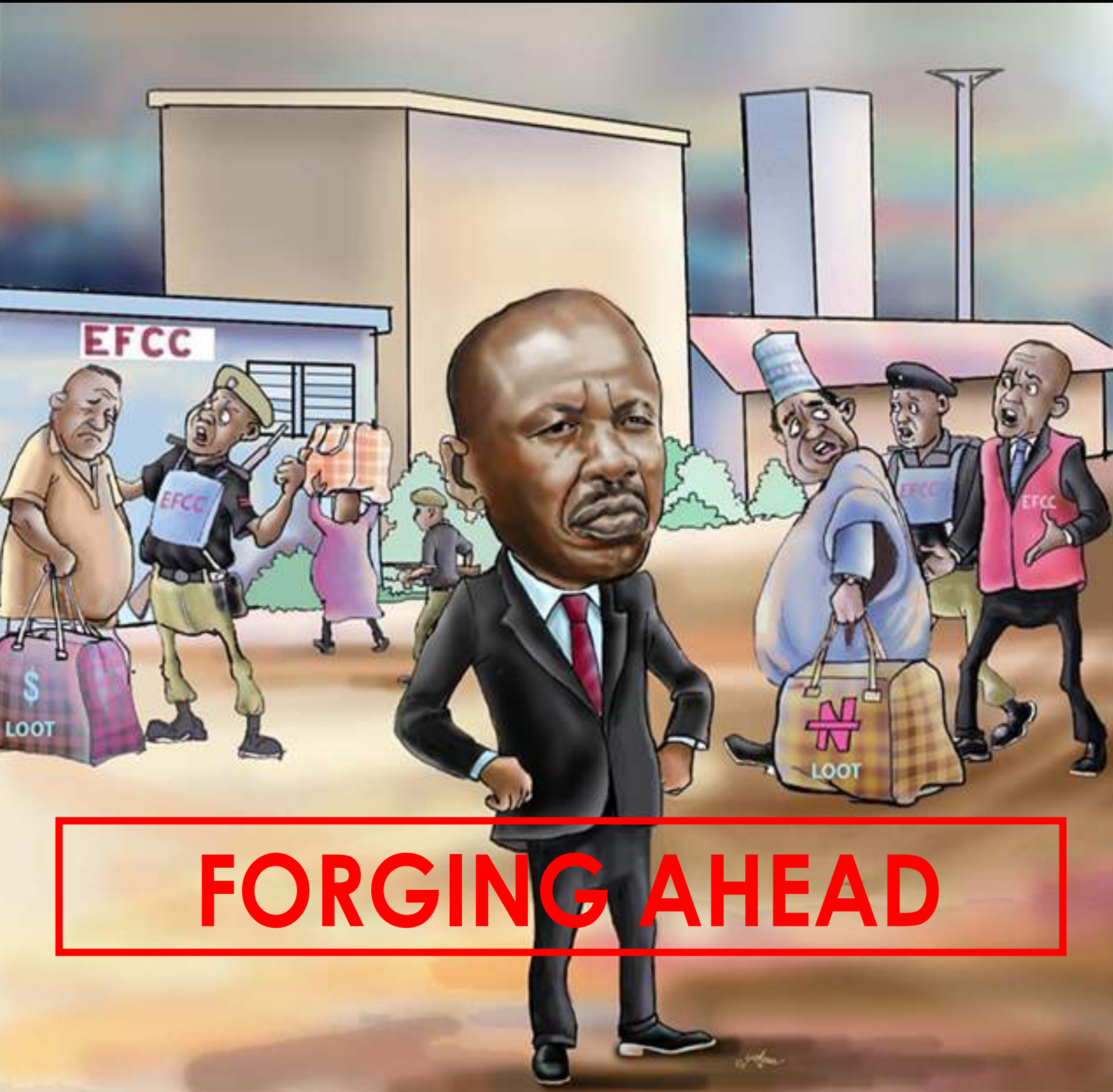


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THROWBACK PHOTO

Circa May 10, 2016:
President
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Buhari in a warm
handshake with
Ibrahim Magu,
before the
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of the London
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Summit.



Forging Ahead

One year on, the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, under Ibrahim Magu's leadership, intensifies efforts geared towards ridding the country of economic and financial crimes

BY SEGUN ADEOYE

“I came to this job with an open mind to do my best for my country. My actions are dictated by my professional instinct and the love for my country. It is not personal and I have no issues with anybody.”

Those are the words of Ibrahim Magu, the country's anti-graft czar, who took over the helm of affairs at the EFCC on November 11, 2016. One year in charge of coordinating the anti-corruption crusade of Nigeria's vibrant anti-graft agency, he has undoubtedly stamped his footprints in the sands of time.

High profile cases

Individuals, who hitherto had been tagged the untouchables are currently feeling the heat. Many of them who are former government officials, in the military and public service are now being made to account for their past deeds.

Several high profile cases being prosecuted by the EFCC are at different stages in courts across the country. For instance the Halliburton probe, which for a long time had been shelved, has received rejuvenated attention, with several players in the scandal now being called upon to answer for their deeds. At the last count, a former Attorney General of the Federation, AGF, and Minister of Justice who played a major

role in the shady transactions, among other past government officials are currently being probed and providing details of the roles they played in the scandal.

Among other high profile cases being probed by the anti-graft agency, includes past military officers, and past governors. Some of these include **Col Sambo Dasuki (retd)**, a former Chief of Defence Staff, **Alex Badeh**, Air Marshal **Adesola Amosu**, Air Marshal **Umar**, Air Vice Marshal **Jacob Adigun**, Air Commodore **Olugbenga Gbadebo**, Air Vice Marshal **Kayode Beckly**, Air Vice Marshal **John Adeniyi Kayode**, Air Vice Marshal **Rufus Ojuawo**, and Major Gen. **Emmanuel Atewe**.

Former governors, some of whom are also now serving senators, are also having their time in court. **Joshua Dariye**, a serving Senator representing Plateau Central, and former governor of Plateau State, is facing a 23-count charge involving a N1.16 billion fraud at the Federal Capital Territory High Court, Gudu, Abuja.

Aliyu Akwe-Doma, a former governor of Nasarawa State, is facing a 10-count charge bordering on corruption and money laundering at the Federal High Court, Lafia, Nasarawa State, along with a former Secretary to the State Government, Timothy Anjide, and a former Accountant-General, Dauda Egwa.



Ikedi Ohakim, a former governor of Imo State, is facing a three-count charge bordering on money laundering offence, before a Federal High Court, Abuja. He is alleged to have made a cash payment of \$2,290,000 to procure a property located at 60, Kwame Nkurumah Street, Asokoro in Abuja – an act contrary to the Money Laundering Act 2011 (as amended in 2012).

Olisa Metuh, a former National Publicity Secretary of the Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, is being prosecuted for receiving N400 million from the Office of the National Security Adviser for political campaigns. The EFCC closed its case against him on February 9, 2016 after presenting its eighth witness.

Jolly Nyame, a former governor of Taraba State is being prosecuted on a 41-count charge bordering on money laundering and criminal breach of trust to the tune of N1.64 billion, before Justice Adebukola Banjoko of the Federal Capital Territory High Court, Gudu, Abuja. His trial began in 2007.

Danjuma Goje, a former governor of Gombe State, and a serving Senator, is being prosecuted on an 18-count charge bordering on conspiracy and money laundering. His trial began in November 2012. Goje is being prosecuted along with Sabo Tumu, former Gombe State Government House food supplier; Aliyu el-Nafaty, former Executive Chairman, of the state's UBEB; S.M. Dokoro, proprietor of S. M. Dokoro and M. Dokoro Gombe.

Murtala Nyako, a former governor of Adamawa State, is being prosecuted by the EFCC along with his son, Senator Abdul-Aziz Nyako, Abubakar

Aliyu and Zulkifikk Abba on a 37-count charge bordering on criminal conspiracy, stealing, abuse of office and money laundering to the tune of N29 billion.

The trial of **Orji Uzor Kalu**, a former governor of Abia State, who is being prosecuted for a N5.6 billion fraud committed during his tenure recommenced at a Federal High Court in Lagos.

Gabriel Suswam, a former governor of Benue State is being prosecuted on a nine-count charge bordering on conspiracy, bribery, abuse of office and obtaining by false pretence, to the tune of N3.1 billion fraud.

Ahmadu Fintiri, who served as an acting governor of Adamawa State is facing a five-count charge bordering on money laundering to the tune of N2.9 billion. The former Speaker of the state's House of Assembly, served briefly as the state governor in 2014 when Murtala Nyako, then governor, was impeached.

Sule Lamido, a former governor of Jigawa State, is being prosecuted on a 27-count amended charge at a Federal High Court, Abuja, along with his two sons, Aminu and Mustapha.

Stephen Oronsaye, a former Chairman of the Presidential Committee on Financial Action Task Force, PCFATF, is being prosecuted on a two-count charge bordering on abuse of office and obtaining by false pretence to the tune of N190 million, before Justice Olasumbo Goodluck of the FCT High Court Maitama, Abuja.

Raymond Dokpesi, a former Chairman, DAAR Communications Plc is also facing charges bordering on

money laundering and procurement-related fraud. He was re-arraigned before Justice J.T. Tsoho of the Federal High Court, Abuja on a six-count charge to the tune of N2.1 billion.

Jide Omokore, Chairman/founder, Energy Resources Group, was arraigned on July 4, 2016 before Justice Binta Nyako of the Federal High Court, Abuja on a nine-count charge bordering on money laundering and procurement fraud. He was arraigned alongside Victor Briggs, former managing director of Nigerian Petroleum Development Company Limited; Abiye Membere, former Group Executive Director, Exploration and Production of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation; David Mbanefo, manager Planning and Commercial of the NNPC; Atlantic Energy Brass Development Limited and Atlantic Energy Drilling Concepts Limited.

Eye on Judiciary

As part of its efforts to cleanse the judiciary of corruption, the EFCC also recently beamed its searchlight on the bar and the bench. At least eight Nigerian judges and two court registrars are currently being probed by the EFCC for their involvement in alleged fraud.

Anti-Corruption Crusade

Under the Magu leadership the EFCC has rallied members of civil societies and non-governmental organizations, to engage Nigerians in the war against corruption. The anti-graft agency has organized several corruption rallies, majorly the "Clean Hands Against Corruption" campaign, which held on May 26, 2016. ■

PHOTOSPEAK



Ibrahim Magu, EFCC Ag Chairman with members of National Management Course of the Pakistani National School of Policy led by its director Irum Bukhari



Nobel Laureate, Prof. Wole Soyinka, being decorated with the EFCC lapel by Magu at the review of Creative Youth Initiative against Corruption (CYIAC)



Magu with Emmanuel Aremo, Secretary to the EFCC on November 9, 2016 during the inspection of 21 operational vehicles provided by the federal government



A delegation from the Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre, CISLAC, led by Kolawole Barwo, a deputy director, with Magu and EFCC officials during a visit



Magu presents some of the special anti-corruption postage stamps recently launched in Abuja



Magu with some students at the flag off of the Creative Youth Initiative Against Corruption, CYIAC, on October 4, 2016 in Abuja

UGLY SIGNS OF THE TIMES





The 'Papal' Visit

Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Sokoto, Rev. Fr. Kukah, is full of praise for the EFCC

BY SEGUN ADEOYE

He came, he saw, and he prayed. For Rev. Father Matthew Kukah, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Sokoto, his visit to the Abuja headquarters of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on October 31, 2016 left an indelible mark on him. It would be the first time of visiting the EFCC, and at the end of the visit, he could not but offer prayers for the Commission.

"We can only in our own way pray that God will continue to guide you [the EFCC], keep you safe

and ensure that we build a country that we will be very proud of," he said.

The highly revered clergyman, who met with detainees at the anti-graft agency's cells, (including some former government officials), was full of praise for the Commission.

"We all are working for the EFCC," he said.

He expressed satisfaction at the warm reception he received from Ibrahim Magu, the acting Chairman of the EFCC, who took him round the facilities, describing him as a humble man.

"I was happy with the humility of the

chairman who was humble enough to take me round and his interaction even with the detainees [was very cordial]," he said. "This is what is very important for our country so that people don't take these kinds of things [detention] as personal."

According to him, for the detainees, "these are trials and periods of purification."

He further described his visit as an opportunity "to say all of us are staff of the EFCC to the extent that we want a better country, and you [the EFCC] are doing what needs to be done".

The Bishop lamented that Nigeria had suffered so much as a result of pervasive corruption in the system, noting that "we hope and pray that in our own little way, through our own contribution, we can bring the sufferings and collective trauma of Nigerians to an end, as we collectively fight corruption to make Nigeria a safer and better place." ■



A Banker's Albatross

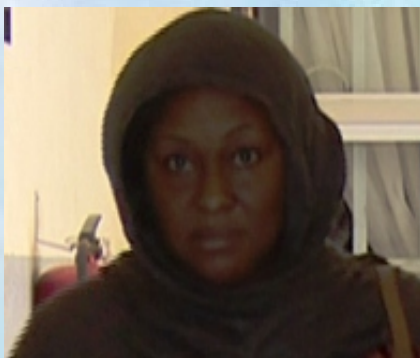
A former banker is docked for defrauding the bank's customer to the tune of N52 million

BY GOLDEN AGU

Oluwatoyin Jinadu, a former banker with First City Monument Bank, FCMB, will forever rue the day she succumbed to the lure of filthy lucre and diverted about N52 million from a customer's account to hers.

Jinadu was arraigned on November 4, 2016 before Justice Sylvanus Oriji of the Federal Capital Territory High Court, Apo, Abuja on 20 counts bordering on theft and forgery.

Trouble started for the former account officer, when the bank customer, Dr. D.K. Okoye, petitioned the EFCC alleging that she fraudulently diverted the sum of N52 million from her account domiciled at the Wuse 2



branch of the FCMB, Abuja. The transfers, which were traced to accounts in Zenith Bank, GTBank and Union Bank, were carried out without her knowledge.

Jinadu was first arraigned before Justice Adebukola Banjoko of the FCT High Court, Gudu, on July 12, 2012. The trial however, suffered

setbacks, as she filed several applications at the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court including a petition accusing the judge of bias. This led to Justice Banjoko withdrawing from the case.

Justice Oriji granted the accused bail in the sum of N8 million with two sureties in like sum, both residents in Abuja, one of whom must be a civil servant in the federal civil service not less than GL12.

Jinadu will be in prison custody pending the fulfilment of the bail condition. The matter has been adjourned to December 5, 2016 and January 17 – 18, 2017 for trial. ■

Chief Lands in Jail

A land dispute causes a traditional chief to be sentenced to seven years in prison, in spite of restitution made by him

BY WILLIAMS OSEGHAE // PORT HARCOURT

It's a sad story for Chief Felix Amadi, who was on November 4, 2016 sentenced to seven years in jail by Justice U.N. Agumoh of the Federal High Court, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, after he was found guilty of a one-count charge bordering on obtaining money under false pretence.

He was first arraigned on March 31, 2014 and pleaded not guilty to the charge. Specifically, he was accused of offering a plot of land for sale without granting the buyer possession of the land. He sold the landed property for a sum of N17.6 million.

According to the petitioner, he was

approached sometime in July, 2012 by a family friend, Lucky Jessy (Land Agent) who claimed there was a land allegedly owned by Felix for sale. Sir and Lady George Nwaeke met with the accused to finalise payments. After making payment, all efforts to take possession of the land were futile.

Investigations revealed that the said land purportedly owned by Felix was in dispute.

Although in the course of his trial, Amadi returned the entire sum to the buyer of the land, the trial judge still



found him guilty of the charge preferred against him. He convicted and sentenced the chief to seven years imprisonment without an option of fine. ■

Unholy Alliance

A banker connives with a customer to fraudulently divert funds from the bank for personal use

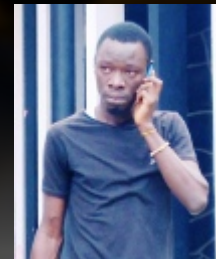
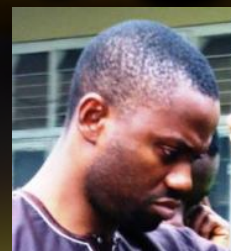
BY HILDA FINGESI // LAGOS

It was an anonymous petition received by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, in 2011 that exposed the shady deals of Samuel Oluwagbemi and Seun Oladokun. Investigations into the petition revealed that they were involved in offences bordering on impersonation, conspiracy and forgery. They were arraigned by the EFCC on November 2, 2016 before Justice O.H. Oshodi of the Lagos State High Court Ikeja on a four-count charge.

Oluwagbemi was arrested at a new

generation bank while he was using a fake identity card to collect money via western Union transfer from the bank. The picture on the identity card was that of a woman and he presented it to Oladokun who worked at the bank. It was, however, later discovered that Oladokun was the mastermind of the scam. He would tell Oluwagbemi to produce fake identity cards for his clients, whom he claimed were people he could no longer get in touch with.

They both pleaded not guilty to the charges preferred against them.



They both enjoy bail in the sum of N1 million each, with two sureties in like sum. They'll be back in court on December 6, 2016 for commencement of trial.

Madu Goes to Jail

A fraudulent deal involving N400,000 lands a purported legal practitioner in jail

BY THERESA NWOSU // PORT HARCOURT

For Valentine Madu, the next seven years would be spent behind bars. On November 4, 2016 Justice U.N. Agomoh of the Federal High Court, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, convicted him for offences bordering on obtaining money by false pretence, and sentenced him to seven years in jail, without an option of fine.

The trial of Madu began on September 27, 2012 when he was arraigned on a one-count amended charge brought against him by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

He was accused of collecting N400,000 from Chioma Princewill as the cost of instituting a legal action against Total E & F Nigeria Limited for the damage to farmlands and crops



belonging to Omuorukwerie family in Erema in Ogba/Egbema, Ndoni Local Government area of Rivers State.

He collected the money but did not render the service for which the money was collected.

After the four-year trial, the trial judge found him guilty of the offence, which is contrary to section 1 (1) (b) of the Advanced Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act No.13 of 1995 and punishable under Section 1(3) of the same Act.

Justice Agomoh also ordered him to return N300,000 to the victim.

Afrocentric Pact

The EFCC gives assurances to members of the Ugandan Parliament to support the country's anti-corruption fight

BY **BETHEL UDE**

The Parliament of Uganda's Sectoral Committee on Legal and Parliamentary Affairs on November 3, 2106 sought for a closer collaboration with the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

Samo Bitangaro, who led the eight-man delegation of parliamentarians, noted that the good reputation of the anti-graft agency was a major attraction for the visit.



Laws establishing the EFCC, the EFCC's mode and scope of operations and most importantly internalise EFCC's robust anti-corruption agenda," Ssemujju said.

Ibrahim Magu, the EFCC boss who received the delegation, gave assurances of a closer collaboration with the Ugandan Parliament in its bid to enact better and concise legislations that will aid the East African country tackle the scourge of corruption.

"We are also here to learn from the success of the EFCC, which it has recorded over the years," Bitangaro said. "Since the promulgation of the Ugandan constitution in 2005, we have struggled with issues of probity and accountability, which necessitated the visit to tap EFCC's wealth of experience."

A member of the delegation, Ibrahim Ssemujju, explained further that the committee had the mandate to amend the Ugandan Code of Conduct Act and establish a Tribunal to try offenders of prescribed laws.

"This is why we want to understudy the

"Corruption has long transcended national boundaries and it is imperative for African countries to synergise in combating the scourge," Magu said. ■

PITHY COMMENTS

"I won't say the Nigerian judiciary is corrupt; but it cannot be denied that there're some corrupt judges; a corrupt judge, is more harmful to the society than a man who runs amok, with a dagger in the crowded street. If a judge is corrupt, he is no longer a judge, he's a thief, and therefore he should be treated as such, according to the law and sent to jail." - **Justice Samson Uwaifo, (retd), in a ChannelsTV interview**



"Justice is rooted in confidence and where confidence in our judges is undermined and independence eroded, it is the nation that ultimately suffers most while true democracy is fatally undermined." - **Justice Mahmud Mohammed, former Chief Justice of Nigeria, at the Supreme Court, Abuja during the swearing in ceremony of Justices Amina Augie and Ejembi Eko**





End of the Road?

Investigation into \$2.1 billion arms deal scandal leads EFCC operatives to a suspect of land racketeering

BY SEGUN ADEOYE

It could be the end of the road for Abdullahi Rilwan, a self-acclaimed building engineer, who was on October 31, 2016 arrested by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, for offences bordering on operating a land racketeering syndicate, criminal conspiracy, unlawful possession of classified documents, obtaining by false pretence and money laundering. Operatives of the EFCC had as part of investigations into the \$2.1 billion arms procurement fraud, visited the Kuje Area Council, Abuja. The visit was in connection with several properties in the area, suspected to be proceeds of money laundering.

In the course of investigating the ownership of a filling station and a shopping complex both still under construction located along Pegi Road, in the Kuje Area Council, operatives probed the security detail who revealed that Rilwan was in charge of the construction work. Rilwan, who was subsequently engaged by the operatives,



confirmed that he was not the owner of the station, but the engineer in charge of the construction work. He admitted to being the owner of the shopping complex. He also told operatives that he was the owner of Kaibo Oil and Gas, Kaibo Properties, but could not account for the source of wealth. A visit to his office, however, revealed that he was involved in several shady and suspicious business deals. The revelation made EFCC operatives to beam their searchlight on Rilwan's business activities. Subsequently, on

October 31, a search and arrest warrant was carried out at his Kuje residence. Under further probe, however, Rilwan confessed

The search unearthed several implicating documents in his custody, many of which he used to sell plots of land.

Properties recovered from his residence in Kuje, include letter-head papers in the name of Kuje Area Council allocating plots of land, an "Irrevocable Power of Attorney" in favour of Air Commodore Bassy Inyang, a "Right of Occupancy" document granted to Henryville Farms, Abuja, among other implicating documents.






The filling station and the shopping complex are currently under investigation, and he would be charged to court as soon as the investigations are concluded. ■

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