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EFSCRJ Calls on Government to Update the Public on Pending Investigations

As part of its human rights and accountability monitoring initiative, EFSCRJ continues to track investigations and inquiries announced by public institutions. While some of these matters have remained unresolved for weeks and others for more than a year, the public has received little or no information about their status, findings, or resulting actions. Investigations cannot promote accountability if their outcomes are withheld from citizens.

- 1. Death of Omar Badgie:** Omar Badgie, a 27-year-old resident of Mandinari, died on 26 September 2025 following an encounter with police officers. On 21 April 2026, a coroner's inquest found that he died from an acute brain injury caused by physical exertion, stress, and assault by police officers. The Chief Justice forwarded the report to the Attorney General and Director of Public Prosecutions for necessary action, but the public has not been informed whether anyone has been charged or prosecuted.
- 2. Death of Ebrima Gassama:** Activist Ebrima Gassama died at Brikama Health Centre on 30 August 2026 after suffering a severe asthma attack amid allegations that a power outage affected the provision of oxygen or other lifesaving treatment. The Ministry of Health announced an investigation 1 September 2026, but it has not disclosed its terms of reference, membership, timeframe, or current status.
- 3. Allegations Against Former CDS Mamat Cham:** Following allegations published on social media on 1 June 2026 concerning corruption, abuse of office, private commercial activities and the alleged misuse of military personnel or resources, President Adama Barrow ordered an inquiry on 3 June. Despite the seriousness of the allegations and Lt. Gen. Mamat Cham's subsequent departure from office, the Government has not disclosed the inquiry's composition, findings, or any disciplinary, administrative or criminal action taken.
- 4. Sale of Former President Jammeh's Assets:** The National Assembly Special Select Committee investigated the sale and disposal of assets belonging to former President Yahya Jammeh following allegations of corruption, abuse of office, disregard of the law, conflict of interest, undervaluation among other irregularities. The Committee presented its final report to the National Assembly and the President on 29 May 2026, but the Government has not clearly stated which recommendations it accepts or what action it has taken to hold responsible persons accountable and recover any lost public assets or funds.
- 5. Local Government Commission of Inquiry:** The Commission investigated the financial and administrative operations of local councils covering the period from May 2018 to January 2023 and submitted its final report to President Adama Barrow at State House in Banjul on 11 May 2026. Despite the extensive public hearings and resources invested in the process, neither the report nor a Government White Paper outlining the decisions and actions to be taken has been published.
- 6. Kamalo Industrial Layout and Missing Land Files:** The Kamalo Proper and Kamalo Extension Industrial Layouts along the Banjul – Serrekunda Highway have been affected by allegations of irregular land allocations, competing ownership claims



and missing official files. In March 2026, the Minister of Lands informed the National Assembly that an investigative report had been completed and approved by Cabinet and that files sent to the police had been returned. However, the 'Master File' reportedly remained missing, while the full report, complete list of allocations and corrective actions have not been publicly disclosed.

These matters concern alleged loss of life, police brutality, medical negligence, corruption, abuse of office, mismanagement of public assets and irregular allocation of public land. They involve institutions and officials entrusted with public authority and resources. Citizens therefore have a right to know what was investigated, what was established, who was found responsible and what action followed.

EFSCRJ calls on the President and all relevant public institutions to immediately update the public on these cases, publish all completed reports, disclose the status and expected completion dates of ongoing investigations, and clearly state the administrative, disciplinary, or criminal actions taken.

Investigations must not become tools for managing public outrage until attention fades. Silence after announcing an investigation undermines public confidence, denies justice to victims and their families, and enables impunity.

EFSCRJ remains steadfast in its mandate to monitor the Government, defend human rights and the rule of law, and promote transparency and accountability as foundations of good governance and sustainable development.

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