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**DOCUMENTING HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE BY
THE NIGERIA POLICE**

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This is a publication put together by the Network on Police Reform in Nigeria [NOPRIN] and Connected Development [CODE] with support from Stanford University Center on Democracy Development and Rule of Law [CDDRL]

NOPRIN and CODE with support from CDDRL, Stanford University have created this Real-Time (Web-Based Map) Situation Awareness Platform (*PoliceMonitor.ng*) to enable the general public report police human rights abuses in their environment through various social media platforms. Police abuses include arbitrary arrests, unlawful detention, extortion, police brutality, torture, extrajudicial killings, rape and sexual misconduct, and other acts of police abuse and misconduct. We also mean to use this platform to connect our works with the Nigeria Police and organizations working around human rights issues in Nigeria.

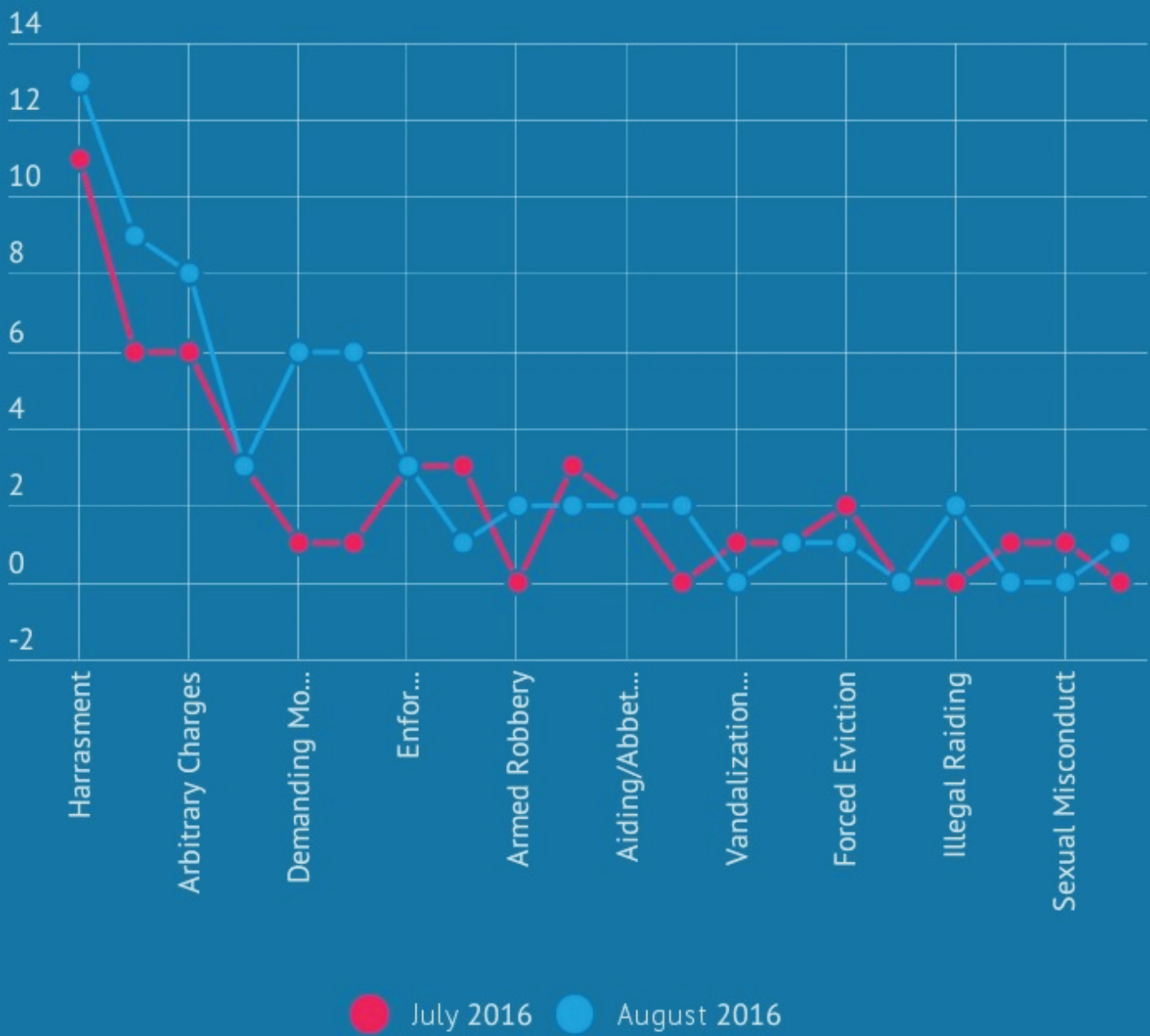
PoliceMonitor will be civil society driven and compliment the NPF's Complaints Response Unit (CRU). The CRU, according to the NPF, is '*a multi-platform community-based complaint reporting mechanism*' established by former Inspector General of Police, Solomon Arase '*to bridge the gap between the police and the citizens*'. On the CRU's Whatsapp Status is written: 'we are here to address in real time all complaints, concern and queries regarding activities of officers and men of the NPF'.

The establishment of the CRU by former IGP was welcome and it was hoped that the platform would indeed; enable citizens to report in real time, their experiences with the police, and enable the police promptly respond to and resolve public complaints and distress calls- with the view of restoring public confidence in the police.

Relative to previous complaints mechanisms, the NPF-CRU represents a step forward in police complaints and discipline management and accountability. However, the saying that the police cannot effectively police itself remains a self-evident truth. Like all police internal control systems, the CRU has not been as efficient in operations and satisfactory in results as was hoped. There is, therefore, the need for an independent, external, citizen-driven complaints mechanism. It is hoped that the PoliceMonitorNG will compliment the NPF-CRU and other police internal control mechanisms and play the role of an alternative, external and independent citizens' platform to monitor and report police abuses in Nigeria and to take timely action to ensure justice for victims and accountability by perpetrators.

In the first two months of the launch of this platform, July and August a total of 34 complaints/reports were received. From the analysis, complaints of demand for a bribe for bail, the involvement of police officers in armed robbery, the involvement of police officers in illegal/ forced evictions of tenants, illegal raids for a bribe, and police officers stealing from persons in police custody were some of the most reported cases. Extrajudicial killings, torture, forced evictions; rape and sexual misconduct were the less reported cases during the same period.

It is hoped that police authorities and oversight agencies will look into the complaints documented in this and subsequent report with a view to ensuring redress and accountability, while also using this report generally as a guide to policing planning, response and policy direction.



Harassment of citizens by the Nigeria Police remains the most reported of the 107 cases in July 2016 and August 2016.

Demand for money for bail, vandalization of citizens property, forced eviction, illegal raids, stealing in custody were the next most reported in July and August 2016.

Extra-judicial killing, cover up, rape and sexual Misconduct, and Police involvement in armed robbery were the least reported cases in July and August 2016.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Report Details	Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Armed robbers kill Policeman, attempts to rob GTBank at Nkpokiti, Enugu. #47 8/25/16, 9:10 AM - Robbers involved in robbery incidence today. They killed a policeman nkpokiti, attempted unsuccessfully to rub GTB and then tried..... More Location: Nkpokiti Road Extension, Independence Layout, Enugu, Enugu North, Enugu, 400261, Nigeria Submitted by Olusegun via WEB Categories: Abuse on Police Trusted Reports Edit Log: (2)	2016-08-25
<input type="checkbox"/> Female police officers complains about deprivation of their promotional privileges #46 8/22/16, 9:39 AM - A female police officer from a Southwest State called me this morning introduced herself as 'woman inspector', and said..... More Location: Southwest, Nigeria Submitted by Olusegun via WEB Categories: Abuse on Police Trusted Reports Edit Log: (1)	2016-08-22
<input type="checkbox"/> 17 year old boy shot and killed by Police Anti-Vice Squad in Okpotuwari, Bayelsa. #44 A 17 year old juvenile named Innocent Kokorifa was shot and killed by men of the Anti-Vi squad in Bayelsa state on 18/8/2016 at 11:00 AM (in the Morning)..... More Location: Okpotuwari, Southern Ijaw, Bayelsa, Nigeria Submitted by Olusegun via WEB Categories: Frame Up Harrasment Cover Up Enforced Disappearance Extra Judiciary Killing Arbitrary Charges Illegal Raiding Trusted Reports Edit Log: (3)	2016-08-22
<input type="checkbox"/> SARS Policemen cause traffic gridlock at checkpoint in Lokoja. #37 8/15/16, 6:00 AM -It is like the SARS division of the police derive pleasure in killing people whether they are guilty of any offence or not. Yesterday..... More Location: Okene, Adavi, Kogi, Nigeria Submitted by Olusegun via WEB Categories: Harrasment Trusted Reports Edit Log: (1)	2016-08-15
<input type="checkbox"/> Police unjustly raids and arrests at Oka 2 Community, Benin City. #36 8/13/16, 2:16 PM - At about 1.00am, today, a team of police men attached to the Edo state command's anti kidnapping section raided the house..... More Location: Benin City, Oredo, Edo, Nigeria Submitted by Olusegun via WEB Categories: Unlawful Detention Frame Up Harrasment Aiding/Abbeting Crime Demanding Money for Bail Arbitrary Charges Illegal Raiding Bribery Trusted Reports Edit Log: (1)	2016-08-13
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Anti-Robbery Squad detains man without trial since 2014 #35 The Anambra State Police Command has condoned the continued unlawful detention of Ihejiagwa at Awkuzu SARS for over two months without trial and in utter..... More Location: Awkuzu, Oyi, Anambra, Nigeria Submitted by Olusegun via WEB Categories: Unlawful Detention Frame Up Harrasment Enforced Disappearance Demanding Money for Bail Arbitrary Charges Edit Log: (1)	2016-08-08

[Police Charge 7 year old boy for murder](#)

#2

2016-07-29

#PoliceMonitor The police in Enugu on Friday arraigned a seven-year-old boy, Chibuike Mii Oramalu, before a magistrate court, for alleged murder..... [More](#)

Location: Independence Layout, Enugu, Enugu North, Enugu, Nigeria | Submitted by dotunbabayemi via TWITTER
Categories: Unlawful Detention

[Edit Log: \(2\)](#)

[Policemen rape 15 year old girl at Mkpato Enin, Akwa Ibom, Girl's Uncle Kidnapped. #25](#)

2016-07-18

7/18/16, 8:59 AM - Dear Okey, I received the message below. Can we need to do something about it? Please follow up with Dr Stephen. [More](#)

Location: Mkpato Enin, Akwa Ibom, Nigeria | Submitted by Olusegun via WEB
Categories: Unlawful Detention Rape Sexual Misconduct Harrasment Enforced Disappearance Trusted Reports

[Edit Log: \(4\)](#)

[Police involved in cover up activities for criminal in Arepo/Ibafo/Ikorodu, Lagos. #18](#)

2016-07-14

7/14/16, 3:50 AM - There has been this persistent Robbery, Rapping, Killing and maiming of helpless and innocent residents of Ibafo/Magboro area by a..... [More](#)

Location: Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, Magboro-Shofolarin, Obafemi Owode, Ogun, Nigeria
| Submitted by Olusegun via WEB

Categories: Forceful Eviction Cover Up Aiding/Abetting Crime Trusted Reports

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[Policeman Kills one at Oyingbo, Lagos. #17](#)

2016-07-08

7/8/16, 5:03 PM - Crazy policemen 7/8/16, 5:04 PM - Trigger happy cops A sergeant killed at checkpoint at oyingbo day before yesterday 7/8/16,..... [More](#)

Location: Oyingbo Street, Iddo, Ebute-Metta, Lagos Mainland, Lagos, Yaba, Nigeria | Submitted by Olusegun via WEB
Categories: Harrasment Extra Judiciary Killing Trusted Reports

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[Police Service Commission demand 40,000 Naira bribe for recruitment place #13](#)

2016-07-01

-policemen demanding for bribe from those that applied to be recruited - I have received from 2 different persons who claim they are applicants..... [More](#)

Location: Abuja, Municipal Area Council, Federal Capital Territory, Nigeria
| Submitted by Oludotun Babayemi via WEB

Categories: Bribery

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[DPO and his junior officers gets drunk at Alade Police Station #9](#)

2016-06-28

The ALADE POLICE STATION, DPO CSP AJIMUDA also sells jeep (cars) inside the station with numbers on the car labeled BUY ME. He calls area boys to..... [More](#)

Location: Somolu Lagos | Submitted by Oludotun Babayemi via WEB
Categories: Drug Abuse/Influence Resolved Cases Trusted Reports

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Categories	July 2016	August 2016
Harrasment	11	13
Unlawful Detention	6	9
Arbitrary Charges	6	8
Bribery	3	3
Demanding Money for Bail	1	6
Frame Up	1	6
Enforced Disappearance	3	3
Extra Judiciary Killing	3	1
Armed Robbery	0	2
Cover Up	3	2
Aiding/Abbeting Crime	2	2
Abuse on Police	0	2
Vandalization of Citizen Properties	1	0
Drug Abuse/Influence	1	1
Forced Eviction	2	1
Resolved Cases	0	0
Illegal Raiding	0	2
Rape	1	0
Sexual Misconduct	1	0
Stealing in Custody	0	1

The reports were collated via a dedicated Whatsapp platform used by 240 trained trusted reporters. 654 pages of Whatsapp reports were filtered to create analyzed and verified reports on policemonitor.ng

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