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CONDOLENCE AND SOLIDARITY WITH THE NIGERIAN STATE TRADE UNIONS ON THE CONSCIENCELESS BOMB BLAST AT NYANYA MOTOR PARK, ABUJA

ITUC-Africa and its teeming membership in 48 African countries conveys our profound and heartfelt condolences to the Nigerian state, workers and trade unions on the loss of over 200 working persons killed in the dastardly and heinous bomb blast attack by suspected terrorists at Nyanya Motor Park in Abuja, North Central Nigeria yesterday 14th April 2014.

Indeed, this is yet another cowardly act by conscienceless persons against innocent and harmless persons going about their normal and legitimate businesses. We condemn this mindless attack in the strongest terms.

We empathize and commiserate with the victims of the blast, just as we pray and wish the wounded and hospitalized speedy recovery. Our hearts go out profoundly to the families of the victims, especially those who have lost loved ones in the attack.

The intention of terror attacks is to instil fear and panic in the minds of persons and communities. We are however glad that Nigerians have risen in unison to condemn this cowardly act and have resolved to unite to defeat the terror gangs. We commend this resolve and pledge our support and solidarity to the efforts of the Nigerian state to win this fight.

However, waging and winning this fight against terror will require sincere, profound and imaginative responses. We therefore urge the Nigerian government to embrace decisive and all-embracing stakeholders' approach to step-up the security of lives and properties in the country.

Finally, we salute the courage of Nigerian workers to continue to work and contribute their quota to national progress even in the faces of daunting obstacles.

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