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EFSCRJ Welcomes the Release of Detainees and Calls for Sustained Campaign for Transparency and Accountability

The EF Small Centre has learnt that the Inspector General Police have just released the illegally detained youths. We register our total condemnation of the unlawful arrest and detention of citizens who were exercising their constitutional rights to demand transparency and accountability in the way and manner the Government sold Jammeh assets.

We call on the Gambia Bar Association and lawyers of the country in collaboration with TANGO and wider the civil society to take legal action against the Inspector General of Police for his unlawful conduct. We demand further that police officers who employed excessive force and violence on protesters be identified and held accountable. The Gambia is governed by the 1997 Constitution which has established clear checks and balances and the rule of law to be followed and upheld by all public institutions and officials at all times.

Furthermore, EF Small Centre wishes to remind citizens that the issue remains to be transparency and accountability for the Government's management, sale, and disposal of the stolen assets of the former Dictator Yaya Jammeh. We have noted that in the past few hours the Ministry of Justice has posted few documents about the assets on its website: [Downloads – The Attorney General's Chambers and Ministry of Justice](#)

We hereby reject the piecemeal release of selected and scanty documents. We note that the sale and disposal of these assets took place at least five years ago. That is enough time for the Government to collect, document and manage the information and documents. Hence there is no excuse that today, 10th May 2025 the Government can claim not to have all the documents in store and in good form and condition.

We urge all citizens and in particular the National Assembly, CSOs, political parties and indeed all stakeholders to demand the full and immediate release of all information and documents relating to the sale and disposal of the Jammeh assets. In order words, the EF Small Centre requires the release of the following information and documents among others:

- List of assets, locations, List of buyers, prices and total proceeds
- Activity reports, Financial reports
- Appointment letters of receivers, Correspondence including emails
- Notice of advertisements, Gazette copies, Receipts of payments, Vouchers
- Request for quotes, Quotations received, bids received

We therefore call on citizens to sustain the campaign for total transparency on the sale and disposal of these assets. Failure to ensure full transparency tantamount to condoning the abuse of power, disregard of the rule of law and corruption.

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