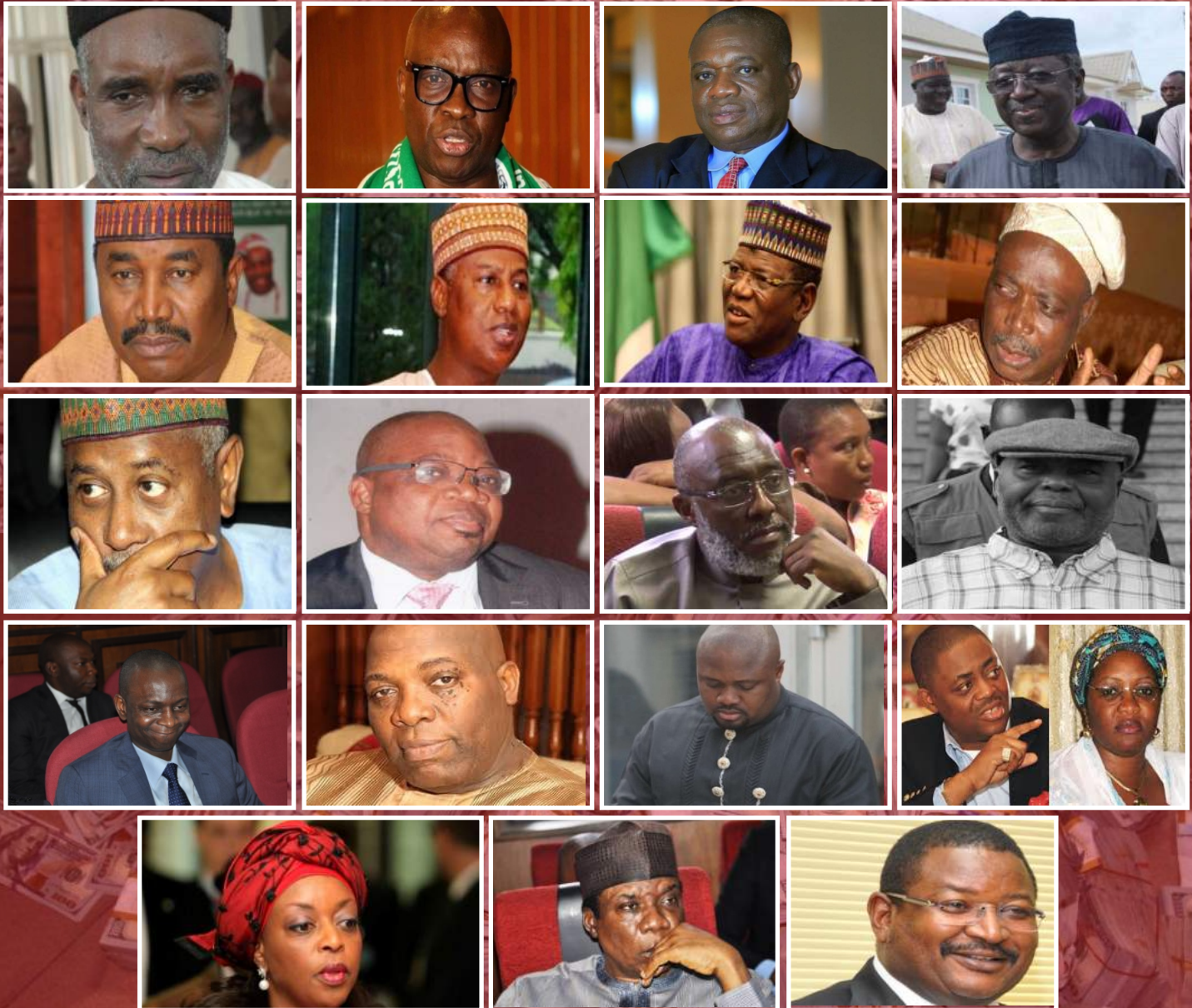


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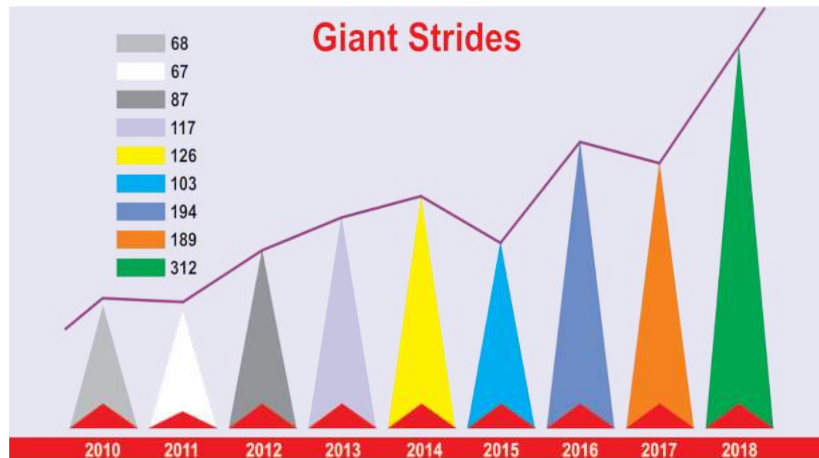
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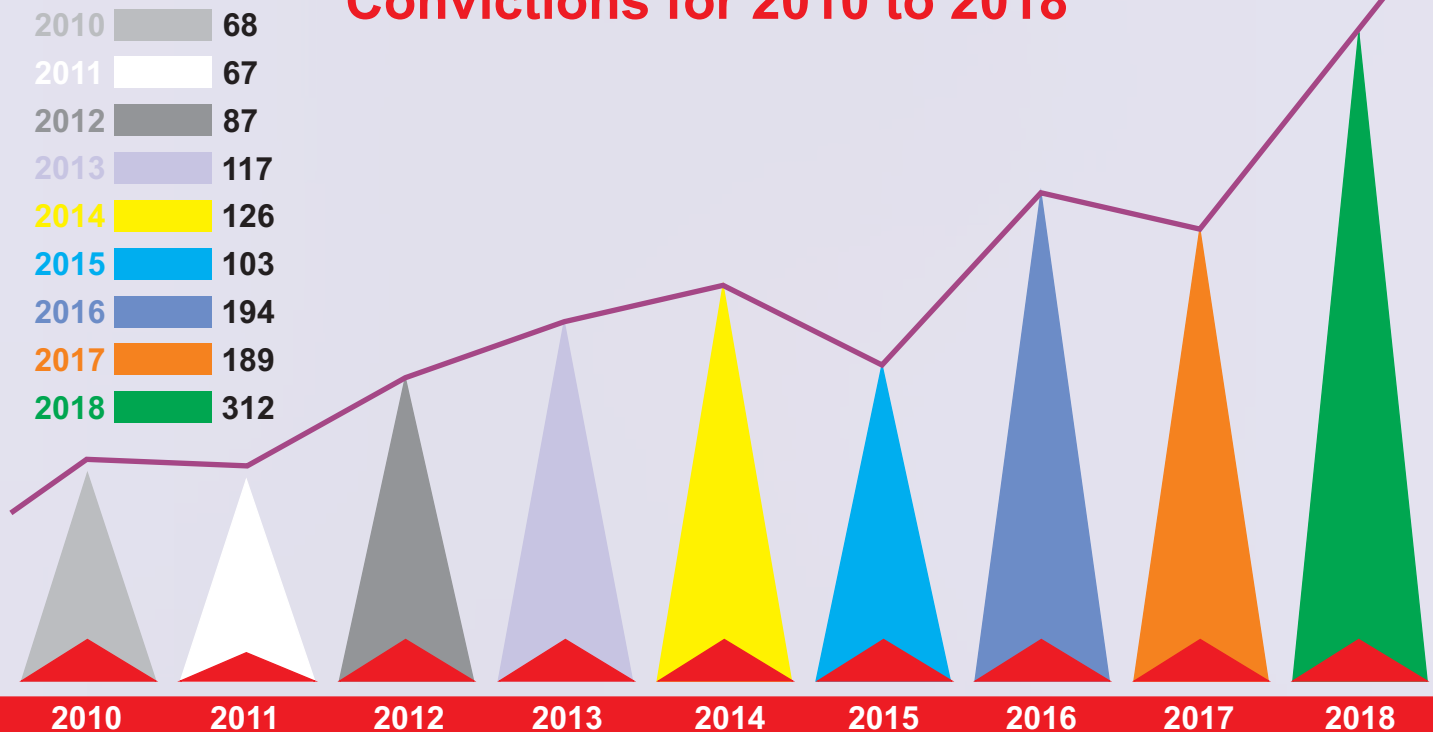


# A Quantum Leap

*The EFCC raises the ante in criminal prosecution, securing 312 convictions in 2018, including that of Politically Exposed Persons, PEPs*

By SEGUN ADEOYE

## Convictions for 2010 to 2018



Indeed, slowly, but steadily, the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has no doubt changed the narrative of criminal prosecution, and altered the general perception in Nigeria that some persons, especially Politically Exposed Persons, PEPs, are above the Law. The cliché that the Nigerian Law is too weak to “catch” the strong and too strong to “catch” only the weak has also been literally demystified.

And, in a clime, where conviction returns for many law enforcement agencies have been meagre and miserly, the EFCC has continued to up the ante in criminal prosecution in Nigeria, as it secures 312 convictions in 2018.

With hindsight of the 189 convictions recorded in 2017, the quantum leap in the 2018 record, to any keen and perspective observer, is a firm indicator of progress. Moreover, between 2010 and 2018 the

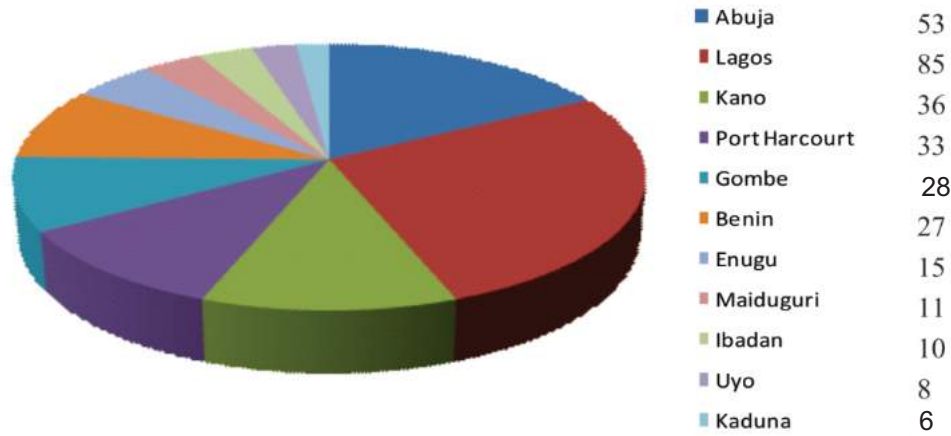
EFCC has now secured 1,263 convictions.

From what could well be described as a humble beginning of 68 convictions in 2010, to 67 recorded in 2011, the Commission revved it up to 87, 117 and 126 in 2012, 2013 and 2014 respectively. There was a drop in 2015, with 103 convictions secured. However, 2016 witnessed an improved showing, with 194 convictions. Yet another drop was witnessed in 2017 as it fell short by five, to stay at 189 convictions. The remarkable conviction record of 2018 may well be described as “a significant upsurge”, which has no doubt placed the EFCC on the pedestal of a pacesetter.

The agency also made a strong showing in the 2018 record of concluded financial crimes and corruption cases compiled by the National Judicial Council's Corruption and Financial Cases Trial Monitoring Committee, COTRIMCO. Out of 297 cases compiled by the Committee being prosecuted by law enforcement agencies in the country, the

EFCC proved itself as the agency to reckon with, with a total of 175 cases being prosecuted by it, with 13 listed for the Independent Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Commission, ICPC. The EFCC and the ICPC are the leading anti-corruption agencies in Nigeria. Perhaps, what is most remarkable in 2018, is the conviction of the seemingly untouchables in the society.

Ibrahim Magu, acting EFCC Chairman, says the Commission is committed to intensifying its efforts in order to ensure that it secures more convictions in 2019. “With 312 convictions in 2018, we are strategizing to redouble our efforts in 2019, as part of our concerted efforts aimed at ensuring that the negative narrative of pervasive corruption in the system is changed for the better, and the perception that some persons are above the law, remains altered,” he says. Magu stresses that the EFCC “shall continue to rid the country of economic



and financial crimes and effectively coordinate the domestic efforts of the global fight against money laundering and terrorism financing".

"We remain committed to carrying out our mandate in conformity with best international practice within the confine of the Rule of Law," he adds.

Sending a stern warning to corrupt persons in the society, he says, "Those who stole our commonwealth should know that there is no hiding place for them. A high tension searchlight is being beamed on them; it is in their interest to surrender because the game is up."

Here is a cursory look at some of the convictions secured across the various zones of the EFCC:

## ABUJA

The Abuja Office of the EFCC prides itself of securing 53 convictions in 2018. But, more significantly is that it includes the conviction of two Politically Exposed Persons, PEPs – Jolly Nyame, a former governor of Taraba State and Joshua Dariye, a serving Senator and a former governor of Plateau State. Their corrections sent out strong signal that it was no longer business as usual as far as EFCC was concerned

### Nyame

Nyame's trial before Justice Adebukola Banjoko of a Federal Capital Territory, FCT High Court, Gudu, was one of the oldest cases involving a former state governor. He was accused of misappropriating about N1.64 billion meant for his state during his tenure between 1999 and 2007. His "no-case" submission was dismissed by the trial

judge for lacking in merit, and he was required to defend himself. The end finally came for the 11-year-old trial on May 30, 2018 when Justice Banjoko handed down a 14-year jail sentence to him for criminal breach of trust, two years for criminal misappropriation, seven for gratification, and five for obtaining by dishonesty, all to run concurrently.

In a bid to overturn the decision of the Court, Nyame had approached the Court of Appeal. Sadly, for him, he lost, and instead, incurred the wrath of the two-man panel of justices that sat on his appeal, comprising Justices Abdul Aboki and Emmanuel Agim who on November 16, 2018 upheld his conviction. While reducing his 14-year jail to 12 years "for being a first-time offender", they fined him, N100 million each on count one, two and six, N50 million on count eight, N20 million each on counts 10, 12 and 14; N10 million each on counts 16, 18, 20, 27, 30, 31 and 32, and N5 million on count 36; from two years to one year nine months, and from five years to four years.

### Dariye

On June 12, 2018, Justice Banjoko, before whom Dariye had been standing trial since

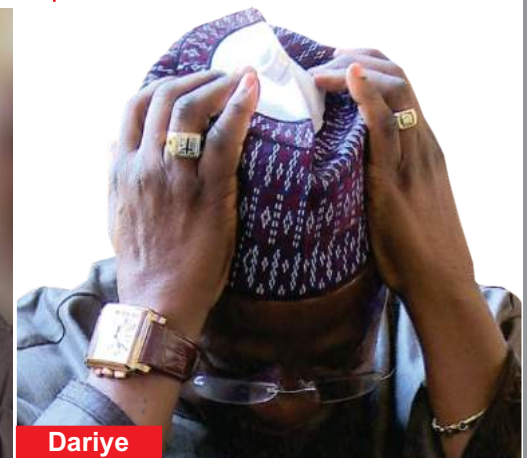
2007 found him guilty of 15 out of the 23-count amended charge bordering on criminal breach of trust and misappropriation of public funds. He was sentenced to 14 years in prison for criminal breach of trust and two years for misappropriation of public funds, to run concurrently. The EFCC called 14 witnesses who testified against him and presented several documents including cheque slips from Barclays Bank in the UK. Dariye, unlike Nyame, never took to the dock to defend himself.

Investigation and subsequent trial of Dariye, was instigated by a request from the United Kingdom, UK Metropolitan Police in 2004, which accused him of money laundering activities.

Some respite came the way of Dariye, on November 16, 2018 as the three-man panel of justices – Justices Abdul Aboki, Stephen Adah and Atinuke Komolafe-Wilson, of the Court of Appeal, who sat on his appeal, while upholding his conviction, reviewed his jail term downwards from 14 to 10 years, because "the lower court ought to have given consideration to the fact that Dariye was a first-time offender". They upheld forfeiture order of assets seized from him.



Nyame



Dariye

## LAGOS

The Lagos Office of the EFCC recorded 85 convictions in 2018, notably including that of a Senior Advocate of Nigeria, who was prosecuted for perverting the course of justice by sending money to the trial judge, and other judicial officials, in a bid to influence the direction of his cases before a Federal High Court. Several other cases involving bank fraud, advance fee fraud and cyber crime, also yielded convictions.

### Joseph Nwobike

On April 30, 2018 Justice Raliat Adebisi of the Lagos State High Court, Ikeja, found Nwobike guilty of 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 agency twice amended the charges based on new 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



Joseph Nwobike



Emmanuel Morah and George Ogbonna

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.

### Emmanuel Morah and George Ogbonna

On January 26, 2018 the oil marketers were convicted by Justice Lateefa Okunnu of a Lagos State High Court, on a 26-count amended charge bordering on conspiracy, obtaining by false pretence and forgery to the tune of N789.6 million. They were sentenced to eight years in prison along with their company Rocky Energy Limited, and ordered to return to the federal government, monies collected as subsidy. They purportedly imported 10,862 metric tonnes of Premium Motor Spirit, for which they received money from the Petroleum Support Fund. They lost their appeal against the conviction as the Lagos Division of the Court of Appeal, on October 25, 2018, upheld the decision of the lower court.



Haytham Aldahrah



Abubakar Ishaq

was arrested by operatives of the Nigerian Drug Law Enforcement Agency for being in possession of 176 fake dollar bills, and was handed over to the EFCC for investigation and prosecution. He was subsequently arraigned before Justice Allagoa on a two-count charge, to which he pleaded "guilty". The trial judge sentenced him to five years in prison on each of the counts to run concurrently, and ordered that the fake dollar bills be destroyed.

## KANO

The Kano Office of the EFCC recorded 36 convictions in 2018, cutting across money laundering offences to advance fee fraud.

### Haytham Aldahrah

On October 19, 2018 Aldahrah, a Lebanese was convicted by Justice Lewis Allagoa of a Federal High Court, Kano, for money laundering offence, involving \$105,000 and €65,000. He had decidedly failed to declare the sums of money to operatives of the Nigeria Customs

Service, who later handed him over to the EFCC for investigation and prosecution. He had pleaded "not guilty" to the two-count charge brought against him on October 16, 2018 but later changed his plea to "guilty" on October 18, 2018.

Based on his conviction, the trial judge convicted him of the offence and ordered that he forfeit 50 per cent of the undeclared sum to the federal government.

### Abubakar Ishaq

Fondly referred to as Mai-Rakuwa, the renowned spiritualist was prosecuted for possessing counterfeit currency notes. He

## PORT HARCOURT

The Port Harcourt Office of the EFCC recorded 33 convictions in 2018, mostly offences bordering on illegal oil bunkering. About N1.6 billion, \$678,354.80 and €5,225 were also recovered. A total of 283 trucks, 17 oil vessels, nine barges and two wooden boats were confiscated. A number of cases involving fraud in the Niger Delta Development Commission are ongoing.



## Mohammed Mustapha

The EFCC arraigned Mustapha on a one-count charge for illegally refining 600 litres of kerosene, "without lawful authority and appropriate licence", an offence contrary to Section 4(1) of the Petroleum Act. Justice Liman Abubakar of a Federal High Court, Rivers State, convicted him accordingly, as he pleaded "guilty" to the charge. He was sentenced to two years in prison, with an option of N2,000 as fine.



## GOMBE

The Gombe Office of the EFCC secured 28 convictions in 2018, on a number of fraud cases.

### Muhammed Haladu

Haladu was brought before Justice Abubakar Jauro of the Gombe State High Court, for impersonating an EFCC operative to defraud a businessman, Ayuba Pyokdom of N100,000, in the guise that he will help "kill" an investigation into an alleged petition against him, which however turned out to be false. He was convicted on December 20, 2018 on a one-count charge of "cheating", and sentenced to one year in prison, with an option of N20,000 as fine.

### Danladi Joshua

Joshua was arraigned on April 11, 2018 before Justice Beatrice Iliya of the Gombe State High Court, on a two-count charge bordering on criminal breach of trust and theft.

He allegedly used a sort code of one of the new generation banks and mobile number of Edna Ishaya, to defraud her of N843,000 without her knowledge and consent.

He pleaded "guilty" to the charge and was convicted accordingly, and sentenced to three years in prison on each of the count, with an option of N50,000 as fine on each count. He was also ordered to refund the money to his victim.



**Muhammed Haladu**



**Danladi Joshua**

## MAIDUGURI

The Maiduguri Office of the EFCC secured 11 convictions in 2018.

### Aminu Abubakar Sadiq

On December 12, 2018, Justice A.B. Kumaliya of the Borno State High Court, Maiduguri, convicted Sadiq for a

N864,000 fraud, after he was accused of deceiving his victim in a job scam involving the Federal Inland Revenue Service.

He pleaded "guilty" to the charge and was sentenced to one year in prison with an option of fine in the sum of N100,000.



**Aminu Abubakar Sadiq**

## BENIN

The Benin Office of the EFCC recorded 27 convictions in 2018. Many of the cases bordered on advance fee fraud and other related offences.

### Oluwalusi Kikelomo

Justice M.G. Umar of a Federal High Court, Benin, convicted Kikelomo on a one-count charge of "stealing and obtaining by false pretence", after she pleaded "guilty" to the charge. She was alleged to have as branch manager of O-FAGE Enterprise Nigeria Ltd, in Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State, "fraudulently convert N12,268,200 being proceeds from sale of goods belonging to your employer". She was sentenced to six months in prison, and all assets recovered from her were ordered forfeited to the company.

### Ezean Chukwuebukai

Chukwuebukai was sentenced to two months in prison for fraudulently obtaining N168,000 from Okosun Christiana. He pleaded "guilty" to the charge and was sentenced to two months in prison, and ordered to refund the money.



**Oluwalusi Kikelomo**



**Ezean Chukwuebukai**

## ENUGU

The Enugu Office of the EFCC recorded 15 convictions in 2018.

### Chimankpa Nwakuna

On June 7, 2018 Justice Lewis Allagoa, then at the Federal High Court, Owerri, convicted Nwakuna on a three-

count charge bordering on possession of counterfeit currency. He was arrested in January 2016 by operatives of Department of State Services, Imo State Command acting on a tip-off that he was a member of a syndicate that specializes in circulation of fake currency notes. He was handed over to the EFCC for prosecution. He changed his "guilty" plea to "not guilty", necessitating the commencement of his trial.

The trial judge later found him guilty of the charges and sentenced him to two years in prison on each count to run concurrently from January 13, 2016.



**Chimankpa Nwakuna**

## IBADAN

The Ibadan Office of the EFCC secured 10 convictions in 2018.

### Gafar Saka

Saka was convicted for “obtaining money under false pretence”, after defrauding Bamidele Adebisi and Mrs. Adeola Adebisi through Olorunfemi Isaac, under the false pretence that the money represented payment for a plot of land at Plot 9, Block B, behind African Church Grammar School, Apata Ganga, Ido Local Government Area, Ibadan, Oyo State. He pleaded “guilty” and was sentenced to one year in prison.



Gafar Saka

## KADUNA

The Kaduna Office of the EFCC secured six convictions in 2018.

### Aliyu Ibrahim, Isiyaka Mohammed, Tukur Aliyu

Justice Z.B. Abubakar of a Federal High Court, Kaduna, on October 11, 2018 convicted them for selling a car to their victim through their company, Marhaba Motors Nigeria Limited, at the cost of N1,320,000 using fake vehicle documents.

They later changed their “not guilty” plea to “guilty” and were sentenced to five years in prison on each of the counts, with an option of N50,000 as fine.



## UYO

The Uyo Office of the EFCC secured eight convictions in 2018.

### Suleiman Adamu and Ibrahim Usman

Justice F.O. Riman of the Federal High Court, Uyo, Akwa Ibom, on November 9, 2018 sentenced Adamu and Usman to one year in prison for “illegally conveying petroleum product without proper licensing”.

They were arrested by officers of the Nigerian Army, on April 11, 2018 at a military checkpoint in Abak Local Government Area, and handed over to the EFCC for investigation and prosecution. They were caught with of 190 large cellophane bags of the illegally acquired product, loaded in a truck. They pleaded “guilty” to the charge, and were sentenced to one year in prison with an option of N20,000 as fine.



Ibrahim Usman

Suleiman Adamu

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# 2019: Faces to Watch

*It is no longer business as usual as the EFCC intensifies the heat on the seemingly high-and-mighty who dipped their hands in the till*

By JIDE ILUPEJU

**F**or the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, the year 2018, no doubt, ended on a very high note with 312 convictions secured including that of two former governors –

Joshua Dariye of Plateau State, and Jolly Nyame of Taraba State, both of whom are serving jail terms of 10 and 12 years, respectively.

A Senior Advocate of Nigeria, Joseph Nwobike (who has been stripped of his SANship) also

entered the conviction record of the EFCC, for attempting to pervert the course of justice.

Below is a focus on some of the other cases and faces to watch out for in 2019:



Murtala Nyako



Ayodele Fayose



Orji Uzor Kalu



Jonah Jang

## NEMESIS OF THEIR EXECUTHIEVES

The EFCC has remained the nemesis of public officers, particularly former governors culpable in the diversion and misappropriation of state funds

### Murtala Nyako

More than 40 documents have so far been tendered against the former Adamawa governor, his son, Abdul-Aziz, Zulkifik Abba, and Abubakar Aliyu, who are facing a N29 billion fraud trial before Justice Okon Abang of a Federal High Court, Abuja, along with five companies, Blue Opal Limited, Sebore Farms & Extension Limited, Pagoda Fortunes Limited, Tower Assets Management Limited and Crust Energy Limited.

An EFCC detective, Adekunle Odojin, testifying as the prosecution witness on November 29, 2018 narrated how Nyako through cronies, diverted about N1.8 billion from the state account using the companies.

They are expected back in court on February 25.

### Ayodele Fayose

The EFCC through its counsel, Rotimi

Jacobs, SAN, presented its first witness, Lawrence Akande, on November 19, 2018, a banker who testified against the former Ekiti State governor as to how about N1.2 billion cash was moved to Akure, the Ondo State capital in the build-up to the 2015 general elections.

Fayose, who is facing a N2.2 billion 11-count charge of fraud and money laundering, is standing trial along with Spotless Investment Limited, before Justice Mojisola Olatoregun of the Federal High Court Ikoyi, Lagos. He is expected back in court on February 4, 5 and 6.

### Orji Uzor Kalu

Kalu was first arraigned in 2007. The EFCC amended the charges against the former Abia State governor from 34 to 39 counts, increasing money involved from N3.2 billion to N7.6 billion.

Justice Mohammed Idris of a Federal High Court, Lagos, who is now a Justice of the Court of Appeal, on January 23, when Kalu was

to open his defence, said he had no “fresh fiat” from Justice Zainab Bulkachuwa, President of the Court of Appeal to continue with the case and “as soon as I receive further instruction, hearing notice will be sent to counsel”.

In view of the development the case was adjourned indefinitely.

### Jonah Jang

For about two years, the EFCC investigated the former Plateau State governor, based on a petition alleging fraudulent transfers of money from the state coffers.

He is alleged to have been complicit in the diversion of about N2 billion special intervention funds released by the Central Bank of Nigeria for small and medium enterprises in the state.

He is standing trial for an alleged N6.3 billion fraud along with Yusuf Pam, and they are expected back on March 5 at the Plateau



**Ibrahim Shema**

State High Court before Justice Daniel Longji.

#### **Ibrahim Shema**

The former Katsina governor is standing trial before Justice Makaita Bako of a Katsina State High Court, along with Ibrahim Dankaba, Sani Makana and Ahmed Safana for allegedly embezzling N11 billion from the state coffers.

The EFCC has presented a number of documents tendered in evidence through witnesses. In the course of the trial, Dakamba challenged the voluntariness of his statement. This has necessitated a “trial-within-trial” which continues on January 23 and 24.

#### **Rasheed Ladoja**

The EFCC re-arraigned the former Oyo State governor on November 5, 2018 along with Waheed Akanbi before Justice

**Rasheed Ladoja**

Idris on an amended 11-count charge of money laundering and unlawful conversion of public funds, to the tune of N4.7 billion.

The end finally came to the 12-year-old trial on January 21, with the trial judge commending both parties for ensuring that the case “has been finally concluded”. Judgement has been reserved for a later date.

#### **Sule Lamido**

The former Jigawa State governor was re-arraigned before Justice Ijeoma Ojukwu of a Federal High Court Abuja on October 24, 2018 on an amended 43-count charge bordering on money laundering.

Following the compulsory retirement of Justice Adeniyi Ademola, the case was transferred to Justice Babatunde Quadri before subsequently being transferred to Justice Ojukwu. He is alleged to have in connivance with his sons – Aminu and Mustapha, Aminu Wada Abubakar, Bamaina Holdings Limited and Speeds International

**Sule Lamido**

Limited, defrauded the state of about N1.35 billion.

They are expected back in court on February 25 and 26.

#### **Usman Dakingari**

The former Kebbi State governor is alleged to have connived with Rabim Kamba, a former Secretary to the State Government, and Ambassador Sunday Dogonyaro to take possession of N450 million being part of the \$115 million largesse “shared” by Diezani Alison-Madueke, a former Minister of Petroleum Resources, which was said to have been deployed to influence the outcome of the 2015 presidential election.

They were arraigned on December 10, 2018 before Justice Simone Amobeda of a Federal High Court, Kebbi, and are expected back in court on February 6 and 7 for commencement of their trial.

**Usman Dakingari**

## **ARMSGATE**

**Various individuals linked to the now infamous \$2.1 billion arms deal scandal and who allegedly dipped their fingers in the security votes of the nation in the run-up to the 2015 general elections have continued to feel the heat**

**Sambo Dasuki**

#### **Sambo Dasuki**

The former National Security Adviser, who is at the centre of the \$2.1 billion arms deal scandal, has had a long time in court owing to his detention by the Department of State Services, DSS, which has seen him been absent in Court. In spite of the delay this has occasioned, the EFCC remains focused in prosecuting him before Justice Hussein Baba-Yusuf of a Federal High Court, Maitama, as his trial continues on January 26.

**Jonah Otunla**

#### **Jonah Otunla**

The former Accountant General of the Federation has been evading arraignment before Justice Nnamdi Dimgba of a Federal High Court, Abuja, since the EFCC filed money laundering charges against him in 2007. He is standing trial along with Gold Reef Industries Limited, Lambster Nigeria Limited, G.C. Electronic Limited, Sinmilak Nigeria Limited, Shepherd Field Global Resources Limited and Stellavera

**Olisa Metuh**

Development Company Limited, for their roles in the “illegal” diversion of N2 billion from the Office of the National Security Adviser under Lt. Col. Sambo Dasuki (retd), between June and August 2013. He is expected in court on February 7.

#### **Olisa Metuh**

The N400 million fraud trial of the former Spokesperson of the PDP before Justice Okon Abang of a Federal High Court, Abuja, has been filled with dramatic

**Raymond Dokpesi**

**Robert Azibaola**

incidents with Metuh being brought to court in a stretcher, neck collar, wheel chair, crutches and at a point falling to the ground in the courtroom.

Justice Abang has however seen through all his theatrics. The EFCC has also had to express concerns over the manner of his evidence, noting that he has brought frivolities to a case which “only evidence germane to the matter” was necessary.

“All we are hearing here are just stories that are not related to the matter,” said Sylvanus Tahir, EFCC lawyer. His trial continues on February 25 and 26.

#### **Raymond Dokpesi**

The pioneer Chairman of DAAR Communications Plc has been ordered by Justice John Tsoho of a Federal High Court, Abuja to open his defence on February 20. The trial judge had on November 21, 2018 dismissed his “no-case” submission, stressing that Dokpesi’s claim that he had no case to answer in the N2.1 billion fraud case brought against him was a false claim.

#### **Robert Azibaola**

The cousin to former president, Goodluck Jonathan, opened his defence on October 16, 2018 after Justice Dimgba dismissed his “no-case submission” in part, striking

**Doyin Okupe**

out two out of the nine counts initially preferred against him by the EFCC.

The EFCC closed its case against him on January 23, 2017. He is expected back in court on February 5 and 6.

#### **Haliru Bello**

The former Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, is standing trial before Justice A.R. Mohammed of the Federal High Court, Abuja, along with his son, Bello, for allegedly receiving N300 million from the office of the National Security Adviser. Their trial continues on February 21.

#### **Doyin Okupe**

Okupe, a former Senior Special Assistant on Public Affairs to Jonathan, joins the growing list of persons being prosecuted for their various roles in the \$2.1 billion arms deal scandal. Fifty-nine charges have already been drafted against him to which he pleaded “not guilty” to, when he was brought before Justice Ijeoma Ojukwu, on January 14. He is expected back on February 27 and 28.

#### **Waripamo-Owei Dudafa**

The ex-aide to Jonathan was re-arraigned for an alleged N1.6 billion fraud before Justice Mohammed Idris on November 16, 2018 in the N2.1 billion fraud case brought against him.

**Waripamo-Owei Dudafa**

He is being tried along with Joseph Iwuejo on a 23-count charge before Justice Idris. On January 22, Dudafa closed his defence. Adoption of final written addresses has been fixed for February 25.

#### **Nenadi Usman & Femi Fani-Kayode**

A prosecution witness, Sheelis Gana, on March 1, 2018 testified against Usman, a former Minister of Finance, and Fani-Kayode, a former Minister of Culture and Tourism who are both facing a N4.9 billion fraud case before Justice Rilwan Aikawa of a Federal High Court, Lagos.

They are both being tried for a 17-count charge, along with Danjuma Yusuf and a company – Joint Trust Dimensions Nigeria Limited. The case is ongoing.

Fani-Kayode is also standing trial for a N26 million fraud before Justice John Tsoho of a Federal High Court Abuja.

#### **Alex Badeh**

The former Chief of Defence Staff, who was killed along the Keffi-Abuja Road, on December 18, 2018 was expected to open his defence on January 16, before Justice Abang, who has now fixed February 26 to decide on direction the case will go. The EFCC closed its case against him on October 23, 2018 in the N3.9 billion fraud case.

**Femi Fani-Kayode****Nenadi Usman****Alex Badeh**



## OIL SECTOR FRAUD

**Cleansing the filth in the oil and gas sector has remained a herculean task, but the EFCC is undaunted**



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### **Diezani Alison-Madueke and Jide Omokore**

The former Minister of Petroleum Resources, and former Chairman, Atlantic Energy Drilling Company are expected to be arraigned before Justice Valentine Ashi of the FCT High Court, Apo on February 25. The Judge had on December 3, 2018, granted the EFCC leave to arraign them for offences bordering on conspiracy and illegal act of accepting and giving gratifications.

Meanwhile, Omokore is also expected to stand before Justice Dimgba in continuation of his trial for an alleged \$1.6 billion procurement fraud involving some officials of the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation, NNPC, on February 5.

### **Andrew Yakubu**

The EFCC closed its case against the former Group Managing Director of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation, NNPC, in a six-count money laundering charge

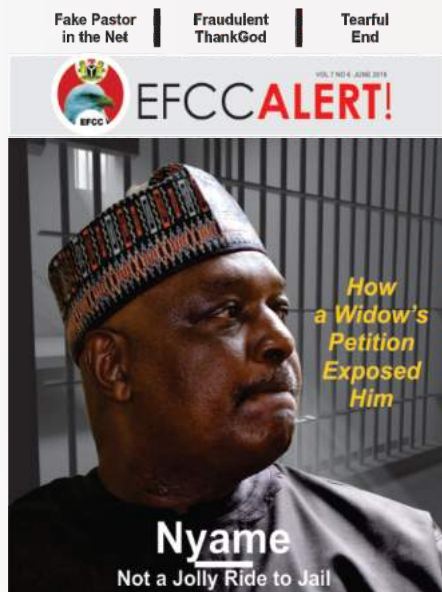
brought against him.

A prosecution witness, Sambo Maina, had testified to how Yakubu concealed the sum of \$9,772,800 at an apartment in a rustic community in Kaduna State, from the Asset Declaration form he filled at the EFCC. He also failed to declare 74,000 pounds sterling in the form.

He filed a “no-case” submission on November 6, 2018. Justice A.R. Mohammed of the Federal High Court, Abuja has fixed March 27, for “adoption of written addresses”. ■

## From The Shelves

**The June 2018 edition of EFCCALERT!**



**T**he climax to the end of the 11-year-old trial of a former governor of Taraba State, Jolly Nyame, was the focus of the edition. It depicted Nyame's trial as a not so jolly ride to jail for the Reverend gentleman, and chronicled all the twists and turns that the decade old trial witnessed.

In what was an exclusive report, the edition chronicled how nemesis caught up with Nyame through a petition to the EFCC by a widow, on a totally different issue not directly related to him; his volte-face in the courtroom despite the

weight of evidence against him, including his own statement to the EFCC during investigations, and testimonies by the 14 witnesses presented by the EFCC; and how Justice Adebukola Banjoko of a Federal Capital Territory High Court, Gudu, saw through the veil and subsequently convicted him and sentenced him to 14 years in jail (later reduced to 12 years by the Court of Appeal).

The edition also showcased photos from the EFCC's Children's Day Celebration of May 28, 2018. ■



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