

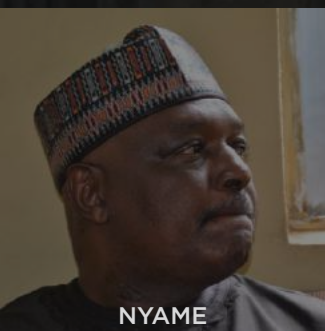


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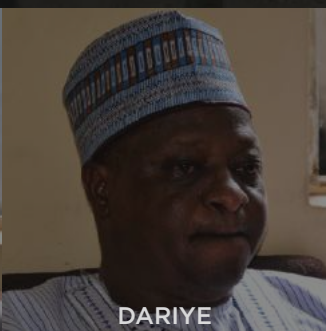
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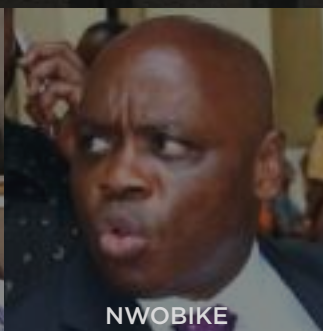
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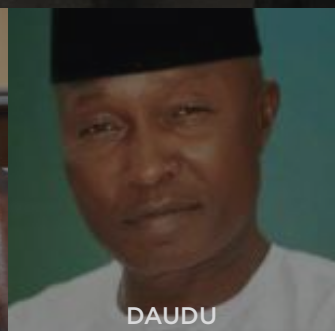
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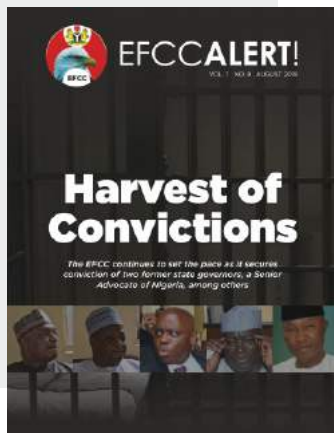
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THROWBACK PHOTO



Circa December 7, 2016: Wife of the President, Aisha Buhari, in the company of the Vice President's wife, Dolapo Osinbajo; the first woman to be Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Aloma Mukhtar (ret'd), and the first woman to be Vice Chancellor in a Nigerian university, Prof. Grace Alele-Williams during the flag-off of the EFCC's Women Against Corruption, WAC Project, at the International Conference Centre, Abuja.



"We've been bled dry in this nation by corrupt leadership. It's nothing to reiterate; it's a given. I'm not a vengeful person, but I think that until we make sure that some of our leaders pass through those doors [of the EFCC detention facilities], the struggle against corruption in this country will not be won; will not be over."

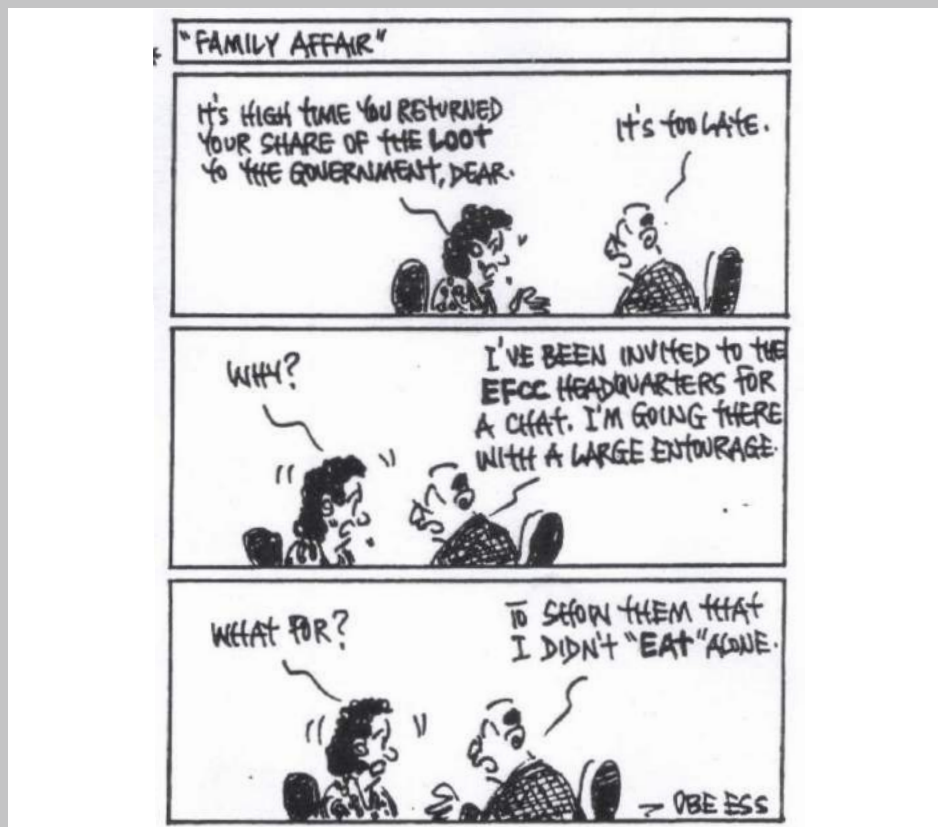
- Nobel laureate, Prof. Wole Soyinka at the 8th Conference of Heads of Anti-Corruption Agencies in Commonwealth Africa, May 14.



"My white-haired gentleman was mentioning some of the heads of state in Nigeria that did something that I did not know what that was. During our time, I can assure you that we did not know anything such as 'corruption'. It is really sad to hear [things like this] that all Nigerian heads of state are thieves."

- Gen. Yakubu Gowon (ret'd), Nigeria's Head of State, 1966 to 1975, at the 8th Conference of Heads of Anti-Corruption Agencies in Commonwealth Africa, May 14.

PICK OF THE MONTH'S CARTOON



The Guardian newspaper, July 24, 2018

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The EFCC continues to set the pace as it secures conviction of two former state governors, a Senior Advocate of Nigeria, among others

BY SEGUN ADEOYE

That the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has remained consistent in its efforts geared towards effectively changing the negative narrative of pervasive corruption in the system, and altering the general perception that there are some people who are above the Law, is no doubt evident in the 139 convictions secured by the anti-graft agency in the first half of the year.

More significantly, perhaps, is that the record of convictions also includes that of two former state governors, a Senior Advocate of Nigeria, who was convicted for attempting to pervert the course of justice, among others. The agency also won appeals against convictions it secured.

At the moment, several of such corruption cases are being prosecuted by the EFCC across the

country, which the anti-graft agency is determined to prosecute to a logical conclusion.

The agency is also determined not to rest on its oars, as it is poised to surpass the 189 convictions secured in 2017.

Below is a highlight of a few convictions secured between January and June this year:

JOLLY NYAME

After a trial that began on July 13, 2007, the EFCC through dedication, diligence and perseverance, on May 31, secured his conviction. Justice Adebukola Banjoko of the Federal Capital Territory, FCT High Court, Gudu, sentenced him to 14 years for criminal breach of trust, two years for criminal misappropriation, seven years for gratification and five years for obtaining by dishonesty, with the sentences to run concurrently. It was a significant achievement by the EFCC, considering the status of Nyame – a three-time governor of Taraba State, with a clout of an “untouchable” around him. He was charged with a 41-count charge that bordered around diverting state fund to personal use, particularly money purportedly released for the purchase of grains for *Tarabans*.

Nyame found himself on the wrong side of the law, after investigations by the EFCC into the petition by a widow, Hauwa Kulu Usman, who had approached the anti-graft agency to help investigate Suleiman Abubakar, (younger brother to her late husband, Usman Abubakar, who until his death was the Managing Director of Alusab International Limited), whom she accused of embezzling N135,794,607 said to have been paid into her husband's company by the Taraba State government. Suleiman had taken over the company after his death.

The investigations revealed a slew of fraudulent financial activities perpetrated under the watch of Nyame, which necessitated his being charged to court.

“There's no moral justification for the level of outright theft, and the Court must therefore, impose a statement, hopefully as a deterrent to other public officers, who may be similarly inclined,” the judge held.



JOSHUA DARIYE

On June 12, Justice Banjoko sentenced him to 14 years in prison for criminal breach of trust and two years for misappropriation of public funds, to run concurrently. The senator and former governor of Plateau State was prosecuted by the

EFCC for a N1.162 billion fraud, particularly the diversion of the state's Ecological Fund.

Investigations into the money laundering activities of Dariye, was in fact instigated by the United Kingdom, UK Metropolitan Police in 2004. The EFCC was contacted to assist with the investigation from the Nigerian end. By July 13, 2007 after thorough investigations, the anti-graft agency filed a 23-count charge against him, which based on new findings was later amended.

In addition to the sentencing, Justice Banjoko also ordered that N80 million so far recovered by the EFCC be returned to the Plateau State's coffers.



JOSEPH NWOBIKE

On April 30, Justice Raliat Adebisi of the Lagos State High Court, Ikeja, found a lawyer, Joseph Nwobike, guilty on 12 counts of perversion of justice out of the 18 counts preferred against him by the EFCC, and sentenced him to one month in

prison on each of the counts, to run concurrently.

The EFCC had accused him of giving gratification to judges, and arraigned him on a five-count charge in March 2016. In the course of the trial, the anti-graft

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agency twice amended the charges based on new emerging facts, to 18 counts bordering on giving gratification to a judicial officer, attempting to pervert the course of justice, and for making false declaration to the EFCC.

Among other things, Nwobike was accused by the EFCC to have on December 15, 2014 “intentionally and directly” given the sum of N250,000 “to one Mrs. Ogunleye Helen Aderonke, Senior Executive officer, Federal High Court Lagos judicial division in order that the said Mrs. Ogunleye Helen Aderonke acts in the exercise of her official duties”.

After a trial that lasted about two years, the trial judge held that the EFCC proved beyond reasonable doubts and with credible evidence that the convict perverted the course of justice, and that Nwobike was pushed by the motivation to win his cases “at all cost”.

Nwobike, a Senior Advocate of Nigeria, was later stripped of his title, by the Legal Practitioner’s Privileges Committee, which also suspended him. He has since finished his jail term.

JOHN YUSUF

Five years after his conviction and sentence by Justice Abubakar Talba of the FCT High Court, Gudu, to an aggregate fine of N750,000 for his inglorious role in the diversion of N32.8 billion police pension fraud, the EFCC on March 21, secured a “re-conviction” of Yusuf. He was sentenced to six years in prison and ordered to pay a fine of N22.9 billion.



The judgement, which was delivered by the Court of Appeal, effectively put to rest the earlier one delivered by Justice Talba in April 2013, hinged on a plea bargain agreement. The EFCC deemed the ruling as a miscarriage of justice and subsequently appealed it at the Appellate Court.

The EFCC had argued that the trial judge did not exercise his discretion judicially and judiciously when having convicted the respondent of a three-count charge of conversion of over N3billion contrary to section 309 of the Penal Code, the judge imposed two years imprisonment with an option of fine of N250,000 on each of the three counts.

The Appellate Court held that: “The sentence of the trial court, does not serve as deterrence to both the convict and others, and is hereby quashed and deserves to be reviewed as follows: on Count 17, the Respondent is hereby sentenced to two years imprisonment with an addition of fine of N20 billion; on Count 18, the Respondent is hereby sentenced to two years imprisonment with an addition of fine of N1.4 billion; on count 19, the Respondent is hereby sentenced to two years imprisonment with an addition of fine of N1.5 billion”.

The sentence of imprisonment runs consecutively and the fine cumulative.



GABRIEL DAUDU

On January 26, the Supreme Court dismissed the appeal of the former member of the Kogi State House of Assembly and former caretaker chairman, Ogori/Magongo Local Government Area of the state over his conviction on 77-count

charge of money laundering.

Daudu, who was first arraigned in April 2010, was prosecuted by the EFCC on a 208-count charge bordering on money laundering and misappropriation of public funds to the tune of N1.4billion.

Justice Inyang Ekwo of the Federal High Court, Lokoja, Kogi had on April 25, 2016 found him guilty of 77 counts and sentenced him to two years in prison on each, to run concurrently.

He had failed at the Court of Appeal to upturn the conviction. He thereafter approached the Supreme Court, where again he lost.



RUFUS WOLEOLA OJO

On January 8, Justice David Oladimeji of the Osun State High Court found the former Chairman Orolu Local Government Area of Osun State, guilty of two out of the three-count amended charge brought against him by the EFCC and sentenced him to three years

in prison on each of the two counts to run concurrently.

Ojo was first arraigned before Justice F.E. Owolabi of the state’s High Court on May 28, 2013. The counts bordered on stealing, using position for personal gratification and money laundering.

Among other things, he was accused of fraudulently converting to his use the sum of N22,058,021.30 belonging to the local government while he served as the chairman. The trial judge however, discharged and acquitted him on the charge of money laundering.



USMAN MUHAMMAD DAJJI

On January 16, Dajji was convicted by Justice Sa’ad Muhammad of the Gombe State High Court on two counts of cheating.

The convict being an official of Gombe State Sharia Court of Appeal Cooperative

Society was investigated by the EFCC in February, 2017 following a petition by one Sani Abdullahi of Samomosco Nigeria Limited, Gombe.

Abdullahi, in his petition said the company which specialises in computer supplies and accessories, was approached in December 2013 with a contract proposal to supply 3,000 units of laptop computers to the Sharia Court of Appeal Cooperative Society with a condition that he must pay the sum of N550,000 as commitment and processing fee before the execution of the contract.

The money was paid after being convinced, as all documents relating to the contract were presented. Unknown to Abdullahi, the convict forged the official stamp of the Chief Registrar, Sharia Court of Appeal, Gombe and the signature of Abubakar Aliyu, the Cooperative Society's Treasurer.

In his judgement, Justice Muhammad pronounced him guilty as charged and sentenced him to six months imprisonment. He however gave him an option of N30,000 fine.

CHIKE TONY ODIGBO

On January 15, the EFCC secured the conviction of Chike Tony Odigbo on a one-count charge of obtaining money by false pretence. He was charged before Justice D.Z. Senchi of the FCT High Court, Jabi.



The former member of staff of Intercontinental Homes Limited, who was first arraigned on November 18, 2013 was alleged to have collected N10million from Ademola Oluwayemi to secure a property with Intercontinental Homes, but converted same to personal use.

The EFCC presented three witnesses and tendered several documents, which were admitted in evidence, against him. Justice Senchi held that "the prosecution has proved its case beyond any reasonable doubt", and sentenced him to two years in prison with an option of N250,000 as fine. The convict was also ordered to refund the sum of N8 million being the outstanding balance as compensation to his victim.

AISATA ABBA KWANA

On January 24, Justice Fadawu Umar of the Borno State High Court, found Kwana, a Deputy Director with Maiduguri Municipal Council, guilty of two counts of obtaining N3,278,216.20 by false pretence.

The EFCC had received a petition alleging that she fraudulently collected the pension of her late



brother, Waziri Abba Kwana from May 2013 to January 2017 amounting to N1,640,726.55.

In the course of the trial, she changed her plea to "guilty", and was sentenced to one year in prison, on each count to run concurrently, and to pay a fine of N250,000.

The judge further stated that the convict should compensate the complainant the balance of N870,000 failure of which, she will serve six months in prison on each of the charge, to run consecutively.

MUNIR SAGAGI



On January 25, Munir Sagagi, Chairman of the Nigerian Association of Small Scale Industries, Kano Chapter, was sentenced to seven years in prison without an option of fine.

A petitioner alleged that Sagagi connived with Rabi Umar to swindle him of the sum of N8,750,000 under the pretext that the said money would secure him a loan, which was based on equity contribution in KMC Microfinance Bank.

Justice Dije Aboki of the Kano State High Court held that the prosecution proved its case beyond reasonable doubt. The judge found Sagagi guilty and sentenced him to seven years imprisonment without option of fine on count two. On counts one and three he was discharged and acquitted. He was also ordered to make restitution of N5,500,000 to the complainant.

SALE MOHAMMED ELLEMAN



On March 8, Justice Abdullahi Yusuf of the Katsina State High Court, found Elleman guilty of criminal breach of trust, cheating, misappropriation and diversion of funds. The Bureau de Change operator was prosecuted for

defrauding Salisu Tambaya who gave him N13 million as investment into the business.

In convicting him, the trial judge held that contrary to Elleman's claim that he invested the money, "there was no evidence as to when the business commenced, no any record whatsoever of the purported business transactions provided".

Sentencing him to three years in prison without an option of fine, the trial judge added that, "it is in evidence that the accused could not give a satisfactory account of the said money", and ordered him to refund the sum of N12.2 million to Tambaya. ■

Game Up for TETFund Looters



Looters of grants given by the Tertiary Education Trust Fund, TETFund, for the development of the education sector, will be brought to book.

Acting EFCC Chairman, Ibrahim Magu made the declaration during a courtesy visit to the EFCC Head Office, Abuja, by management of TETFund, led by its executive secretary, Abdullahi Baffa, on July 12.

"The work at hand is enormous, and we are intensifying investigations in all zones across the country," he said.

He intimated the visitors of a conviction secured in Osun State involving TETFund grants, noting that "we have seen more people that could be held culpable".

Commending the EFCC for its "giant strides in the fight against corruption", Baffa, stressed that the assistance of the agency had become a necessity "to tackle the menace of inappropriate projects, abandoned projects, mismanaged funds, and stolen funds, which are almost grounding the institutions". ■

BY **AYANJIDE ILUPEJU**

Upping the Ante



The Federal Bureau of Investigation, FBI, is set to up the ante in its partnership with the EFCC in combatting cybercrime, described as the latest form of terrorism and corruption, and a growing concern affecting the world in the 21st century.

A delegation of the FBI, led by George Piro, an Assistant Director, International Operations Division, which included Jay Bernardo, his Special Assistant and Paula Parkinson, Legal Attaché, Abuja made the declaration during a visit to the EFCC in Abuja, June 25.

Piro said: "The main purpose of my visit is to acknowledge the exemplary role EFCC has played and to thank you for the continuous partnership that has resulted in mutually beneficial rewards in the fight against corruption.

"The professionalism your team at EFCC has displayed is commendable; the impact of this is seen in the fortnightly briefs by the International Operations Division of the FBI which closely monitors the operations of the EFCC." ■

UK Largesse

The United Kingdom, UK government has invested £500,000 in the digital forensic capability of the EFCC, Paddy Kerr, Anti-Corruption Lead-United Kingdom National Crime Agency, in Nigeria, has said.

Kerr revealed this during a two-day capacity building workshop, organized by the U.K. National Crime Agency, NCA, for all the Zonal Heads of EFCC at Sheraton Hotels, Abuja, July 17.

He noted that the training was part of efforts aimed at further improving the EFCC's forensic capability with digital technology. "The UK is in the process of building a digital forensic suite that



will enable the agency to ethically and lawfully extract evidence from digital devices," he said.

"We want to look at the skill gaps that the EFCC currently possesses if it does possess any, look at the training that we need to fill those gaps, that in itself will provide a catalyst with which to provide momentum of anti-corruption activities", he added.

Ben Ikani, Director of Forensics, EFCC, commended the UK government's support for the Commission's fight against corruption in Nigeria, describing the workshop as "significant" and one coming at the right time. ■

BY **PAUL IKPOR**

Big Brother EFCC



It was commendation all the way for the EFCC as Dr. Tunji Asaolu, Nigeria's Representative and Chairperson, Committee on Social Affairs and Health Cluster, while leading a 12-man delegation to the EFCC headquarters in Abuja, June 20, acknowledged the unflinching efforts of the anti-graft agency in setting the standards in Africa.

Asaolu noted that the visit was to strengthen the African Union Economic, Social and Cultural Council, AU-ECOSOCC's collaborations with the EFCC, and to afford delegates the opportunity to learn from the wealth of experiences and knowledge of the EFCC, with the aim of replicating successful strategies in their respective home countries.

The delegation was given an overview of the Commission's various sensitisation and enlightenment efforts by the Director, Public Affairs, Osita Nwajah, as well as insight into the Commission's Cooperative and Welfare Programmes by the Director, Rose Ekawu.

The visiting delegation was made up of selected participants at a four-day anti-corruption conference organised by the AU-ECOSOCC, which held between June 18 and June 22.

Asaolu was accompanied by Marienga Edward, Kenya; Padonou Fabrice, Benin; Mohamed Hassan, Sudan; Chilombo Maiden, Zambia; Oriokot Henry, Uganda; Sandu Jasper, Sierra Leone; Abdulai Saffa, Sierra Leone; Pat-Davies Zuaibatu Ann-Marie; Maduike Chinwe; Oba Olasunkanmi John and Aderinto Opeyemi. ■

BY **ROLAKE ODOFIN-JOLAYEMI**

Honing Skills



The training funded by the Inter-Governmental Action Group Against Money Laundering in West Africa, GIABA, to empower 75 staff of the EFCC with skills in PowerPoint presentation, report writing, adherence to code of conducts and how to manage stress, began on June 28, with an intensive personal development training at the EFCC Academy, Karu, Abuja for the first set of 25 participants.

Head, Career Development Unit, EFCC Academy, Nasir Musa, explained that the training which is part of an ongoing funded support to the EFCC by GIABA is titled, "Personal Development for Middle Managers", and is aimed at further

strengthening the EFCC operations. He said: "The difference in this particular training from the previous trainings funded by GIABA is that the curriculum is updated to reflect current trends in organization's administrative services. We also have experts drawn from Administrative Staff College of Nigeria, ASCON in addition to the EFCC trainers in order to add more value to the program."

The training is scheduled to hold in three phases. ■

BY **CHIDIMMA AMANAMBU**

Catching Them Young



The Benin Office of the EFCC took its enlightenment and sensitization campaign on the ills of corruption, to the Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, July 11.

Charging the students of the university, Williams Oseghale, head of the Public Affairs, stressed that they were the future of the country, and must own the fight against corruption. "The future of Nigeria is in your hands. What you choose to do today will go a long way in

determining what Nigeria will be in the near future," he said.

He further stated that corruption was the bane of our development and that we must collectively join hands to exterminate the rampaging monster. "The law is no respecter of person. So I advise you to shun such despicable acts of criminality, because the consequences are always grave," he said. "Say no to internet fraud, say no to yahoo and other economic crimes," he added. ■

BY **MARY OGOLEKWU**

As part of efforts aimed at galvanizing the youths at the grassroots to join hands with the EFCC in the fight against corruption, the anti-graft agency, on July 14 staged its anti-corruption concert at the South-East.

Governor of the state, Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi, who was represented by Dr. Gabriel Ajah, commended the EFCC for the initiative, stressing that the staff of the anti-graft agency were doing a marvellous work at fighting corruption in Nigeria. He said: "It is quite instructive that the EFCC is using entertainment to teach and sensitize the public on the ills of corruption. "If you do not do the right thing, you are corrupt, and if you do not represent yourself and the society well, something is wrong with you."

Dancing Corruption Away



Speaking at the event, Director, EFCC's Public Affairs, Osita Nwajah, further stressed that the concert was designed to use music, drama and comedy to drive home the anti-corruption message "It is necessary and not negotiable that the fight against corruption must be owned by the Nigerian people, and it must not be left only to the ICPC or the EFCC, or the government," he said. ■

BY CHRIS OLUKA

Strategizing for Future

Emmanuel Uche, Anti-Corruption Project Manager of the European Union's sponsored Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Programme, RoLAC of the British Council has said that organization was willing to assist the EFCC in ensuring that it continues to improve its efforts in the fight against corruption.

Speaking at a four-day retreat, which ended on August 2, at the Oakland Hotel, Enugu, and had in attendance anti-corruption experts to review the 2013-2018 Strategic Plan document, Uche stressed that there was the need to strengthen the capacity of the EFCC, and other law enforcement agencies tasked with championing the anti-corruption crusade in Nigeria.

"Our focus is aimed at improving coordination among anti-corruption agencies, strengthening their capacity to deliver on their mandates through system studies, risk assessment, evaluations,

strengthening accountability and transparency in the criminal sector, extractive sector, and procurement among others," he said.

Abdulrahman Ibrahim, Director, Policy, Planning and Statistics of the EFCC, used the opportunity to express the resolve of the agency in improving on its anti-corruption efforts, and stressed that it remained undaunted in its mission.

"We are very much focused and understand the challenges involved in fighting crimes and with this review, we have mapped out with vigour new strategies that will make this document workable and owned by management and staff," he said.

"The professionalism your team at EFCC has displayed is commendable; the impact of this is seen in the fortnightly briefs by the International Operations Division of the FBI which closely monitors the operations of the EFCC." ■

BY CHIDIMMA AMANAMBU

Iseyin Agenda



The fight against economic crime, including corruption can only be achieved when all stakeholders embrace this important fight and one of such critical groups is the youths," Oghe Orugonya, a staff of the EFCC Ibadan office told members of the NYSC during an orientation lecture, at Iseyin, Oyo State, April 25.

While encouraging the youths to be "change agents", he urged them to resist the "temptations of fraudulent acts and all trappings of corruption and economic crimes".

According to him, "There is no shortcut to wealth and fame. Acts of criminality might deliver wealth in the short run, but ultimately there will be misery and gnashing of teeth".

He stressed that: "The future of this country belongs to the youths. The decision you make today will determine the type of society your children will live in. Please don't waste this moment, join us and together we can make Nigeria great again." ■

Soiled Names

The Gombe Zonal office of the EFCC, on July 3, arraigned Atiku Mu'azu Bayum, Mohammed Adi, Ibrahim Abubakar and Abubakar Usman before Justice M.G. Umar of the Federal High Court Gombe on a 30-count charge bordering on forgery, uttering and obtaining money by false pretence.



N25,060,000 belonging to Gombe State government.

Investigation revealed that the documents forged included several receipts attached to payment vouchers for which payments were released and converted to their personal use.

The defendants in their capacities as Chairman, Chief Store Officer, Chief Accountant and Director of the Gombe State Board of Internal Revenue, are alleged to have conspired to forge documents to fraudulently obtain the sum of

They all pleaded "not guilty" to the charge, and were thereafter granted bail in the sum of N2 million each and two sureties in like sum, one of which must be a civil servant not below the rank of a director. ■

BY BELLO BAJOGA

MAIDUGURI

CODE Visit



Abubakar Muazu, Coordinator of Connected Development Organization, CODE, a non-governmental organization in Borno State, has called for support of the EFCC in combating corruption in the state.

Muazu made the request during a visit to the EFCC's Maiduguri office, June 8, as part of efforts by CODE to empower marginalized communities.

"A lot of funds are coming into Borno State, for reconstruction and rehabilitation of the North-East and it's necessary for us as youths to follow these funds and ask questions as to how they are used," he said.

Aminu Ado Aliyu, Head of Operations, EFCC Maiduguri office, reiterated the Commission's commitment to the fight against corruption, and gave assurance that collaborate with CODE in tracking the flow of public funds into the state, and execution of approved contracts.

"The Commission is readily available to partner with any organization willing to assist us with vital information," he said. ■

BY JAMILU SALE

UYO

Sniffing Out Smugglers



Eight men suspected of engaging in illegal oil business, along with a merchant vessel, MV EFEMENA, along with its content of 773,472 litres illegally refined petroleum were on July 27 handed over to the EFCC by officers of the Nigerian Navy in Calabar, Cross River State.

The arrest, according to Commander NNS Victory, Comd. Julius A. Nwagu, was effected on April 18 along the Calabar water ways, following intelligence reports.

He said: "MV EFEMENA was granted Naval Headquarters and Eastern Naval Command approvals to load 1,000 metric tons of automotive gas oil via ship-to-ship transfer from MT BAKER offshore Escravos, from April 17 to 30, but loaded the illegal product from other sources days before approved dates.

"We will continue to ensure that such smugglers are picked up and handed over to the appropriate authorities such as the EFCC."

The eight Nigerian suspects who will soon be charged to court, include: Linus Kemefa (captain), Sunday Ime Ekpo (chief engineer), Onovughakpor Decent (Boatswains mate), Joseph Affie (Second Engineer), Francis Agbo (Cook), Omatseye Godsgift (Able seaman), Daniel Igwe (Cadet) and Joseph Ogheneovo (Super Cargo). ■

BY THERESA NWOSU

Bridging the Gap

Members of the religious community have been charged to see themselves as critical to winning the fight against corruption, and urged to lend their voices to champion the anti-corruption campaign.

Ibrahim Magu, acting EFCC Chairman made the charge at a one-day programme organised by Al-Habibiyyah Islamic Society of Nigeria, which held in Lagos. Tagged, “Promoting Accountability, Transparency and Reducing Corrupt Practices in Our Society: An Islamic Approach”, the sensitization programme, which targeted Imams and Muslim scholars, held July 26.



Magu, who spoke through Umar Hadeja of the EFCC's Lagos office, described the event as a most auspicious event, which will definitely aid the efforts of the EFCC.

“The fight against corruption must not be left in the hands of the EFCC and other anti-corruption agencies alone,” she said.

Abdulkhakeen Abdullateef, Commissioner for Home Affairs, Lagos State, who declared the programme open, also stressed the important roles of Imams and religious scholars in general in stemming the tide of corruption in Nigeria.

“Corruption cannot be reduced except with the active cooperation of Imams and scholars,” he said. ■

BY ADENIRAN ADEBAYO

KADUNA

The N49m Puzzle



Five individuals have so far come forth to lay claim to the N49 million intercepted at the Kaduna International Airport on March 13, 2017. They are: Oyebanji Plaits Steve, Taiye Omoniyi Oluwaleke, Risikat Taimiyu Titilayo, Fausat Oni, and Joshua Kisabo.

It will be recalled that following a tip off, EFCC operatives intercepted the money, during a routine baggage screening, which was contained in five 150kg colored BUHU sacks – crispy naira notes of N200 denomination in 20 bundles totalling N40 million and N50 denomination in 180 bundles totalling N9 million.

In solving the N49 million puzzle, the EFCC brought the case before Justice S.M. Shuaibu of the Federal High Court, Kaduna. After presenting its sole witness, the EFCC through its counsel, Joshua Saidi, closed its case on May 17. A certified true copy of the teller used to deposit the money to the Central Bank of Nigeria, was also admitted as exhibit.

Judgement in respect of the case is expected soon. ■

BY FATIMA ABUBAKAR

PORT HARCOURT

Cunning “General”

EFCC operatives in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, recently arrested Adesola Bucknor, who had been parading himself as a General in the Nigerian Army, posing as Brig-Gen Dawuk Danfulani of the Headquarter, Chaplain Services.



Bucknor allegedly “appointed” the Vice Chancellor, Rivers State University, Professor Blessing Diba, as Chief Command Patron of the Nigerian Army Chaplain Service and signed the “Appointment Letter” in the name of Brig-Gen Dawuk Danfulani.

In the letter, he solicited for financial support for the entertainment of guests invited to the installation of Dibia and a thanksgiving ceremony after his installation. To lend credibility to the letter, he allegedly forged the logo of the Nigerian Army Chaplain Services and signed the document.

Searches conducted in his residence in Port Harcourt, yielded several incriminating documents establishing the offence. He has also admitted committing the crime, and will soon be charged to court. ■

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Orji Uzor Kalu
Ex-Abia Governor
Money laundering
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Justice Ofil-Ajumogobia & Godwin Obla, SAN
Bribery & conspiracy to pervert course of justice
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Justice Hakeem Oshodi
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Clement Faboyede
Ondo PDP Chair
Money laundering
Federal High Court, Lagos
Justice Salii Saidu
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Clement Illoh Onubuogo
Ex-Perm Sec, Min of Labour & Productivity
Stealing by fraudulent conversion
Special Offences Court, Lagos
Justice Oluwatoyin Taiwo
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Femi Fani-Kayode
N26 million fraud
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Justice J.T. Tsoho
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Shamsudeen Bala
N1.1billion fraud
Federal High Court, Abuja
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Calistus Obi
N136 million fraud
Federal High Court, Lagos
Justice Mojisola Olatoregun
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Martins Thomas
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Money laundering
Federal High Court, Lagos
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Dele Belgore, SAN
Possession of proceeds of crime
Federal High Court, Lagos
Justice R.M. Aikawa
October 2, 2018



Danjuma Goje
Ex-Gombe Governor
Conspiracy and money laundering
Federal High Court, Jos
Justice B.O. Quadri
October 3, 2018



Raymond Dokpesi
Criminal breach of trust
Federal High Court, Abuja
Justice J.T. Tsoho
October 4, 2018



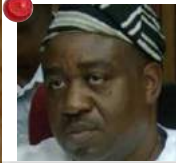
Nicholas Ashinze
Procurement fraud
Federal High Court, Abuja
Justice Babatunde Quadri
October 4, 2018



Ibrahim Abdulsalam
Money laundering
Federal High Court, Lagos
Justice Babs Kuewumi
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Essai Dangabar
Ex-Director, Police Pension Board
Complicity in N24bn scam
FCT High Court, Maitama
Justice Hussein Baba-Yusuf
October 9, 2018



Gabriel Suswam
N3.1billion fraud
Federal High Court, Abuja
Justice A.R. Mohammed
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Prof. Adebisi Daramola
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Misappropriation of public fund
Ondo State High Court
Justice W. R. Olamide
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Mahmud Aliyu Shinkafi
Ex-Zamfara Governor
Money laundering
Federal High Court, Zamfara
Justice Fatima Aminu
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Sule Lamido
Ex-Jigawa Governor
Money laundering
Federal High Court, Abuja
Justice Babatunde Quadri
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Li Ya Ping
Money laundering
Federal High Court, Abuja
Justice Babatunde Quadri
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Waripamo-Owei Dudafa
\$15.5 million fraud
Federal High Court, Lagos
Justice Babs Kuewumi
October 17, 2018



Andrew Yakubu
Money Laundering
Federal High Court, Abuja
Justice A.R. Mohammed
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Nkereuwem Sunday Etukudo
Provost, FSMLT, Plateau
N359million fraud
Plateau State High Court
Justice D. D. Longji
October 18 and 19, 2018



Ibrahim Shekarau
Ex-Kano Governor
Criminal conspiracy
Federal High Court, Kano
Justice Zainab Bage Abubakar
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Jumoke Akinjide
Money laundering
Federal High Court, Lagos
Justice Muslim Hassan
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Alex Badeh
Money laundering
Federal High Court, Abuja
Justice Okon Abang
October 22 - 26, 2018



Olisa Metuh
Money laundering
Federal High Court, Abuja
Justice Okon Abang
October 22, 2018



Babangida Aliyu & Umar Nasko
Ex-Niger Governor
Money laundering
Fed High Court, Minna
Justice Yalim Bogoro
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Murtala Nyako
Ex-Adamawa Governor
Abuse of office
Federal High Court, Abuja
Justice Okon Abang
October 23, 2018



Justice Yunusa Mohammed
Corrupt enrichment
Lagos State High Court, Ikeja
Justice Sherifat Solebo
October 22 & 23, 2018



Usman Mohammed
Ex-Aide to Bala Mohammed
Criminal breach of trust
FCT High Court, Jabi
Justice A.B. Mohammed
October 22, 2018



Jonah Jang
Ex-Plateau Governor
N6.3 billion fraud
Plateau State High Court
Justice Daniel Longji
October 30 and 31, 2018



Ikedi Ohakim
Ex-Imo Governor
Money laundering
Federal High Court, Abuja
Justice Babatunde Quadri
October 30 and 31, 2018



Haliru Bello
Ex-PDP Chairman
N300 million fraud
Federal High Court, Abuja
October 31, 2018