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PRESS RELEASE

ANNULMENT OF SPIDEL ELECTORAL PROCESS: A

DANGEROUS SIGNAL FOR 2026 NBA GENERAL ELECTION.

1. The EGBE AMOFIN O'ODUA (an association of all Lawyers of Yoruba extraction) is disturbed by the recent event which culminated in the abortion of the Spidel Election by Mazi Afam Osigwe, SAN (the NBA President).
2. The EGBE AMOFIN is worried that the secretary of the Electoral Committee of NBA (ECNBA) 2026 Mr. Aliyu Nassarawa was used to do the hatchet job of the president in this ignoble act of truncating the democratic process.
3. The unfortunate event that played out at the SPIDEL AGC in Uyo, Akwa-Ibom State as narrated by Dr. Anne Agi, one of the Victims in the unfortunate saga is in the public domain. According to her, the President, for personal vendetta, annulled an ongoing democratic process initiated to produce a democratically elected EXCO members of SPIDEL that were supposed to run the affairs of the forum for two (2) years at the close of nomination when some of the candidates had already emerged unopposed.

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4. In a bid reminiscent of the June 12 annulment, the NBA president unilaterally truncated the process and handpicked the members of the caretaker committee to run the affairs of the SPIDEL for the next two years.
5. It is worrisome that the NBA which has become the conscience of the nation by insisting on due process and berating all the dictatorial tendencies of Government will allow his chief-spoke person i.e. (The President) to engage in act antithetical to democratic norms. The EGBE AMOFIN OODUA is concerned that the NBA under the leadership of Mazi Afam Osigwe SAN is losing her moral fiber to challenge dictatorial and undemocratic tendencies whenever it rears its ugly head.
6. For us at Egbe Amofin Oodu'a, we are particularly concerned and worried about the AFAMGATE that was exposed by Dr. Anne Agi narrated above. A president who has audacity to annul a democratic process for pure partisan reasons cannot be trusted to superintend the NBA Election in 2026. We are emboldened in this belief for two reasons:
 - i. It is common knowledge within the Bar community that the President has turned himself to a campaign Director in the forthcoming election by shamelessly campaigning for a particular candidate using all the resource of the Bar.
 - ii. The president had deliberately and mischievously chosen his personal friends and cronies as members of Electoral Committee of NBA (ECNBA) 2026 to arrive at a predictable outcome.
7. We are not unaware of the NBA feeble rejoinder to Dr. Anne Agis's open allegations and we urge our distinguished members and the

public to reject the rejoinder and the contents therein for the following reasons:

- i. The embarrassing and weighty allegations in Dr. Anne Agi's open letter were allegations touching on the recklessness, abuse of office/power, dictatorial and undemocratic tendencies of one man- Mazi Afam Osigiwe, SAN and not directed at NBA as an association. The acts were perpetrated by Mr. President as a person and it is only him that can address the issues raised therein.
- ii. The allegations though weighty shameful, despicable, unbecoming, dictatorial and unethical were not denied, but were rather unfortunately rationalized on the ground that Mr. President acted for the good of SPIDEL and NBA.
- iii. The rejoinder or response to the allegations did not allude to the fact or any likelihood that the president acted on any complaint, genuine or otherwise from any aggrieved stakeholder in the annulled process. The president from every indication just acted whimsically to truncate the ambition of his perceived political enemies.

8. Flowing from the above, the EGBE AMOFIN Oodu'a calls;

- i. **For the dissolution of the current NBA 2026 Electoral Committee as presently constituted.** An Electoral Committee peopled with the likes of Mr. Aliyu Nasarawa, who had shown that they were deliberately chosen to do any hatchet job for Mr. President cannot produce free, fair and democratically elected national EXCO of the NBA in 2026.

- ii. Rejection of partisanship being exhibited by Mazi Afam Osigwe, SAN in the electoral process leading to the 2026 election and call on past presidents and trustees of the NBA to call him to order. The EGBE will reject any attempt to surreptitiously manipulate the electoral process in favour of any candidate. 2026 will be the defining year in the history of NBA if the right things are not done.
9. Finally, we commend the trio of Dr. Anne Agi, Bridget Udokwe and Barbara Tosan Onwubiko for finding and sustaining the courage to fight for their conviction for a Bar that works for all of us. We bring message of solidarity from Egbe Amofin Oodu'a and assure them, that at this point in time when the so- called advocates of **"women for women"** had abandoned them to be thrown under the bus for political expediency, we will stand with them shoulder to shoulder in their struggle against tyranny in NBA and against anybody who might want to truncate the popular will of majority of NBA members.

The EGBE AMOFIN OODU'A wishes all the lawyers in Nigeria a happy New Year in advance.

Dated at Ibadan this 31st Day of December 2025.



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