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(SBU) On January 8 Nigerian State Security Service detained U.S. citizen Okey Ndibe and seized his passport at Lagos' international airport, media report. Ndibe has been in touch with Embassy Abuja and Consulate General Lagos. Embassy Abuja notes Ndibe is safe and will receive a new U.S. passport tomorrow. Ndibe's most recent column warned that Nigeria "has grown into a perfect kingdom for terrorists and criminals" ahead of the April 2011 presidential election.