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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure  
on the ongoing breaches of human rights in Nigeria

**Gianna Gancia**

**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the ongoing breaches of human rights in Nigeria**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Article 21(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas President Muhammadu Buhari has campaigned on a platform promoting transparency and the rule of law, but in practice has been punishing journalists for their reporting<sup>1</sup>, silencing individuals for posting opinions on social media and shutting down debate and the flow of information on flimsy grounds;
- B. whereas, according to Amnesty International, the Nigerian army killed at least 115 pro-Biafra people between March and June 2021<sup>2</sup>;
- C. whereas the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria of 1999 (as amended) guarantees human rights, including the right to protest;
- 1. Calls for the European Union to take a firm position against the actions of the Nigerian Government and to condemn strongly the unjustified and criminal violence perpetrated by President Buhari.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.voanews.com/a/journalists-say-they-are-under-attack-in-nigeria/4949463.html>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.africanews.com/2021/08/05/nigerian-army-killed-115-pro-biafra-people-between-march-and-june-amnesty-international//>