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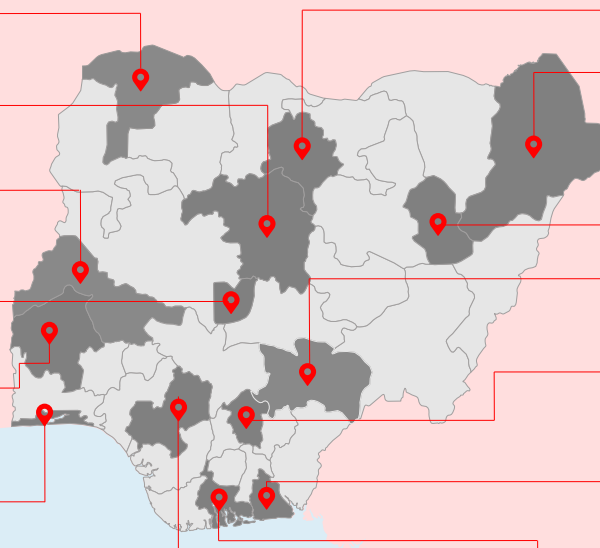
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# Waxing Stronger at 16

*Sixteen years on, the EFCC continues to raise the bar among law enforcement agencies, setting the pace in record of convictions, and assets seized from the corrupt*

BY SEGUN ADEOYE

It was a seed that was sown on Thursday, April 10, 2003, which has now undoubtedly, grown to an Iroko tree, with its impact felt far and wide – within and beyond the shores of Nigeria. That day, the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC was established to champion the anti-corruption crusade.

Not many gave the EFCC the slimmest of chances to thrive and succeed. However, 16 years on, the anti-graft agency has remained a shining light, as it continues to champion the anti-corruption crusade in Nigeria, proving the critics wrong.

Far back in 2005 the EFCC had positioned itself as a pacesetter, when it secured its first major conviction, that of Emmanuel Nwude, who in connivance with Amaka Anajemba, Emmanuel Ofolue, Nzeribe Okoli, and Obum Osakwe, defrauded a Brazilian bank in Sao Paulo, in a \$242 million heist. They had defrauded Nelson Sakagushi, a Director of Brazil's Banco Noroeste, into a phantom investment in a new airport in Abuja, in exchange of a \$10 million commission.

The achievement sent waves around the globe as the world began to take notice of the agency. Despite this, many thought it was merely going to be a flash in the pan; but how wrong they have been, as the anti-graft agency has continued to blaze the trail.



Nwude, Okoli and Anajemba in 2005

The EFCC was also instrumental in the removal of Nigeria from the Financial Action Task Forces' list of Non-Cooperative Countries and Territories.



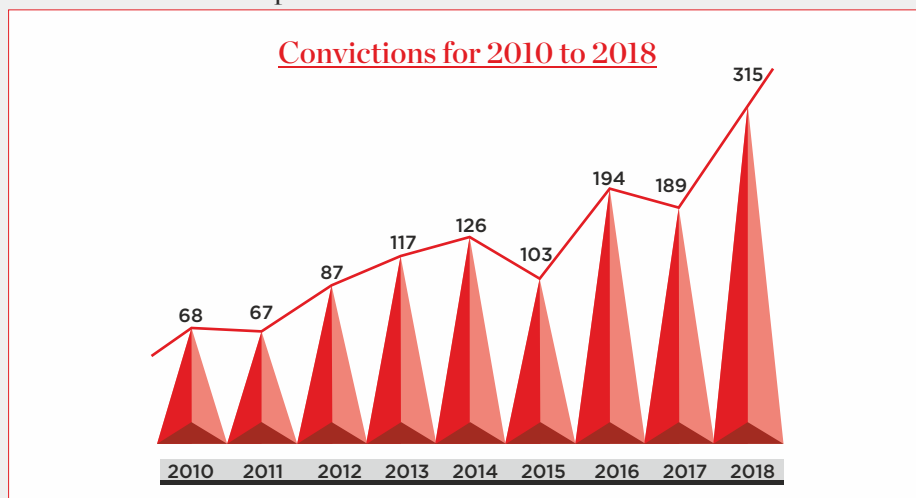
President Buhari commissioning EFCC's new Head Office Complex, May 15, 2018



Below are milestones that characterize the agency's existence and impact in the last 16 years:

### CONVICTIONS

The Commission has garnered more than 1,500 convictions since inception.



More significant, perhaps, were the high profile convictions including that of a former Inspector General of Police, Tafa Balogun; two former state governors, Joshua Dariye and Jolly Nyame, of Plateau and Taraba, respectively; John Nwobike, SAN, and Tony Omenyi, a retired Air Vice Marshal.



Balogun



Dariye



Nyame



Nwobike

### RECOVERIES

In its concerted efforts to combat money laundering in the country, the agency has recovered over N794 billion, over \$261 million, £1,115,930.47 and €8,168,871.13. These

efforts have brought a high level of sanity to the Nigerian system, as it is now being commonly said in many quarters, that the fear of the EFCC has become the beginning of wisdom.



Monies recovered by the EFCC



### LANDMARKS

The history of the EFCC entered a new phase on May 15, 2018 with the commissioning of its ultra modern Head Office in Jabi, Abuja, by President Muhammadu Buhari. At the 2018 Conference of Heads of Anti-Corruption Agencies, which held in Sri Lanka, the new Head Office Complex of the EFCC was adjudged the world's best building, housing an anti-corruption agency.



City People awards EFCC 'Most Effective Government Agency' in 2016

### AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

The EFCC's efforts have seen it receive global recognition from local and international bodies, with more and more foreign law enforcement agencies associating with it in the war against corruption.

Noteworthy, is partnership with the UK government, which eventually saw former governor of Delta State, James Ibori, being convicted for money laundering.

- \* The EFCC in 2016 was adjudged the "Most Effective Government Agency" at the 20th edition of the Awards for Excellence of City People Magazine.
- \* The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, UNODC, in 2017 recognized and adjudged the EFCC as the Most Effective Government Agency in Nigeria. The recognition followed a painstaking survey, known as the "Nigerian Corruption Survey", funded by the European Union.
- \* In 2017 the Northern Youth Council, an umbrella body of all youth organizations in northern Nigeria, adjudged the EFCC as the "Best Anti-Corruption Agency in Africa".

## COLLABORATIONS

The EFCC is currently collaborating with:

- \* The United States Department of Homeland Security
- \* The Homeland Security Investigations and Postal Inspection Service
- \* The West African Sharing Platform project with the Ghanaian Economic and Organized Crime Office
- \* The Economic Crime Agency Network (ECAN) - a network comprising The City of London Police, Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau of Singapore, The European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), Hong Kong's Independent Commission against Corruption (ICAC), The United States Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission, New Zealand's Serious Fraud Office, The Serious Fraud Office of the United Kingdom and The Indonesian Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK).

The EFCC has also collaborated with Civil Society Organizations, CSOs, Labour Union, and Tertiary Institutions, as part of its prevention strategies to rid the country of economic and financial crimes.



Signing of MoU between the EFCC and HALCIA, Republic of Niger

## INTERNATIONAL MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING

International Memoranda of Understanding, MoU or Joint Working Agreements have been signed with:

- \* The Australia Federal Police
- \* The Global Fund
- \* United States Federal Trade Commission
- \* The World Bank
- \* African Development Bank
- \* Western Australia Police
- \* Higher Authority against Corruption and Related Offences (HALCIA), Republic of Niger
- \* British Serious Fraud Office
- \* Economic Crimes Network (New Zealand)
- \* Association of Anti-Corruption Agencies in Commonwealth Africa, United States
- \* Federal Trade Commission (FTC)
- \* Nigeria's Consumer Protection Council (CPC).

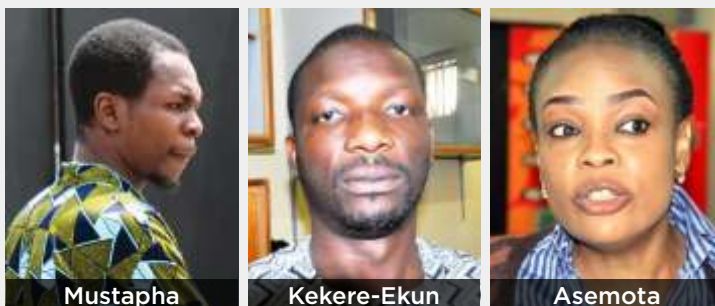


Paddy Kerr, Coordinator, UK's National Crime Agency Anti-Corruption Projects, training EFCC operatives on Interview Investigation skills



Ekhaton

Makinde



Mustapha

Kekere-Ekun

Asemota

## EXTRADITIONS

The partnership with international law enforcement agencies saw to the extradition of the following individuals: **Emmanuel Ekhaton** - A fraudster tried and convicted for wire fraud in the United States, defrauded over 80 American law firms of funds in excess of \$32million.

**Olaniyi Jones Makinde** - Extradited to the United States for his role in stealing approximately \$3.2 million from payroll companies and banks through wire fraud.

**Rasheed Abayomi Mustapha** - Extradited to the United States for defrauding an American company of \$800,000.

**Abdul Adewale Kekere-Ekun** - He was declared wanted in the UK for murder and was arrested by EFCC operatives in Lagos on February 12, 2015. He was later extradited to the UK on March 24, 2015 and sentenced to life imprisonment by a UK Court on September 7, 2015.

**Franca Asemota** - She was extradited by the EFCC on January 27, 2016 to face trial for offences bordering on child trafficking. The self-acclaimed businesswoman who was later convicted by a UK court on July 5, 2016 was arrested by the EFCC on March 24, 2015 in Benin, Edo State for money laundering related offence. ■



# Armstrong: Two Go Down

*The ongoing trial of military personnel implicated in the \$2.1 billion arms deal scandal claims two casualties as trial of others continue*

BY EMEKA IBEMERE



Umar



Amosu



Dasuki



Adigun

Their travails started when an across-the-board investigation carried out by the EFCC, indicted them for their roles in the alleged dubious expenditure of funds meant for purchase of arms for the military as part of the government's efforts to quell insurgency in the North-East.

Among those indicted included Air Marshal Mohammed Dikko Umar, Air Marshal Adesola Amosu, Air Vice-Marshall Tony Omenyi, Air Vice-Marshall Jacobs Adigun, Lt Col Sambo Dasuki (retd.) and the late Air Chief Marshal Alex Badeh.

Over N29 billion and \$2 billion were reportedly expended by the Nigeria Air Force, NAF for procurement of arms and ammunition between 2007 and 2015, but a huge chunk of it was diverted.

The Committee on Audit of Defence Equipment established that the N643 billion and \$2.1 billion interventions were received for defence procurements by Defence Headquarters and the Services between 2007 and 2015.

Also, officers were being investigated over 10 NAF contracts totalling \$930,500,690 awarded to Societe D'

*According to the arms probe panel, the contract award letters contained false delivery dates, which suggested fraudulent intentions in the award process.*

Equipments Internationaux (SEI) Nig. Ltd. between January 2014 and February 2015.

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letters contained false delivery dates, which suggested fraudulent intentions in the award process.

Among the investigated 18 serving and retired military officers, Omenyi, his company, Aeronautical Engineering and Technical Services Limited, and the late Badeh's company Iyalikam Nigeria Limited, facing charges of abuse of office, money laundering, and converting public funds to personal use amounting to about N3.9 billion, were the first to go down in the ranks of the trial of the military officers.

For Omenyi, his journey to prison started on November 11, 2016, when he was arraigned by the EFCC, alongside his company, Huzee Nigeria Limited, before Justice Nnamdi Dimgba of the Federal High Court, Abuja, on a three-count charge bordering on abuse of office and money laundering to the tune of N136,325,000.

Omenyi collected N136 million kickback from Syrius Technologies and Sky Experts Limited, two contractors of NAF for Aeronautical Engineering and Technical Services Limited, a company owned by him.



Omenyi



Badeh

But the then high flying Air Force commander, pleaded “not guilty” to the charges, when he was charged to court. Hassan Saidu, an EFCC investigator, had while testifying as a witness narrated how Omenyi used his companies’ accounts, Huzee Nigerian Limited and Sky Experts Limited, a contractor to NAF to siphon arms funds.

Saidu told the court that: “In the course of investigation, we came across one Dr. Theresa Edu, a director of Sky Experts along with the first defendant (Omenyi). We interviewed him concerning the movement of money from Sky Experts to his company account, Huzee Nigeria Ltd. His response was that the money was a refund of loan given to Sky Experts, but there was no document to back the claim.”

Saidu went on to tell the court that, both Omenyi and Edu were signatories, adding that Huzee Nigeria Ltd and Sky Experts had the same address.

Another witness, Goji Mohammed, an EFCC operative, also narrated how investigators came across suspicious transactions, which were linked to Omenyi and Huzee Nigeria Limited.

“We discovered that Huzee Nigeria Limited was incorporated by the first defendant and maintained a corporate account with FCMB in which he was a co-signatory,” he said. “We also discovered payment made to Sky Experts by NAF and in most cases you will see a corresponding payment to Huzee Nigeria Limited.”

It was revealed that the analyses of documents from the NAF, and the Corporate Affairs Commission, CAC, received by the EFCC in response to requests made to them, indicated that “in 2013 NAF awarded contracts to Cyrus Technology with contract sum of N1.2 billion”.

Investigation of Omenyi was triggered by a letter from the Office of the National Security Adviser, ONSA, dated December 9, 2015, alleging that he was operating suspicious accounts.

The EFCC closed its case against him on April 17, 2018, following which he opened his defence.

Following three years of trial, Justice Nnamdi Dimgba in Abuja, on February 28, 2019, held that the EFCC proved its case beyond reasonable doubt and so found Omenyi guilty of money laundering.

The judge sentenced him to 21 years in prison - seven years on each of the three counts, to run concurrently, and held that his company, Huzee Nigeria Limited through which he received kickbacks should be wound up by the Federal Government.

He also ordered that the sum of N62 million recovered from Omenyi by the EFCC to be forfeited to the Federal Government.

In the case of the late Badeh and his company, Iyalikam Nigeria Limited, standing trial before Justice Okon Abang of a Federal High Court, Abuja, the company was found guilty of the charges of corruption filed against it by the EFCC, while the court terminated the charges against the former Chief of Defence Staff.

Badeh was shot dead by yet-to-be-identified gunmen on December 18, 2018, on his way back from his farm in Nasarawa State.

Before his death, he was standing trial along with the company on an amended 10-count charge bordering on abuse of office, money laundering, and converting public funds to personal use amounting to about N3.9 billion.

On March 4, 2019, prosecuting counsel, O.A. Atolagbe, told the court that a plea bargain had been reached with the defence, which resulted in the need to amend the charges. “A further amended charge dated March 1, was filed on March 4, and also a plea bargain agreement with regards to provisions of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act,” Atolagbe said.

He thus, asked that the new charges be read in open court.

A “guilty” plea was thereafter, entered for the second defendant, following which Atolagbe, urged the court to enter judgment based on the plea bargain agreement. He further prayed the court to order the final forfeiture of the said properties affected in counts one to 10 of the amended charges, and that the defendant be convicted and wound up with respect to the plea bargain agreement and Section 19 of the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act.

Justice Abang granted the prayers of the prosecution and held that “all processes against the first defendant who was reported dead, are hereby terminated”. ■

# Dubious Jallaba

*A businesswoman, lands in prison for conning would-be investors of N21.9 million*

BY JAMILU SALE//MAIDUGURI

**H**er mien never gave her away as a “conwoman”. Quiet and simple in her outlook, Jallaba Bukar, never came across as a woman who could kill a cockroach.

But ask Mohammad Nur Alhaji, Hafsat Muhammad and Ba’ana Modu who entrusted their savings to her after she lured them into taking her as an investor, and they will tell you, they regret ever meeting her.

Jallaba had deceived them into believing that they were investing in a company called Swithgolden. The EFCC had received three separate petitions against her. The petitioners alleged that at various times she collected money from them, which summed up to about N21.9 million under the guise that she would help invest the fund.

She, however, converted the funds to personal use. All efforts to recover the money also proved abortive.



She pleaded “not guilty” to all the counts when she was arraigned before Justice Abdullahi Sanya of a Borno State High Court, Maiduguri, on a three-count charge, March 12.

Her trial is ongoing. ■

# Bitter Lesson

*Two internet fraudsters learn the hard way that online tricks will land the perpetrator in jail*

BY MARY ORUGONYA//IBADAN

Paul Olowoparija and Tobi Olaleye, have no doubt learnt the bitter lessons of their lives, and though they thought that striking a plea bargain will be a shortcut to escaping justice, they now know better.

As at the time of reading this, Olowoparija and Olaleye, have begun serving their six months and four months jail term, respectively, handed down on them by Justice P.I. Ajoku of a Federal High Court, Ibadan, Oyo State.

They were convicted on March 15. Olowoparija was



found guilty of violating Section 22(2) of the Cyber Crime (Prohibition, Prevention) Act 2015 after posing as a white man, Perry, to perpetrate fraud online. Olaleye, on the other hand, had posed as a white woman, Anita Brown, to defraud one Mathew Brown.

Following their plea bargain, the trial judge

had found them guilty, but ensured that they do not escape jail terms, to serve as deterrence to would-be online fraudsters.

Their sentences began running from January 31, when they were arrested by EFCC operatives. ■



# Fall of a Conman

*A fake Comptroller General of the Nigeria Customs Service burns his fingers in an employment scam*

BY GBENGA ADEWOYE//ILORIN

For Azeez Afolayan, who has for the past one year succeeded in using the identity of the Comptroller General of the Nigeria Customs Service, Col. Hammed Ali (retd) to defraud unsuspecting jobseekers, it not only rains, it pours with lightning and thunderstorms.

Afolayan had got so used to “cheap money”, which he collects from his victims, until the EFCC acted on a petition from a staff of the Customs Service, Hasaan Muhammed, who exposed his nefarious activities.

Investigations revealed how over the time he had raked in about N1 million, part of which was N267,000 received from Janet Opeyemi, in the belief that Afolayan would help secure employment for her son in the Nigeria Customs.

For his mischief, he is facing a four-count charge bordering on impersonation, job scam, and obtaining



money under false pretence before Justice M. Abdulgafar of a Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin.

He already pleaded “not guilty”, but he will soon find out that he cannot hide behind a finger. ■

## Fraud in His Gene

*A dismissed Police officer, disengaged from the service of the EFCC, bags jail term after posing as an EFCC operative in a N15.3 million fraud*

BY DELE OYEWALE//PORT HARCOURT

How else can one describe David Nimdu, a dismissed mobile police officer, who posing as a staff of the EFCC, defrauded his victim of the sum of N250,000.

Nimdu, in fact, was dismissed from the Nigeria Police in 2012 after an orderly room trial, occasioned by allegations of corrupt practices imputed to him, for which he was found guilty.

Before his dismissal, he worked as a seconded staff to the EFCC and also had to be disengaged from the anti-graft agency for acts unbecoming of an officer.

Despite his disengagement from the EFCC, he still continued to pose as an operative with the agency, using same to exploit unsuspecting victims, until the long arm of the law caught up with him.



Nimdu's road to jail began when he struck an agreement with a petitioner to assist in the recovery of a loan of N15.3 million owed by a banker in Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

The banker allegedly obtained the loan from the petitioner and promised to pay back in 120 days. However, she failed to keep faith with the promise and Nimdu came on the scene to assist in the recovery of the loan. He ordered the banker to commence the repayment of the loan, but

directed her to pay an initial sum of N250,000 into his own bank account, promising that the money would be paid into a purported EFCC's loan recovery account. The petitioner later found out that Nimdu was an impersonator and thereafter, reported him to the Commission.

He was subsequently arrested and arraigned in court. He later pleaded “guilty” and was on March 11 sentenced to one year in prison, and ordered to make restitution of the money involved in the scam. ■

# Timber Fraud

*The lofty dreams of a would-be timber investor, turns sour as he loses his N34 million investment to a fraudster, but the EFCC comes to his aid*

BY BELLO BAJOGA//GOMBE

It looked a harmless business deal for Yahaya Barambu. He had looked forward to reaping the fruits of engaging in timber business; but his meeting with Umar Aji has now turned out to be a bitter pill to swallow.

Barambu had met Aji sometimes in July 2017 and had struck an agreement with him for a Madrid Timber business in Taraba State. He had paid the sum of N34 million in tranches of N10 million, N11 million, N9 million and N4 million into the Fidelity Bank account of one Ilyasu Bello under the instruction of Aji with an agreement of profit sharing ratio of two-third for him, and one-third for Aji.

However, after striking the business deal, Aji began to give various excuses for defaulting, and later became incommunicado.



The charge against him reads: "That you, Alhaji Umar Aji, also known as Alhaji Tailor, sometimes in July, 2017 in Gombe, Gombe State within the Jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, with intent to defraud, did obtain the sum of N34million from Alhaji Yahaya Umar Barambu through one Ilyasu Bello Abubakar by falsely representing that the said sum was to be utilized for Madrid Timber business on behalf of Yahaya Umar Barambu which pretence

you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 1 (1) of the Advance Fee Fraud and other Fraud Related Offences Act 2006 and punishable under Section 1 (3) of the same Act."

He pleaded "not guilty" to the charge, as his trial continues before Justice Nehizena Afolabi of the Federal High Court, Gombe State. ■

## Bag of Trouble

*A man's bag of \$375,000, which he failed to declare at the Kaduna International Airport, lands him in troubled waters*

BY KASIMU YAHAYA // KADUNA

Rabiu Ahmad's bag of dollars has landed him in jail.

His journey to jail began when he was arrested by officers of the Intelligence Unit of the Nigeria Customs Service at the Kaduna International Airport on March 3, 2018.

The officers while on duty at the departure hall of the Kaduna International Airport, intercepted a bag, which when checked, was found to be containing \$375,000. Further inquiry revealed that it belonged to a passenger who turned out to be Ahmad.

The case was subsequently transferred to the EFCC, Kaduna Zonal Office for further investigation, which led



to his being arraigned on March 20, 2018 for non-declaration of the dollars. He was charged for violating the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act 2011, to which he pleaded "not guilty".

The EFCC slated three witnesses to testify against him. However, before their testimonies could be heard, the defence filed an application for a plea bargain, which was brought before the court on March 14.

Subsequently, he changed his plea to "guilty" and was afterwards convicted and sentenced by Justice

Z.B. Abubakar of the Federal High Court sitting in Kaduna to two years in prison, with an option of N200,000 as fine, and ordered to forfeit 15 per cent of the undeclared cash to the Federal Government. ■



# Working Partnership

*Civil Society Organizations in the South-South seek partnership with the EFCC, as part of sanitizing the country of economic and financial crimes*

BY DELE OYEWALE//PORT HARCOURT

For members of the Civil Society Organizations, CSOs in the South-South, the visit to the Port Harcourt Zonal Office of the EFCC, on March 12 was a most auspicious one, as it afforded them the opportunity to further reinforce their partnership with the EFCC.



“We know that there are challenges peculiar to the fight against financial and economic crimes and we will be willing to contribute our quota in helping your Commission.”

Abdulrasheed Bawa, Head, EFCC Port Harcourt Zone, assured the group of the anti-graft agency’s support, stressing

Isaac Green, Coordinator of Social Work, one of the CSOs, noted that the visit was to further strengthen ties with the anti-graft agency, in order to familiarize themselves with the works of the EFCC in the Zone.

He said: “We came to see how we can build synergy with the EFCC in the South-South and to support the anti-corruption works the Commission is doing.

that “enhanced cooperation” was necessary to winning the war against economic and financial crimes.

He said: “We need to tell Nigerians that openness and accountability are essential. We cannot be everywhere. We rely on inputs and synergy with you to drive the mandate of the Commission.”

Other groups on the Visit were Citizens Voice Initiative and Civil Rights Council. ■

# Taming Illegal Mining

*The Ministry of Mines, Steel and Development seeks assistance of the EFCC in checking illegal mining in Enugu*

BY BETHEL UDE//ENUGU

For the Ministry of Mines, Steel and Development, Enugu Zone, the EFCC remains critical to the war against illegal mining.

This was the crux of a visit to the EFCC Enugu Zonal Office, by a delegation from the ministry on March 13.

Led by Ewa Fredrick, Assistant Director, Mines, who also doubles as the Zonal Mines Officer coordinating the South-East Zone, the delegation embarked on the visit, in order to “synergize and further solidify” its relationship with the EFCC.

“We are soliciting for the Commission’s support in stamping out illegal mining in the South-East and particularly in Enugu State,” he said.



He lamented how indigenes of the state engaged in illegal mining, adding that it had reduced the Federal Government’s royalties, thereby causing setback for the ministry.

He said: “The Federal Government does not extract the minerals without the consent of the land owners and the community.

“Compensations are also paid to the individual owner of the land and the community too.”

Responding, Usman Imam, Head, EFCC South-East Zone assured the delegation of the EFCC’s support. ■





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