

## **First All-Female Pop Group in 15yrs Releases Debut Single**

Nigeria's first all-female group since the dissolution of Kush in 1984 is set to release their debut single on the eve of the nation's Independence Day, September 30.

The group, which goes by the name Fahmili, has three delectable teenage members: Ayomide 17, Esther 18 and Suzan 18; all of whom live with their working-class parents in Lagos, Western Nigeria, from where they plan to launch their mission to rewrite Africa's female pop history.

"These girls can sing. For their age, they are remarkable. They have great song-writing assistance too, and when you hand them a stage, their art sizzles. I get blown away every single instance and I bet you will too" says Habib Mohammed, the Chief Executive Officer of Righton Projectz Limited, the A&R company that claimed to have spent the best of five years, discovering, grooming and facilitating "the rising phenomenon" called Fahmili. The former Bellview Airlines Corporate Affairs Manager announced that Righton Projectz is in talks with Record Label reps, who had made overtures "to us on their interest in a partnership to manage Fahmili."

The group's song due for release at midnight of September 30, Smile, is an upbeat, summer drill pop offer, which their Cross River-born Producer, Mr. Phillips O describes as having thumping rhythm and rousing vocals to dissipate the blues and inspire; like "What the heck? A new day has broken. Will you not look up and see the sun?" There is a countdown on the group's impressive website ([www.famili.com.ng](http://www.famili.com.ng)), which terminates with Smile going on Play at the zero moment.

When Fahmili got the opportunity to say their first public words to the world, the girls were surprising calm and cultured by humility. "We have trained hard and worked with special talents and spent time preparing for this moment. Yet, it will be the biggest lie of our lives if we tell you today that we did not wish we could hide a little longer from the eyes and judgment of the world," Esther said for the group.

The girls further asked their supporters to go and listen to their song, to follow them. "We want to know that we have friends who will stand by us while we fight to steady our nerves, who will remind us that we can make mistakes and not die from them, who will never forget how we need them on this day and we are not ashamed to ask."

For inspiration, Fahmili –the starry-eyed starlets- said they listen to everything music. They however confessed to being influenced by certain sounds: Motown of old, Rhythm and Blues, soul, folk pop, Nashville and Fela's Afrobeat. On their art, the result is sunny, lively, world-responsive music, rich in folksy singing and with probing beats.

