

# **OGONI PEACE SUMMIT**

## **COMMUNIQUE OF THE OGONI PEACE SUMMIT**

In the wake of rising threats to security in Ogoni expressed in increasing cases of armed robbery and inter and intra communal violence, an Ogoni Peace Summit attended by over two thousand (2,000) Ogoni people including traditional rulers, elected and appointees of government, academicians, professionals, students, youths and women, and held at Suanu Finimale Nwika Conference Hall, Bori on Saturday, July 7, 2007, the following communiqué was issued.

- The Summit in recognition of the importance of God in the Ogoni quest for lasting peace, resolved to organize an Ogoni special church service at Bori on July 21, 2007, which would be devoted to fasting and prayers for divine intervention in the present crises in the area. It was also decided that the programme would be replicated at the local government and village levels.
- The Summit also decided and mandated communities to rise up physically against confirmed criminals in their respective communities, arrest and hand over such outlaws to the law enforcement agencies for prosecution. The Summit thus advised security operatives not to undermine the effort by allowing themselves to be compromised.
- The Summit similarly agreed to sanitize the youth system in Ogoni in order to have on board a youth leadership that has integrity. To this end, the Summit directed all Youth bodies to register with their respective local government councils where a register for youth leaders in there respective councils would be kept. It was further resolved that a meeting with the youths would be organized at the end of the exercise.
- The Ogoni Peace Summit also resolved and called on all political and community leaders and other similar interests to distance themselves from these criminals. The summit further advised them to desist from using these miscreants for whatever purposes as their perceived patronage and support for these outlaws have been seen as a major reason for the escalation of the present crisis.

- The Summit also decided that these resolutions be officially communicated to the state government. It thus agreed to send a high powered Ogoni delegation to meet with the State Governor, Sir Celestine Omehia on the issues of insecurity and development in Ogoni.
- The Summit recognized albeit painfully that Ogoni appear to have abandoned those cultural values that had assisted in guiding our conduct. The Summit thus resolved and mandated all traditional rulers to take immediate traditional steps to bring peace to Ogoni.

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