



## COMMUNIQUE

**ISSUED AT THE END OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE NIGERIA GOVERNORS' FORUM HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2012, AT THE RIVERS STATE GOVERNOR'S LODGE, ABUJA**

We, the Governors of the 36 States of the Federal Republic of Nigeria at our emergency meeting called at the instance of the demise of our colleague late Kaduna state governor, Sir. Patrick Yakowa held today Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2012 at the Rivers State Governor's Lodge, Abuja deliberated over a number of issues and resolved as follows:

Forum condoles the President, the Vice President, the Government and the people of Bayelsa and Kaduna States. Forum also condoles the families of Governor Patrick Yakowa. General Andrew Azazi, their Aides, Dauda Tsoho and Mohammed Kama; and the pilots, Murtala Daba and Adeyemi Sowole, who died on Saturday's ill-fated helicopter crash.

Members support the directive of the President for a thorough investigation into the immediate and remote causes of the helicopter crash and calls for transparency and openness in the process. Forum further resolved to engage a consultant to, participate in the investigation process or serve as an observer.

**Rt. Hon Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi  
Governor of Rivers State  
& Chairman, Nigeria Governors' Forum  
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