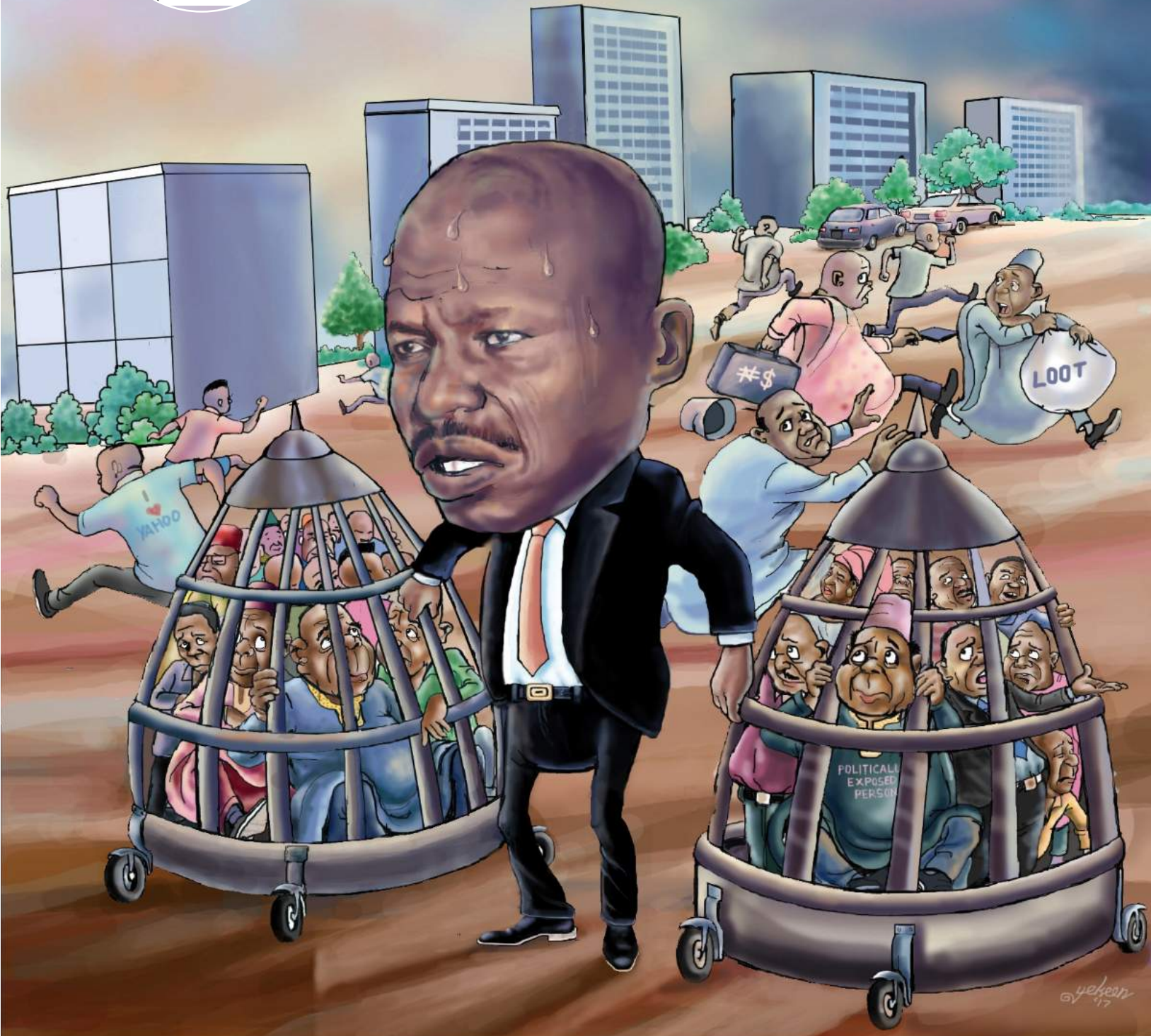




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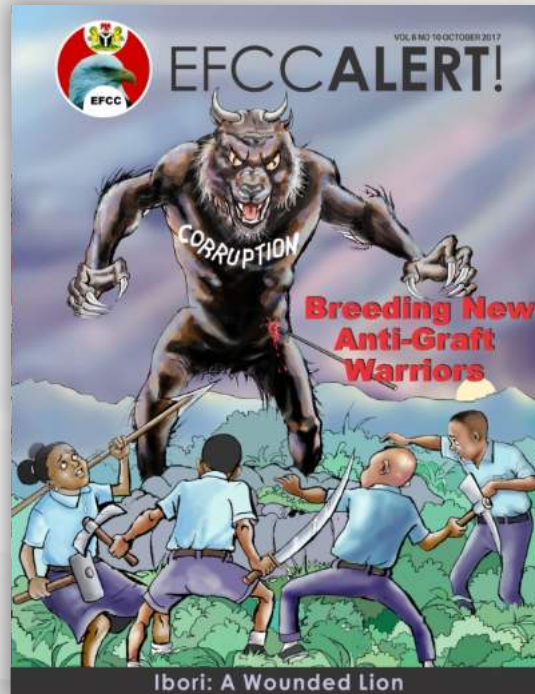
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Re: Ibori – A Wounded Lion

All [James] Ibori's assets anywhere in the world, including his cave in his village are proceeds of crime and should be confiscated. Unless Ibori can show that they were legitimately acquired from money that he has paid tax on. Corruption begets corruption. To leave Ibori with a penny from his crimes is to sow seeds of future corruption and scandal. Ibori denied Delta people and Nigerians resident in Delta, good roads, hospitals, education, safety and a better future; so no need to shed any crocodile tears for him. Ibori should be serving jail [term] in Nigeria now and not walking about as a freeman. The assets should be forfeited and returned for and behalf of the Delta people.
– **Thompson Daniels.**

Are these ill-gotten assets belonging to people of Delta State? Where is the uproar from the citizens of the state? Blame Buhari for the conviction of Ibori in UK and that will make them happy in Delta State. Is African race so dumb that we cannot say the truth? We take delight



in blaming somebody and letting the criminals among us live large. Can African people think at all?
– **Sani Ahmed.**

If you know who James Ibori is, then you will understand that there are criminals and there are criminals.
– **Murphy Fatolu.**

Under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, a confiscation order should be obtained within two years of a qualifying conviction. This timeframe can be extended under exceptional circumstances which is the case here as Ibori has appealed his conviction. This is not "fallacy" but "reality"!
– **Paul Aluko.**

A criminal would always be one. He thinks the same tactics him and the Sarakis of this country employ to escape justice here will work over there. This is the same man PDP who are planning to return to power in 2019 deemed fit to be a member of their convention organizing committee.
– **Baba Soros**

THROWBACK PHOTO

Circa October 31, 2016:

Rev. Fr. Kukah, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Sokoto, on a visit to the EFCC Headquarters, Abuja, during which he was led by Ibrahim Magu, acting EFCC Chairman on a tour of the detention facilities of the agency.

"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; we all are working for the EFCC."

– **Bishop Kukah.**



My Vision, My Passion, My Goal

– Ibrahim Magu

Two years ago when Ibrahim Magu took over the helms at the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, November 11, 2015, no one was in doubt about the revolution, which the consummate detective, fondly referred to as “The General”, would bring to bear in the fight against corruption. His pedigree as a “no-nonsense investigator” earned him the appellation. The elevation to the office by President Muhammadu Buhari was in acknowledgement of his role in the investigation and prosecution of a number of high profile cases in the country, and the belief that Magu was undoubtedly, the right man to give teeth to the anti-corruption mantra of the current administration. Flashback to 2015, Magu has not disappointed, and the fight against

corruption has no doubt been taken to a level unprecedented in the history of the country. Hitherto no-go areas like the Malabu Oil Scandal have received intense attention. Indeed, Magu has changed the narrative in the fight against corruption, as foreign law enforcement agencies (like the Federal Bureau of Investigation, FBI, and the National Crime Agency, NCA) now view the anti-graft agency a worthy and reliable partner, with whom information can be shared.

Below is a chronicle of some of Magu's thoughts expressed in a number of speeches and interviews granted, in which he sheds light on what drives him on, his vision for the anti-corruption crusade, among other burning issues:



Pressure to cave in

Those talking about succumbing to pressure do not know Ibrahim Magu. I have no fear in my DNA. The bigger they are the better for me. I do not fear anybody. The EFCC's motto is 'Nobody is above the Law'. That is what it is supposed to be; equality before the law is the grand norm of our constitution. So, we cannot succumb to pressure. We are not scared. If you do the crime, you must do the time. Nobody is above the law; you can report anybody found to be involved in corrupt practices [and we will act on it]. The fight has just started and we will do it to the last. We will get them [corrupt individuals] out, just give

forfeit to the Nigerian Government a sum of N7.6 billion which was hidden in a Nigerian bank by a former petroleum resources minister, Diezani Alison-Madueke. The Commission recovered over N329 billion from a group of oil marketers for the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation. These are major recoveries from a sector of the economy. I have the pleasure to report that the Commission between January and August 30, 2017 recorded monetary recoveries [that amounted to] N409,270,706,686.75; \$69,501,156.67; £231,118.69; €610,816.20; 443,400.00 Dirham; and 70,500 Saudi Riyal. Remarkable as this feat is, we are not resting on our oars. We believe there is still a lot to be done

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. Apart from the fear of God, we have no other fear, and apart from the interest of Nigeria, we have no other interest. The days of impunity are over. Victory is certain for the common man. It is part of my vision to take the fight against corruption to the grassroots. We shall not betray the trust and confidence reposed in us. We have reached a level where nobody can stop us in the fight against corruption, but we all must realize that we are all stakeholders, and this fight is for the future generation. We are on a fight



me 12 months, you will not see them again. I am determined to fight corruption to the end, and I have made the solemn pledge never to give up the fight. Those who dread to be punished for their corrupt deeds should take notice that the EFCC is watching. It would be naïve for anyone to expect the fight against corruption to be smooth; you should expect resistance and opposition which are expressed in various guises. We will continue to fight corruption, whether anybody likes it or not [because] we are convinced that it is the only way we can bring succour to this country. If you go to the United States or the United Kingdom, they are all awash with news about our efforts in the fight against corruption, particularly the Malabu Oil scandal. So, we are succeeding, and so it is pertinent for us to forget about personal interest, and consider the overall interest. Corruption flourishes when good people fail to confront it.

Notable achievements

We are making progress. Nigerians are aware of the achievements that we have recorded in the fight against corruption especially in the area of assets recovery. We got the court to

which is the reason why we are actively seeking the support of all stakeholders. The money we have recovered and the money we are going to get back from corrupt individuals – billions and billions of Naira – is being paid back to government and will be used to do what it was originally meant for – to build hospitals, send our children to school, build roads and railways, create employment and defend our country. We have no other country than Nigeria. This war [against corruption] is the war of the people.

High profile cases

In the area of prosecution of cases in court, we are making progress despite the antics of some persons accused of grand corruption to delay trial. Between January and August this year, EFCC recorded 137 convictions. The potentials for improvement are good as more cases are brought to conclusion.

Driving force

There is no better time to ginger up the anti-corruption campaign than now. Apart from bringing corrupt public officers to justice, we are determined, in line with the stance of the current administration, to send an

to retrieve Nigeria from the corrupt, because winning the war, is key to our happiness, prosperity, development and dignity as a nation. Officers and men of the EFCC are resolved, focused and remain unperturbed. On my watch, where hapless Nigerians are defrauded, EFCC will swiftly come to their aid; where powerless Nigerians are short-changed, EFCC will intervene; where there is impunity, EFCC will step in and level the field. The struggle to enthrone a just and equitable society has been, and will continue to be my life.

Witch-hunting allegations

We don't chase innocent people, but thieves of state resources. We conduct certain background investigation before we invite a suspect. When we invite you, all we ask you is to corroborate our findings. [So] we don't torture people; far from it. We investigate non-violent crimes and so we have no basis to torture anyone. We specialize in financial crimes investigation, which means we follow the money to the extent of knowing how you utilized the money, how you distributed it, and so we do our own homework before we invite anybody.



“The struggle to enthrone a just and equitable society has been, and will continue to be my life.”

Corruption in Nigeria

I sometimes tell people, this rubbish called corruption was caused by my generation. It is our duty to remove it before the next generation, so that the next generation will have a better life. We are going into massive campaign against corruption. We have seen some good results. People are beginning to change. It is about our people and the future of this country. We should do the right thing and give away our today for the better life of the next generation.

The EFCC has come a long way, from its very humble beginnings in 2003. From a handful of seconded staff, working with no takeoff funds, office or equipment, we are present in all the geo-political zones of the country, with hundreds of ongoing investigations and prosecutions in courts all over the country. We have also recognized the need for global partnerships in the work that we do and are therefore in mutually-beneficial relationships with all the leading law enforcement and regulatory agencies around the world. In the comity of global law enforcement, EFCC is the reference agency.

While we have not, and will not stop our enforcement activities, we are also placing due emphasis on prevention, which is the other leg of our dual mandate. To this end, and in realization of the fact that we do not pretend to have all the answers to the country's corruption problem, we have enlisted the support of Nigerians in all walks of life – civil society to professional groups, labour, students and market women to religious leaders. It is our strong belief that corruption will be killed faster in Nigeria, if everyone owns the fight.

Anti-corruption courses in universities

Nigerian universities are hosts to millions of young men and women in their late teens and early 20s, pursuing courses from accounting to zoology. This demographic is what fascinates us at the EFCC, it is these young men and women that will, on graduation, move into the Nigerian civil and public services, as well as the private sector of the economy. To repeat an all too familiar cliché, they are the future. Unfortunately, there are preciously little or no courses in our universities to prepare these young men and women about corruption, how it manifests itself, its ramifications, and what they could do to stop it. The EFCC believes that university students constitute a strategic target of anti-corruption training and awareness raising activities as they will become tomorrow's managers. It is for that reason that I am canvassing for the introduction of anti-corruption courses for all university undergraduates in Nigeria. Whether one is studying accounting or building engineering, food science or marine biology, political science or pharmacy, being exposed to a rigorous and evidence-based knowledge of corruption and its consequences on polity and economy as well as individual self-esteem would be most beneficial to the nation, the community and to the individual.

Photo-Gallery



Geoffrey Onyeama, Foreign Affairs Minister, with acting EFCC Chairman Ibrahim Magu, and Mohammed El Oraby, Special Envoy of Egypt, Sept 28.



Adama Coulibaly, DG, Inter-Governmental Action against Money Laundering in West Africa, GIABA, with Magu, Emmanuel Aremo, Secretary to the EFCC and other officials, Sept 27.



Participants at EFCC parley with members of civil society organizations, organized labour and social media personalities, Sept 13.



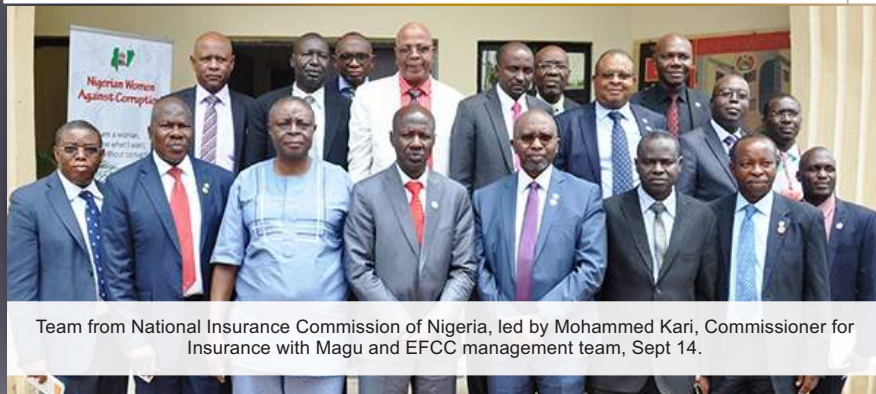
Bernardin Assiene, Director World Food Programme with Magu, Sept 27.



Isa Pantami, DG, National Information Technology Development Agency, with Magu, Sept 12.



Canadian delegation led by Christopher Thornley, the High Commissioner of Canada, and Magu, with EFCC management staff, Sept 12.



Team from National Insurance Commission of Nigeria, led by Mohammed Kari, Commissioner for Insurance with Magu and EFCC management team, Sept 14.



L.I. Xiaohong, Director at Vice-Minister Level of the Office of the Central Leading Group for Inspection Tours of the Communist Party of China, with Magu, Sept 8.

Rallying Judiciary

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Magu welcomes Onnoghen to the venue.



VP Osinbajo being welcomed to the venue.



Osinbajo: “Corruption fight is cardinal focus of this administration”.



Onnoghen: “Judiciary remains an important stakeholder in corruption fight”.



Bozimo: “Workshop could not have come at a better time”.



Oyewole addressing participants at the workshop.

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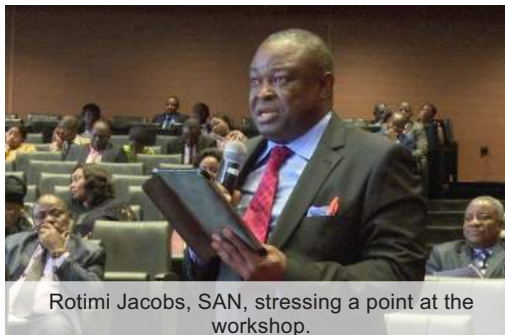
Magu: "The executive has been very supportive of the EFCC".



Nta: "Civil society organisations must act with greater patriotism in international fora".



Oladele: "The judiciary is key to winning war against corruption".



Rotimi Jacobs, SAN, stressing a point at the workshop.



Femi Falana, SAN, making a point during the workshop.



Cross-section of participants.



Participants listen with rapt attention.



Cross-section of participants.



Cross-section of participants.



Group photo of participants.



Magu with Prof. Pat Utomi at the workshop.

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Below are images from the concert:



A comedian sharing a joke with the audience



United against corruption.



Wilson Uwujaren, EFCC's spokesperson: "EFCC needs your support".



Solidarity: Uwujaren with Ambassador Wahala at the concert.



Fun-seekers at the concert.



An atmosphere filled with excitement.



Dance competition during the concert.



A young comedian thrills the audience.



Mock funeral for corruption.



"Corruption laid to rest".



Ambassador Wahala sharing banter with the audience.



Celebrating victory over corruption.



Celebrating into the night.



Fun-lovers at the concert venue.

**EFCC will get you,
anywhere,
anytime.**



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