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**STATEMENT ON PUBLICATION BY LAGOSPEDIA.**

My attention is drawn to certain hateful, divisive and incendiary comments posted on Lagospedia, a handle on X (formerly twitter) that purports to "proclaim the virtues of Lagos". The statement alludes to upcoming protests seeking the withdrawal of Lagos residents that hail from South Eastern Nigeria back to that region.

While one is tempted to ignore such outlandish posts, it is important for Lagosians to speak up whenever such sentiments purporting to reflect their views are made by those who may have access to a public platform.

In that spirit, I join well-meaning Lagosians and Nigerians more generally to condemn this call in its entirety and assure all law-abiding Nigerians that, in our centuries-old tradition, Lagos will continue to treasure diversity and inclusion while always recognizing and protecting the unique place and status of our indigenous communities.

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