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FCT High Court, Gudu, Abuja



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Offence: \$1.6bn oil scam
In Court on: January 20, 2017
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Federal High Court, Abuja



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In Court on: January 20, 2017
Justice Raliat Adebisi,
Lagos State High Court, Ikeja



Waripamo-Owei Dudafa & one Other

Ex-aide to Ex-President Jonathan
Offence: N1.6bn fraud
In Court on: January 23, 2017
Justice M.B. Idris,
Federal High Court, Ikoyi, Lagos



Murtala Nyako & 3 Others

Ex-Adamawa State Governor
Offence: abuse of office and money laundering
In Court on: January 25, 2017
Justice Okon Abang,
Federal High Court, Abuja



Olugbenga Obadina

MD, Almond Projects Limited
Offence: money laundering, and criminal breach of trust
In Court on: January 27, 2017
Justice Nnamdi Dimgba,
Federal High Court, Abuja



Ebun-Olu Adegboruwa

Legal practitioner
Offence: defiance of court order
In Court on: January 30, 2017
Justice Oluremi Oguntinyinbo,
Federal High Court, Lagos



Patrick Akpobolokemi & 3 Others

Ex-DG, NIMASA
Offence: money laundering
In Court on: February 3, 2017
Justice S. Saidu
Federal High Court, Ikoyi, Lagos



Femi Fani-Kayode

A former Minister, Culture & Tourism
Offence: N26million fraud
In Court on: February 6, 2017
Justice J.T. Tsoho,
Federal High Court, Abuja



Raymond Dokpesi

Ex-Chairman, DAAR Communications Plc
Offence: criminal breach of trust
In Court on: February 7, 2017
Justice J.T. Tsoho,
Federal High Court, Abuja

United Against Corruption

Wife of Nigeria's president flags off the Women Against Corruption project - an initiative of EFCC, aimed at rallying womenfolk to be change agents in fight against corruption

BY SEGUN ADEOYE



It was an epoch-making event. And, though it has come and gone, echoes of the flag-off of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC's Women Against Corruption, WAC project, on December 7, 2016 still reverberate across the length and breadth of the country. Call it the EFCC's cutting edge approach in the fight against corruption, and you would definitely be right.

The convivial atmosphere of the International Conference Centre, Abuja venue of the historic event provided an ambience of determination, as women from all walks of life gathered to make a commitment to the anti-corruption crusade of the EFCC.

The auditorium, which was filled to capacity, had in attendance the wife of the president, Aisha Buhari, who was accompanied by the Vice President's wife, Dolapo Osinbajo; the first woman to be Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Aloma



It is high time women owned the corruption fight, as they are great mobilizers and the most influential group in the society.

- Aisha Muhammadu Buhari
Wife of the President, FRN

Mukhtar (retd), who was the guest speaker; the first woman to be Vice Chancellor in a Nigerian university, Prof. Grace Alele-Williams; a former chairman of the EFCC, Farida Waziri; wives of state governors, representatives from the National Assembly, representatives from various ministries, departments and agencies, wives of Service Chiefs, women in uniform, and women leaders across the country.

Describing the historic event as "a clarion call", Buhari, who formally flagged off the WAC project, noted that it was high time women owned the corruption fight, as they are great mobilizers and the most influential group in the society.

"Corruption fuels serious crimes such as terrorism, kidnapping, child trafficking, drug trafficking, gun running and a number of other crimes that directly and severely impact women of all ages," she said.



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Dolapo Osinbajo,
Wife of the Vice-President, FRN



Justice Mariam Aloma
Mukhtar, GCON

While urging the EFCC to take the initiative beyond workshops, Buhari stressed that: "No one single group can better own the corruption fight, because women are better positioned to understand the issues of corruption, and it is through them that the scourge can be most effectively tackled."

On her part, Osinbajo, described the event as a "pivotal moment and a turning point in our lives and nation when women formally enlist in an army and declare their intent to fight corruption," adding that "good women lift up a nation".

In her speech, titled *Women the Missing Link in the Fight Against Corruption*, Mukhtar, 72, stated that women in the society "must speak out and get involved in the corruption fight". She also charged them not to pressure their husbands to live above their means.

"Corruption is an evil that must be eliminated," Mukhtar said. "If corruption is not erased, it will one day swallow the country."

Commending the initiative of the Ibrahim Magu-led EFCC as timely, Waziri reiterated the importance of having a united front in executing the anti-corruption war, noting that women had the "sixth sense".

"Women are the most influential people on earth," Waziri said. "The fact that the EFCC is calling on women in the society to unite with the agency, tallies with my long held view that the corruption fight

must be collective; it cannot be fought by only the EFCC."

Waziri further called for medical and psychiatric tests to be conducted on public office seekers, before they are given appointments in government.

President, Nigeria Council of Women Societies, Gloria Shoda, opined that corruption begins from the family.

"We have to start the corruption fight from our homes," Shoda said, urging men and women to live a simple lifestyle, setting good standards for their children.

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Ibrahim Magu,
Ag. Executive Chairman, EFCC

Pledging support for the EFCC's project, Garba Abari, Director General, National Orientation Agency, said, "We will partner with the EFCC to ensure that this project is extended to the 774 local governments in the country."

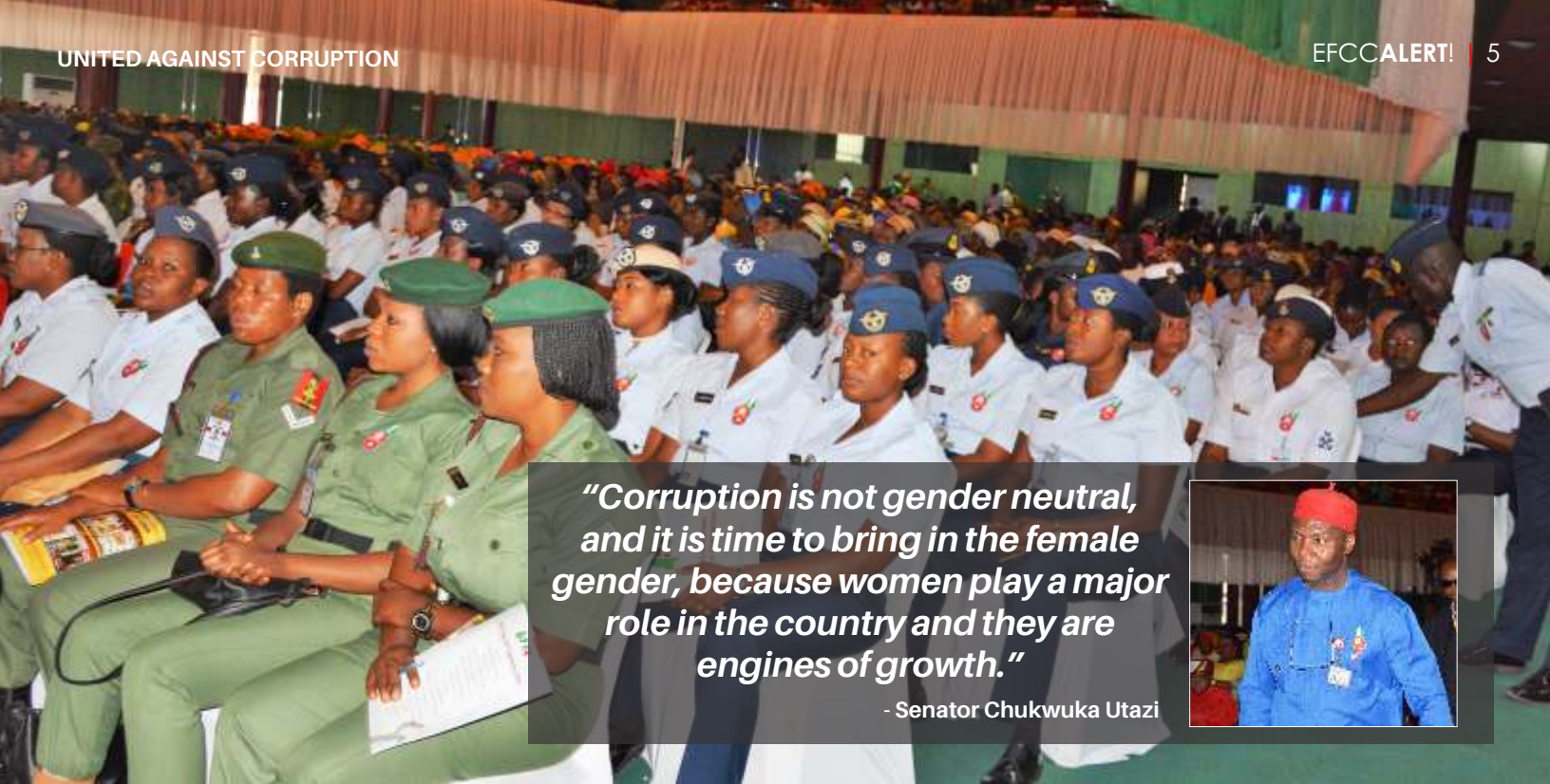
The Chairman, Senate Committee on Anti-corruption and Financial Crimes, Chukwuka Utazi, lent his voice to the call on women to join in the corruption fight, noting that: "Corruption is not gender neutral, and it is time to bring in the female gender, because women play a major role in the country and they are engines of growth."

Sam Saba, Chairman, Code of Conduct Bureau, a sister anti-graft agency, described the efforts of the EFCC as "a highly laudable initiative". According to him, "We must not be tired of carrying on the corruption war."

Expressing the resolve of the anti-graft agency to take the laudable message of the WAC project to all the states, Magu, the chief host, noted that everyone in the country had come to the realization that corruption was at the centre of all Nigeria's development challenges.

"It is the reason the country has been unable to transform its rich natural and human resource endowment into prosperity; it is the reason for endemic and embarrassing poverty in the midst of plenty," Magu said.

Harping on the words of Napoleon Bonaparte, the famous French General,



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- Senator Chukwuka Utazi



Professor Grace Alele-Williams



Dr Mrs Gloria Shoda, President,
National Council of Women Societies

who said, "give me good mothers and I will give you a great nation", Magu added that, "women, especially mothers, have a significant influence on the direction the society takes."

He noted that: "We at the EFCC are convinced that the power to change the destiny of our nation lies in the hands of women."

The high point of the event, which was compèred by Eugenia Abu, veteran broadcaster with the Nigeria Television Authority, was the formal unveiling of the WAC project logo, by the wife of the President. The event also featured "Road to Success", the EFCC's campaign drama against corruption. ■



Osita Okechukwu, Director-General,
Voice of Nigeria



Garba Abari, Director-General,
National Orientation Agency



Eugenia Abu, Director of Programmes,
Nigerian Television Authority



Ibrahim Magu, Ag Chairman, EFCC, welcomes Farida Waziri, Ex-EFCC Chairperson



Cross-section of EFCC management staff at the event



Cross-section of EFCC staff at the event



Magu with a group of women leaders at the event



Magu with a group of female military officers



Cross-section of market women at the event



An anti-corruption drama presented by the EFCC



A cultural group entertains the audience



Special act at the event



Zakky Azzay thrills the audience



Osita Nwajah, Director, Public Affairs giving the vote of thanks

On December 9, 2016, Ibrahim Magu, EFCC boss led the march to mark this year's International Anti-Corruption Day celebration, held at the Sheraton Abuja Hotel.

Here are a few images from the event.



Ibrahim Magu, EFCC boss, leads staff on an anti-corruption march



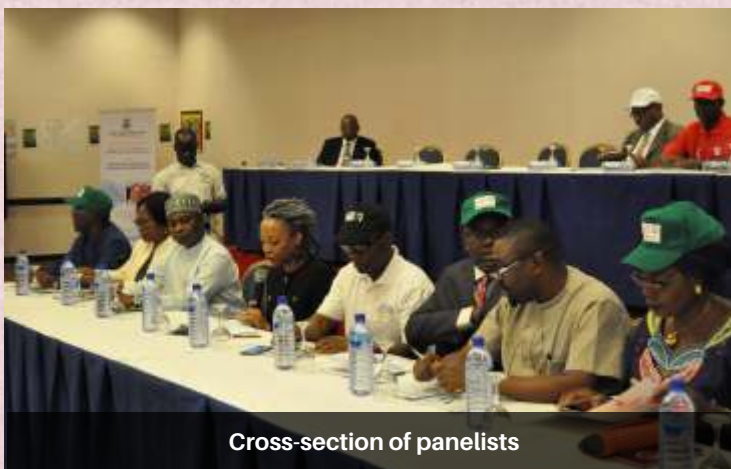
Cross-section of EFCC staff



Campaigning against corruption



Kayode Fayemi, Minister of Steel & Solid Minerals Development, with Magu and other panelists at the event



Cross-section of panelists



Cross-section of participants



Cross-section of students at the event



Cross-section of participants



Ibrahim Magu, EFCC boss, with Chief of Army Staff, COAS, flanked by staff of EFCC and the military during a visit to the COAS



Hameed Ali, Comptroller-General, Nigeria Customs Service, with Magu and Osita Nwajah, Director, EFCC's Public Affairs during a visit



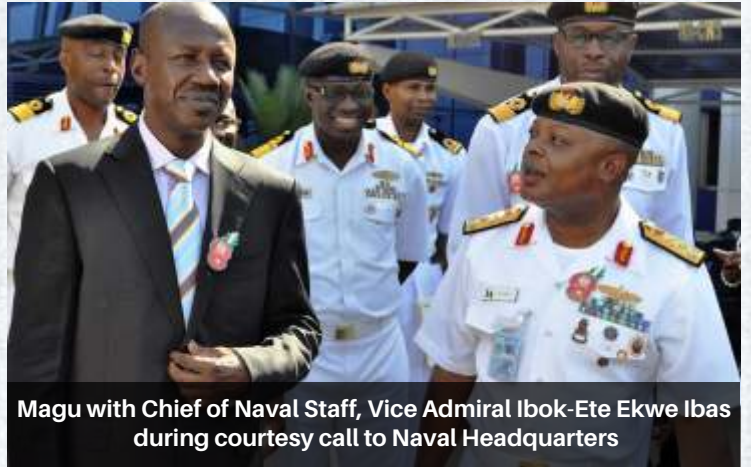
Magu with Ibrahim Idris, Inspector General of Police during a visit to the Police boss



Ike Ekweremadu, Deputy Senate President, with Magu, during a visit to EFCC headquarters under construction



Magu and Mounir Gwarzo, DG, Securities and Exchange Commission, flanked by other management staff of the SEC and EFCC



Magu with Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Ibok-Ete Ekwe Ibas during courtesy call to Naval Headquarters



Bernadin Assiene, Director of Inspections and Investigations, Magu, and Sory Ouane, Country Director, during a visit by World Food Programme delegates to the Commission's Headquarters



National Youth Service Corps members visit the Ibadan Zonal Office of the EFCC

Cunning Oil Master

BY WILLIAMS OSEGHAE / PORT HARCOURT

An advance fee fraud suspect, Dr. Vincent Anyigor, whose stock in trade is to use his company, Vanyigor Concepts Limited, to swindle his unsuspecting victims into believing that he is into the oil and gas business, was on December 7, 2016 arraigned before Justice M.A. Liman of the Federal High Court, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

He is being prosecuted by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on a 25-count charge bordering on conspiracy, forgery and obtaining by false pretence. Anyigor, who parades himself as an international businessman with high network in the oil and gas sector allegedly defrauded his victim of \$629,287.



Anyigor

A self-acclaimed magnate in the oil industry faces the wrath of the law for a \$629,287 fraud

Before his arrest and subsequent prosecution, investigations revealed that in October 2010, his victim, not suspecting the fraudulent activities of Anyigor, paid him \$629,287 for the supply of six million barrels of bonny light crude oil. Alas, six years after, Anyigor is yet to supply the products, neither has he refunded the money to his victim.

He, however, pleaded "not guilty" to the charges in court.

Anyigor, who currently enjoys bail, is expected back in court on January 18, 2017 when his trial begins. ■

Deadly Trio

BY HILDA FINGESI // LAGOS

Having an ambition to be wealthy may not be wrong, as long as the path of hard work is taken. But Omofojoye Olawale, Ganiyu Mufutau and Yusuf Taiwo, should have known that justice would definitely catch up with them, when they decided to take the path of stealing, in order to enrich themselves.

The three young men apparently took the unholy path, when they allegedly stole 66,000 litres of automotive gas oil valued at N9,900,000 from Magenenu Global Nigeria Limited. They converted same to their use, with the aim of lining their pockets.

They were on December 6, 2016 arraigned by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, before Justice Oluwatoyin Ipaye of the Lagos State High Court, Ikeja. They are facing a five-count charge bordering on forgery,



Accused persons

conspiracy, stealing, obtaining goods by false pretence and issuance of dud cheque.

They pleaded "not guilty" to the charges. The trio, who are currently being

Three friends who soiled their hands in a shady business are made to account for their indiscretion

remanded at the Ikoyi Prisons, Lagos, are expected back in court on January 23, 2017 when Justice Ipaye would be hearing their bail applications. ■

Fraudulent Madam

BY BELLO BAJOGA // KANO

Perhaps, Dr. Rabi Rakad, could well be described as fraud personified. Or how else could one describe the action of someone who sold her parcel of land, which she had used as collateral for a bank loan.

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, arrested Rakad, following a petition by Yahaya Taura, who after buying the land, found himself in troubled waters.

Indeed, Rakad had in March 2012 sold the parcel of land to Taura at the cost of N13.2million. She had also handed over the Certificate of Occupancy to him, with the understanding that the property was "free from encumbrances".



Taura's jaw dropped when his joy of being a land owner turned into sadness. Rakad had in 2005 forfeited the said property to Skye Bank as collateral for a N5million loan which

Woman who sold parcel of land, which she had already forfeited to a bank, faces the music

she failed to pay back. In 2008, having taken possession of the property, the bank, transferred it to a third party.

Through his action, Rakad committed an offence contrary to section 1(1) (a) of Advance Fee Fraud and other Fraud Related Offences Act, 2006 and punishable under section 1 (3) of the same Act.

She was on December 6, 2016 arraigned before Justice Dije Aboki of a Kano State High Court on a five-count charge bordering on obtaining money under false pretence.

Her trial continues on January 19, 2017. ■

Sneaky Professor

BY AUSTIN BERNARD // IBADAN

The travails of Prof. Benjamin Ogunbodede, a former Director-General, DG, Institute of Agriculture Research and Training, IART, Ibadan, Oyo State, began long before his trial by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on a 17-count charge of conspiracy, misappropriation and diversion of public funds.

Indeed, back in March 2013, staff of the institute, in Ile-Ife, Osun State, had conducted a mock funeral service for him, during a peaceful demonstration against the embattled DG, over allegations of embezzling about N192.5million belonging to the institute.

On December 5, 2016, his trial which began on October 30, 2014 before Justice N.A. Emmanuel, of the Federal

High Court, Ibadan, continued. Toluola Tola-Ukaba, an EFCC operative, gave details of how in connivance with Zacheaus Tejumola, Adenose Clement

According to Tola-Ukaba, the IART's Joint Action Committee of Staff Union had in December 2012 petitioned the EFCC, alleging that Ogunbodede falsely claimed to have used the sum of N115million to pay hazard allowance to its members. They also alleged that he claimed to have used the sum of N15million to harvest crops, when he actually spent only N800,000.



Ogunbodede & accomplices

and Jalekun Omotowoju, he used different company names to divert money meant for payment of hazard allowance of staff of the Institute.

Findings, according to Tola-Ukaba who was in court as a prosecution witness, showed that N177million, which was moved from the personnel emolument account as hazard allowance for staff of the Institute, was never paid to them.

The EFCC would provide more details of the professor's shady dealings on January 16, 2017 as their trial continues. ■

End of the Road

BY FATIMA ABUBAKAR // KANO

The trial of Abdulhamid Mohammed, whose prosecution by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, began on June 20, 2015 on a two-count charge of criminal breach of trust, came to a dramatic end on December 5, 2016.

That day, Justice Usman Na'Abba of a Kano State High Court, convinced that EFCC proved its case beyond every reasonable doubt, found him guilty of the charges. The EFCC had presented three witnesses along with 19 exhibits.

In 2011, Mohammed bought 66,000 litres of automotive gas oil from Amodu Ascon, who sold the products worth N8,976,000 to him on credit. Afribank



cheques issued by Mohammed for the payment, however, bounced back. Investigations into the case revealed that

A trickster who defrauded his victim of about N9million in a fraudulent oil deal is to spend three years in jail

his account with Afribank had been dormant. Further probe showed that Mohammed received payment from Etisalat for the product, in his other account with WEMA bank.

He had fled Kano in order to evade justice, but was arrested in Lokoja, Kogi State by bank officials following a Post No Deposit order placed on his accounts by the EFCC.

He was sentenced to three years in prison on count one, with an option of N100,000 as fine, while on count two, he is to spend three years in prison. He was also ordered to make restitution with his victim by returning the money, failure of which, he is to serve additional prison term of seven years. ■

Pension Thieves

BY BETHEL UDE

Justin Itemoagbo, Dayo Aliyu, Ojeifo Sylvanus and Dayang Jacob may well be described as evil geniuses, whose fingers have not been caught in the till.

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on November 30, 2016 arraigned them before Justice Peter Kekemeke of the Federal Capital Territory, FCT, High Court, Apo, Abuja for a N22.9 million fraud.

They are standing trial on a 14-count charge bordering on criminal breach of trust, conspiracy to obtain money by false pretence, abuse of office, forgery, advance fee fraud and impersonation.

Itemoagbo allegedly used his position as Principal Executive Officer, attached as a pension officer in the Human Resources Department of the Federal Ministry of Works, to perpetrate the fraud. Aliyu was

Four members of staff at Federal Ministry of Works, and Office of the Accountant General of the Federation stand trial for their roles in a N22.9m pension scam



L-R: Itemoagbo, Aliyu, Ojeifo and Dayang

the Help Desk Officer in charge of the Integrated Personnel and Payroll Information System in the Office of the Accountant General of the Federation; Sylvanus was a staff in the Office of the Accountant General of the Federation, while Jacob was a staff of Federal Ministry of Works attached as the

Nominal Roll and Manpower Budget Officer.

They are alleged to have committed the offence between 2012 and 2014 by inserting fictitious names into the payroll of the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing.

Their trial is ongoing. ■



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Here's wishing you peace and prosperity this season,
and throughout the coming year.
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