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EXPANSION CONTINUES

The Ibrahim Magu-led EFCC took its anti-corruption initiative to Kaduna State, as it inaugurated its office, July 6, 2017. Nasir El-Rufai, the state governor, who was instrumental in the expansion of the anti-graft agency's operations, carried out the official unveiling.

Below are images from the inauguration:



The new office



Magu welcomes El-Rufai to the event



A staff of the EFCC decorates El-Rufai with the EFCC lapel



El-Rufai inspecting guard of honour



Cutting of the tape



Unveiling of the plaque by El-Rufai



Inspecting facilities in the office



"Magu remains EFCC Chairman" -El-Rufai



"We need to build prisons for the corrupt in Sambisa Forest" -Magu



El-Rufai and Magu inspecting facilities



"We'll continue to support EFCC" -Prof. Femi Odekunle



A delegate addressing the gathering



A Royal Father addressing the gathering



Group photo of EFCC management staff



Magu with EFCC cadets



Photo with EFCC cadets





Ibrahim Bappa, Head of Kaduna office



Cultural dancers entertaining audience



Playlet to entertain guests



Youth corps members at the commissioning



Photo with EFCC cadets



Osita Nwajah, Director, EFCC's Public Affairs with Magu



Group photo with El-Rufai and Magu



A Senior Police Officer at the event

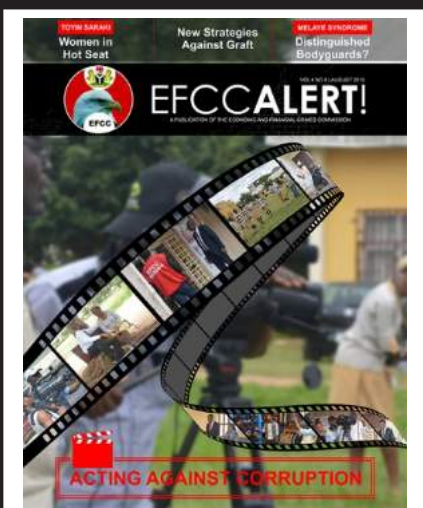
FROM THE SHELVES

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The edition focused on the varied strategies being employed by the EFCC in executing its anti-corruption crusade, beyond the prosecution of fraudsters and politically exposed persons.

Particularly showcased in it, was the anti-graft agency's drama, **Road to Success**, which took about four days to shoot at various locations in Abuja (including the Government Secondary School, Jabi). It aimed at sensitizing the youths and the public in general, on the ills of corruption, with a special focus on examination malpractice and advance fee fraud.

Other crime prevention tools, included the EFCC's **Inter-Faith Anti-Corruption Preaching/Teaching Manuals**, which contain scriptural references, illustrations and teaching aids drawn from the Bible and the Quran, and the maiden edition of **Red Alert on Scam** - a 38-page booklet tagged "wisdom in small packages", exposing the antics of fraudsters engaged in scams such as *E-Commerce/Card Fraud, Wonder Bank/Ponzi Schemes, Romance & Dating Scam, Employment Scam, Identity Theft/Phishing Scam, Contract Scam/Funds Transfer, Inheritance Scam, Charity Scam, Juju Scam, Lottery Scam, Crude Oil/Mineral Resources Sales Scam, Scholarship Scam, Auction/Product Scam, Emergency Scam, Immigration/Visa Scam, and Local Purchase Order Scam.*



Perspectives

“When you stay as a governor for eight years or [you're] a 'big' man for many years, there is no way you can account for every kobo. So if anybody wants to investigate you thoroughly, he will find a fault here and there.” – *Bukar Abba Ibrahim, ex-Yobe State governor, and a serving senator gives excuse for his fellow members of the National Assembly, under investigation and prosecution by the EFCC.*

“The bill is immoral and it shows the level of moral degeneration [that Nigeria] has [descended into], especially at the leadership level. The proposal is [no doubt] a way of legitimising corruption, because you are telling people to loot and declare part of the loot, then they are set free. This is not good for development and the fight against corruption.” – *Balarabe Musa, a former Kaduna State governor, on the Economic Amnesty Bill, which seeks amnesty for treasury looters as long as they refund 70 percent of stolen funds.*

“The bill is immoral, dangerous, discriminatory, illegal and unconstitutional. It is designed to shield looters of our commonwealth alone from prosecution [and is] meant to legitimise 'official' corruption and impunity in the country. If the bill is signed into law, all criminals who have been convicted and jailed for fraud, stealing, kidnapping and armed robbery are automatically entitled to similar amnesty and pardon.” – *Femi Falana, SAN, human rights activist, opposing the proposed bill.*

“We are not in support of a bill that will make a sinner go free. [It] must have been sponsored by looters [and] would amount to cheating for those who decided not to commit crime. At the end, it will still be victory for corruption and that is not good for the development of Nigeria.” – *Debo Adeniran, Chairman, Centre for Anti-Corruption and Open Leadership, on why the bill should not see the light of day.*



Engaging Citizens



Magu at the interactive session

In revving up its efforts to galvanize the grassroots, as well as civil society groups and stakeholders in the anti-corruption crusade, the EFCC engaged members of the society at various fora held in Lagos, June 30; Kaduna, July 6 and Kano July 7.

Here are images from the various stakeholders' meetings:

Lagos



Samin Amaddin at the Lagos session



Magu with Joe Okei-Odumakin and other participants



Okei-Odumakin at the Lagos session



Magu stressing a point at the event



Delegates at the event



Group photo with participants

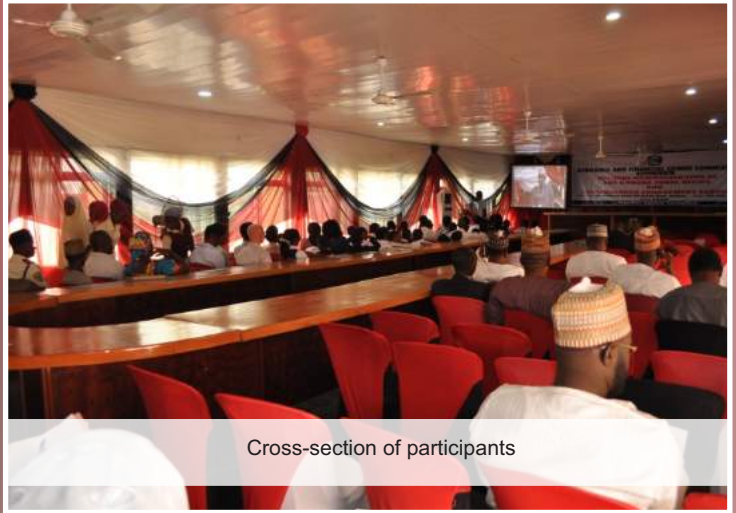


Malachy Ugwumadu making a presentation

Kaduna



Guests at the meeting



Cross-section of participants



Cross-section of students



Students at the Kaduna stakeholders' meeting



Participants at the event



Cross-section of participants

Kano



Ibrahim Magu, acting EFCC Chairman (seated) with Osita Nwajah, Director, EFCC's Public Affairs



A participant stressing a point



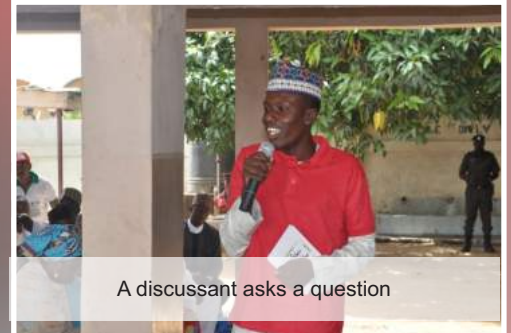
Cross-section of discussants



Magu addressing an issue



A discussant at the event



A discussant asks a question



Magu answering a question at the event



A discussant asking a question



A participant at the event



A discussant at the event



A participant throws light on an issue



Group photo with participants



Photo with discussants



Magu with participants



Love from Congo

It was yet another show of solidarity as a coalition of civil society groups, under the aegis of Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations, CONGO, expressed its full support for the EFCC.

A delegation of the group, led by Destiny Enabulele, made the

resolution known during a visit to the agency's Edo office, July 6.

Mailafia Yakubu, Head of Operations, Benin Zonal Office, who received the guests, said: "The EFCC remains resolute in the discharge of its mandate to rid Nigeria of corruption". ■



Delta Challenge

The National Association of Niger Delta Students has been charged to rally its base, and spur its members across the region to key into the anti-corruption crusade of the Commission. Yakubu made the charge while receiving a delegation of the association who visited the Edo office of the EFCC, July 6. He urged them to see themselves as

torchbearers in the fight against corruption, and to shun all vices.

"Education is an important tool in the fight against corruption," he said. "This is why we keep sensitizing the youths in the country at every opportunity, on the ills of corruption and its consequences on the society." ■

Disobey! Be Jailed



Compliance officers of banks in Benin zone which comprises Edo, Delta, Ondo and Anambra states have been warned not to ignore any "Place No Debit" order placed on accounts of suspects under EFCC's investigation, or face the music.

The warning, according to Yakubu, became imperative due to increasing instances of bank officials ignoring such

orders placed on accounts with suspicious transactions.

At a meeting with the officers of the bank, which held at the EFCC's Benin office, July 6, he noted that the banking sector was key to success of the anti-graft agency.

"Corruption is a cankerworm that is threatening our existence as a nation," he said. "The earlier we join hands to deal with it, the better for us all." ■

Oldies in Pain



With protest banners reading "Care for human life and happiness is good governance", and "Mr. Governor, fulfil your 2017 May Day promises to Edo pensioners", the retirees defied the scorching sun and took their cries to the EFCC, July 12.

G.O. Osemwenkha, who led his co-aged men and women to the Edo office of the anti-graft agency, lamented that "we have been turned into beggars and destitute elders, as the state government, despite receiving N11.38 billion and N12.18 billion bailout funds from

the federal government, has refused to pay us our outstanding pension".

"We bring our cry to you today, and request that the EFCC investigates how the state government spent the money," Osemwenkha said.

Yakubu commended them for their civil action, noting that: "your request will be taken to the appropriate authority, because it is the right of every civil servant who retires without blemish, to be paid his or her pension". ■

ABUJA



Vogue Visit

The Enlightenment and Reorientation Unit of the EFCC's Public Affairs Department took its anti-corruption campaign targeting the youths, to the La Vogue International School, Jikwoyi, Abuja, July 10.

Charging the students of the

school, Zainab Bello of the Unit, encouraged the young boys and girls to shun stealing, exam malpractice, and such vices.

"You must grow up with the right attitude, and you must see yourselves as future leaders that will take Nigeria to greater heights," she said. ■

LAGOS

One hundred and thirteen convictions, according to Ibrahim Magu, the EFCC boss, were secured by the agency between January and June 2017.

Making the declaration at a meeting with select anti-corruption crusaders at the Ikoyi office of the Commission, in Lagos, June 30, he stressed that the agency could not alone prosecute the war against corruption, and needed the support of the civil society groups and professionals.

The impressive record, Magu further noted, was made possible by contributions and support "we enjoy from people like you."



Upping the Ante

"We will not fail to bring to book those who have stolen our commonwealth and who thrive in destabilizing our anti-corruption initiatives," he said. "I will not relent, and will continue to fight for the interest of Nigerians and future of our country." ■

PORT HARCOURT

Monkey Business



Nine men suspected to be oil thieves and pipeline vandals, are currently cooling their heels at the detention facility of the EFCC's Port Harcourt office, while investigation into their nefarious activity continues.

The men – Tony Edumesaro, Gbenga Obebe, Lucky Oshogbon, Erete Moses, Stephen Peters, Raphael Peters, Gillis Ibinabo, Ikechi Nwanyanwu and Ernest Iyalla, who were onboard the MT Lady Swithin vessel, were arrested by the Nigerian Navy, January 13.

Commanding officer of the team that arrested them, Captain S.W. Olorundare, said that they were caught with 300,000 litres of petroleum products along the Calabar offshore, and are believed to be operating without licence. ■

Mama Tears



For wasting the time of the court, and withdrawing a suit she filed against the EFCC, Patience, wife of former president, Goodluck Jonathan, was fined N50,000 by the Port Harcourt Division of the Federal High Court, July 3.

She had in February, sued the EFCC asking for an "enforcement of my fundamental human rights to own property, fair hearing, human dignity, privacy, and freedom from discrimination", but later withdrew the suit.

The prosecution had described the action of the former First Lady as "an abuse of court process", and asked for a cost of N500,000.

The presiding judge, Justice S. Seidu, subsequently struck out the suit, and penalised her as requested by the EFCC awarding the cost. ■

Anti-Graft Tigers

The challenge has gone out to the 507 cadets of the EFCC currently undergoing training at the Nigeria Defence Academy, Kaduna, to "maintain professional standards in the discharge of their duties".

Prof. Bolaji Owasanoye, secretary, Presidential Advisory Committee Against Corruption, enlightened the cadets, which included Assistant Detective Inspectors and Assistant Detective Superintendents, on "strategies and tactics to fight corruption, and asset seizure and management".

The three-week course, which held in July, also had in attendance, pioneer Chairman of the EFCC, Nuhu Ribadu, who charged them on how to "make a career in law enforcement, while winning the fight against economic and financial crimes". ■



Indee Loses Again

A former Comptroller-General of the Nigeria Customs Service, Dikko Inde, on

July 4, lost his bid to vacate an interim forfeiture order placed on 17 vehicles seized from him by the EFCC.

The Kaduna Division of the Federal High Court, presided over by Justice S.M. Shuaibu, dismissed his application as lacking in merit.

The anti-graft agency had on February 24 obtained an interim forfeiture order from the court, "pending conclusion of investigation and determination of the case".

The confiscated vehicles were uncovered on February 20, at a warehouse linked to him, located on Nnamdi Azikwe Street, Kaduna. They are suspected to be proceeds of crime. ■



Yes! Stealing is Corruption
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