



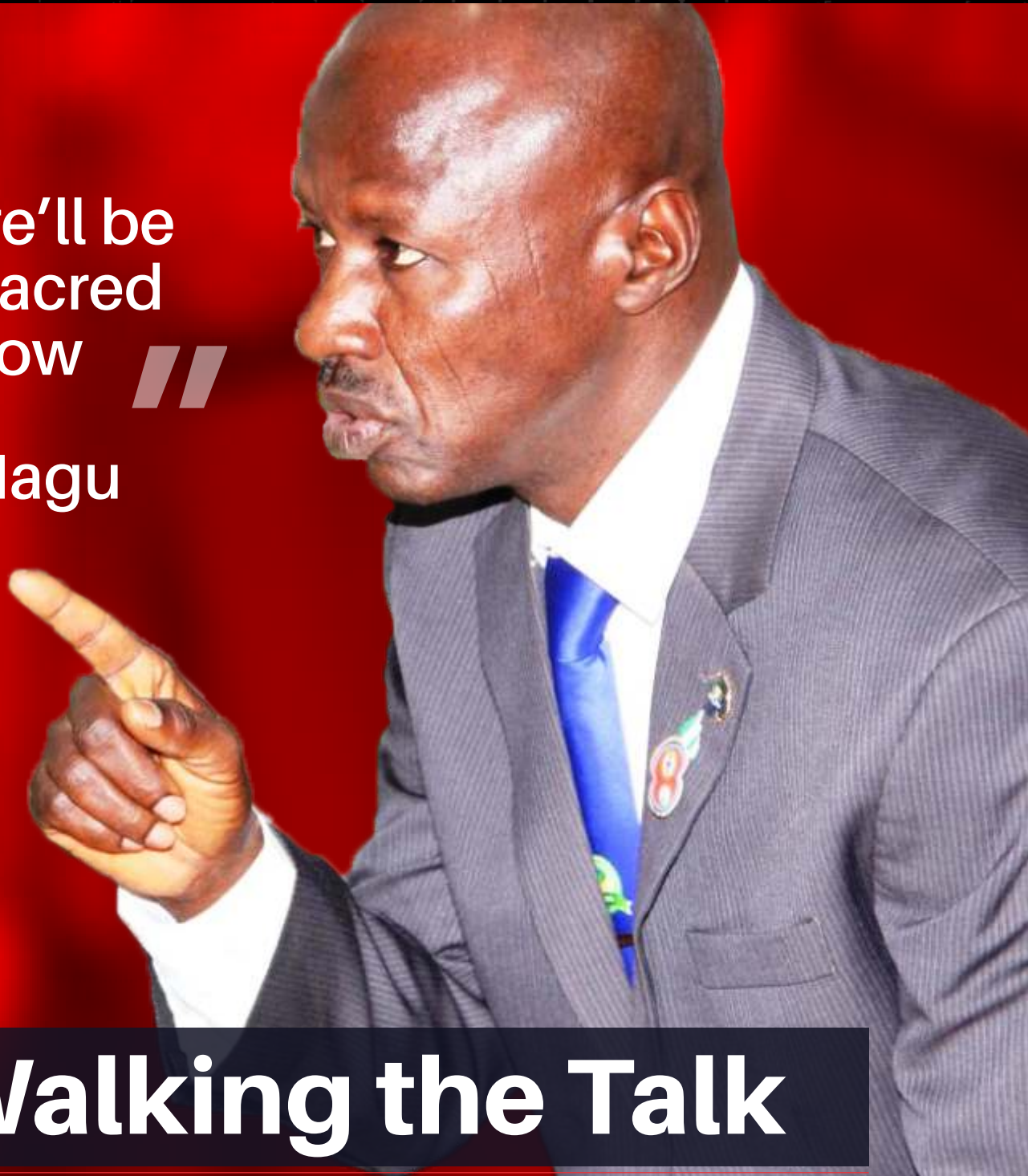
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THROWBACK VIDEO

Circa Sept 10, 2015 at the NLC/TUC anti-corruption rally in partnership with the EFCC

"Attention! No more corruption in Nigeria; because corruption is a killer. We don't want to see more killers in Nigeria; So we join hands together, working together to kill corruption in Nigeria. Yes, Nigeria is our country."



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WALKING THE TALK

The new anti-graft czar in town, Ibrahim Magu, matches words with action as he re-jigs the operations of the EFCC and gingers up the anti-corruption crusade

BY SEGUN ADEOYE

“There is no better time to ginger up the anti-corruption campaign than now that we are faced with economic downturn and the attendant sharp decline in government revenues.”

Those were the words of the Acting Chairman of the EFCC, Ibrahim Magu, stressing the unreserved determination of the anti-graft agency under his watch to reinvigorate the fight against corruption, with the sole aim of recovering monies stolen from Nigeria.

Making the comments in his acceptance speech on assumption of office as the new boss of the agency, on November 11, 2015, Magu further noted that: “There is the need to make sure that whatever is gotten for common use did not end up in private pockets. Again, to attract foreign investments that would complement the income of the Government, we need to clean up our systems in line with global best practices. We intend to pay serious attention to these important areas.”



No Nigerian shall be regarded as being above the law or treated as a sacred cow



Magu leads anti-corruption rally

Unwavering pledge

It was a pledge that the anti-graft czar has so far matched with actions. At every twist and turn, Magu has not ceased to harp on the adverse effects of corruption on the development of the country. But, in addition, he has expressed the unwavering resolve of the agency to ensure that there are no sacred cows.

At an auspicious meeting with online media practitioners and broadcast media managers, recently in Abuja, Magu, in addition to urging them to partner with the agency in achieving its task, noted that: “Apart from bringing corrupt public officers to justice, we are determined, in line with the stance of the current administration, to send an unmistakable message to everyone, that no Nigerian shall be regarded as being above the law or treated as a sacred cow as far as the fight against corruption is concerned.”

Assuring the practitioners that the EFCC had “more influential Nigerians on the radar” Magu said, “My plea for your support is underscored by my understanding that the forces which we are battling are powerful and some of them may want to use all platforms of the media to distract and derail us. If and when they come to you, please allow the ethics of your profession, your conscience and overriding national interest to be your guide.”

He hinted that the priorities of the EFCC had been reordered by him, in order to achieve more effective results.

Armstrong and more

As more revelations continue to be unearthed in the now infamous \$2.1 billion arms deal scandal involving Col Sambo Dasuki (retd), Magu has said that the agency will not leave any stone unturned to ensure that all monies stolen in the guise of arms purchase are recovered.

The last International Anti-Corruption Day rally, with the theme, “Breaking the Corruption Chain”, afforded him the opportunity to stress the resolve of the EFCC to break the corruption chain “in a fair, accountable and transparent manner”.

Magu told the gathering, which included dignitaries from the United Nations, Bureau of Public Service Reforms, BPSR, and Technical Unit on Governance and Anti-Corruption Reforms, TUGAR, that the EFCC was on top of the investigations into the scam, and “all the culprits in the arms procurement scandal would be brought to justice.”



Magu: “We need support of Nigerians”

He noted that in 2015, the agency investigated a total of 1,881 cases.

“Out of this figure, 280 cases were filed in courts and 78 convictions were secured. In this period also, eight interim and two final forfeiture orders were handed down by various courts on applications brought by the Commission,” he said.

Magu commended President Muhammadu Buhari for expressing the political will to

“fight corruption and win”, and added that, “our common resolve is far stronger than the challenges we face in the fight against corruption.”

He urged civil society organizations and other partners to join hands with the EFCC in the anti-corruption fight, as no single agency could go it alone. ■

Photo by Polycarp Saga



A cross-section of participants at the Anti-Corruption Day Rally



Magu (third from right) flanked on left by Justice Abimbola and other judges in the state

Eye on Ibadan

The EFCC opens a new office in Ibadan, South-west Nigeria, with the aim of expanding its frontiers to the region for a seamless operation

The move was a long awaited one, considering the widening scope of operations of the EFCC. On January 14, 2016 the Acting Chairman of the agency, Ibrahim Magu, formally opened the Commission's office in Ibadan, the Oyo State capital, with the aim of strengthening the operations of the Commission in the South-western region of the country.

He paid a courtesy visit to the office of the state's Chief Judge, Justice Muntai Abimbola, where he stressed the need for the judiciary to support the agency.

"We are partners in the task of ridding the nation of corrupt practices. We all have a stake in the fight for the sake of the nation. We should be prepared to give our today for the tomorrow of our children", Magu said.

He specifically requested for the designation of some judges to hear EFCC cases, noting that the agency would transfer all the cases relating to the region to the new office.

Justice Abimbola appreciated the EFCC and gave assurances that trial of suspects of corrupt practices would be given prompt attention.

At the Department of State Services, Oyo State Command, Magu reiterated his call

for cooperation and expressed the desire of the EFCC to work with the Service. In response, Director of State Security, Oyo State Command, L. B. Baba assured the EFCC of collaboration and support.

The same assurance was given by the Oyo State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Leye Oyeade. According to him, the EFCC and the Nigeria Police are fighting the same monster of corruption and must work together.

Magu also visited the Tribune House, publisher of the Nigerian Tribune Titles, urging staff to see themselves as partners in the war against corruption. The Editor-In-Chief/Managing Director, Edward Dickson, commended the EFCC for its relentless war on all forms of economic and financial crimes. He gave assurances of objective and positive coverage of the agency's activities.

Head of Operations of the new office, Oseni Kazeem, assured that the office would run in the widely acclaimed tradition of the EFCC. ■



Magu with senior Police Officers in the state



Magu in a warm handshake with Dickson, MD, Tribune Titles

Customs Support

In an apparent show of solidarity, the Nigeria Customs Service, solicits support of the EFCC in the fight against economic and financial crimes



In what can best be described as a rare show of support, the Comptroller-General of Customs, Col. Hameed Ali (retd.), has commended the EFCC for unwavering in its concerted efforts to rid the country of economic and financial crimes, describing the anti-graft agency, as the pivot on which the fight against corruption in Nigeria rests.

During a courtesy visit to the new EFCC boss, Ibrahim Magu, on December 10, 2015, Ali noted that the leadership of the Customs Service had realised that having a mutual relationship with the agency was essential.

"We have realised that the pivot or nucleus of fighting corruption in this

country is the EFCC," he said. According to Ali, creating synergies and relationships with agencies such as the EFCC, was a necessity, not an option.

The visit, according to him, was primarily to pay respect to the Commission and commend it for all that it had been doing to rid the country of corruption.

He further explained that it was aimed at underscoring the synergy that had been in existence between the two bodies, while also seeking a way to strengthen the relationship.

Magu, used the opportunity to highlight the existing relationship between the EFCC and the Customs Service, noting

that such a relationship had helped the country in a lot of ways, in the fight against corruption.

He, however, called for a review of the mode of operation of the partnership.

"I know the importance of us working together. But I want us to look at the mode of operations and see if there are areas that need to be re-examined," Magu said.

Secretary to the Commission, Emmanuel Aremo, who gave the vote of thanks, expressed the readiness of the EFCC to build on the existing relationship with the Customs Service. ■



We Need EFCC To Achieve Our Mandate - Customs Boss, Ali

The Comptroller-General, Nigeria Customs Service, Col. Hameed Ali (retd.), in this interview with Babatunde Sulaiman, reiterates his commitment to strengthen relationship with the EFCC

How would you describe the existing relationship between the EFCC and the Nigeria Customs Service?

We have always had a very strong and workable relationship with the EFCC, so what we are trying to do is to strengthen this relationship. You are aware that our personnel were once attached to the EFCC. Having said this, for today's dynamics, we need a stronger relationship, and that is why we are here today. We realised that we can't do it alone; so, we must collaborate with other agencies, in order to meet our own mandate.

You were recently quoted to have said that any customs official who is found guilty of corruption would serve the maximum jail term of 10 years. Why have you taken this seemingly extreme stance?

I said that because we want to make sure that we apply the law the way it is. I always restate what it is in the law. So, henceforth,

anybody who is caught and proven to be guilty of corruption will serve the maximum penalty, which is 10 years jail term. That is what informed my comment because we want to make sure that the law is applied as it is.

Was the rot you met in the system, upon your appointment, that bad to have warranted that decision?

Of course, in every system, there are so many things you want to do when you are appointed as helmsman; otherwise, I won't have any reason to be in the Customs Service. I am here to help the Nigeria Customs Service sanitise itself and have better service personnel that will deliver on the mandate given to them by Mr President. In any organisation, you cannot effect changes, except you assert certain facts as they are. So, I always insist that the laws are complied with the way they are. In other words, we are not really introducing anything new by saying that corrupt officials will serve the maximum jail term. ■

Executive Visit

Acting Chairman of the EFCC, Ibrahim Magu, leads a delegation on a courtesy visit to the South-south region

BY DEBORAH MEZEH // PORT HARCOURT

They are two events apart, both of which have further shown the resolve of the Acting Chairman of the EFCC, Ibrahim Magu, to re-jig the operations of the anti-graft agency, with the sole aim of reinvigorating its activities.

When recently the new EFCC boss visited the Port Harcourt Zone, it was not only to boost the morale of members of staff in the zone, it was also to seek the support of the judiciary and other relevant agencies in the South-south region of the country.

Leading a delegation that included the Director of Finance, Bukar Abba, and the Director of Legal and Prosecution, Chile Okoroma, the anti-graft czar, on November 21, 2015 paid a courtesy call on the Rivers State Acting Chief Judge, Justice Daisy Okocha, and the Commissioner of Police in the state, Musa Kimo.

"We want to solicit your support, and appeal for collaboration and better

relationship between us and the Judiciary as well as the Police," Magu said, adding that the task of ridding the country of economic and financial crimes required cooperation, and could not be left alone in the hands of the EFCC.

Justice Okocha, while giving assurances of "unending support", said, "the EFCC will be given expeditious attention both in filing and hearing of cases as well as designating more judges for speedy prosecution of EFCC cases."

Kimo, on his part, commended Magu for being a "worthy ambassador" of the Nigeria Police Force, and prayed that God would give him the wisdom to carry out the great responsibility which has been put before him.

"The EFCC is an agency of international relevance and so you must not lose focus



Magu addressing staff at the Port Harcourt Zonal Office

in the fight against corruption," he said, stressing that the Police in the region would support all efforts of the agency.

During his visit to staff of the zone, Magu, urged them to see him as one of them, and thus should not shy away from giving relevant suggestions that would help move the agency forward.

He toured the office to see the facilities in place and promised a more conducive working environment. He urged all staff to put in their best, and work towards securing more convictions.

"It is better to fail at what you do than not making an effort at all, if you are not failing then you are not working because you learn from your mistakes," Magu said. ■

Seeking Support

The Kano Zone of the EFCC seeks inter-agency cooperation with the Customs Command in the state

BY BELLO BAJOGA // KANO

The Kano Zone of the EFCC has sought for stronger collaboration with the Kano/Jigawa Customs Area Command domiciled in the state.

Head of the EFCC Kano Zonal Office, David Iloyanomon, on January 6, 2016, led a team from the anti-graft agency to the Command, on a familiarisation visit.

Iloyanomon, who recently took over as Head of the zone, noted that it was expedient for such a visit, in order to foster collaboration and synergy in the effective discharge of the Commission's mandate.

"We want to specifically request for support in the area of currency movement control at the airport and borders with a view of ensuring that relevant evidence necessary for prosecution are gathered and processed professionally," he said.

The Customs Area Comptroller of the Command, M. O. Abutu, noted the cordial relationship between the two agencies, expressing the view that it would not be

out of place to also have EFCC operatives at the airports.

"Apart from port decongestion, which is a long mutual assignment between the two agencies, there was a joint operation on textile with EFCC which was successfully carried out last year," Abutu said. ■



Iloyanomon with officers of the Command



Stern Warning

Acting Chairman of the EFCC, Ibrahim Magu, gives a stern warning to Bureaux de Change operators in the country to desist from being conduit pipes for corrupt practices

BY JAMILU SALEH



It's a firm warning that could not have come at a better time than this, considering the culpability of Bureaux de Change operators in the \$2.1 billion arms deal scandal, which has left Nigerians in shock.

Indeed, the Acting Chairman of the EFCC, Ibrahim Magu, has stressed that no Bureau de Change operator involved in the ongoing \$2.1bn arms deal probe will be spared.

Magu, who was speaking during a courtesy call to his office in Abuja by Bureaux de Change operators on January 5, 2015, also re-iterated the existing mutual relationship between the EFCC and the group in the areas of sensitisation and training.

"There are fraudulent involvements of Bureaux de Change operators in the arms deal scandal," he said. "There are reports

of some of your members withdrawing as much as N500million in two, three, four tranches in this arms deal scam."

Magu noted that such a development was very worrisome, and drastic measures needed to be put in place to check it.

"There should be documentation regarding your activities, as this will enable your group to checkmate anyone who is involved in any fraudulent activity," he said.

Chairman of Bureaux de Change operators, Aminu Gwadabe, used the medium to pledge the group's support for the EFCC, in the ongoing war against corruption, and decried the activities of black marketers who, according to him, have given licensed operators a bad name. ■

New Era in Gombe

The Zonal Office of the EFCC in Gombe witnesses a change in leadership

BY INNOCENT OGBU/GOMBE

The Gombe Zonal Office of the EFCC on December 11, 2015 witnessed a change in leadership as Aminudeen Muhammad, took up his new appointment as head of the zone.

Muhammad, who has served in various units in the Commission in Kano Zone, took over from Ibrahim Bappa.

A graduate of Law from Bayero University Kano, he has contributed immensely to the fight against economic and financial crimes having held several key positions in the anti-graft agency, including the

Intelligence and Special Operations Section, ISOS, and Bank Fraud unit, Abuja.

Muhammad used the opportunity to solicit for the cooperation of members of staff in the zone, stressing that all hands must be on deck to improve on the achievements of his predecessor.

Bappa, who exits the position to take up his new appointment as head of the EFCC's Maiduguri Zone, appreciated the staff for the support given him. ■



Muhammad

Change in Port Harcourt

It's a change of leadership at the EFCC's Port Harcourt Zonal Office

BY DEBORAH MEZEH

It was yet another change in leadership at the Port Harcourt Zonal Office of the EFCC, as Ishaq Salihu, from Hycenth Edozie, as head of the zone.

The handover ceremony, which held on December 7, 2015, saw Salihu, who before his new appointment was the Head of the Kano Zone of the anti-graft agency, share his vision with staff of the zone.

"The EFCC remains the only institution of morality in Nigeria and much is expected from us," he said. "We should have trust in this new government and do our best to achieve the desired results."

While appreciating his predecessor in the zone, Salihu, told the staff of the zone to see themselves as "one big family knitted with love" in order for them to work together as a team to achieve the laudable goals of the agency.



Edozie and Salihu

Edozie, who was leaving the zone to take up his new appointment as the Head, Intelligence and Special Operations Section, ISOS, appreciated the staff of the zone, and urged them to give the new head all the support necessary to move the zone forward.

"Transfers are necessary to enable one meet new people and face new challenges, as it is the nature of the job and the essence of life," Edozie said. ■

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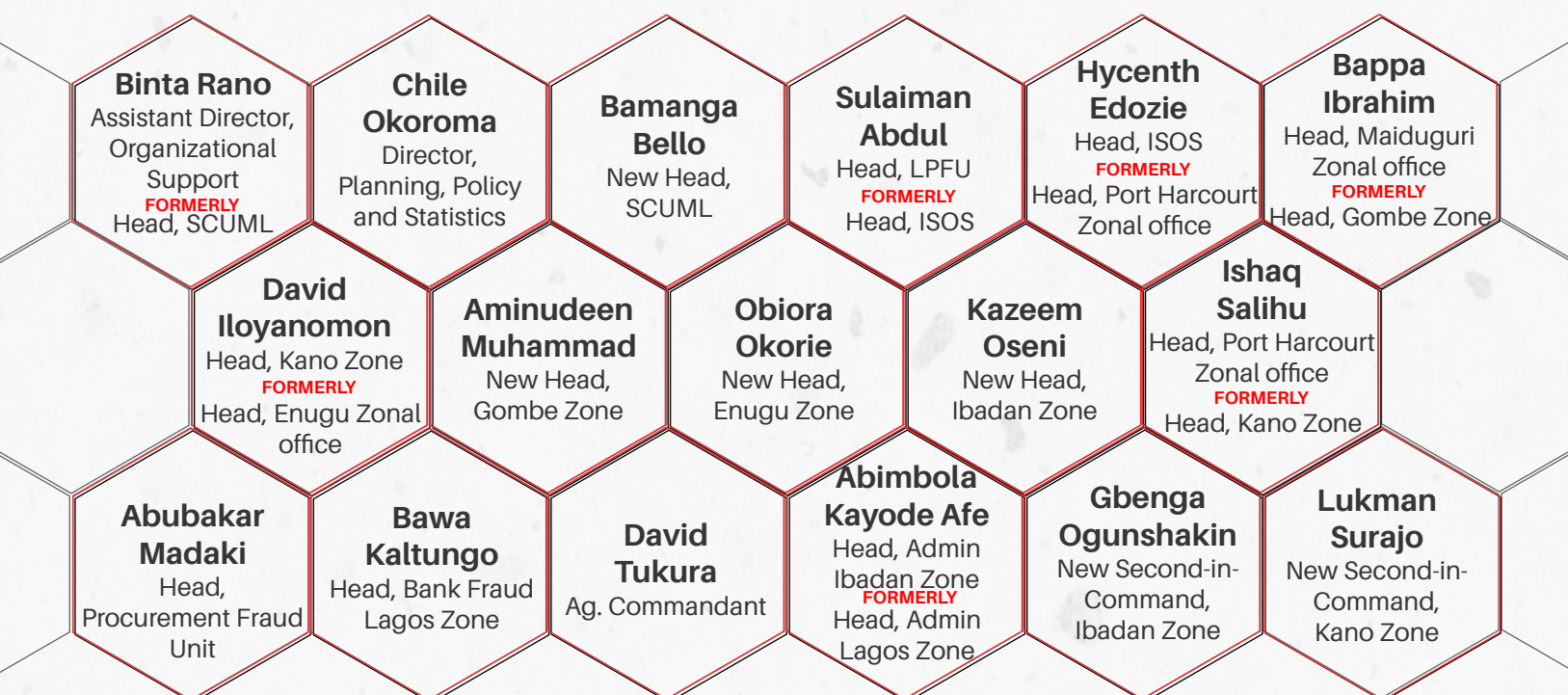


PHOTO GALLERY



Magu with President Court of Appeal, Hon. Justice Zainab Bulkachuwa



Magu leading the rally as corruption is 'laid to rest'



Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Mahmud Mohammed, and Magu at Judges Conference in November, 2015



Magu and members of staff in Enugu during the courtesy visit to the South-East zone



Magu speaking with the press at the rally



Cross-section of participants during the rally



Magu and Members of the Senate after the Budget Defence on Dec 14, 2015



Magu and Michel Arieus, Head of European Union Delegate during a courtesy visit to the Commission on Dec 14, 2015



Senate visit to EFCC Headquarters under construction on Dec 17, 2015



Budget Defence at House of Representatives on Dec 14, 2015

Rosulugate Unravelled

The EFCC makes history as first law enforcement agency in Africa to present polygraph results in court, which help to secure conviction and unravel truth behind a prominent fraud case

BY SEGUN ADEOYE



Rosulu

Oluronke Rosulu! Does the name ring a bell? For many who might not remember her, Rosulu, a former registrar to Justice Joseph Oyewole of a Lagos State High Court, who was being prosecuted by the EFCC on a two-count charge of conspiracy and obtaining money under false pretence, was on December 21, 2015 sentenced to 10 years in jail, based on evidence presented against her in court, including the results of a polygraph examination conducted on her by operatives of the EFCC.

It was a first of its kind in Nigeria's law enforcement history, and legal practice. The EFCC had on May 13, 2015 tendered the results of polygraph tests conducted on Rosulu, as part of evidence against her during her trial for allegedly defrauding a former Chief of Army Staff, Lt Gen Ishaya Bamaïyi (retd) of \$330,000. Four documents were admitted by the court as exhibits - EFCC polygraph consent form, certification of identification, copy of polygraph charts and polygraph report. The polygraph test became necessary as part of the investigations to

authenticate her role in the scam.

The documents showed that Rosulu was not being truthful. She had claimed that she never visited Kirkiri Prison, where Bamaïyi was being held at the time during his trial. She also refuted Bamaïyi's claim that she acted as a go-between for Fred Ajudua to defraud him of the said sum with the promise to use it to bribe the trial judge to secure his freedom.

Justice Lateef Lawal-Akapo of a Lagos State High Court sitting in Ikeja, however, found her guilty of the charges, convicted and sentenced her to jail, ruling that: "I hold that the accused visited Kirikiri Prison on three occasions; with this, there is no doubt on the intention to defraud.

"Specifically, Oluronke aided Ajudua to defraud Bamaïyi of the said sum under the false pretence that it was a part payment for the professional fees purportedly charged by Chief Afe Babalola (SAN) to handle his case, while both of them were being remanded at Kirikiri Maximum Prison between November 2004 and June 2005." ■

A Milestone

Chinedu Eneanya, an operative and polygraph examiner with the EFCC, who presented results of the polygraph examination in court, (part of the exhibit that helped secure the conviction of Oluronke Rosulu), sheds light on the historic event and the role polygraph plays in investigations, in this interview with Segun Adeoye. Excerpts:



Eneanya

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 the opinion that was derived from the polygraph examination, is accepted in court. For us, it's a milestone that we were able to conduct this examination, do what we call quality control for the examination, and we've been able to go to court and testify as to the truthfulness or untruthfulness of the examinee, that's the defendant in this case.

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 it true that EFCC is the only law enforcement agency with a well-equipped unit for polygraph examination?

Yes. And I say so with pride. Currently in Nigeria, EFCC is the only law enforcement agency that has a polygraph unit. In Africa, South Africa has, but 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. There is a Polygraph

Unit in Kenya too, but it's a private individual who runs the polygraph examination. In South Africa, it's basically a government unit that has the polygraph examiners. 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 really in your view and experience is the accuracy of polygraph examination?

From my experience, polygraph has an accuracy level of above 90 percent. Polygraph basically focuses on the fear of getting caught. In this particular case, I remember when we got the request to conduct the polygraph 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 as was being alleged. So the polygraph was done to help in determining the direction that the investigation will head. After the examination, even the investigators became more confident than I was, because for them it cleared all their doubts.

(This interview was first published in EFCCALERT, May 2015)



Big or small, rich or poor; Nobody is above the law.
Say **NO** to corruption.

