One of the main pillars of democracy, elections, is a constant cause for tension in West Africa. The 2021 elections in The Gambia have been particularly contentious. The civil society group Grasped the leader of the collective Aliou Hamady Ba (coordinator) and the communication officer, Harouna Seck. Members of the press conference agreed to the threat of the monopolisation of the media and the gagging of the press.

Without Borders and six other civil society organisations have condemned the sentence imposed on Guy Marius Sagna, a journalist and activist known for his role in exposing corruption. The civil society group indicated that the recent violent events between the police and protesters were an attempt to silence dissent.

The National Communication and Publicity Agency (GPU), Gambia Participates and Team Gom Sa Borpa. In the letter, the groups cautioned the president and his administration that the decision they took to disband political party vigilante groups and forbid acts of vigilantism in the country for a National Dialogue to take place as a matter of urgency.

The African Union Commission (AUC) recently expressed concern about the rising number of human rights abuses in the region. The commission called for the immediate release of all political prisoners and for the authorities to respect the rights of opposition leaders and activists. The commission urged the leaders of political parties to raise women in eligible positions to bring them into decision-making roles.

The International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) has called for an independent investigation into the widespread human rights violations in the region. The federation has called on the international community to take action to protect human rights and to hold those responsible for abuses accountable.

The United Nations has also expressed concern about the situation in the region. The UN has called on the governments of the region to ensure the protection of human rights and the rule of law. The UN has also called on the international community to provide assistance to human rights defenders and to support the establishment of a regional human rights mechanism.

In light of the above, WACSI calls on the international community to take action to protect human rights and to support the establishment of a regional human rights mechanism. WACSI also calls on the governments of the region to ensure the protection of human rights and the rule of law. WACSI urges the international community to provide assistance to human rights defenders and to support the establishment of a regional human rights mechanism.