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AS PROF. JEROME ELUSIYAN GOES HOME, THE COMMONWEALTH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (CMA) CALLS FOR GREATER COMMITMENTS TO THE SECURITY AND WELFARE OF HEALTH WORKERS AND OTHER NIGERIANS.

The Commonwealth Medical Association (CMA) remains deeply saddened over the gruesome murder by unknown gunmen of one of her own, an erudite scholar, a patriotic Nigerian, a reputable professor of Paediatrics and the Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee of the Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital, Prof. Jerome Elusiyan; who was killed in the line of duty while returning from a Clinical examination of undergraduate medical students of Ambrose Ali University in Edo State of Nigeria. This unfortunate death, like many others that have taken place before now, is one too many for Nigeria and her health community.

As the funeral begins today, the Commonwealth Medical Association calls for improved security and ambulance services on Nigerian highways to avoid these needless killings and other social vices. Importantly, the CMA calls on the Nigerian government to conduct an urgent appraisal of the security situation with a view to strengthening the security system through the deployment of more effective security measures, along with the concrete address of other social determinants.

The CMA is further dismayed by the unholy killing and kidnapping of Medical doctors and other health professionals, including the recent killing of Aid workers, especially in the North Eastern part of Nigeria, in the course of their sacred duties.

The CMA finds worrisome and totally unacceptable the fact that some kidnapped medical doctors and health workers are yet to be released after over a year in the kidnappers' den.

This calls for great concern, especially at this time when Nigeria is grappling with a burgeoning phenomenon of external brain drain from her health sector.

The CMA therefore calls on Nigerian governments at all levels to do more to protect her citizens, including medical doctors and other health workers who have decided to stay back in Nigeria to render health care services and mentor younger generations.

The CMA passionately calls for strengthening of security measures in the health workplace to safeguard the few numbers of medical doctors and other health professionals currently working in Nigeria (their fatherland) so as not to lose them to more secure and receptive climates.

As Prof. Jerome Elusiyan begins his final journey home today, CMA condoles with his immediate family, the Nigerian government, the Nigerian Medical Association and the Nigerian health community over the sad demise of Prof. Jerome Elusiyan. We pray for their comfort and the eternal repose of the great soul of Prof. Elusiyan.

Adieu Prof. Jerome Boluwaji Elutayo Elusiyan!!!

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