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## PHOTO NEWS



*President Muhammadu Buhari in a warm handshake with Ibrahim Magu, at the 30th African Union Summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, January 2018.*





## SEEKING PARTNERSHIP

*In a bid to strengthen partnership in the fight against corruption the EFCC engages media influencers*

It was a strategic way to begin the year 2018, further aimed at giving verve to the EFCC anti-corruption crusade. Indeed, in the realization of the need to have a united front in the fight against corruption, the EFCC on January 9, held an interactive forum with media influencers and other stakeholders in Abuja.

For Ibrahim Magu, the acting EFCC Chairman, it was yet another opportunity to galvanize the citizenry to embrace the efforts of the anti-graft agency.

"The EFCC cannot succeed in carrying out its mandate without the support of the media," he said.

Stressing the importance of unity and unalloyed cooperation, Magu noted that the task of fighting corruption required a "painstaking and broad-based" approach, which must be "embraced by all strata of the society with the media serving as channel of communication and enlightenment".

His words: "The media's potential to inform and educate the people is crucial

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He added that the time had come to increase the tempo of the fight against corruption and move the country to the next level, because "everything that is wrong with Nigeria as a country is traceable to corruption".



Magu speaking at the event



Oby Ezekwesili speaking at the event





Magu with stakeholders at the event

Commending the media for its support so far, Magu urged participants to “do more by exposing corrupt elements in the society especially now that the election year draws near”.

“I beg you, expose the corrupt and we will go after them. Nobody is above the law. We are concerned about the future of the unborn generation. Nobody can deter us,” he said. “We must not celebrate the corrupt; we must not celebrate corruption; we must be courageous and stand for what is right”.

Oby Ezekwezili, a former Minister for Education, while commending the EFCC, called for resilience, and urged the agency not to be distracted by “forces of corruption fighting back”.

“There is need for government to effect institutional changes and redirect its policies for a better Nigeria,” she stressed.

Ayuba Wabba, Chairman, Nigeria Labour Congress, called on Nigerians to be “interested in naming and shaming the corrupt”, stressing that, “this is a responsibility we in the civil society must pursue”.

Auwal Rafsanjani, Executive Director CISLAC identified media’s role alongside that of Labour and CSOs as strategic to winning the fight against corruption.

He advised EFCC to parley lawyers, bankers, accountants and auditors in subsequent engagements saying that “they are the tools mostly used to perpetrate acts of corruption”.

Dan Iwuayanwu, former Chairman, Labour Party, noted with shock, the attack on a house belonging to Magu, last year, which resulted in the killing of a police officer, noting that it was impressive that “Magu has not run away from office”.

“I am happy you are even stronger,” Iwuayanwu said. “The only thing working for President Buhari and his government is Magu and the EFCC.”

Lauretta Onochie, Special Assistant to President Muhammadu Buhari on New Media, used the opportunity to urge Nigerians to “stand up against corruption by preventing corrupt elements seeking elections into public offices from getting to power”.

“I commend the EFCC boss for a job well done,” she added.



Ayuba Wabba, NLC Chairman

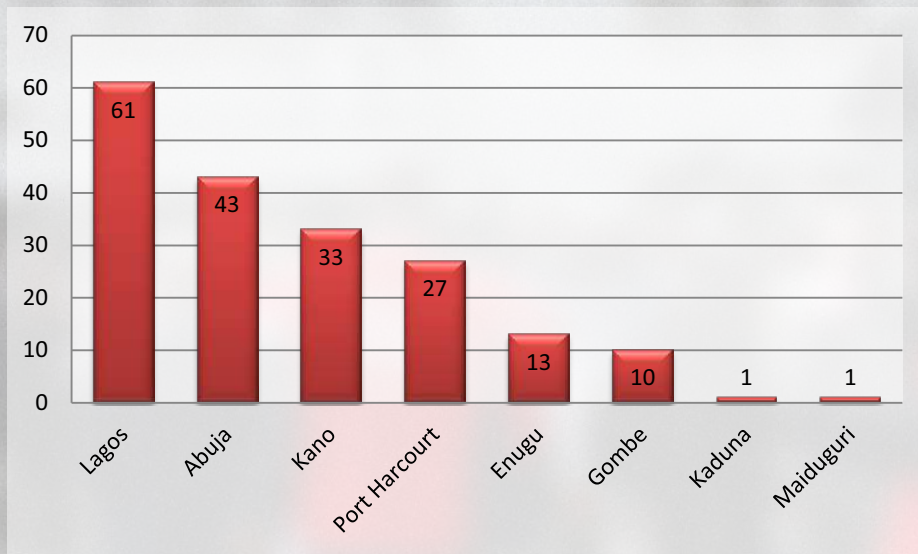


Lauretta Onochie, SSA to the President, FRN



Cross-section of stakeholders present





## RAISING THE BAR

*In spite of the tough terrain that fighting corruption is in Nigeria, the EFCC against all odds secures 189 convictions in 2017 and re-strategizes for the New Year*

It was a seemingly tough year for the fight against corruption, but in spite of it all, at the end of 2017, among law enforcement agencies in the country, the EFCC can effectively beat its chest of leading the pack with 189 convictions.

Indeed, as at August 2017 the agency had raked in 137 convictions, thus implying that between September and December 2017 the EFCC secured 52 convictions. A breakdown indicates that Lagos office led with 61, followed by Abuja with 43 convictions. Kaduna and Maiduguri offices, which swung fully into operation in the year, secured a conviction each. Kano office secured 33 convictions followed

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closely by Port Harcourt office with 27 convictions. Enugu and Gombe offices secured 13 and 10 respectively.

Notable among the convictions, are that of Walter Wagbatsoma, chairman, Ontario Oil and Gas Limited, and Ada Ugo-Ngadi, managing director of the company;

and Jubril Rowaye, his company, Brilla Energy Limited and Alminur Resources Limited. A former Adamawa State governor, Bala Ngilari, was convicted earlier in the year, had the conviction upturned by the Court of Appeal, but the EFCC has appealed the decision and awaits the decision of the Apex Court. A former Director-General of the Institute of Agriculture Research and Training, Ibadan, Oyo State, Prof. Benjamin Ogunbodede, is also on the unenviable list.

No doubt, in 2018 the list will grow longer, as the EFCC has already started securing convictions, including that of Rufus Ojo, a former Chairman, Orolu Local Government area in Osun State.



Wagbatsoma



Ugo-Ngadi



Ngilari



## PHOTO GALLERY



Ibrahim Magu, acting EFCC Chairman, addressing the Senate Committee on Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes, during its budget defence, December 20, 2017



Marcel de Souza, President of the ECOWAS Commission, with Magu, during a courtesy visit to the EFCC headquarters, Abuja, December 14, 2017.



Magu with Saleh Dunoma, Managing Director, Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria, FAAN, at a sensitization workshop for FAAN officers, December 14, 2017.



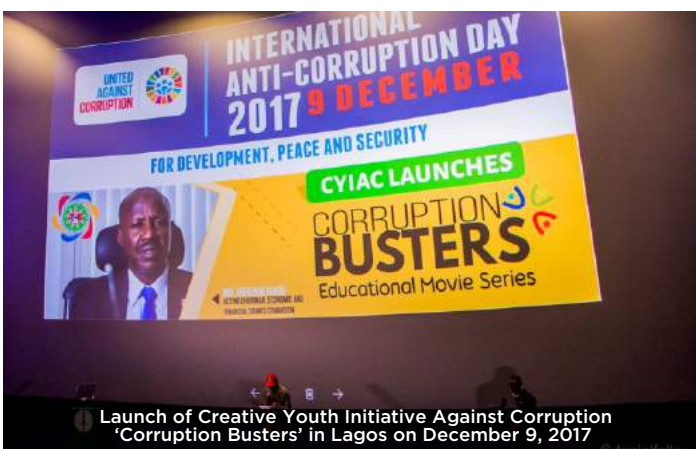
Officers of the EFCC undergoing a training in partnership with the Inter-Governmental Action Group Against Money Laundering, GIABA, December 11, 2017.



Participants at a one-day workshop organized by Nigerian Institution of Estate Surveyors and Valuers, NIESV, in collaboration with the Special Control Unit against Money Laundering, SCUML, December 6, 2017.



L-R: Director of SCUML, Bamanga Bello; Francis Usani, head, Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit, NFIU, and National President of NIESV, Dr. B.J. Paunola-Ajayi at the workshop.



Launch of Creative Youth Initiative Against Corruption 'Corruption Busters' in Lagos on December 9, 2017



Dr. Joe Odumakin, President, Women Arise & Chairman Movement with Magu during a visit to the EFCC headquarters, January 11, 2018.





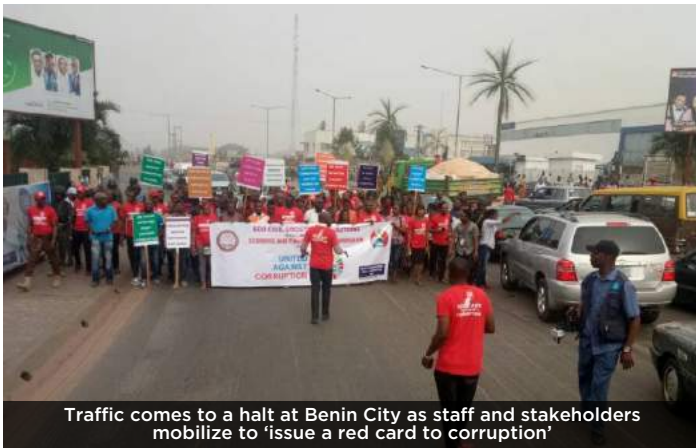
Ibrahim Magu, acting EFCC Chairman, leads the anti-corruption walk in Abuja to mark 2017 International Anti Corruption Day, December 11, 2017



Walk against Corruption in Kano on December 11, 2017



Popular Mile 1 in Port Harcourt is set abuzz as staff of the Commission and stakeholders take to the streets to 'Walk against Corruption'



Traffic comes to a halt at Benin City as staff and stakeholders mobilize to 'issue a red card to corruption'



Staff at the recently established Uyo Zonal Office make their stance against corruption public



Staff of the Commission at the Ibadan Zonal Office urge residents to 'Speak out against Corruption'



Members of the National Youth Service Corps, as well as staff of the Commission march against corruption in Gombe State



# COUNCIL CROOK

*A former council boss bags jail term for defrauding a local government area in Osun*

For Rufus Ojo, a former Chairman, Orolu Local Government Area in Osun State, the last Christmas time was a nail biting period. While fellow citizens were still relishing the festive period of wining and dining, Ojo, was on December 29, 2017 confronted with the reality that he would be spending three years in jail.

The boisterous Ojo, who commanded much authority during his tenure as council boss, looked on helplessly, as Justice David Oladimeji, of the Osun State High Court, convicted him of two of the three counts of fraud brought against him by the EFCC. His trial began May 28, 2013 before Justice F.E. Owolabi, and he was



Ojo

charged with three counts of stealing, using personal position for gratification and money laundering. He was prosecuted by the Ibadan Zonal office of the EFCC. He was accused of using a company, Rulekal Ventures, to defraud the council. Particularly, he was accused of diverting N22,058,021.30 meant for the council. He had pleaded "not guilty".

Justice Oladimeji, however, convicted him on two counts of stealing and using his office for personal gratification, and declared him innocent of the third count of money laundering. He was sentenced to three years on each of the count, to run concurrently.

# SAULAWA HAUNTED

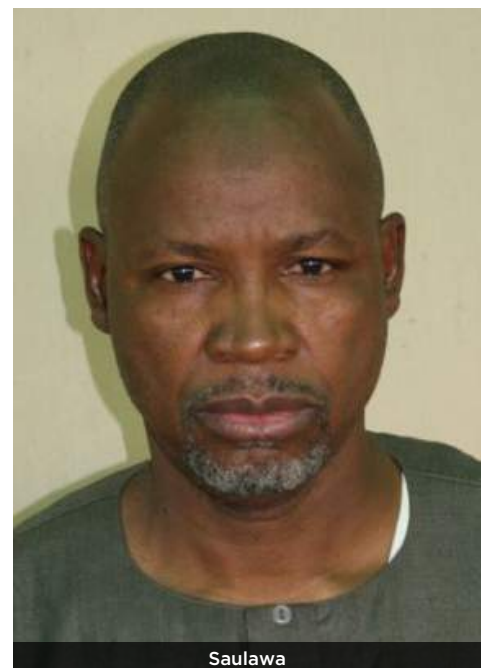
*A former permanent secretary in Katsina bites the dust*

Perhaps, Yusuf Saulawa, a former permanent secretary in the Ibrahim Shema-led Katsina State government, forgot that power is transient and that when you leave power, your actions will come back to haunt you.

This is now the case with Saulawa, who as permanent secretary attached to the office of the Deputy Governor of Katsina State used the office to award non-existing contract for supply of fertilizers to all local government areas in the state, using same to illegally acquire as much as N2,500,000. He had claimed that the money was for the purchase of bidding documents. Yet, as soon as he is paid the money for the purported documents, he cuts all possible contacts with his victim.

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Justice Sanusi Tukur of the Katsina State High Court, convicted him on December 29, 2017 of the one count of obtaining by false pretence brought against him by the EFCC, and sentenced him to seven years in jail without an option of fine.



Saulawa



# TWO OF A KIND

*Two men join the growing list of fake “EFCC impostors” who have had their fingers burnt*

Beyond having the same first name, Mohammed Momoh and Mohammed Maina have yet one more thing in common – impostors. Momoh, a farmer and Maina, a serving Police Officer were caught in the fraudulent act of posing as EFCC operatives, for extortion.

Momoh had attempted to defraud Tanko Al-Makura, governor of Nasarawa State, when he got his fingers badly burnt. While posing as a “Private investigator from the Villa” he approached the wife of the governor with a proposition to help stop a purported investigation of two accounts belonging to Al-Makura. He claimed he came across information regarding the two accounts that had been under investigation by the EFCC since 2011 and that he also intercepted mails and got wind of investigation report purportedly sent to First Bank by the EFCC.

He subsequently demanded for N8 million to help “kill” the investigation. He was, however, offered N6 million. But, suspecting fraud in the proposal, the governor’s family thereafter contacted the EFCC, and the First Family was asked to play along with Momoh. This later led to his arrest in a sting operation after he collected marked N2million notes.

Maina on his own part, not contented with his position as a police officer in service, and getting his due from the government, posed as an Assistant Superintendent of Police, attached to the EFCC, with the intent

His tactic was a bit different. He approached his victim with an offer to help him recover his money – N21 million, claiming that it was a subject of investigation by the EFCC. Maina allegedly collected several sums of money from his victim before he became suspicious.



Momoh



Maina

Becoming an Oliver Twist, Maina not satisfied with what had already been collected, again on December 21, 2017 demanded for more money. This prompted his victim to immediately contact the EFCC. Operatives were detailed to accompany the victim, which eventually led to the tracking down of Maina at Rockview Hotel, Abuja, close to the EFCC head office.

In the course of arrest, Maina was found with EFCC Vehicle Auction

Certificates, EFCC Stickers, EFCC writing pads, amongst others. He is currently in custody.

The EFCC has consistently warned members of the public to be wary of impostors who go about extorting unsuspecting members of the public. The Commission again implores the public to report any solicitation for gratification either by genuine or fake EFCC operatives to the nearest office of the Commission or police station.





# TIME UP

*A fake oil marketer bites more than he can chew*

He has gotten away with it in time past, but it is now time up for Johnson Ukiwe, who was on January 9 arraigned before Justice Adamu Mohammed of the Federal High Court, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

Ukiwe, had operated an oil company for the past two years, dealing in petroleum products without the necessary licence and documents. That is in fact not all about Ukiwe, Between January 27 and February 1, 2016, he collected N10,055,000 from Exploit Energy Ltd under the guise that he will deliver two truck load of petroleum product, but he never did.



Ukiwe

Ukiwe is facing a five-count charge for “dealing in petroleum products without appropriate licence and obtaining money under false pretence”.

He pleaded “not guilty”, when the charges were read to him. His counsel, Doris Offorji-Stephen made an oral application for the bail of the defendant which was refused by the Judge who ordered her to apply formally.

He was subsequently remanded in prison custody and the matter adjourned to January 18, 2018 for trial.

## CASE CLOSED

*A former bank manager convicted of fraud, sees his appeal thrown out*

It is case closed for Samuel Owoyele, a former bank manager, at the Union Bank branch, Bank Road, Kano State, as the Kaduna division of the Court of Appeal, on December 18, 2017 upheld the judgment of the Kano State High Court which in 2012 convicted and sentenced him to 19 years in prison for fraud.

He looked dazed as Justice Bdlya Ibrahim all the issues raised in his defence were resolved against him, as they were dismissed for “lack of merit”. The implication being that they were resolved in favour of the EFCC.

He was prosecuted by the EFCC for offences bordering on Obtaining by False Pretence contrary to sections 1(1) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act, 2006 and section 371 of the Penal code law. He had pleaded “not guilty”.



Owoyele

Owoyele had obtained N27 million from Ashiru Gambo under the pretext that he had \$185,000 to “sell” to him, which he never did.

On June 20, 2012, Justice Dije Abdu Aboki of the Kano State High Court after going through the evidence presented in court by the prosecution through its 10 witnesses, found him “guilty” on the three count charge that was preferred against him and convicted him accordingly.

He was sentenced to 10 years in prison on count one, and seven years on count two, without option of fine. However, on count three, he was sentenced to two years with option of N300,000 fine. While the sentence in count one and two were to run concurrently, he was ordered to serve consecutive sentence for count three.



# DONE AND DUSTED!

*It was a night of music and camaraderie on December 28, 2017 as staff of the Commission ended the year with a well deserved dinner at Rockview Hotel, Abuja - an event which drew the year to a befitting conclusion.*

*Pictures below:*



Osita Nwajah, Director, Public Affairs addresses staff at the event



Cross-section of staff at the dinner



Dinner time!



Staff being treated to a variety of delicacies



Cross section of staff at the event





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