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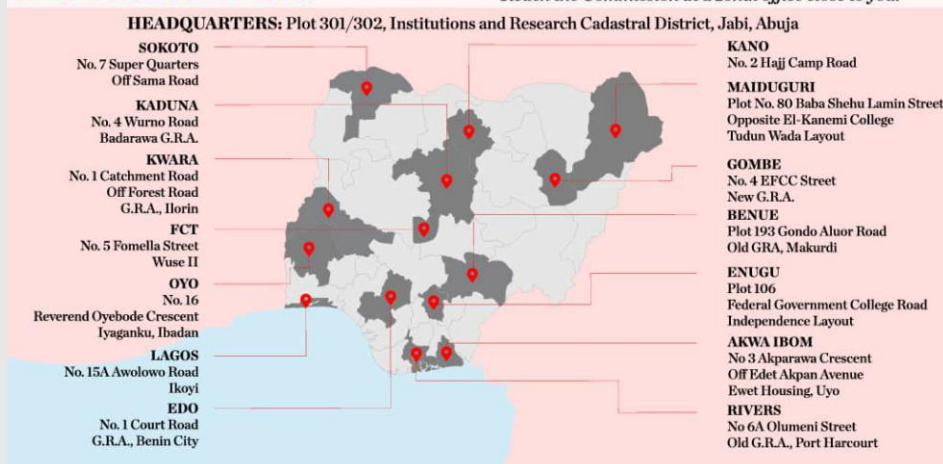
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The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC wishes to inform the general public that normal activities and operations are running smoothly and seamlessly in all its Zonal Offices across the country and its Corporate Headquarters in Abuja.

Admittedly, latest developments in the Commission and the subsisting COVID-19 protocols have necessitated a scaling down of activities. However, visitors on invitation by the Commission are, in no way, affected by these.

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the anti-corruption agenda of President Muhammadu Buhari and every Nigerian is enjoined to continue to shun and expose corrupt practices anywhere, anytime.

The EFCC is on course and its values remain sound and robust. ■

Agaba: Justice at Last

A former executive director of NIMASA begins his journey in jail as the curtain draws on his N1.7billion fraud trial

Wednesday, July 15, 2020 came with thunderbolts for Captain Ezekiel Bala Agaba, a former executive director, Maritime Safety and Shipping Development, in the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency, NIMASA as Justice I.N. Buba of a Federal High Court, Ikoyi, Lagos, pronounced him guilty of the amended seven-count charge brought against him by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

It was a day justice was served

on behalf of the many victims who would have benefited from the N1,699,808,666.60 diverted by him to personal use.

Among other offences, he was alleged to have used Seabulk Offshore Operator Ltd to divert N437,726,666.60 and Extreme Vertex Nigeria Ltd to divert N525,000,000.00 belonging to NIMASA.

Justice Buba held that the EFCC proved its case against him beyond every reasonable doubt and sentenced him to seven years on each count to run concurrently. ■

*Oluokun's Travails*

30-year-old man bags 20 years for defrauding a Taiwanese \$22,300

By the time you are reading this, Adekola Oluokun, 30, has already begun his 20-year jail-term passed on him by Justice Joyce Abdulmalik of the Federal High Court, Ibadan, Oyo State.

Oluokun's journey to prison started when the Commission received a petition from one Nduka Lucious in which he alleged that the convict collected the sum of \$22,300 from him in

three instalments on the agreement that he will supply 100 metric tonnes of sesame seed to Victoria Xhung, a China-based Taiwanese businesswoman, whom the petitioner represents in Nigeria.

On July 23, 2020 Justice Abdumalik convicted him on counts one to four of the amended six-count charge, and sentenced him to five years on each, to run concurrently. He is

also to restitute the \$22,300 collected from the victims, failure of which will result in an additional two years in prison. He was discharged and acquitted on counts five and six. ■



BENIN

End of the Road

Internet fraudster bags two years

It was the end of the road for Osawaru Samson, when Justice Demi-Ajayi of a Federal High Court sitting in Benin-City, Edo State found him guilty of engaging in internet fraud.

Samson was arraigned on a two-count charge bordering on impersonation. He was accused of posing as Kennedy Lucas to engage in internet fraud, and thus committed

offence contrary to Section 22(2)(b) of the Cyber-Crimes Act 2015.

Justice Demi-Ajayi sentenced him to two years in prison, but gave him an option of N1 million as fine. He was also



ordered to sign an undertaking to be of good behaviour forthwith. ■

MAKURDI

Day of Reckoning

Two public servants in Benue State made to account for their roles in the disappearance of N19 Million pension funds



For Victor Charles and John Omake, former vice chairman, Nigerian Union of Pensioners, NUP, and former branch chairman, Benue State chapter, respectively, the day of reckoning has come.

They are alleged to have sometime in September 2013 connived to divert into personal use, the sum of N19 million meant for

the Union.

They were both arraigned on July 20, 2020 and are facing a two-count charge to which they pleaded "not guilty".

They are currently on bail and are expected back in court on September 22, 2020 for the commencement of their trial. ■

MAIDUGURI

Fall of a Conman

Businessman sentenced to jail for cheating partner

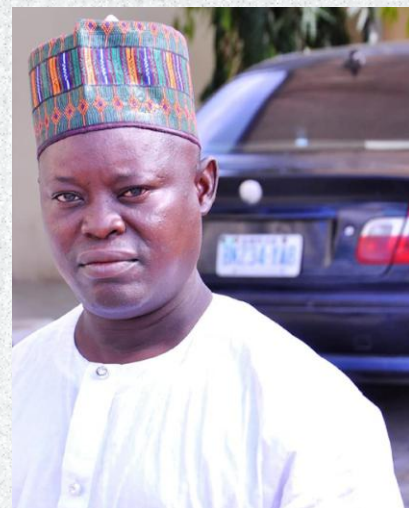
It was a harmless request, but one which Ba'ari Baba Ali Ajayi, will later regret. He had received a request from Lawan Ajimi, to send him his Honda Accord Saloon car 2005 model valued at N1,250,000 in exchange for a plot of land.

However, Ajayi later discovered that he had been deceived by Ajimi, and so took

his cry to the EFCC. He was charged with a one-count charge.

Delivering judgment on July 2, 2020, Justice Aisha Kumaliya of a Borno State High Court, Maiduguri, held

that the prosecution proved its case beyond every reasonable doubt, and so convicted and sentenced him to six months in prison with an option of N100,000 as fine. ■



ENUGU

Caught in the Web

Five internet fraudsters caught in their nefarious and fraudulent acts

Ordinarily Benjamin Anyaegbusi (aka Wilma Clark), Obi Odinaka (aka Michael Groote), Shamgar Ifejindu (aka Karen Erika), Meze Michael (aka Lea Felicitas) and Franklin Ibeh (aka Amelia Shoes), ought to have used their ingenuity for the good of their communities, instead they chose to engage in internet fraud.

They were arrested by operatives in Awka, Anambra State following investigations that revealed their fraudulent activities, using their pseudo-names to defraud foreign nationals by purportedly dealing

in crypto-currency.

They were charged with a one-count charge before Justice I. Buba of a Federal High Court, Enugu on July 21, 2020.

They chose not to waste the time of the court, based on the evidence gathered against them, and they were subsequently convicted and sentenced to two

years each, with an option of N500,000 as fine. The N17,900,000 found in the account of Anyaegbusi was also ordered forfeited to the Federal Government. ■



End Game

Operator of 'No Burn Global Limited' a Ponzi Scheme is caught in the net



For Umanah Umanah, self-acclaimed Chief Executive Officer of a grand Ponzi Scheme, "No Burn Global Limited", it is time for reckoning.

He was arrested recently in a

hotel located at the Osongoma area of Uyo, Akwa Ibom state, following a petition sent to the Commission by Joseph E. Uko, who alleged that Umanah swindled him of over N2.9million and subsequently issued him a cheque for N500,000 which bounced.

Umanah, 62, allegedly lures people to invest in his company, by assuring them of a bogus 50 per cent interest within one week. He allegedly operated smoothly in a number of states, including the Federal Capital

Territory (FCT), but denied any knowledge of the petitioner and the evidence of his allegations against him.

Investigation however, revealed that Umanah is the leader of a syndicate of advance fee fraudsters, that operates in Rivers, Bayelsa, Cross River and Abuja amongst others. He was also reported to be operating along the West Coast, especially Ghana and Togo.

He will soon be arraigned in court. ■

Council Thief

A former council chief in Gombe bags 31 years for N97m fraud

Bulus Adamu, former Chairman of Shongom Local Government Area of Gombe State, was arraigned on March 9, 2015 on a seven-count charge bordering on fraud, cheating and money laundering to the tune of N97,640,000.

He had pleaded "not guilty" prompting the beginning of a trial that lasted five years.

Four witnesses were called against him, with several documents tendered against him as exhibits.

Delivering judgment on July 23,

2020, Justice N.I. Afolabi of a Federal High Court, Gombe, found him guilty of all the counts and sentenced him to five years in prison on counts one, two and four, without an option of fine. On count three, the court sentenced him to seven years without an option of fine and on counts five, six and seven, the court sentenced him to three years each without an option of fine. The sentence is to commence from July 10, 2020, and run concurrently.

Justice Afolabi also ordered the convict to pay the sum of N31,640,000 to the coffers of Shongom Local Govt through the registry of the court under the supervision of the EFCC. ■



KADUNA

Hard Lesson

A civil servant in Kaduna learns the hard way after attempting to pervert the course of justice

Eric Peter Jatau has learnt that it is a grave and punishable offence to provide false information in an attempt to pervert the course of justice.

He was arraigned before Justice Z.B. Abubakar of a Federal High Court, Kaduna on July 2, 2020 on one-count charge of misleading the officers of the Commission



with false information.

The defendant ran into trouble for misleading EFCC investigators by claiming in his statement, that his cousin, Damian Babale, was dead in order to shield him from investigation and prosecution.

He is expected back in court on September 23, 2020. ■

KANO

Fraudulent Madaki

A supposed terrorist financier is found to be complicit in a N200million fraud

Troubles came the way of Saad Ahmed Madaki when he was arrested by the Kano State Joint Task Force, on an allegation that he was connected to terrorism. He was handed over to the Department of State Security Service but was later transferred to the EFCC when he could not be linked to terrorism in any way. However, further investigations showed that he defrauded and obtained the sum of N200million fraudulently from one Auwalu Abdulkadir, a retired Kano State Treasurer.

Upon arraignment on April 4, 2017, before Justice J. K. Dagat of the Federal High Court sitting in Kano, Kano State, he pleaded "not guilty".

He was arraigned on a one-count charge of obtaining money under false pretense. Five witnesses and seven exhibits were presented by the prosecution. Justice Dagat on July 21, 2020 found him guilty as charged. He convicted and

sentenced him to 10 years imprisonment and ordered him to pay a sum of N200million he fraudulently obtained from the petitioner as restitution. ■



Chinese Potion

The EFCC presents evidence against two Chinese accused of attempting to bribe an EFCC official

It is a race to the end as the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC began prosecuting Meng Wei Kun and Xu Kuai, two Chinese accused of offering a bribe of N50million on behalf of a construction company



China Zhonghao Nig. Ltd to Abdullahi Lawal, Head of the EFCC Sokoto Zonal Office.

Testifying as the second prosecution witness, before Justice Muhammad Sa'idu Sifawa, Lawal narrated how he was approached by the defendants.

He said: "I saw cartons of Sona bottled water filled with cash in Naira. The 1st defendant said, 'Alhaji this is your money' I asked how much, 'He said its N50million' I said bring it out and

I observed that there are seven cartons."

"They brought it out to the parlour and in order to gain time for the arrival of my men, I said the money should be counted to confirm it.

"I told them to bring out all the money and count it out. The money was counted, it was N50million and then, we returned it inside the cartons and taped and sealed by the 2nd defendant. They also offered to move the cartons into my car." The trial continues on August 10, 11 and 12, 2020. ■

Undergrad of Fraud

A chemistry undergraduate bags nine months for defrauding his colleagues

From being a chemistry student to becoming a fraudster, Oluwatobi Ajayi, seems to have forgotten that a good name is far better than silver or gold.

The 19-year-old student of the University of Ilorin, Kwara State, has been convicted by Justice Sikiru Oyinloye of a Kwara State High Court for defrauding three fellow students who were seeking accommodation.

He was charged with three counts, one of which read: "That you, Ajayi Joshua Oluwatobiloba,

in the month of November 2019, in Ilorin, within the jurisdiction of this honorable court, did cheat by deceiving one Anjorin Oluwabukolami Eniola, a University of Ilorin student when you fraudulently induced her to pay N45,000.00 (Forty-five Thousand Naira) into the GTbank account 045262140 of one Hassan Adefemi Daniel for a hostel accommodation, a representation you knew to be false and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 320 of the Penal Code and punishable under Section 322 of the same Law."

Justice Oyinloye found him guilty of all the charges and sentenced him to three months in prison to run concurrently. Aside the prison term, he was ordered to pay N150,000 as fine so as to serve as deterrent to others, nursing such a crime. ■



Gone for Good

Thirteen barges, tugboats recovered from oil thieves, forfeited to the Federal Government

Justice M.I. Sani of the Federal High Court sitting in Port Harcourt, Rivers State on July 9, 2020 ordered the final forfeiture of 13 barges and tugboats seized at different times and places in the Niger Delta region by officers of the Nigerian Navy NSS Pathfinder, for alleged involvement in illegal oil bunkering activities and handed over to the EFCC for further investigation.

The assets include Akimijoe 2006, Barge Chibuike, Barge Chris Marine, Barge Alibaba, Vessel MT Anton, Barge Mudiaga V, and Barge A & E01. Others are two unnamed metal Barge, Barge Kalama 205,

Barge Grace Marine, Barge Mudiaga, MT Onne and Tugboat MV Papa George. The EFCC had argued that "no cause has been shown as to why the properties under interim forfeiture since July 5, 2019 should not be finally forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria," as they are "reasonably suspected to be proceeds of unlawful activities."

The judge ruled thus: "That in pursuance of the interim order of the forfeiture of this court dated 5th day of July, 2019 in Suit No. FHC/PH/MISC/76/2019 in respect of the Barges herein named as

Respondents and listed in the schedule below

"The said Barges (Respondents) are ordered forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria" ■



ABUJA

Going... Going... Gone

Five houses, N46million recovered from businessman as proceeds of crime, forfeited to the Federal Government

Justice A.I. Chikere of a Federal High Court sitting in Abuja, has ordered the final forfeiture of five houses and a total sum of N46,060,373.84 belonging to Hima Aboubakar and Societe D' Equipment International Nigeria Limited, to the Federal Government. The assets, which were recovered by the EFCC, are believed to be proceeds of unlawful activities.

The five properties forfeited include: House Number 6, Ethiopia Close, Off Owena close, Maitama Abuja; Plot 3515, Cadastral Zone A06 Maitama District, Abuja; Plot 3516,

Cadastral Zone A06 Maitama District, Abuja; Plot 3518, Cadastral Zone A06 Maitama District, Abuja and Plot 3519, Cadastral Zone A06 Maitama District, Abuja. Also, a total sum of N46, 060, 373.84 (Forty Six Million, Sixty Thousand, Three Hundred and Seventy Three Thousand Naira, Eighty Four kobo only), found in the bank accounts of Aboubakar and his firm, were also forfeited to the government. Aboubakar's troubles came when he was declared Wanted by the EFCC in a case of criminal conspiracy, contract scam, misappropriation of public funds,

money laundering and fraud to the tune of \$394million, €9.9million and N369million. He allegedly received the funds for the purchase of equipment for the Nigerian Military and investigations revealed discrepancies in the supply of the equipment. ■





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