January 29, 2024

To: Commissioner Kanayo Uzuegbu, Enugu State Police Command  
   Inspector-General Kayode Adeolu Egbetokun, Nigeria Police Force  
Cc: The Honorable Dr. Kingsley Tochukwu Udeh, Attorney General and  
    Commissioner for Justice  
    The Honorable Lateef Olasunkanmi Fagbemi, Attorney-General, Federal  
    Ministry of Justice  
    President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, Federal Republic of Nigeria  
    Senator Godswill Akpabio, President of the Senate  
    The Honorable Abbas Tajudeen, Speaker of the House of Representatives  
    Dr. Walter Ozioko, Executive Chairman, Nsukka Local Government Area  
    Governor Peter Mbah, State of Enugu  
    Ambassador Yusuf Maitama Tuggar, OON, Ministry of Foreign Affairs  

From: Jenn Forbes, J.D., National Legislative Officer, PETA  
Re: Criminal animal torture in Ovoko ohagu, Nsukka, State of Enuga, Nigeria  

Greetings from PETA, we are the world’s largest animal rights organization, and PETA entities have more than 9 million members and supporters globally. Our international headquarters, based in the U.S., has received disturbing reports of multiple videos originally posted on Facebook account "High Chief Enenie nwa ite" (link embedded) by a man apparently named “Enenie nwa ite” claiming to be a high chief of a village he refers to as “Ovoko ohagu,” Nsukka (in state of Enugu) in Nigeria. Numerous extremely graphic videos are posted and remain active on the account depicting him and his cohorts beating and starving animals, slowly roasting live animals over open fires while also beating them in the face, cutting animals open and torturing and killing their fetuses, slowly splitting torturing puppies to death while they scream in agony, setting other animals on fire while alive, and more. We have also saved the videos on Dropbox, viewable here.

Respectfully, the conduct in the videos appears to explicitly violate section 495 of Nigeria’s Criminal Code Act, which prohibits torturing animals and causing unnecessary suffering, and section 450 prohibiting the unlawful wounding and killing of animals. **We ask that this matter be urgently investigated by Nigerian officials, with consideration given the removal of any animals found in this person’s possession as well as the filing of charges where appropriate.** Please know that we stand ready to assist in any regard possible.

Thank you for your consideration and for the difficult work that you do. May we please hear from your offices to confirm receipt of this email and investigation by authorities?

Sincerely,