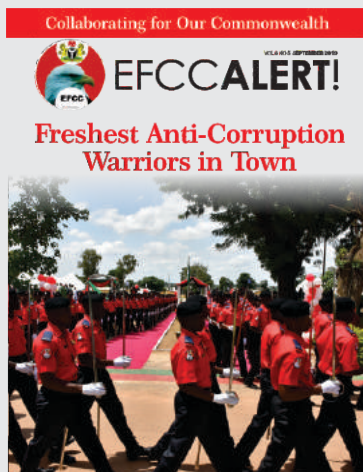




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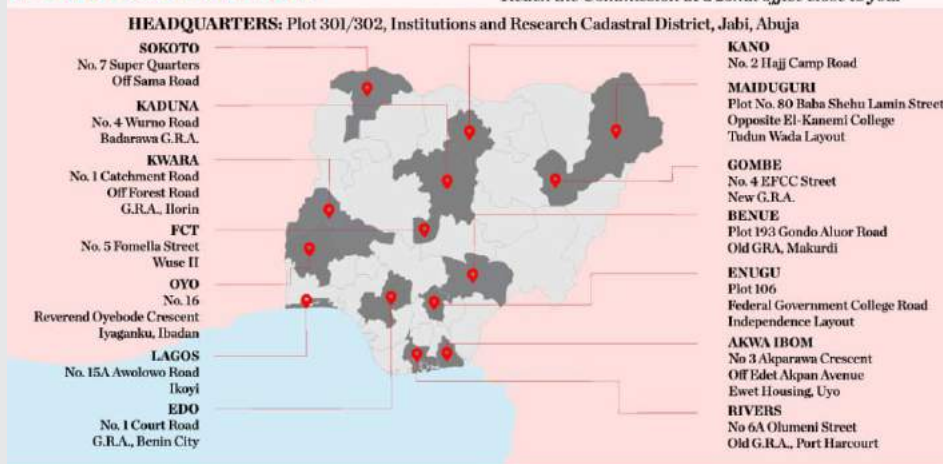
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Freshest Anti-Corruption Warriors in Town

The EFCC receives new set of operatives trained at the Nigerian Defence Academy, to further boost the efforts of the anti-graft agency in the fight against corruption

BY SEGUN ADEOYE

Saturday, August 31, 2019 will forever remain a red-letter day for the 328 cadets of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, that filed up in fascinating six guard brigades at the parade ground of the Nigerian Defence Academy, NDA, Ribadu Campus, Kaduna State.

For them, it was a rewarding and momentous climax to their one year training that began on August 13, 2019. They had gingerly arrived at the gate of the Defence Academy, looking innocent and literally unsure of what to expect. “It was a shocking experience that affected me the most, because I did not have prior knowledge as to what I was going to face, and so it was shocking for me when I met people at the gate hunching,” says Enobong Ubokudom. “It was very surprising to me and that

was the very first time I was having that type of experience.”

With their luggage on their heads, Ubokudom and her fellow cadets of the EFCC's Detective Superintendent Course Eight, were made to hunch round the premises of the Academy, under the sun, as part of what was to be one of the Academy's mode of welcoming them to the NDA. The ladies, who had arrived at the Academy adorning beautiful hairdo, also met the shock of their lives as they had to have their hair scraped to the scalp of their heads.

Thus, resumed their regimented life, which starts daily as early as 4.30am. They are also made to wake up late in the middle of the night to do what they call *gikapa* – cleaning of their rooms; yet this does not stop them from having to wake up

early in the morning for their rigorous exercise, which included jogging, obstacle crossing and push-ups.

It was tedious lifestyle – a period, which many of them described as the most challenging time of their lives. However, after the pain comes the gain. Their colourful parade, which saw them thrill dignitaries and well-wishers, including their parents to march-past in slow time, quick time and quick, dexterous movement of the arms and the feet, gave vent to the saying that “whatever does not kill you makes you stronger”.

Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha, who represented President Muhammadu Buhari as the Reviewing Officer, expressed delight at the performance of the cadets, and congratulated “all

the officers, who have made it up to this stage”.

“It is not an easy task for you to have survived the training rigours of this nature in this premier Academy,” he said. “I urge you to see your graduation not as a jamboree, but as a call for service

delivery to eradicate corruption in Nigeria, in line with the mandate of the EFCC.”

Mustapha expressed delight by "the conscientious decision of these young men and women to help our beloved nation to tackle corruption", and stressed that corruption was "a malignant

cancer that has blighted our development efforts over the years".

"I am thrilled by the prospects which you bring to the corruption fight and my charge to you today, is to live by the

values of discipline, integrity, selflessness, patriotism and professionalism, which the NDA and the EFCC are known for," he said.

He noted that the administration of President Buhari has an unalloyed political will to fight corruption to a standstill in Nigeria and has put in place measures to ensure victory.

According to him, the POP "fitted perfectly with the next agenda of President Buhari, which has made significant progress with the implementation of the Treasury Single Account, TSA, which has helped block leakages, and the Whistle-Blower Policy to facilitate the recovery of stolen funds".

"The priority going forward is to consolidate on the gains of the past years, and therefore we need you as anti-corruption combatants to take it to the next level," he said. ■



Enobong Ubokudom



Boss Mustapha, Secretary to the Government of the Federation delivers his speech

SHINING STARS

Five cadets shine like stars at this year's passing out parade ceremony of the EFCC's Detective Superintendent Course Eight Cadets



Nurudeen Ingawa



James Ogbonkwu



Abubakar Gabdo



Wahidat Imam



Abdulhamid Usman

They marched forward with the gait of conquerors and achievers, as Col. S.S. Ahmed, the Chief Instructor, Short Service, Nigerian Defence Academy, NDA, called them out of their various brigade of officers standing at attention before the crowd of well-wishers that gathered at the Parade Ground of the NDA Ribadu Campus, Kaduna, on Saturday, August 31, 2019.

Expectedly, they were the cynosure of all eyes as they received thunderous applause and ovation for distinguishing themselves among their peers that comprised of the Course Eight Cadets of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC's Detective Superintendents that underwent the one-year training at the NDA.

The training, which commenced on August 13, 2018 had them trained in military subjects, as well as Command and Leadership attributes, and EFCC's core subjects – Operational Studies, General Studies, Basic Banking Operations, among others.

“The presentation of awards to deserving cadets is a symbolic part during passing out parade of this nature,” he said, “in that the awards are presented to cadets who distinguish themselves during training session in the Academy.”

Nurudeen Ingawa was the toast of the day, as he emerged as the recipient of the Presidential Award for Best Overall Student, having excelled in EFCC's core subjects, and military subjects.

By virtue of his achievement, he took the first position on the log of awardees.

James Ogbonkwu, joined Ingawa as the second best overall student in EFCC's core subjects and military subjects, as he emerged as the recipient of the Chief of Defence Staff award – award given to the first runner-up.

Abubakar Gabdo emerged the third best overall student in EFCC's core subjects and military subjects; he was second runner-up on the award log and for his feat received the EFCC's Chairman's award.

Wahidat Imam was adjudged the best overall cadet in military subjects and by virtue of her achievement, she received the NDA Commandant's award.

Abdulhamid Usman received the EFCC Chairman's Award for Best in Command and Leadership, in recognition of him exhibiting a high standard of command and leadership attribute in the course of training.

Presenting the awards to the deserving cadets, Boss Mustapha, the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, who represented President Muhammadu Buhari as the Reviewing Officer, commended them for their gallantry and urged them to remain focused.

“Wherever you find corruption, go ahead and do your job the way you have been taught,” he said.

Nasir El-Rufai, governor of Kaduna State, and chief host, who was among dignitaries who graced the epoch-making event gave cash prizes of N250,000 to all the awardees in recognition of their achievements. ■



Party Time

The EFCC fetes cadets, their family members and well-wishers to a cocktail party to celebrate their successful completion of the 12 months of rigorous training at the NDA

After the regimented life of waking up in the middle of the night to clean their rooms, filing up at the parade ground under the scorching sun dressed in their white t-shirts, pair of white canvas shoes and white shorts held by black belts, for the 328 cadets of the

EFCC's Detective Superintendent Course Eight, Friday, August 30, 2019 was a time to forget about the rigours of training, clink glasses, swirl and whirl to serenading music, to mark the successful completion of their one year training at the Nigerian Defence Academy, NDA,

Kaduna.

They walked into the Cadets Mess of the NDA, Ribadu Campus, looking radiant. Dressed in black suits with bow ties to match, with the ladies adorning beautiful dresses, the atmosphere at the Cadets Mess was electrifying. The klieg lights added a kaleidoscopic feel to the atmosphere of the pre-passing out cocktail party organized by the EFCC in honour of the cadets, their parents and well-wishers.

Compèred by Head of the EFCC's Creative Communications Unit, Aisha Larai-Musa, the cocktail party had in attendance dignitaries from all walks of life, who came to felicitate with the EFCC as it received its freshest set of anti-corruption warriors.

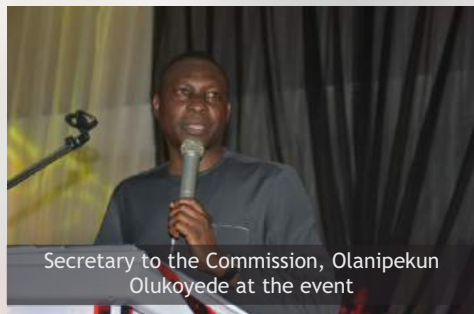
Speaking on behalf of Ibrahim Magu, the chief host, the acting Commandant of the EFCC Academy, Prof. Ladi Hamalai, commended the celebrants for their gallantry in training, and urged them to become good ambassadors of the anti-corruption fight. There was also presentation of gifts to both the leadership of the NDA and the EFCC. ■



Presentation of photo plaque of graduating cadets



Magu presents award to NDA Commandant, Maj-Gen Adeniyi Oyeade



Secretary to the Commission, Olanipekun Olukoyede at the event



L-R Magu, Prof. Ladi Hamalai, acting EFCC Academy Commandant, Olukoyede, and Aisha Larai-Musa, compere of the event



Walking Against Graft

As part of activities culminating in the Passing-out-Parade of the Cadets, the EFCC held a road walk to sensitize the Kaduna community against corruption

For the acting Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ibrahim Magu, the passing-out-parade of the 328 cadets of the anti-graft agency from the Nigerian Defence Academy, in Kaduna, was yet another opportunity to sensitize and rally members of Kaduna city against corruption.

And so, on Friday, August 30, 2019 the EFCC boss led staff of the Commission around the city of Kaduna, with one striking message: Nigerians must join hands with the EFCC to fight



Staff of the EFCC at the Road Walk

corruption to a standstill.

The walk, which lasted about three hours, saw staff of the EFCC

defy the scorching sun, as they trudged round major areas in the city, starting from the Ahmadu Bello Stadium, with the walk terminating at the EFCC Kaduna Zonal Office, located at Badarawa. ■

“Nigerians must join hands with the EFCC to fight corruption to a standstill.”

Strategic Collaboration

The EFCC and Commonwealth African Anti-Corruption Centre, CAACC, host Strategic Management of Anti-corruption Agencies training

BY EMEKA IBEMERE

For five days, members of anti-graft agencies from eight commonwealth countries in Africa – South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Kenya, Mozambique, Mauritius, Malawi, and Nigeria, gathered at the EFCC Academy, Karu, on the outskirts of Abuja, to brainstorm on how to protect the regions' commonwealth in the fight against corruption.

The training workshop themed, 'Strategic Management of Anti-Corruption Agencies Course' which held between August 19 and August 23, was designed to address the scourge of corruption in Africa, build strong institutions, and check illicit financial flows.

The course which was a collaboration between the EFCC, and the Botswana-based Commonwealth Africa Anti-Corruption Centre (CAACC) was specifically designed to avail other Commonwealth Africa anti-

corruption agencies, the opportunity to gain from the EFCC's wealth of experience in executing the anti-corruption fight in Nigeria.

The burning issue at the opening of the workshop was the need for anti-corruption agencies in these countries to collaborate and partner in the fight against corruption.

The Acting Chairman of the EFCC, Ibrahim Magu, who opened the workshop, called for the strengthening of efforts among Africa States, in order to check illicit financial flows, with the aim of winning the fight against corruption in Africa.

"The intricate webs of illicit financial flows developed by organized criminal groups have deprived African economies of crucial resources for development; he said.

The Secretary to the Commission,

Olanipekun Olukoyede, who represented Magu, emphasised the importance of training and retraining of officers of anti-graft agencies in improving their capacities.

According to him, capacity building for officers of law enforcement agencies is crucial in order to equip them with the necessary skills to tackle new and emerging vices and financial crimes.

"The task of fighting corruption is not only Herculean, but sophisticated, as organized criminal gangs are daily devising new and sophisticated means of perpetrating fraud and other criminal activities," he said, adding that for anti-corruption agencies to be successful in their mission, they must be ahead of such fraudsters and criminals.

While emphasizing the importance of the workshop, he noted that the programme is "designed to improve the capacity of Anti-corruption Agencies to deliver on the mandate of fighting the corruption scourge



Group photograph of the participants and Resource persons at the commencement of the workshop



Cross-section of the participants at the workshop.



Cross-section of the participants.



Director, Public Affairs EFCC, Mr. Osita Nwajah delivering his paper on 'Communication Strategy'.



Auditor-General of the Federation, Mr. Anthony Mkppe Ayinne handing over certificate of participation to one of the participants.



Auditor-General of the Federation, Mr. Anthony Mkppe Ayinne handing over the certificate of participation to female participant.



Auditor-General of the Federation, Mr. Anthony Mkppe Ayinne handing over the certificate of participation to a participant.

militating against our collective developmental efforts".
 "It has become increasingly imperative that we sit down and talk about our common problem of corruption and chart a course out of its grip," he said, adding that it was important for anti-graft agencies to up their games considering the changing tactics of the corrupt to "steal, loot, cheat and conceal the proceeds of their crimes".

Earlier in her welcome address, the acting Commandant, EFCC Academy, Prof. Ladi Hamalai called for increased collaboration amongst the anti-corruption agencies and the need to re-strategise in combating corruption.

"There is need for new strategy which should focus on preventive measures to ensure that funds meant for development and social policies are utilized accordingly," she said.

The Interim Advisor and Head, Public Sector Governance Unit, Commonwealth Secretariat, Roger Koranteng, also spoke on the importance of strengthening collaborations among African countries in the fight against corruption.

"Such collaboration will help achieve meaningful result in the effort to combat corruption and enhance good governance on the continent. On his part, the Chief Commissioner, Public Complaints Commission, Chile

"There is need for new strategy which should focus on preventive measures to ensure that funds meant for development and social policies are utilized accordingly."

Igbawua noted that the task of fighting corruption in whatever form gets more complicated by the day, as criminals also develop new strategies.

For us to be successful in this task there must be cooperation either voluntarily or compulsorily," he said. Auditor-General of the Federation, Mr. Anthony Mkppe Ayinne, commended the initiative of the acting chairman of the EFCC, Ibrahim Magu for agreeing to host other African countries, adding that he wasn't surprised by the quality of the

papers delivered at the workshop.

According to him, the topics were apt on issues plaguing the public and private sectors in Africa.

"The EFCC cannot fight corruption alone. All the anti-graft agencies in Africa must collaborate to win the war; through a united front, we can fight and defeat corruption," he stated. He commended the quality of resource persons for the workshop and tasked the participants to give full expression to the knowledge they acquired in the five days to their work.

The sub-themes of the workshop included Strategic Thinking; Ensuring Relevance of Organisational Strategy; Strategic; Planning and management, Understanding Elements of Effective Anti-Corruption strategy, Anti-Corruption Strategy; and Achieving Sustainable Development Goals; Importance of Communication Strategy in the Fight against Corruption; Overview and Concepts of Corruption Risk Assessment (CRA); Steps to Conducting a Corruption Risk Assessment (CRA), PESTLE and SWOT); and Understanding How Your Agencies Competencies and Shortcomings Translate Into Strategic Strengths and Weaknesses.

The event was rounded off with a visit by the participants to EFCC headquarters, Jabi, where they were taking round the facilities, including the Forensic unit and detention cells of the Commission. ■

Photogallery



Ibrahim Magu, acting EFCC Chairman, with Muiz Banire, SAN, Chairman of the Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria, AMCON, August 6, 2019 collaborating on recovering toxic loans.



Abike Dabiri-Erewa, Chairman, Nigerian Diaspora Commission, and Magu, August 23, 2019 at the EFCC Head Office, Jabi, to collaborate on combating cyber crime.



Prof. Ladi Hamalai, takes over from Dr. David Tukura, as the Commandant of the EFCC Academy, Karu, Abuja, August 2, 2019.



Muhammed Rabo, Head, EFCC Lagos Zonal Office, with Col. Samuel Agbanusi (ret'd), Chairman, Heads of Security of Banks and Other Financial Institutions in Lagos during visit to the EFCC, August 29, 2019.



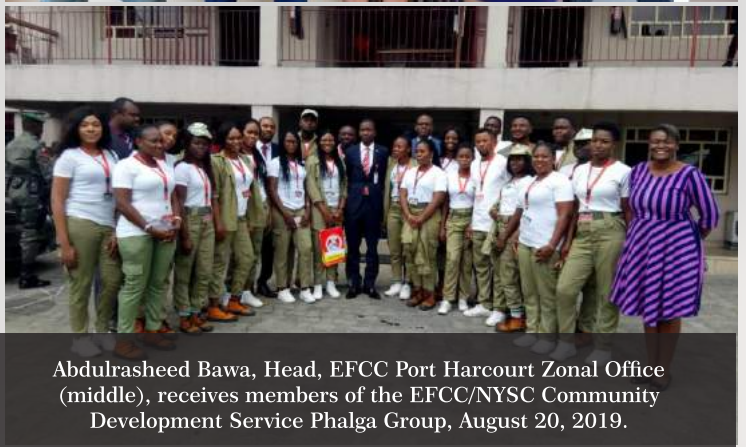
Friday Ebelo, Head, EFCC Ibadan Zonal Office (middle), addressing the Press on August 28, 2019 on collaboration between the EFCC and Federal Bureau of Investigations, FBI, to combat internet fraud.



Officers of the EFCC Enugu Zonal Office, Ahmed M. Hadji, Abayomi Ogunronbi, Obeta Ifunaya, Gadzama Abosede and Nonso Udenka, win medals at the Nigerian Air Force Annual 10Kilometre Walk/Jog, in Enugu, August 3, 2019.



Lawrence Iwodi, Head, EFCC Maiduguri Zonal Office, with Nazir Sani, Manager, Corporate Affairs Commission, Borno State, August 28, 2019.



Abdulrasheed Bawa, Head, EFCC Port Harcourt Zonal Office (middle), receives members of the EFCC/NYSC Community Development Service Phalga Group, August 20, 2019.

Photogallery



Abdullahi Lawal, Head, EFCC Sokoto Zonal Office (8th from left), with officers of the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons, July 31, 2019.



Michael Wetkas, Head, EFCC Gombe Zonal Office, addresses the Press on the arrest of eight individuals involved in the production and sale of adulterated fertilizer in Gombe and Lariski village, Kirfi LGA, Bauchi State.



Nwanyinma Okeanu, Head, Public Affairs, EFCC Makurdi Zonal Office, addressing Youth Corps members at the NYSC Orientation Camp Wannune, Tarka LGA, Benue State, August 27, 2019.



Isyaku Sharu, Head, EFCC Ilorin Zonal Office, with Umar Abdulwahab, Chairman, Nigerian Union of Journalists, Kwara State Chapter, during a visit to the EFCC office, August 21, 2019.



Williams Oseghale, Head, Public Affairs, EFCC Benin Zonal Office, Edo State, at the New Benin Market joins traders to issue "Red Card" to Corruption, August 30, 2019.



Ibrahim Magu, acting EFCC Chairman (fourth from left) and members of Nigeria's Kannywood, during a courtesy visit on the EFCC Boss in Kano, August 17, 2019.



Members of the EFCC/NYSC Community Development Services Club at a one-day Seminar, June 19, 2019 at Arewa House, Kaduna, to sensitize them on understanding the act and proceeds of crimes and corruption and how to avoid and report it.



Victor Ikang, Head, Extractive Industry Fraud Section, EFCC Uyo Zonal Office, on May 7, 2019 receives suspected oil thieves and their wooden boat from the Nigerian Navy, NNS Victory Calabar.

Pinboard

Jonah Jang
Ex-Plateau Governor
Diversion of public funds
Plateau State High Court
Justice Daniel Longji
Sep 12 & 13, 2019



Murtala Nyako
Ex-Adamawa governor
Money laundering
Fed High Court, Abuja
Justice Okon Abang
Sep 23 & 24, 2019



Peter Nwaoboshi
N322million fraud
Fed High Court, Lagos
Justice C.J. Aneke
Oct 4 & Nov 1, 2019



Ayodele Fayose
2019 Ex-Ekiti State gov
N6.9billion fraud
Fed High Court, Lagos
Justice Chukwujekwu Aneke
Sep 16 & 19; Oct 21 & 25,



Emeka Mba
Ex-DG National Broadcasting Commission
N2.9billion fraud
Fed High Court, Abuja
Justice Mojisola Giwa-Ogunbanjo
Sep 25 & 26; Oct 22, 23 & 25, 2019



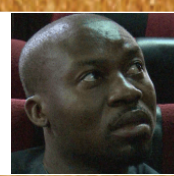
Babangida Aliyu
Ex-Niger State Gov
N2bn fraud
Niger State High Court
Justice Mikailu Abdullahi
Oct 7, 8 & 9, 2019



Fred Ajudua
\$8.4m Advance fee fraud
Lagos State High Court, Ikeja
Justice Josephine Oyefeso
Sep 16 & 19, 2019



Nanle Dariye
Dir, Apartment le Paradis
N1.5bn money laundering fraud
Fed High Court, Abuja
Justice Ijeoma Ojukwu
Sep 26, 2019



Tunde Ayeni & Timothy Oguntayo
Ex-Skye Bank Bosses
N4.6 billion fraud
FCT High Court, Apo
Justice Valentine Ashi
Oct 10, 2019



Bassey Etim Ikang
Dep. Dir., Head of Service
N138m Fraud
FCT High Court, Gudu
Justice Modupe Osho-Adebiyi
Sep 17 and 18, 2019



Tunde Ayeni
Ex-Skye Bank Boss
N25 billion fraud
Fed High Court, Abuja
Justice Ijeoma Ojukwu
Sep 30, 2019



Esai Dangabara
Police Pension Fraud
FCT High Court, Maitama
Justice Hussein Baba-Yusuf
Oct 17, 2019



Babachir Lawal
Grass-cutting scandal
FCT High Court, Maitama
Justice Jude Okeke
Sep 18 & 24, 2019



Jide Omokore
Money laundering
Justice Nnamdi Dimgba
Fed High Court, Abuja
Sep 30, 2019



Stephen Oronsaye
Ex-Head of Service
N2bn Pension Fraud
Fed High Court, Abuja
Justice I.E. Ekwo
Oct 21, 22 & 23, 2019



Olisa Metuh
Ex-PDP Spokesperson
Money laundering
Fed High Court, Abuja
Justice Okon Abang
Sep 19, 2019



Jumoke Akinjide
Ex-Minister of State for FCT
Money laundering
Federal High Court, Lagos
Justice C. Aneke
Sep 30 & Oct 11, 2019



Bridget Okafor
Ex-Customs Boss
N3bn Fraud
FCT High Court, Kwali
Justice Venchak Gaba
Oct 21, 2019



Rickey Tarfa, SAN
Attempt to pervert course of justice
Lagos State High Court, Igboere
Justice Adedayo Akintoye
Sep 19, 2019



Umar Dikko
Ex-Chief of Air Staff
Fed High Court, Abuja
Justice Nnamdi Dimgba
Oct 2, 3 & 4, 2019



Orji Uzor Kalu
Ex-Abia State Gov
N7.6bn fraud
Fed High Court, Abuja
Justice Mohammed Idris
Oct 22, 2019



Ibrahim Shakarau
Ex-Kano Governor
N950m Money laundering fraud
Justice A.L. Allagao
Fed High Court, Kano
Sep 20, 2019



Doyin Okupe
N702 million fraud
Fed High Court, Abuja
Justice Ijeoma Ojukwu
Oct 3, 2019



Gabriel Suswam,
Ex-Benue governor
Conspiracy and abuse of office
Fed High Court, Abuja
Justice A.R. Mohammed
Oct 29, 2019



Isaac Fayose
Ex-Ekiti Gov's Brother
N17.6m Fraud
FCT High Court, Lugbe
Justice Binta Muhammad
Sep 26, 2019



Abba Moro
Procurement Fraud
Fed High Court, Abuja
Justice Nnamdi Dimgba
Oct 4, 2019



Femi Fani-Kayode
Ex- Minister of Aviation
N4.9billion fraud
Fed High Court, Lagos
Justice Rilwan Aikawa
Oct 29, 2019



Sule Lamido
Ex-Jigawa governor
N1.35 billion fraud
Fed High Court, Abuja
Justice Ijeoma Ojukwu
Sep 30, Oct 2 & 3, 2019



Abiodun Agbele
ONSA fraud
Fed High Court, Abuja
Justice Nnamdi Dimgba
Oct 4, 2019



Babagana Dalori
CEO Galaxy Transport
N10m fraud
FCT High Court, Kwali
Justice Venchak Gaba
Nov 4 & 5, 2019



Bature Umar Masari
Ex-DG SMEDAN
N107m fraud
Fed High Court, Abuja
Justice Okon Abang
Sep 23 & 24; Oct 8, 2019



Andrew Yakubu
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