel, inhuman, degrading treatment and violation of right to property.	Ofoka Joshua	1. FSARS, Lagos 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police
25.	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/21	Alleged cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment.	1. Honourable Attorney General of Lagos State 2. Adewuyi Oluwaseun Olugbodi on behalf of his wife Mrs Hannah Olugbodi	1. F-SARS, Gbagada, Lagos 2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police
26	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/22	Alleged Unlawful Detention and Torture	1. Honourable Attorney General of Lagos State 2. Otuchere John	1.F-SARS, Ikeja,Lagos 2. Supol Omoleme 3. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 4. Inspector General of Police
27	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/23	Alleged cruel, inhuman and	1. Honourable Attorney General of Lagos State	1. Nigeria Police Counter Terrorism Unit, Iyanu Oba, Lagos

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		degrading treatment.	2. Ikenna Steve Ibe	2. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 3. Inspector General of Police
28	NHRC/P-SARS/2018/LA/24	Alleged unlawful Arrest , detention, cruel, inhuman, degrading treatment and forceful invasion	Olutokumbo Philips of Legal Ocean View on Behalf of Residents of Millennium Citi Centre Estate, Kosofe, Lagos	1.IGP's X-SQUAD 2. Oyedele Family 3. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 4. Inspector General of Police
29	NHRC/PSARS/2018/LA /38	Alleged unlawful Arrest , detention, cruel, inhuman, degrading treatment and violation of Right to Property	Delu Consulting Firm on behalf of Victoria Victor Weatley	1. IGP's X-SQUAD 2. F-SARS 3. Supol Abbas 4. CSP Seye Odunmdaku 5. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 6. Inspector General of Police
30	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/R VS/2	Alleged Unlawful Arrest, Detention, Cruel and Degrading Treatment	Nnamdi Samuel Nwafor on behalf of Mr. Ikechukwu Uzo	1.FSARS, Lagos 2. Inspector Friday, F-SARS, Ojo 3. Insp. Hilary (IPO) 4. Commissioner of Police, Lagos State 5. Inspector General of Police
31	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/R VS/3	Alleged Extra-Judicial Killings, Harassment, Brutalization and Intimidation of Rivers People and other residents of Rivers State	Karl Chinedu Uchegbu Chairman, Civil Liberties Organization	1. F-SARS, Rivers State 2. Mr. Akin Fakorede 3. Commissioner of Police, Rivers State 4. Inspector General of Police
32	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/R VS/4	Alleged Torture, Extortion and Extra Judicial Killings of Defenseless persons in Rivers State	Prince Sudor Nwiyor of Initiative for Amity and Great Leadership & 4 Ors	1. F- SARS, Rivers State 2. Commissioner of Police, Rivers State 3. Inspector General of Police
33	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/A KS/1 (C/2018/CPR/3082/H)	Alleged Extortion and Cruel/Inhuman and Degrading Treatment	Chima Horgans Nnadi on behalf of Dennis Horgans	1. F- SARS, Rivers State 2. Mr. Danjuma, F-SARS, Rivers State 3. Mr. Joseph, F- SARS, Rivers State 4. Commissioner of Police, Rivers State 5. Inspector General of Police
34	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/A KS/2	Alleged inhuman, cruel and degrading Treatment on Detainees at Ikot Akpa Abia, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State	Oluwafemi Ajibade, Esq. of Citizens Gavel	1. F-SARS, Ikot Akpa Abia, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State Command 2. Commissioner of Police, Akwa Ibom State 3. Inspector General of Police
35	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/A KS/1 (C/2018/CPR/3082/H)	Alleged Assault and Torture	Ben Ndedde, Esq of Justice Forte Chambers on behalf of Micheal M. Antai	1.Duke Bassey of Eket Divisional Police Headquarters 2. Godwin of Eket Divisional Police Headquarters 3. Commissioner of Police, Akwa Ibom State 4. Inspector General of Police
36	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/A KS/2	Alleged inhuman, cruel and degrading Treatment on	Oluwafemi Ajibade, Esq. of Citizens Gavel	1. F-SARS, Ikot Akpa Abia, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State Command

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		Detainees at Ikot Akpa Abia, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State		2. Commissioner of Police, Akwa Ibom State 3. Inspector General of Police
37	NHRC/PSARS/2018/A N/1 (SEZ/2017/367)	Alleged Assault and Torture	Ben Ndedde, Esq of Justice Forte Chambers on behalf of Micheal M. Antai	1. Duke Bassey of Eket Divisional Police Headquarters 2. Godwin of Eket Divisional Police Headquarters 3. Commissioner of Police, Akwa Ibom State 4. Inspector General of Police
38	NHRC/PSARS/2018/E N/1 (SEZ/2016/247)	Alleged unlawful arrest, intimidation and Harassment	Mr Eze Augustine Ogochukwu	1. F-SARS, Awkuzu, Anambra State 2. Commissioner of Police Anambra State 3. Inspector General of Police
39	NHRC/PSARS/2018/E N/3 (SEZ/2017/455)	Alleged Torture, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment Leading to Death in Custody	A S Nwokeocha on behalf of master Chinedu Edu (deceased)	1. F- SARS, Enugu 2. Sgt Everest (OBJ) of SARS 3. Intercil Product Ltd 4. Commissioner of Police, Enugu State Command 5. Inspector General Police
40	NHRC/PSARS/2018/E N/3 (SEZ/2017/455)	Alleged Unlawful Detention, Torture, Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment	Mrs Obinna Queendalin on behalf of Eneh Ferdinand	1. O/C Anti Cultism Division Goshen 2. Ekeleme Chidobe (Anti Cultism Police) 3. Commissioner of Police, Enugu State Command 4. Inspector General of Police
41	NHRC/PSARS/2018/IM/2 (C/2018/CPR/4241/HQ)	Alleged Unlawful Arrest, Detention, Torture and Enforced Disappearance	1. Nlemeke Oluchi 2. Chief Nlemeke Miracle (on behalf of Nlemeke Chinedu)	1. F SARS Owerri Imo State 2. Commissioner of Police Imo State 3. Inspector General of Police
42	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/G M/2 (NHRC/GSO/C/2017/226)	Alleged Inhuman and degrading treatment	Hon. Yushau Yakubu	1. FSARS, Gombe State Command 2. Sgt. Daudu Philip, F-SARS, Gombe 3. Commissioner of Police, Gombe State 4. Inspector General of Police
43	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/G M/3 (NHRC/GSO/C/2017/192)	Alleged Inhuman and degrading treatment	Heman Hakila Yerima	1. F-SARS, Gombe State Command 2. Commissioner of Police, Gombe State 3. Inspector General of Police

2.7.1: Recommendations

The police should be made to adopt human rights based approach in conducting investigations and in the treatment of suspects. The investigation of suspects in police custody must be recorded (video) evidence to help stop the cases of torture, punishment, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment technical support and equipment should be put in place and all stakeholders can provide support in this regard.

2.8.0: Extra-Judicial Killings

There were indeed cases of violation of the right to life resulting from beating, torturing, shooting and denial of feeding to suspects in police custody. This practice was done in the bid to get suspects to confess to the commission of crimes. There were cases where suspects died in police custody with no proper procedures followed in terms of carrying out autopsy, coroners' inquest, depositing or disposal of corpses. There were

cases where complaints were made against the police for being responsible for the disappearance of persons arrested by them without trace. In such a situation there is no way that families will get the corpses of their loved ones, give them decent burial and get closure over their years of painful search. Cultural rights of citizens to burial have been grossly abused by the SARS mode of operations.

SUMMARY OF CASES OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLINGS

S/N	COMPLAINT NOs	SUBJECT MATTER	COMPLAINANTS/PETITIONERS	RESPONDENTS
1.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/BN/3 (C/2016/ 479/BSO)	Alleged Extra Judicial Killing	M.T Iorsue, Esq of Mchael Assoh & Co on behalf of of Mr. Emmanuel Tertsea (deceased) and Mrs Nongobee Aker Dia	1. F-SARS, Benue State Command 2. Commissioner of Police, Benue State 3. Inspector General of Police
2.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/KG/1 (C/2016/1132580/HQ)	Alleged Torture and extrajudicial killing	AT Yusuf on behalf of Adamu Haruna	1. F-SARS Lokoja 2. Commissioner of Police, Kogi State 3. Inspector General of Police
3.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/ABJ/1 (C/2018/2090/HQ)	Alleged extrajudicial Killing and refusal to release corpse	Hearthland Alliance International on behalf of Miss Comfort Hembe and Mr. Dogo	1. F-SARS, FCT, Abuja 2. Commissioner of Police, FCT 3. Inspector General of Police
4.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/BN/1 (C/2016/512/BSO)	Alleged Extra judicial Killing	U.K Sullah, Esq on behalf of Agande Adi and Olowe Adi (deceased) and their families	1. F-SARS, Benue State Command 2. Commissioner of Police, Benue State 3. Inspector General of Police
5.	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/LA/6	Alleged extra-judicial killing	C.P. Columbus (RTD)on behalf of Philip Enwerem and Ors.	1.F-SARS, Lagos 2. Insp. Wilson Okanya 3. Commissioner of Police Lagos State 4. Inspector General of Police
6.	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/KW/1	Alleged Extra-judicial killing of Michael Adikwu, Human Rights Abuse and Politicization of criminal investigation by the Police	Honourable Attorney General of Kwara State	1. F-SARS, Kwara State 2. Commissioner of Police, Kwara State 3. Commissioner of Police, F-SARS, Abuja 4. Inspector General of Police
7.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/OG/4	Alleged unlawful arrest , detention and extra judicial killing	Adeniyi Sulaiman of Human Rights and Social Justice on behalf of Adetiba Sunday (deceased) and family.	1. FSARS, Magbon, Abeokuta 2. Commissioner of Police, Ogun State 3. Inspector General of Police
8.	NHRC/PSARS/2018/1M/1 (SEZ/2017/603)	Alleged Unlawful Arrest , Extrajudicial Killing and Violation of Right to Property	1. Gift Onyinyechi Ezenwa 2. Emmanuel Okoronkwo & 3Ors on	1. F-SARS Owerri,Imo State 2. Intelligence Response Team

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			behalf of Collins Ezenwa Okoronkwo (deceased)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Supol Victor (F-SARS Imo State) 4. Inspector Nwachukwu 5. SP Philip Reininwa 6. ISP. Ndidi Nwaneri(IRT) 7. IPO Columbus Aniozor 8. Commissioner of Police, Imo State 9. Inspector General of Police
9.	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/BAYL/1 (C/2017/66901/HQ)	Alleged Extra-Judicial Killing of Emmanuel Ominigbo in Police Custody	Collins Boleigha, Esq on behalf of Chief Agundu Enoch & 5 Ors	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. F-SARS, Bayelsa State Command 2. Inspector Agala F-SARS, Bayelsa State Command 3. Stephen, F-SARS, Bayelsa State Command 4. Commissioner of Police, Bayelsa State Command 5. Inspector General of Police
10	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/CRS/1 C/2017/8696/HQ	Alleged Extra-Judicial Killing of Mr. Emmanuel Etta Nkim	Tawo E. Tawo, SAN & Co. on behalf of Mrs. Esther Etta Nkim	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. F-SARS, Cross River State Command 2. DSP Sekiru Akinlaja, OC Operation Skolombo, Nigerian Police Force 3. DSP Efoli Essien, F-SARS, Cross River State Command 4. Insp. Eze Anthony, F- SARS, Cross River State Command 5. Insp. Abel Damilola, Team Leader, Operation Skolombo 6. Sgt. Akinade Lukman, Operation Skolombo 7. Sgt. Ugbe Emmanuel, Operation Skolombo 8. Commissioner of Police, Cross River State Command 9. Inspector General of Police
11	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/RVS/6 (C/2014/156/SSZ)	Alleged Extra-Judicial Killing of Bright Ogoloma by SARS and Mrs Okpara Precious	Handsome Ogoloma	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. F-SARS, Port-Harcourt, Rivers State Command 2. Mr. Asuquo, IPO F-SARS, Port-Harcourt, Rivers State 3. Mrs Precious

				Okpara 4. Mrs Sardawa Oghola, F-SARS Port-Harcourt, 5. Commissioner of Police, Rivers State 6. Inspector General of Police
12	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/RVS/2	Alleged Extra-Judicial Killings, Harassment, Brutalization and Intimidation of Rivers People and other residents of Rivers State	Karl Chinedu Uchegbu Chairman, Civil Liberties Organization	1. F-SARS, Rivers State 2. Mr. Akin Fakorede 3. Commissioner of Police, Rivers State 4. Inspector General of Police
13	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/RVS/1	Alleged Extra-Judicial Killings, Theft, Extortion of Motorists and Destruction of APC Secretariat	Meschack Uyi, Ag. Director, Integrity Friends for Peace and Truth Initiatives	1. F-SARS, Rivers State 2. Mr. Akin Fakorede 3. Commissioner of Police, Rivers State 4. Inspector General of Police
14.	NHRC/P.SARS/2018/GM/1 (NHRC/GSO/C/2018/276)	Alleged Extra Judicial Killing	Lois Danladi on behalf of Emmanuel Danladi Luka (deceased) and family.	1. F-SARS, Gombe State Command 2. Commissioner of Police, Gombe State 3. Inspector General of Police

2.8.1: Recommendations

Police officers should be sensitized on the need to respect human rights and the life of suspects in their custody. They need to inculcate a culture of exercising restraint in dealing with suspects so as not to be pushed into thinking that they can take human life without consequences. All the Police officers identified to have violated the right to life and dignity of complainants through acts of torture, beatings or other forms of degrading treatment should be sanctioned by way of prosecution, in addition, to dismissal from service. The Federal Government needs to open up a wider investigation into the cases of death of persons in police custody as the cases decided by the Panel appear to be an indication of a practice that needlessly deny citizens right to life through unlawful means. There should be legal provisions requiring the police to report the death of suspects to relatives within seven days and where no relative is identified, the name and photograph of the dead suspect should be published in the media (in print media, police web site and or, on television) without stating the circumstances of death

2.9.0: Biased Investigations

The failure to conduct professional and unbiased investigation is an unhealthy development in the conduct of law enforcement duties. This will give the impression to citizens that the police are not an independent and unbiased organization. This could lead to loss of trust in the police and induce citizens with little or no sense of restraint to take laws into their hands leading to a culture of violence in society

Failure to undertake unbiased investigation can jeopardize an innocent person to be wrongly prosecuted and sanctioned

2.9.1: Recommendations

Police investigations must be professional and unbiased with close supervision from superior officers and keeping appropriate records for review and accountability; investigations must inspire confidence and trust in the professional standing of the police. There is the need for internal review of investigations in order to ensure that the correct procedures are followed, to make amends where mistakes have been made and to enhance good practice

3.0: TOR B: INDEPENDENT REVIEW AND ADVICE ON VALUE ADDED BY SARS FROM PUBLIC SECURITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY PERSPECTIVES

3.1.0: Introduction

SARS was an adaptive response to a threatening crime situation against the citizens of Nigeria. It was created in 1986 following strings of robberies especially in the Lagos-Benin axis. The Police have an Anti-Robbery section in the FCIID, ZCIID, SCIID and Area Command Headquarters throughout the country. One Lawrence Nomanyagbon (alias Anini) and his gang spear-headed a four months chain of robberies and eluding police capture. President Ibrahim Babangida ordered the then Inspector General of Police, Mr. Etim Inyang, to undertake a massive manhunt for the kingpin and his fellow robbers. One of the steps taken by the IGP was to summon his management team and concluded on establishing a team to confront the crime situation. The IGP gave the assignment to CP Fulani Kwajafa attached to FCIID at Alagbon close to end the string of armed robberies. CP Kwajafa operated from Adeniji Adele Street and named the squad, Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS). In 2016, SARS was centralized, removed from FCIID to Department Of Operations (DOPs) and all the functions hitherto performed by the SARS in the FCIID, ZCIID, SCIID and Area Command CIID, were ceded to SARS under the control of Department of Operations (DOPs) Force Federal Operations Headquarters, Zonal Operations Headquarters, State Operations Headquarters, Area Command Operations Headquarters and Divisional Police Headquarters, throughout the country. In totality, right is taken over by wrong, and wrongs replaced rights and this is where we found ourselves at the moment.

3.1.2: SARS Contributions to Public Safety and Public Security in a Challenging Environment

The contributions of SARS officers need to be appreciated in the light of the paucity of resources, the personal danger they confront and the difficult environment in which they operate. Despite these challenges, the officers have continued to take on their job seriously and their mere presence has served as a useful **deterrence against major crimes**. Police officers protect life and property in a dynamic world of crime where criminals use more sophisticated weapons. It is important to recognize that the police put their life in danger to protect millions of Nigerians. They have developed **courage and special techniques** in their line of duty.

The Panel understands the public outcry against some of the activities of SARS. The incidents of civilians resorting to SARS to address their cases, although at times in abusive form, is a recognition of its effectiveness in combating crimes such as armed robbery, kidnapping, rape, cultism and other dangerous crimes. SARS have been very

swift in responding to distress calls and the fact that some crimes are prevented is a testimony to their usefulness especially when they act within the provisions of the law.

The contributions of SARS can also be appreciated as they are operating in a dynamic world of crime. For instance, Nigeria is home to 70% to illegal small arms and light weapons. Without SARS it would have been difficult to contain some of the criminal elements operating in the society. This underscores the need for complimenting SARS with State and Local Government police to deliver a death blow on crimes and criminality in the country.

In some cases, police officers confronting violent crimes and dangerous criminals can be said to be acting as primitive heroes: they know the dangers confronting them, including paying the ultimate price. Nevertheless, they still carry on bravely to actualize the mandate of protecting life and property.

The country is experiencing **terrorism**, a rather relatively new and difficult security challenge which stretches the capacity of the police. It is a new challenge that had to be confronted first by the police before the military was deployed to take charge of the situation. Terrorism has led to the emergence of other crimes, suicide bombing, use of improvised explosive devices (IEDs), kidnappings, etc. All these have combined to complicate the crime situation in the country.

The country has many **ungoverned spaces** to contend with. These are not just at the borders, but also internally in forest reserves and forests that have become safe havens for criminal elements. The Forest Reserves used to have Forest Guards but they are no longer there to keep watch. Some of these areas are close to highways that make it easy for criminals to find sanctuary. Again, the establishment of state and local government police to compliment the activities of SARS can solve the problem of policing ungoverned spaces.

Despite the penetration of **Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs)** in various forms, the Police, particularly officers of SARS, continue to take up the challenge with the little available technological devices at their disposal. Modern day policing is supported by specialists ably deploying their knowledge and skills to support operations of field officers such as those operating under SARS. Officers still manage to work against criminals to ensure public security and public safety.

The officers of the SARS, like all other officers, are operating in an organization where concerns have continued to be raised about their welfare and condition of service. This has not stopped the police from taking steps to continue policing the country. This point can be appreciated when one considers that the NPF came up with the idea of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad in 1986, at a time of economic difficulties. It is a tribute to the ingenuity of the NPF that the idea of SARS has survived to this day.

It is important to recognize the fact that the Nigerian public is a highly skeptical one. The police have continued to take measures to discipline erring officers and present such officers to the public. They have shown readiness to work toward sanitizing the police. There seems to be an entrenched culture of no-good-news-can-come-from-the-police. The public skepticism against the police in fighting crime has led to the practice of parading criminal suspects.

The public outcry was indeed justified, however, it would seem to be a cry for help aimed at gaining the attention of the relevant authorities to take measures to give Nigeria a better, more efficient, more effective and more responsive police capable of acting professionally to guarantee public safety and public security.

4.0: TOR C: MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO GOVERNMENT ON

- i. The steps that may be taken to reform or restructure SARS;*
- ii. Measures to be taken in respect of operatives of SARS, if any, found in violation of human rights of citizens;*
- iii. Remedial steps that may enhance the professional conduct of SARS operatives and other members of the Nigeria Police; and*
- iv. Any other recommendations that may be considered appropriate.*

4.1.1: C(i): Steps that may be taken to reform or restructure Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS)....

Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) is one of the sections under the Force Criminal Intelligence and Investigation Department (FCIID) which is the highest investigation arm of the Nigeria Police Force. Its operation is mainly intelligence-led policing. The Panel wishes to proffer some recommendations and implementation strategies hereunder:

Recommendation:

SARS should revert to investigation and intelligence-led Policing Principles and Practice.

Implementation Strategies

- (i)* SARS at various formations should report and be responsible directly to the head of each Command, i.e at FCIID, ZCIID and SCIID;
- (ii)* SARS should return to its original name as **Anti-Robbery Section**;
- (iii)* The said Anti-Robbery Section should confine itself to purely intelligence and investigation of armed robbery cases;
- (iv)* Operational duties are to be carried out exclusively by the Operations Departments at various command levels unless the circumstances of the case demand joint operation;
- (v)* Accordingly, the following existing sections in operations department should be strengthened namely: Counter-Terrorism; Anti-Kidnapping; Anti-Banditry; Anti-Cultism and other violent crimes

4.1.2: C(ii.) Measures to be taken in respect of Operatives of SARS if any found in Violation of Human Rights of Citizens

This section of the report draws on the specific decisions for each category of human rights violations. The parties to the case are presented followed by the specific recommendations. By this arrangement the specific recommendations from each complaint are presented under category of the rights violated with the complaint number bracketed for ease of reference. Detailed recommendations to be taken in respect of operatives of SARS and other special police formations found to have violated the human rights of citizens are contained in Volumes III and IV of the Report. The panel recommended disciplinary actions against specific officers including dismissal from service, demotion of officers, payment of compensation to victims by the police or

officers involved in violation of rights. The Panel recommended, several measures against officers and civilians involved in the violation of rights of victims, as follows:

1. Payment of monetary compensation to victims or their families in cases of arbitrary arrests and detentions, bail and other forms of extortion, extra-judicial killing, enforced disappearances, confiscation of property or inhuman and degrading treatment. In addition, in specific cases the Police authorities or individuals were to tender apology
2. Those who auctioned off or seized property were to be made to either return the property or refund the full cost of the property including payment of damages to the victims.
3. In cases where there were violations of right to life, the panel recommended undertaking autopsy to determine cause of death, release of corpses to families of victims so that they can do proper burials
4. Where officers were found to have been involved in inhuman, cruel and degrading treatment leading to death or killing a suspect, the Panel recommended their dismissal from service and prosecution
5. Where officers acted unprofessionally as in cases of arbitrary arrests, sexual molestation, extortion, etc. they are to be sanctioned by way of demotion/reduction in rank, prosecution or dismissal from service.
6. Civilians involved in using the police based on their connections are also to pay monetary compensation to their victims including tendering apology for the violation of rights
7. In cases where corpses of victims were not released, directives were given to the relevant authorities to release the corpses to the families
8. The directives by the NHRC to the police, require them to take action within periods specified on the relevant individual cases and report the actions taken
9. The Panel directed that officers that failed to honour the summons of the Panel with regard to confiscation or unlawful auction of property are to be arrested by the Police

4.1.3: Remedial steps that may enhance the professional conduct of SARS operatives and other members of the Nigeria Police;

The Panel also recommended the following measures to enhance the professional conduct of SARS operatives and other members of the Nigeria Police Force:

4.1.4: Screening of Officers

It is important for the authorities of the NPF to undertake a proper screening of all the officers operating under the SARS and similar special squads/teams to ensure that they are fit and suitable to undertake the special task assigned to them. The screening should be a periodic exercise and be extended to all officers. The screening should be tailored to achieve the following: (i) weeding out officers that are unsuitable to serve in the SARS (ii) deployment of officers that demonstrate a proper understanding of the laws, regulations, procedures, principles and practices of the police (iii) identifying officers that need to go through refresher training (iv) ensure that officers possess the right mental and physical capacity to serve in SARS (v) imposing appropriate disciplinary measures against officers found to have abused the laws, regulations, procedures, principles and practices of the police force.

4.1.5: Training and Refresher Training on Human Rights Principles

Trainings on human rights principles (i) to ensure that all police officers from inception acquire knowledge on principles of human rights and their relevance to the work of the

police (ii) ensure that officers operating under special squads such as the SARS receive refresher training reminding them of their human rights obligations before they file out for police duties (iii) understand that the Police can be held accountable for human rights violations including the imposition of sanctions on individual police officers that are found culpable (iv) enhance professionalism in the police performance of their duties and to minimize the instances of violations of human rights by the police

4.1.6: Specialist Training to Enhance Police Methods and Procedures

Specialist training is one of the critical means by which the professional performance of the police can be enhanced. Police work is increasingly becoming specialized, more accountable and professionalized. The capacity of police training institutions to produce professional police officers need to be enhanced and specialist training emphasized to keep the police ahead of the dynamic world of crime and criminal activities. Specialist training can help to minimize the incidents of poor crime investigations and other challenges that undermine professional police performance..

4.1.7: Provision of Crime Fighting Technological Devices across the Country

The Federal Government should acquire and deploy technological gadgets for crime fighting, enhancing public security and public safety. The hope is that the technological devices will help the police in fighting crime, apprehend criminal suspects and enhance the performance of the police. The installation of CCTV Cameras and scanners in public places, towns and cities are required to help in the detection and prevention of crime. In addition, the Police need to have UAVs to help in stealth operations.

4.1.8: Enhancing the Police Budget and Accountability

The Federal Government needs to enhance the budgetary allocation to the Police and strengthen accountability principles to ensure effective and efficient service delivery. The problem with the police budget is the concentration of the funds into the hands of the IGP who decides how it is allocated to commands. There is the need to ensure a more scientific way of disbursing funds to various commands with clear budget lines to forestall shortages or lack of funds in critical areas.

4.1.9. Enhancing Communications in the Police

Communication is critical to police operations. The Police need to have communication equipment with control centres across the cities and towns that facilitate contact with field officers, giving directives, responding to distress calls and responding to requests for reinforcements in times of emergency. To further enhance communications, there is the need to provide **Toll Free Phone No.** to be made available to members of the public to enable them report cases of abuse. But more critically the phone numbers are to facilitate reporting crime and criminal activities to the police. The phone numbers should be written on the body of vehicles of the operatives of SARS.

4.1.10: Building Police Capacity to Confront Terrorism

The Federal Government should support the NPF to build capacity to confront the threats posed by terrorism. Given the experience of the last decade in fighting terrorism, the police should be capable of responding to terrorists. Thus, the police need to have specialists on terrorism and to improve on its investigative and intelligence

gathering capacity and nip terrorists plans before they succeed in carrying out their threat. The police would need support to build such a specialism to ensure public security and public safety. The nature of crime keeps changing and the need for the police to respond

4.1.11: Disciplinary Measures for Human Rights Violations

Immediate disciplinary actions should be taken against any officer who gets involved in violation of human rights of citizens be it deprivation of right to freedom of movement, liberty, dignity, and other acts that are violations of the laws. Disciplinary procedures must be invoked along with criminal investigations and prosecutions; clear messages must be passed to SARS officers that they will be investigated and prosecuted for any acts of torture or ill-treatments even when it is a clear superior directive. SARS officers need be told and shielded from disciplinary actions when they disregard superior unlawful orders from their superiors. There is the need to develop and sustain such practices in the police. The NPF need to let the public know the outcome of decisions of disciplinary measures taken against the erring SARS operatives

5.0: C(iv.) OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1.: Ten-Year Police Intervention Plan

The Federal Government should deliberately institute a framework for the modernization of the Nigerian Police over a ten year period, running from 2020 to 2030. The ten-year period is designed to ensure conscious mobilization of resources to modernize the operations of the police. Successive Panel reports have emphasized the need to provide the police with equipment, logistics and enhanced manpower to make the police more efficient and more effective.

5.2.: The Nigeria Police to come up with a clear Blue Print Procedure for posting officers to Force Intelligence and Investigation Department (FCIID) in general and SARS in particular.

5.3.: The Department of Research and Planning to liaise with FCIID, ZCIID, SCIID, and others investigative and Operational Units of the police to render daily crime bulletin.

5.4.: Establishment of State and Local Government Police to deal adequately with ungoverned spaces and prevent criminalities from festering and becoming a major threat to National Security. This will cut the supply chain of hardened criminals that necessitated formation of SARS and other special units

5.5.: Institutionalizing the Special Investigation Panel to annually hear and determine complaints on alleged human rights violations against operations of the Nigeria Police Force

5.6.: Strengthening the Police Rapid Response Complaints Unit of the Nigeria Police and other internal complaints mechanisms of the Force to make it more responsive

5.7.: The Nigeria Police Force should make it as a policy that *investigation strategy* must be planned for a criminal case referred for investigation at all levels i.e Divisional, State Command, Zonal and FCIID levels.

- 5.8.:** The Federal Government to provide adequate funds for the intelligence, investigation and prosecution activities of the Police.
- 5.9:** Screening of Officers to determine capacity to be deployed to special units like SARS
- 5.10:** Training and Refresher Training on Human Rights Principles
- 5.11.:** Specialist Training to Enhance Police Methods and Procedures
- 5.12:** Provision of Crime Fighting Technological Devices across the Country
- 5.13:** Enhancing the Police Budget and Accountability
- 5.14:** Enhancing Communications in the Police
- 5.15:** Building Police Capacity to Confront Terrorism
- 5.16:** Prompt Disciplinary Measures to be taken against Police Personnel found to have perpetrated Human Rights Violations
- 5.17.:** Ten-Year Police Intervention Plan
- 5.18:** Inter-Agency Cooperation in Intelligence Gathering and Sharing