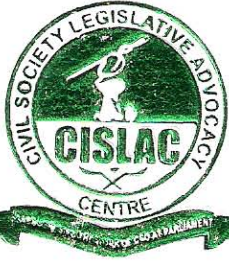


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## SSS: STOP INVASION OF MEDIA HOUSES

The Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre, CISLAC, has learnt of the unfortunate invasion of African Independent Television, AIT, by operatives of the State Security Service, SSS, for three hours today. The secret service men also arrested the Host of one of the television station's programme.

CISLAC calls for the immediate and unconditional release of the said staff, Gbenga Aruleba who is being held by the SSS in the aftermath of the invasion.

CISLAC also demands cessation of this anti-democratic culture of intimidation and harassment of citizens in their lines of duty. Under democracy, the duty of the security agencies is to provide enabling environment for professionals to operate without let save in clear cases of breach of the peace. To the best of our knowledge in CISLAC, AIT is nowhere near any breach of the public peace in what it is doing.

The SSS has received commendations for its efforts to transform itself into a modern intelligence outfit capable of securing democracy. Its recent behaviour, especially the tradition of invading the AIT of recent is reversing this profile to the consternation of wide section of Nigerians and the international community.

This should be reversed forthwith because it is a sign of the degeneration of the state and leadership.

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