

Excellence Monsieur Cheikh Sakho
Ministre de la justice, Garde des Sceaux
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BP. 564
Conakry
Republik Guinea

Dear Minister,

Aissatou Lamarana Diallo, a 27-year-old Guinean woman, is seeking justice and reparation following the killing of her husband Thierno Sadou Diallo, 34, by security forces on 7 May 2015.

A series of protests were organized in Guinea on 7 May 2015, calling for changes to the electoral calendar to ensure local elections would be held before the presidential election. Thierno Sadou Diallo had not participated in the protests. He was killed while on his way home when the gendarmerie raided his neighbourhood at around 7pm and began to shoot as they ran after Thierno, his friends and others who were trying to find a safe place to hide away from the bullets. Thierno Sadou Diallo's friends tried to take him to a nearby clinic, but the gendarmes were blocking the streets with their pick-ups. By the time they got to the hospital, it was too late for Thierno Sadou Diallo.

I respectfully urge you to promptly, independently, impartially and effectively investigate the killing of Aissatou Lamarana Diallo's husband and ensure that those responsible are brought to justice in fair trials in line with international standards.

Please ensure that Aissatou Lamarana Diallo is provided with full reparation for the killing of her husband so that she is able to become financially independent and live in dignity. In addition, I urge you to ensure full accountability for any human rights violations committed by security forces, including ensuring Guinea's legal framework meets the accountability requirements set out in international law and standards.

I would also like to ask you to establish an independent oversight mechanism in order to review regulations and practices within law enforcement agencies.

Yours sincerely,

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