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Dear Attorney General,

I am writing in grave concern for the life of 25-year-old singer Yahaya Sheriff-Aminu. In August 2020, an Upper Sharia Court in Kano state convicted and sentenced him to death for circulating a song on WhatsApp that was considered blasphemous against Prophet Muhammad SAW. In November 2022, an appeal was filed before the Supreme Court of Nigeria for which a hearing date is yet to be fixed. Sheriff-Aminu remains held at Jos Correctional Facility in Plateau State Nigeria pending his appeal.

I urge you to drop the charges against Yahaya Aminu Sheriff to ensure his immediate and unconditional release and work towards securing the timely setting of a date for appeal hearing. In the meantime, he must be held in detention conditions that conform to international standards (as per the Mandela Rules) and be granted immediate access to adequate health care for his asthma, as well as adequate food and clothing.

Yours sincerely,

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