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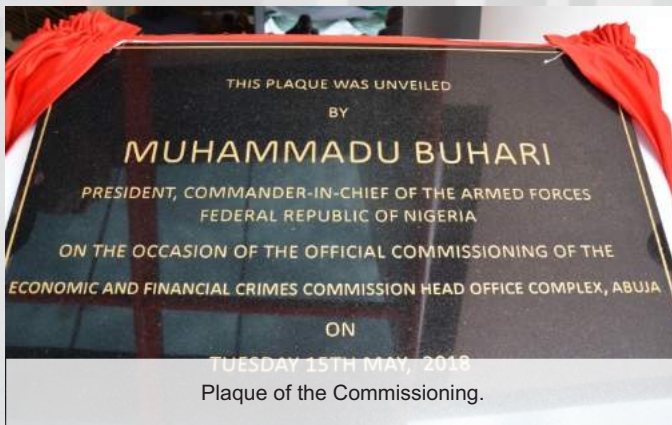
# A New Chapter Opens

On May 15, 2018 President Muhammadu Buhari opened a new chapter in the history of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, as he commissioned its new Head Office Complex along Jabi, Airport Road, Abuja. The epoch event had in attendance, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Hon. Yakubu Dogara; a former President of South Africa, Thabo Mbeki; Secretary General of the Commonwealth, Baroness Patricia Scotland; Godwin Emefiele, Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria; and the EFCC's acting Chairman, Ibrahim Magu, among other notable figures within and outside of Nigeria.



Aerial view of the new EFCC's Head Office Complex.

Below are images from the historic event:



Buhari being ushered in to the venue.



Buhari seated with Magu



L-R: Emefiele, Scotland, Mbeki, Buhari, and Magu.



L-R: Mbeki, Buhari, Magu, Dogara and Boss Mustapha, Secretary to the Government.



Buhari: "We're determined to hold public officers accountable, no matter how long it takes".



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Dogara: "It is time for us to look at the welfare package of the staff".



Mbeki: "It's important EFCC staff are looked after by empowering them, so they don't fall into temptations".



Scotland: "The edifice is unique in Africa".



Magu: "EFCC is ready to carry on with the fight in accordance with rule of law".



The Oba of Lagos, Rilwanu Akiolu, with Tony Elumelu, Chairman, Heirs Holdings



Lai Mohammed, Minister of Information and Culture.



Cross-section of military officers at the event.



Cross-section of Police officers at the event.



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Christian religious leaders at the event.



Traditional leaders at the event.



Cross-section of EFCC staff at the event.



Emmanuel Akomaye, former Secretary to the EFCC, along with other participants at the event.



Dr. Joe Okei-Odumakin, President, Women Arise, with other dignitaries at the event.



Buhari cuts the tape at the commissioning.



Buhari and other dignitaries being led on a tour of the building.



Femi Falana, SAN (2nd left), Prof. Femi Odekunle (2nd right) and Prof. Itse Sagay, Chairman, Presidential Advisory Committee Against Corruption.



## Engaging Students



It was yet another riveting engagement aimed at sensitizing young minds to enlist as anti-corruption crusaders, as the EFCC again took its enlightenment activities to Idia College, Benin City, Edo State, May 18.

Williams Oseghale, Head, Public Affairs Directorate, EFCC's Benin Office who addressed the students, charged them to shun all acts of misconduct, corruption as well as economic and financial crimes.

"The fight against corruption and the twin evil of economic and financial crimes requires the co-operation of all including that of young

persons and students who are the future leaders of our nation," he said.

He posited that rather than engage in such despicable acts as "yahoo yahoo", they should join hands with the EFCC in curbing the menace. He also charged them to uphold and spread the message of discipline, hardwork, integrity, probity and transparency in whatever they do and wherever they go.

Principal of the school, Mrs E.H. Ogbebor, commended the Commission for the initiative which she said would go a long way in reducing youth's involvement in economic and financial crimes.

## Tug of Corruption

Sector 1, Operation Delta Safe of the Nigerian Army handed over a Tugboat (MV Omar Success) and a Barge (EBIs 1) allegedly used for illegal oil bunkering to the EFCC, for further investigation and possible prosecution, May 3.

The Tugboat and the Barge were intercepted by men of Nigeria Army at a creek in Abadiama Community of Burutu Local government area of Delta State

following a tip off.

Speaking at the event, Maj. Y.J. Yunusa who represented the Commander, said 'the Tugboat and Barge were intercepted on February 1, 2018 while transloading suspected illegally refined Automotive Gas Oil'.

Richard Ogberagha, an operative of the EFCC received the exhibits on behalf of Milafia Yakubu, Head of Operations, Benin Office.



## ABUJA

## Anti-Corruption Chair

In an unprecedented move, the Heads of Anti-Corruption Agencies in Commonwealth Africa on May 18, rounded off its 8th Regional Conference with the appointment of Ibrahim Magu, acting EFCC Chairman, as its new chairman.

The development, places Nigeria on the forefront in championing the fight against corruption in Africa, and gives vent to the efforts of President Muhammadu Buhari, who was in Addis Ababa designated

Africa's Anti-Corruption Champion. Nigeria thus takes over from Malawi.

An elated Magu, while appreciating the trust and belief in Nigeria, commended the Malawi Anti-Corruption Agency for a job well done in the past year, and promised to keep the flag flying high.

"We promise to do our best to move the association to the next level," he said. "It is not a coincidence that Nigeria is taking the driver's seat at a time that President

Buhari is also chairing the African Union Commission on Anti-Corruption."

Uganda, which is slated to hold the 9th Regional Conference of Anti-Corruption Agencies in Commonwealth Africa next year, was appointed vice chair.



## Educational Challenge

The challenge has gone out to members of the academia to rise up to the challenges of the 21st century, and to nip in the bud, the rising cases of corruption in Nigeria's tertiary institutions.

Ibrahim Magu, acting EFCC Chairman, gave the charge at the closing event of the two-day retreat for National Universities Commission (NUC) Committee of Vice Chancellors and Pro Chancellors, which held at the NUC head office in Abuja, May 8 to 9, 2018.

"It is ironic that funds allocated for development and researches in the universities are diverted into private pockets by unruly kleptomaniacs," he

said.

He also described as unfortunate, a situation where "universities have been turned into contract awarding institutions without regards to rules and regulations attributed to procurement processes".

Speaking on the theme, "Elements of Statutory Governance, Procurement and Financial Accounting in Nigeria Universities", Magu stressed that the EFCC remained resilient in the fight against corruption.

"We at EFCC are passionate towards engendering accountability and transparency through our proactive

mechanism of checkmating corruption and we will remain antagonistic against fraud and every form of corruption in our institutions," he said.



## PORT HARCOURT

### Fake Oil Sellers

Three men are currently cooling their heels at the detention facility of the EFCC's Port Harcourt office, while investigations are rounded off in their roles for allegedly defrauding a Ghanaian of N20million in a fake crude oil sale transaction.

The suspects, Otuma Firstborn, Stephen Okonkwo and Aniekan Udoh, presented themselves as genuine crude oil sellers from the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation, NNPC petitioner to Solomon Lamptey, the Ghanaian.

Firstborn received an initial \$1,800 from Lamptey and an additional N500,000 for "Notice of Readiness for two vessels" - MT Skamandras and MT Toledo Spirit. The vessels were to deliver the crude oil to Lamptey in Ghana. He further made a payment of \$56,000 as logistics to move the vessels from Nigeria to Ghana.

On his part, Okonkwo allegedly used his company, Rextronics Nigeria Limited to collect N13million out of the money Lamptey paid for the supposed crude oil. Udoh also took his own share of the

money. Some documents purportedly issued by NNPC were handed over to Lamptey, including, Notice of Readiness (NOR); Authority to Board Vessel (ATB), Sales Purchase Agreement. All the documents were counterfeits.



## LAGOS

### Shaggy Appeal

Judicial rascality! That was how Justice Oluremi Oguntoyinbo of the Federal High Court, Lagos described issues raised by Bola Shagaya, a businesswoman, challenging the interim order placed on some properties traced to her, believed by the EFCC to be proceeds of crime.

On December 29, 2016, the EFCC secured an order of Justice Muslim Hassan to freeze a Unity Bank account

with a balance of N1,902,673,399.93 belonging to Shagaya.

Shagaya is alleged to have paid N1,212,000,000 to Patience Jonathan, former Nigerian First Lady through her "Women for Change Initiative" account domiciled in Diamond Bank, to which the former Patience was the sole signatory.

She was seeking a declaration that she has the right to own movable properties as guaranteed by Section 44(1) & (1c) of the 1999 Constitution.

However, Justice Oguntoyinbo dismissed the application and held that an interim order of the account of the applicant or forfeiture of her account pending investigation and prosecution did not violate her right to fair hearing



Bola Shagaya

Patience Jonathan



# Fresh Fighters

On May 11, 2018 the EFCC graduated 314 cadets of the Detective Superintendent Course 7, at the Nigerian Defence Academy Parade Ground, Ribadu Campus, Kaduna. The colourful passing-out-parade was the climax of 13 months of rigorous training to avail the officers with the necessary skills of law enforcement.



Ibrahim Magu, acting EFCC Chairman at the parade ground



Inspector General of Police, Ibrahim Idris, with Magu and other dignitaries at the event.



Captivating array of the cadets on parade



Cadets taking part in the march- past



Group photo of Cadets and dignitaries at the event



# *Partnering Towards Assets Recovery and Return*

The 8th Annual General Meeting and Conference of the Heads of Anti-Corruption Agencies in Commonwealth Africa, was hosted by Nigeria, May 14 - 18, 2018 and spearheaded by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC. It was declared open by Vice President Yemi Osinbajo. In attendance were notable dignitaries including, Secretary General of the Commonwealth, Baroness Patricia Scotland; a former President of South Africa, Thabo Mbeki; former Heads of State, Gen. Yakubu Gowon (retd) and Gen. Abdulsalami Abubakar (retd); Chief Justice of Nigeria, Chief Justice of Nigeria, Walter Onnoghen; Nobel Laureate, Prof. Wole Soyinka; and Ibrahim Magu, acting EFCC Chairman, among others.

Below are photos from the event:



Vice President Osinbajo being welcomed to the event by Magu.



Magu ushers in Gowon to the event.



L-R: Soyinka, Gowon, Onnoghen, Scotland, Osinbajo, Magu, Mbeki and Abdulsalami.



Osinbajo: "We must work hard to build cooperation and mutual understanding".



Scotland: "Nigeria will get its [stolen] money back".



Soyinka: "Our leaders must pass through the jail doors of the new EFCC headquarters".



## *Partnering Towards Assets Recovery and Return*



Abdulsalami: "EFCC deserves commendation".



Mbeki: "Africa must partner to ensure recovery of stolen assets".



Gowon: "Our leaders must be honest with themselves".



Cross-section of dignitaries at the event.



Cross-section of military officers at the event.



Cross-section of officers at the event.



Cross-section of EFCC officers at the event.



Cross-section of foreign dignitaries at the event.



## *Partnering Towards Assets Recovery and Return*



Cross-section of African delegates at the event.



Cross-section of delegates from Cameroon.



Hon. Kayode Oladele; Emmanuel Aremo, Secretary to the EFCC, and Farida Waziri, a former EFCC Chairman.



Senator Chukwuka Utazi, along with participants at the event.



Exhibition of fake currencies displayed at the event.



Fake materials as part of exhibits displayed at the event.



Fake charms exhibited at the event.



Some publications of the EFCC showcased at the event.





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is the duty of every citizen.  
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