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### **THE REASONS WHY WE WILL PROTEST**

Many of you are asking yourselves why you need to get out of your comfort zone and into the streets to protest about the withdrawal of fuel subsidy. The government's argument is that if we do not stop funding fuel subsidy, the economy will crash and we all will go down with it. But are there no other places to reduce spending to save money? Let us take a few moments and consider these points:

- David Mark earns N600 million annually, enough money to set up at least, 100 schools in his Benue State
- President Jonathan and his friends will eat N1 billion worth of food in 2012, while fuelling their cars for N1.7 billion. This amount will build at least, 50 good health care centres in the South-South
- N200 million was budgeted to water the gardens of the President in 2011. This is enough to educate 200 Nigerians through university education
- This is more than a quest for economic rights, it a quest for justice. This is not about fuel subsidy, it is about the ruling class' war on the Nigerian masses. They cannot claim our country is broke when president **Goodluck Jonathan continues to feed fat on N3 million** worth of food everyday. They cannot claim to be broke when they increased the recurrent expenditure of the 2012 budget by another N92 billion. They cannot claim to be broke when the **First Lady just spent N5billion furnishing an office**. They cannot claim to be broke when in the whole budget is about their salaries and allowances.

**BOTTOM LINE:** Government seeks to impoverish us the more by removing fuel subsidy while they continue to waste money on their friends and families!

**ACTION PLAN:** We will have **PEACEFUL PROTESTS in all the 36 states + FCT from Friday 6th of January 2012 at 10am**. We do not condone violence so why not **Join US** and also spread the message to everyone around you. WE shall prevent people from going to work and helping the government inprison us in poverty while the 'leaders' buy mansions and travel all over the world.

This is a fight for all of us: students and workers, unemployed and self-employed, bike men, taxi men, traders, teachers, mai-ruwa, barbers, mechanics, househelps, newspapermen, tomato sellers, civil servants, students, business men...in fact, EVERY NIGERIAN! We all have a duty to make the government change its mind and we will not stop protesting everyday until petroleum subsidy is returned!

**“This is your fight. There are no activists anywhere to save you. This is the time for you to become your own messiah. Now take your place on the arc of history, call out to your neighbours and friends, the Nigerian morning of Justice has come!!!”** - Japheth Omojuwa (Editor, AfricanLiberty.org)

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