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## THROWBACK PHOTO

*Circa July 18, 2005: L - R, Nzeribe Okoli and Amaka Martina Anajemba, prosecuted alongside Emmanuel Nwude by the EFCC for conspiring to swindle a Brazilian bank to the tune of \$242million, the biggest ever Advance Fee Fraud in history. They were found guilty by the trial judge, Justice Joseph Oyewole of the Ikeja High Court, Lagos.*



# LAMORDE'S 'TIGERS' UNLEASHED

*A new set of cadets trained at the prestigious EFCC Academy, are inducted into the crime fighting arm of the Commission*

BY **BABATUNDE SULAIMAN** // ABUJA

For the 41 senior cadets and 44 junior cadets, May 8, 2015 was a date with history. It was the passing out ceremony of the EFCC Detective Superintendent Cadet Course Six and Detective Intermediate Course Three, which held amidst pomp and circumstance inside the Auditorium of the EFCC Academy, Karu, Abuja. It was a six months course.

They were the first set of cadets trained by the EFCC Academy since the anti-graft's agency's boss, Ibrahim Lamorde, assumed office. It will be recalled that what is now known as the EFCC Academy used to be called Training and Research Institute, TRI, until Lamorde came on board as Chairman.

According to him, "They have acquired foundational skills on intelligence gathering, search techniques, interviewing, report writing and other investigative tools. They were initiated into the art of testifying in courts of law."

Lamorde disclosed that the cadets received lectures from some regulatory institutions like the Central Bank of Nigeria, CBN, the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation, NDIC, the Pension Commission, the Department of State Services, DSS, National Intelligence Agency, NIA, the Nigeria Customs Service, and a host of others.

*"Ibrahim Lamorde's tigers ready to be unleashed to serve their fatherland in this critical time"*

"They were also at the Citizenship and Leadership Training Centre (the Mountain School) in Jos, Plateau State," he added.

Commandant, EFCC Academy, Ayo Olowonihi, acknowledged that the cadets were coming into a "seemingly dangerous job", but assured their parents and guardians that they were in safe hands.

"I know the rigours we have put them through in and out of this premises. We dragged them through some cities outside Abuja, and I dare say they all excelled very well," he said. "I guarantee you that they have new friends in the EFCC, who will guide them through the turbulent ocean of life; so, you have no reason to fear."

Course Coordinator, Umar Baba Shani, described them as "Ibrahim Lamorde's tigers ready to be unleashed to serve their fatherland in this critical time", adding that for the first time in the history of the Academy, none of the trainees left in the middle of the course voluntarily or otherwise.



# ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE

*The EFCC Academy, located in Karu, Abuja continues to be a law enforcement training institute par excellence*

BY SEGUN ADEOYE // ABUJA

Ayo Olowonihi

Those who have passed through the portals of the EFCC Academy, will attest to the fact that it has over the years emerged a veritable training ground producing great minds with high intellectual capacity in the areas of law enforcement, investigation and prosecution.

The Academy, which recently inducted its latest set of operatives,

the Detective Superintendent Cadet Course Six and Detective Intermediate Cadet Course Three – 85 in all, has played host to international summits, including but not limited to the 6th International Criminal Police Organisation, INTERPOL Conference on Financial Crimes and Asset Recovery, which held in October 2013.

A delegation from the Republic of Niger visited the Academy in March as part of a familiarity and enlightenment tour. Commandant of the Academy, Ayo Olowonihi, who received them, noted that: "What started as a one-

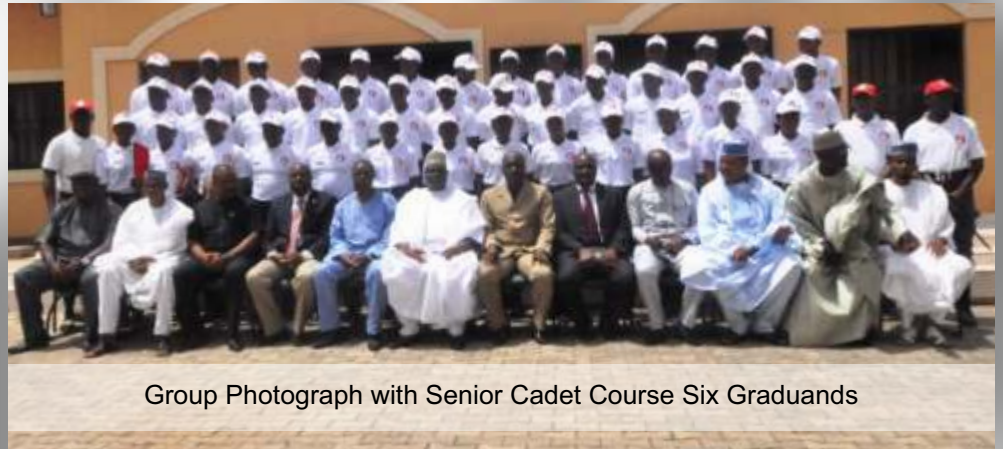
block Academy has grown, becoming the resource base of the Commission where Cadets and newly employed officers undergo training at the point of entry."

Chairman of the EFCC, Ibrahim Lamorde, has expressed the resolve of the anti-graft agency to upgrade the Academy to the status of an international institute.

It is worth noting that the Academy was established through a £500,000 seed money donated by the UK government to the Nuhu Ribadu-led EFCC. ■

Secretary to the Commission, Emmanuel Aremo, disclosed that the cadets were impressive in their final interviews. He urged them to make the EFCC core values the yardstick guiding their conducts at all times.

Mustapha Sheu, known as G1, spoke on behalf of his colleagues. He said, "I make this promise, on behalf of the 41 senior cadets and 44 junior cadets, that we shall go out there and prove to be the best cadets trained by the EFCC." ■



Group Photograph with Senior Cadet Course Six Graduands



Group Photograph with Intermediate Cadet Course Three Graduands



## SHINING STARS

*Twelve cadets win various awards at the recent graduation ceremony of the EFCC's Senior Cadet Course Six and Intermediate Course Three*

BY **SEGUN ADEOYE** // ABUJA



Group Photograph of the Award Winners

**A**t this year's graduation ceremony of the EFCC's Senior Cadet Course Six and Intermediate Cadet Course Three, 12 graduates shone like the stars.

Arabo Abdulrahman, was the toast of the day. He emerged the overall best cadet in the Senior Category, clinching top prize for best cadet for Operations Studies. He was also adjudged the first runner up in the Best Performance in Range Classification.

Joining Abdulrahman in the category were Abraham Tukura and Tosin Owobo, who came first and second runners up, respectively.

Tukura emerged the Marks Man in the Best Performance in Range Classification. Joining Tukura are Abdulrahman, Oluwale Olayinka and Ahmed Usman, who came first, second and third runners up. Tukura came tops in General Studies.

Rukiyat Longe, Temitope Raheem, and Perelasu Oruzia, emerged best cadets in Legal, Financial and Field Studies, respectively.

Esther Awoyemi was the star for cadets that passed out in the Intermediary Category, emerging overall best cadet, pushing Abawa Usman and Godson Okpara to second and third positions. Awoyemi also clinched the top prizes for Operations and Financial Studies. Abawa Usman and Yahaya Hassan emerged best cadets in General and Field Studies, respectively. ■

Lamorde presents award to Overall Best Cadet in the Senior Category Abdulrahman Mohammed Arabo



## ROCK 'N ROLL

*At the pre-graduation dinner party, the 85 cadets who had for six months lived a regimented life, stepped out in their coats of many colours to rock 'n roll*

BY **TONY ORILADE** // ABUJA

**T**heir regimented life came to an end on May 7, 2015. Before then, the 85 cadets had been constrained to dress only in white and black tops and shorts. Wearing a mufti was until then considered an offence. But all that changed at the pre-graduation dinner party.

For 55 minutes, the graduating Cadets took over the dancing floor as they twisted, rolled and "swagged" to different tunes, courtesy of DJ Jones.

Their limpid dresses gave way to their colourful coat and dresses, flowing gowns, dinner suits, skimpy top on micro-mini, so much so that the Commandant of the Academy, Ayo Olowonihi, said "From what my Cadets are wearing today, I would probably not recognize you as my Cadets if I see you outside this environment".

Adebayo Adegbite, a Course Three Intermediate Cadet, however, sat down in the dumps as he watched his colleagues dance to "Woju" by Kiss, "Sekem" by MC Galazy, "Aiye" by Davido and "Godwin" by Korede Bello.

Adegbite had a bad fall during the "Obstacle Training" at the Citizenship and Leadership Training Centre, Jos, Plateau State; aftermath of which was a fracture of his left leg for which a plaster of paris (POP) adorned the leg for about six weeks. ■





## ALL FOR SAFETY

*Staff of the EFCC gets equipped with skills to safeguard themselves in case of a fire outbreak*

BY **TONY ORILADE** // ABUJA



Officers participating in the Fire Drill

**M**en of the Federal Fire Service, FFS, on May 7, 2015, carried out Fire Drill and Safety sensitization exercise for officers of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

The exercise, which took place at the EFCC Academy, Karu, Abuja was the second in recent times on the need to be abreast of fire safety measures.

The fire officers led by Sunday Oduye, Special Duty Officer, Policy, Regulatory and Inspectorate Department, educated the EFCC personnel on the classification of fire, prevention and fighting measures.

According to him, officers must make it a habit to always switch off all electrical appliances in the office when closing for the day.

He advised that in the event of fire, the basic rules are: "don't panic, raise alarm, call fire service, evacuate the room, go to the muster point for proper roll call and never go back to the building for any reason again".

Oduye warned that on no account should anybody leave the muster point as he said that many had lost their lives

after remembering that they had some valuables in their drawers in the office and tried to go back to recover. He also advised against the use of burglary proof in residential and official apartments saying such practice has been a barrier in fire fighting and rescue efforts.

"It is better for armed robbers to come and you negotiate than for fire to come and you are trapped. At least, you can negotiate with an armed robber, you cannot negotiate with fire", he said.

The Special Duty Officer said that inhalation of smoke kills as fast as fire does. He therefore advised that since smoke travels two feet above ground level, those trapped in offices or rooms by smoke should crawl to the exit point to avoid inhaling the smoke.

Oduye, who also advised officers, never to install their cooking gas cylinder in their kitchen, observed that the explosion arising from a gas cylinder could bring down a building. He further advised the operatives to immediately contact the central fire control numbers in an emergency. The numbers are: **08032003557** and **112** (Toll free line). ■



Executive Chairman, Ibrahim Lamorde, presents award to Awoyemi Esther



Secretary to the Commission, Emmanuel Aremo, presents award to Abdulrahman Mohammed Arabo



Director, DPPS, David Tukura, presents award to Chukwu Godson Okpara



Director of Operations, Olaolu Adegbite, presents award to Usman Saidu Abawa



Ag. Director of NFIU, Francis Usani, presents award to Tukura Haleji Abraham



L-R: DPPS, Olaolu Adegbite, DOS, Bolaji Salami, Secretary to the Commission, Emmanuel Aremo, Chairman, Ibrahim Lamorde, Commandant, EFCC Academy, Ayo Olowonihni and Director, DPPS, David Tukura



# DO NOT SAY YOU WERE NOT WARNED!

In this second part of a series, EFCC Alert! sheds light on Juju Scam - highlighted in **Red Alert on Scam**, a book from the stable of the EFCC's Media and Publicity Unit, designed as a guide for the general public

BY SEGUN ADEOYE // ABUJA



Illustration from Red Alert on Scam

**B**elieve it or not, *juju* scam does exist. Some call it “black magic” owing to the fact that it is rooted in African traditional religion or spiritualism.

It may be difficult to give an empirical explanation to the efficacy of *juju* but those who believe in it will tell you that it works. What is incontrovertible though, is a clear pattern has evolved over time on the antics of fraudsters who use *juju* and other mystic powers to scam unsuspecting victims. And, more and more people (out of their unbridled desire to acquire wealth and have solutions to their financial needs), have become victims of such a scam.

It is yet another type of advance fee fraud, which usually involves a group of two to three (sometimes more) people, who work in cahoots into hypnotizing the victim to believe that they have spiritual powers to make them wealthy.

The instructions from the “spiritual forces” always end with request for money for some cleansing exercise or to buy one item or the other, and an order to keep the conversations secret. The victims are made to believe that failure to heed such

warnings carries grave consequences, including death.

Gullible folks continue to pay until they are milked dry.

## Give Aways

**You are likely in the company of juju scammers if you get any of these requests:**

- An individual or a group ask you to pay money for some cleansing or spiritual interventions to solve any problem or challenge, especially one that borders on getting rich

- You are invited to a shrine where they say the cleansing will take place

Once these requests come your way, please flee, else you may live to regret your folly.

## What to Note

- Ask yourself: “Do they really have the capability to solve my problems?”

There is no shrine or deity that has the ability to make you rich without working. ■



Classic 419 juju priest



## VOODOO WEALTH

*The lure for instant wealth and solution to financial needs, see more and more people fall victim to juju scam*

BY ROLAKE ODOFIN-JOLAYEMI // ABUJA

It's an eerie experience that Juliet Adeyemi, who simply identifies herself as a civil servant, cannot exactly explain. One fact, which she however could not deny, was that after her about one-hour experience with the duo – a pregnant woman and her accomplice, she had become poorer.

"The pregnant woman just walked up to me as I was standing by the roadside," she recalls. "She asked for directions to a nearby maternity hospital, and because of her condition, I obliged to offer my assistance."

A few minutes into their journey, a young man emerged, who introduced himself as the woman's companion.

"He started sharing visions with me," she said. "But what baffled me was that at a point the man mentioned the exact thing that had just happened to me."

That instant caught Adeyemi spellbound. The next turn in the conversation was that she was offered spiritual solutions to her problems; but of course at a cost. In the end, she parted with her three months salary, which she had intended to use to stock her shop with goods.

"Sincerely, I still don't understand how it happened," she lamented.

Head, Advance Fee Fraud Unit of the EFCC, Akaninyene Ezima, describes the experience of Adeyemi as a classic instance of *juju* scam.

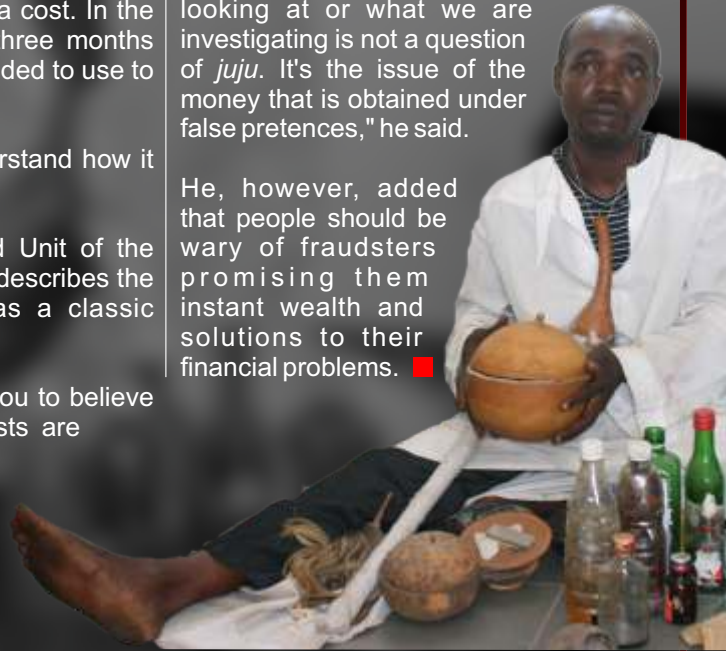
"It's a question of leading you to believe that your wishes or requests are being met and to get you to part with your money," he said.

But, is such a scam, which largely lies in the realm of

the spiritual, in the purview of the EFCC?

Ezima says, yes. "What we are looking at or what we are investigating is not a question of *juju*. It's the issue of the money that is obtained under false pretences," he said.

He, however, added that people should be wary of fraudsters promising them instant wealth and solutions to their financial problems. ■



## EXECUTIVE VISIT

*Members of the EFCC Board visit the South-East and South-South zones as part of a facility inspection tour*

BY AYANJIDE ILUPEJU // ENUGU

Some members of the board of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on a facility inspection tour, visited the South-East and South-South zones of the Commission, on May 5, 2015.

The members included Chief Uwasomba Udochukwu, representing South-East, Barr. Michael Ebong representing South-South, Dr Ismaila

Mohammed, North-East, and Navy Capt. Emmanuel Ibitolu (retd), North-Central.

The EFCC's Head of Operations for the Enugu zone, Mr. David lloyanomon, while receiving the board members, gave them an insight into the operations of the zone.

"We have so far secured numerous convictions, while having recovered N1billion since inception in 2006," he said.

He used the opportunity to seek for assistance to surmount some of the challenges the zone was facing such as limited internet service, inadequate photocopiers, power shortage, ill-equipped law library, among others.

Chief Uwasomba commended the efforts of the zones and the entire staff for their good maintenance culture. He also gave assurances that the challenges faced by the zones were noted and would be given adequate attention. ■

Board Members during the visit



## TAMING MONEY LAUNDERING

*The EFCC challenges members of Nigeria's financial sector to join hands to check the activities of money launderers*

BY **SEGUN ADEOYE** // ABUJA

"I believe that more than ever before, there is the need for a concerted push to deal a telling blow to the criminals in our midst, and we must come to the realization that money launderers never stop re-inventing themselves."

Those were the words of the chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibrahim Lamorde, at this year's Anti-Money Laundering workshop, organised by the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria, CIBN, which held at the Reiz Continental Hotel, Abuja, April 23, 2015.

Lamorde made the clarion call on members of the financial sector present at the workshop, urging them to join the campaign against money laundering, by ensuring that they declare appropriately any suspicious customer transactions.

"Money laundering is a cross-jurisdictional crime that, while obviating natural and artificial national boundaries, actually serves to bring nations together in one global crime-fighting network," he said.

Lamorde, who was represented at the workshop by the EFCC's Director, Finance and Accounts, Bukar Abba, described money laundering as an evil that requires collective and concerted efforts to tame.

He lamented that an estimated \$50billion was lost by the continent in



EFCC's Director of Finance, Bukar Abba, seated (3rd from right) among participants at the workshop

illicit financial flows. "These flows relate principally to commercial transactions, tax evasion, criminal activities including money laundering, drugs, arms and human trafficking, bribery, corruption and abuse of office," he said.

The project coordinator (anti-corruption) of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, UNODC, Bala Sanga, averred that, "There's the need for financial institutions to strengthen and enhance proper collation of customers' data, and to ensure proper diligence on customers." ■

## HONING THEIR SKILLS

*In a bid to further build capacity of staff, personnel of the South-South zone of the EFCC participate in a human development workshop*

BY **DEBORAH MEZEH** // PORT HARCOURT

Staff training is one of EFCC's priorities in employee development. The Chairman, Ibrahim Lamorde, who was represented by the Zonal Head, South-South, Hycent A. Edozie stated this at the opening of a middle managers' personal development course in Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

The four-day course organised by the EFCC Academy on "Personal Development for Middle Managers", held between Monday, April 27 and Thursday, April 30, 2015.

Joseph Ogwiji, one of the resource persons at the workshop, while delivering a paper titled, "Presentation Skills", reiterated the saying that to fail to prepare was an indication of preparing to fail.

"A good preparation leads to good performance and profiling an audience matters a lot else one's work might be a wasted one," Ogwiji said.

A consultant from ESN Consulting firm, Stella Ekeanyanwu, spoke on "How to Run a Meeting". She noted that adequate preparations must be put in place for an effective meeting.

"The more the effort put into preparation, the more productive it is and there is need to always give one's opinion during a meeting, as that is the only way you sell yourself by bringing new ideas to your organisation," Ekeanyanwu said.



Participants at the workshop

The course was piloted by Mr Abhay, a former commonwealth representative to the Commission who served between 2008 and 2010 at the EFCC Academy. ■



# UNRAVELING ROSULUGATE

*The EFCC makes history as first law enforcement agency in Africa to carry out polygraph tests as part of efforts to unravel truth behind a prominent fraud case*

BY **SEGUN ADEOYE** // ABUJA

It's a first of its kind in Nigeria's law enforcement history, and legal practice. On May 13, 2015, the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, tendered the results of polygraph tests conducted on Oluronke Rosulu, as part of evidence against the former Lagos Court Registrar who is standing trial for allegedly defrauding a former Chief of Army Staff, Lieutenant General Ishaya Bamaïyi (retd) of \$330,000.

The role of Rosulu, who is alleged to have worked in cahoots with Fred Ajudua, a co-inmate with Bamaïyi in Kirikiri Prisons, at

the time, sounds like a script from a Nollywood movie.

On the strength of the result of the polygraph tests carried out by EFCC's polygraph examiner and prosecution witness, Chinedu Eneanya, four documents were admitted by the court as exhibits - EFCC polygraph consent form, certification of identification, copy of polygraph charts and polygraph report.

Bamidele Ogundele, a prosecution witness had during cross-examination

in April revealed that he was present when Rosulu came to collect money from Bamaïyi totalling \$330,000 neatly stacked in "Ghana Must Go" bag, claiming that it would be used to help secure his release from prison.

The admission of the documents in a court of law is in fact, the first of its kind in Africa.

The polygraph test became necessary as part of the investigations to authenticate the role of Rosulu. ■



Oluronke Rosulu



Fred Ajudua

## IT'S A MILESTONE

**Chinedu Eneanya**, Senior Detective Superintendent, and polygraph examiner with the EFCC, presented the results of the polygraph examination in court. In this interview with **Segun Adeoye**, he sheds light on the historic event and the role polygraph plays in investigations. Excerpts:

### How significant is the acceptance of the polygraph test results?

*It is extremely significant. For the very first time in Nigeria's judicial history, and even in Africa, polygraph examination and opinion that was derived from it is accepted in court. It's a milestone that we were able to conduct it, do what we call quality control for it, and we've been able to go to court and testify as to the truthfulness or untruthfulness of the examinee. It was a lot of work that we did, a lot of work from the entire team. And we are very confident of what we have done and extremely delighted that it was accepted by the court.*

### Is EFCC the only law enforcement agency carrying out polygraph tests?

*Yes. And I say so with pride. It's a reality hinged on belief of the chairman, Mr. Ibrahim Lamorde, to make sure that we raise the bar higher than every other law enforcement agency. He said that we could not continue to do investigation the same old way 50, 60, 70 years ago and expect better result. South Africa has, but*



Chinedu Eneanya

*we have overtaken them.*

### How have we overtaken them?

*We've overtaken them because we've extended it to the court. South Africa started doing polygraph for investigation, pre-employment and other security clearances, but we've done all that and now we've extended it to the court. The equipment we're using are the best in the world. We use the Limestone brand, which is the top hierarchy product from Canada.*

### What is the accuracy of polygraph examination?

*It has an accuracy level of above 90 percent. It basically focuses on fear of getting caught. When we got request to conduct the test and the polygraph unit head, Mr. Bawa Kaltungo, assigned the case to me, I spoke with the investigators, because they weren't sure whether this woman (Oluronke Rosulu) indeed aided and conspired with the fraudster to defraud Bamaïyi. After the examination, even the investigators became more confident than I was, as it cleared all their doubts. ■*



A Polygraph Examination in session



## Couch-Potato LIFESTYLE

*Like the FBI, the EFCC implements a number of keep fit exercises to ensure a fit and productive workforce*

BY CHIDIMMA AMANAMBU // ABUJA

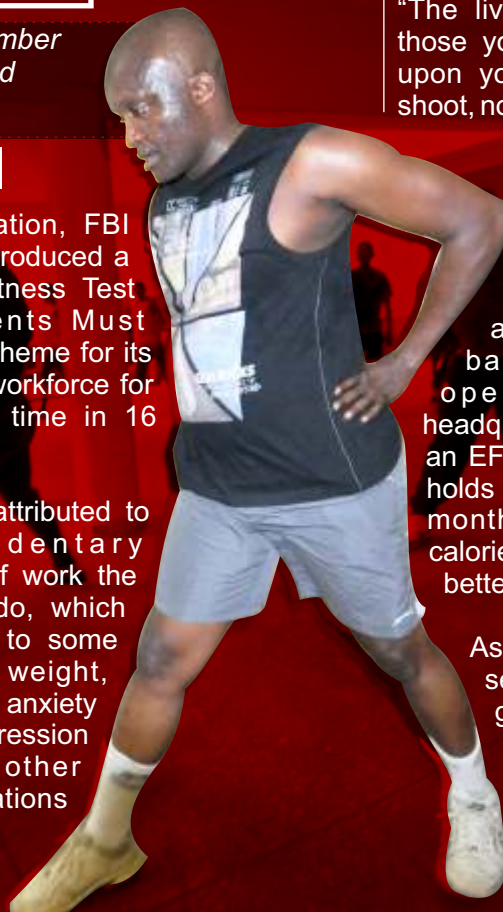
An unhealthy lifestyle poses grave danger to your heart and health. Medical experts have attributed the increase in incidences of high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and heart-related ailments to unhealthy diet and a lifestyle devoid of regular exercises – a *couch potato* lifestyle.

Law enforcement officials like staff of the EFCC, require agility, mental alertness, and physical fitness to excel on the job. However, the long hours officers spend daily on the desk, often lead to weight gain, manifesting most times in anxiety and depression.

The situation is no different in other climes. The Ohio Post recently reported that the US Federal Bureau of

Investigation, FBI has reintroduced a “New Fitness Test All Agents Must Pass” scheme for its 13,500 workforce for the first time in 16 years.

This is attributed to the sedentary nature of work the agents do, which has led to some gaining weight, suffering anxiety and depression among other complications.



In an internal memo to agents of the FBI, James B. Comey, a director said, “The lives of your colleagues and those you protect may well depend upon your ability to run, fight and shoot, no matter what job you hold.”

Perhaps, following in the path of the FBI, the EFCC has since February introduced an aerobics session, which takes place every Mondays and Wednesdays at the basement of the agency’s operations building at its headquarters in Abuja. There’s also an EFCC Road Walk exercise that holds every fourth Saturday of the month structured to help burn calories and nourish the body for better services.

As the instructors at the aerobics session will say, “No pain, no gain.” ■

## CONGRESS AGAINST CRIME

*The 13th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, concludes a strategic plan to curb international crime*

BY SEGUN ADEOYE // ABUJA

The United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, which held in Doha, Qatar, between April 12 and 19, 2015, ended with a resolve

to implement comprehensive crime prevention and criminal justice policies and strategies to promote the rule of law, and support sustainable development.

The congress, which plays a major role in international standard-setting and policy-making in both crime prevention and criminal justice, was the 13th edition, and it was formally opened by the Secretary-General of the Congress and Executive Director of UNODC, Yuri Fedotov.

In attendance were more than 4,000 participants from 149 countries, including Nigeria, with representatives drawn from various organizations.



Austine Adache with another delegate

Representing the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, at the congress was Austine Adache, a principal detective superintendent at the Economic Governance unit.

He said, “It is usually held every five years, and it provided a platform for parliamentarians, individual experts from academia, representatives from civil society and the media to deliberate on ways to check crime.” ■




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