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PRESS RELEASE

RE: BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE BY CHIEF OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

1. The Ijaw National congress has perused the 18-page letter captioned "Before it is too late" written by our respected former President of Nigeria, Chief Olusegun Aremu Mathew Okikiola Obasanjo to President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan. Not only has he spoken, he has obviously bared his mind by all accounts.
2. Even though the Ijaw Nation holds Chief Obasanjo in high esteem for allowing himself to be used as a tool by God for the enthronement of Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, first as Vice President and later President of Nigeria, we are constrained to state our displeasure over the highly subversive motive of the letter he has written and dis-ingeniously leaked to the press. We take very strong exception to Chief Obasanjo's attempt to present himself as the all-knowing and only wise leader in Nigeria from whom President Jonathan must receive lectures on how to run the affairs of the Country.
3. The Ijaw Nation is eternally grateful to Nigerians who, irrespective of ethnic background or religion overwhelmingly voted in Dr. Jonathan as President, Commander-in-Chief. Being a key King maker in the ascension of President Jonathan does not make Chief Obasanjo a co-custodian of the peoples' mandate to lead our Country. After all, General Abdulsalami Abubakar, General Ibrahim Babangida and other leaders who were used also by God to move **Chief Obasanjo from prisoner to the office of President of Nigeria** did not dictate direction of governance to him when he ruled from 1999 to 2007.
4. While we leave President Jonathan to react to the allegations made against him by Chief Obasanjo and even the National Assembly to oversight and lay to rest or prove the veracity of the mind boggling allegations, we wish to state unequivocally that the Ijaw Nation will resist

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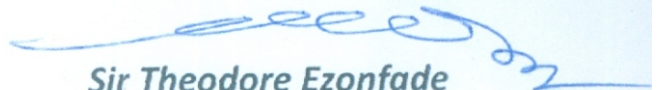
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any diabolical attempt and political manipulations by anyone or groups of persons who are clearly self-appointed to undermine the Presidency of Nigeria because it is occupied by an Ijaw.

5. We continue to have implicit confidence in President Jonathan and believe particularly that the Nigerian National Conference proposal as put forward by President Jonathan is truly the panacea towards creating true fiscal federalism in the country. Nigeria has been plagued with unitary federalism foisted through years of military rule that begat Land Use Act, Petroleum Act, Abrogation of 50% Principle of Derivation in Revenue Sharing, etc. and culminating to the current state of seeming intractable corruption, insecurity and economic problems facing the nation.
6. The gratitude of President Jonathan, an illustrious Ijaw man and indeed the Ijaw National Congress, to Nigerians is limitless for your unflinching support but we alert us all to be careful so as not to allow Nigerians inalienable rights to enthrone leaders of our choice to be eroded.
7. May God bless Nigeria



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