

Governor of Kano State  
H. E. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje  
The Executive Governor of Kano State  
Governor's Office  
Kano  
NIGERIA

Dear Governor,

It is with great concern that I have learned of the fate of journalist Jaafar Jaafar.

In October 2018, Jaafar Jaafar published video clips to prove that the Kano State Governor accepted bribes. Since then, the journalist has been persecuted. Initially, the governor filed a defamation suit against him, but now authorities claim they found evidence of criminal behavior during their investigation. Unknown men were watching his house, apparently looking for him. He also received death threats.

On April 20, 2021, a police unit appeared at Jaafar Jaafar's office and took him in for questioning: He was inciting violence and spreading damaging falsehoods about the Inspector General of Police. Jaafar Jaafar eventually fled Nigeria in May 2021, fearing for his and his family's safety.

Please ensure that all charges against Jaafar Jaafar are dropped immediately. Please also immediately end the harassment of him and other journalists and ensure that their rights are respected. They must be protected from reprisals, intimidation and harassment in the future.

Yours sincerely

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