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**IMOLEAYO MICHAEL  
NIGERIA**

# **FACING TRUMPED-UP CHARGES FOR PROTESTING POLICE VIOLENCE**

When young people took to Nigeria's streets in October 2020, Imoleayo Michael joined them. They were protesting against the Special Anti-Robbery Squad – or SARS – a police unit notorious for violence. The young computer programmer promoted the protests on social media, using the hashtag #EndSARS. Two weeks later, armed men took him from his home and locked him in an underground cell for 41 days. He's facing trumped-up charges and years in prison.

**Tell Nigeria to drop all charges against Imoleayo.**