

Viewpoint: New low for anti-GMO activists — Nigerian environmental groups claim modifying crops causes sterilization

[A] few weeks ago, the chairman [of the] Global Prolife Alliance (GPA), Dr Philip C. Njemanze, sent a petition to the [Nigerian] Senate President, Godswill Akpabio, titled “National Security Threat: Biotech Terrorism Using GMO Seeds.”

In the petition letter seen by Daily Trust, Dr Njemanze alleged that

the approval of GMO seeds by the National Biosafety Management Agency (NBMA) is contributing to insecurity in Nigeria, as biotechnology companies allegedly sponsor terrorists to eliminate natural seed growers – farmers. The Biotech mercenaries track the farmers using Electronic Wallets – cell phones.

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The GPA also claimed that

children and adults consuming products like cornflakes or cornmeal made from this GMO corn may face sterilization. The Epicyte gene, inserted into GMO seeds, poses a threat to public feeding programs, especially affecting children in Home-Grown School Feeding initiatives. Millions of Nigerians could become infertile, leading to a surge in fertility clinics, often sponsored by foreign biotechnology owners.

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The letter attracted several rebuttals by plant biotech experts including the Biotechnology Society of Nigeria (BSN), Genetic Society of Nigeria (GSN), National Biotechnology Development Agency (NABDA) and the National Biosafety Management Agency (NBMA).

Prof Abdullahi Mustapha, Director General/CEO, NABDA said the “letter’s incendiary language linking GMOs with terrorism is highly concerning. It spreads misinformation and fear without scientific basis” adding that “biotechnology improves crops through very precise changes at the molecular level to introduce beneficial traits.”

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