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ICPC Tracks N220 Billion Assets Across Critical Sectors in 2023 – Dr. Musa Aliyu

- * Saves a cumulative of N30 billion for the government.
- * Intervention leads to the dismantling of corruption networks causing traffic congestion at Apapa and Tin-Can Ports.

By: Femi L. Gold & Mary Omonoyan



From left: The Technical Advisor to the ICPC Chairman, Abdulsalam Badamasi, Director of Public Enlightenment and Education/Spokesperson for the Commission, Demola Bakare, fsi, , Chairman ICPC, Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu, SAN, Secretary to the Commission, Mr. Clifford Oparaodu and Ms Rouquayya Ibrahim, Chief of Staff to the Chairman at the Media Briefing.

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The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) has so far tracked government projects worth N219,843,922,946.48 across 176 Ministries, Departments and Agencies in 2023. The Chairman

of the Commission, Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu, SAN, who disclosed this to journalists at a press briefing held in Lagos recently, said that the exercise was carried out through Phase 6 of the Constituency and Executive Projects Tracking Initiative.

The projects tracking initiative, which focused on critical sectors like education, agriculture, healthcare, and infrastructure across all the six geo-political zones of Nigeria, was to ensure that government funds were directed towards impactful projects that benefit the vulnerable citizens.

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Employment Scam: ICPC Secures 5-Year Jail Term for NSCDC Commandant

By Sani Tukur Tarauni

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission has

secured the conviction of Mr. Christopher Oluchukwu, a Commandant with the

Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) for his involvement in employment scam.



Mr. Christopher Oluchukwu

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CHAIRMAN, ICPC**

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ICPC Tracks N220 Billion Assets...

According to Dr. Aliyu, total of 1,721 government-funded projects were tracked within the phase 6 tracking cycle. The Commission is conducting further investigations on some discovered infractions, including underperformed projects, shoddily executed projects, abandoned projects, and certification of projects as completed when such projects have not been completed".

Continuing, he revealed that hoarded empowerment projects meant to be distributed to intended beneficiaries to empower them or alleviate their poverty ... and some other items distributed through proxies' were also being investigated by the Commission.

Dr. Aliyu said that the Commission, "observed that some agencies were in the habit of handing over empowerment items to stakeholders for onward distribution to the intended beneficiaries. This practice encouraged hoarding and politicization of the empowerment sharing process".

To stem the tide of empowerment items being converted to personal use or for personal aggrandizement, and to engender value for money on government funds... the ICPC

boss said "...relevant MDAs have been mandated to invite ICPC to monitor the distribution of empowerment items on their budget".

On the Commission's intervention in the Nigerian seaports, he revealed that "The ICPC, in collaboration with other agencies conducted a Corruption Risk Assessment of key Nigerian seaports. The assessment identified vulnerabilities and led to the development of Standardised Operating Procedures (SOPs), the Port Service Support Portal (PSSP), and the Nigeria Port Process Manual (NPPM) to improve transparency and accountability".

To get port users to adhere to these measures, the ICPC Chairman said that "an enforcement team (Port Standing Task Team – PSTT) was established, leading to the arrest of 50 persons in 2023, improved port efficiency, streamlined operations at Apapa and Tin-Can ports, and the dismantling of corruption networks causing traffic congestion.

Dr. Aliyu stressed the crucial significance of transparency and collaboration among ICPC, the media and the Nigerian populace

while also emphasising the Commission's commitment to catalysing change and fostering an environment of openness, ethics and accountability.

Earlier, while addressing participants at a two-day strategic plan workshop organised by the Commission, he urged management staff to uphold the anti-corruption ethos, emphasising integrity, responsibility and professionalism in their actions and decisions.

Reflecting on the strides made since assuming office in December 2023, Dr. Aliyu underscored the strategic partnerships forged with government agencies in the anti-corruption crusade.

"The collaborative approach has yielded significant progress. This effort has led to the invitation, renewal, and establishment of numerous mutually beneficial partnerships, adding that "The Commission's anti-corruption strategy goes beyond collaboration. It also strengthens law enforcement (investigations, prosecutions) and tackles vulnerabilities in government systems..." he added.

Employment Scam: ICPC Secures 5-Year Jail Term...

In the case filed by ICPC at Katsina State High Court 3, the Convict, Mr. Oluchukwu was accused of receiving the sum of N200,000:00, N300,000:00 and N400,000:00 respectively from three individuals under the pretence of securing jobs for their children with the NSCDC.

The victims had reported the matter to ICPC after the Convict failed to procure the said job and refused to refund their money.

During the course of the trial, Counsel to ICPC, Ibrahim Garba had in a 9-counts charge told the court how the action of the Convict negates Sections 8, 10 and 19 of the Corrupt Practices

and Other Related Offences Act, 2000.

One of the counts reads:” That you Christopher Oluchukwu Ugwubujo on or about 25th and 28th day of November, 2014 within the jurisdiction of this Court; while being a public officer with the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence

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Corps (NSCDC) conferred corrupt advantage upon yourself by obtaining a total sum of four hundred thousand Naira (N400, 000. 00) for a job placement for her daughter into NSCDC and you thereby committed an offence contrary to, and punishable under section 19 of

the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, 2000.”

In his ruling on recently, Justice Abbas Bawale found Mr. Oluchukwu guilty on all 9 counts and sentenced him to 5 years imprisonment without option of fine.

Similarly, the trial Judge pronounced that the sentences were to run concurrently. He also held that even though the Defendant was at large (he jumped bail), his sureties should be arrested and kept in custody for further investigation.

ICPC Partners with Ministry of Communication Innovation and Digital Economy to Drive Anti-Corruption Efforts

By: Rashidah Jibrin



The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) has perfected a strategic collaboration with the Ministry of Communication, Innovation and Digital Economy (MoCIDE) to advance the fight against corruption through the utilisation of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI).

The Collaboration was sealed during a courtesy call by ICPC Chairman, Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu, SAN, on the Hon. Minister of Communications and Digital Economy, Dr. Bosun Tijjani recently.

While recognising the pivotal role that DPI plays in combating corruption and fostering transparency and accountability in the public sector, ICPC is committed to leveraging this innovative technology to achieve its anti-corruption objectives.

ICPC Chairman said “through our partnership with MoCIDE, ICPC will harness the power of

DPI to enhance public registries and create an environment where corruption finds no refuge. By leveraging state-of-the-art digital solutions, we aim to establish a robust framework that leaves no room for the misappropriation of public funds or the concealment of ill-gotten gains”.

“Furthermore, in accordance with our statutory mandate outlined in Section 6, ICPC will provide expert guidance and oversight to ensure the effective implementation of DPI-based solutions to eradicate corruption and corrupt practices at every level of government. We remain steadfast in our commitment to

driving systemic reforms that promote integrity, accountability, and ethical conduct across all sectors.” He added.

Dr. Aliyu further said “the impact of this collaboration extends far beyond the realm of anti-corruption efforts. By strengthening transparency and accountability in the public sector through DPI, we anticipate significant improvements in the ease of doing business, economic growth, and job creation. Moreover, by fortifying the integrity of digital systems, we enhance Nigeria's reputation on the global stage, attracting foreign investment and fostering sustainable development.”

“As Nigeria's leading anti-corruption agency, ICPC is fully dedicated to the pursuit of a corruption-free society. We call upon all stakeholders – government institutions, private sector organizations, civil society groups, and citizens – to join us in this noble endeavor. Together, we can build a future where integrity, transparency, and accountability serve as the cornerstones of our nation's progress.”

ICPC arraigns Road Safety Officials, others over Fake Certificates

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) has

arraigned an official of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Achigili Raph Ogili and two

others - Sunday Okpara and Rasaan Abdulrahman Dabiri, over allegations of conspiracy and

ICPC arraigns Road Safety ...

falsification of documents.

The trio were arraigned before Honourable Justice J. E. Obanor of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) High Court 29 sitting in Jabi, Abuja, Nigeria's capital.

In a Charge No: CR/321/2023 filed before the trial Court, the Commission alleged that the 1st accused person (Ogili) used a forged University of Abuja statement of result with Registration Number 2720700176 to support his application for upgrading in the Corps; adding that he was also accused of forging

a letter confirming the fake statement of result as genuine, purportedly written by the Deputy Registrar (Academics) of the University.

On the other hand, both the 2nd and 3rd Defendants were charged for their complicity in the forged letter confirming the fake statement of result as genuine. Their offences are contrary to sections 96 and 366, and punishable under sections 364 and 368 of the Penal Code Act, Cap 532, Laws of the FCT, Abuja 2006.

The accused persons entered a "not guilty" plea when the charges were read to them and their lawyers in three separate motions raised bail applications on their behalf, which were not opposed by the Prosecution Counsel, Dorathy Suleman.

The defendants were then admitted to bail in the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Naira (N500,000) and a surety in like sum who must reside within the jurisdiction of the Court. The matter has been adjourned to a later date for commencement of hearing.

Court Threatens Bench Warrant against Lawyer in N550 Million Fraud Case

By: Onoolapo Abodunde

A Federal High Court sitting in Maitama, Abuja has threatened to issue a bench warrant against a legal practitioner, Barrister Ferdinand Baba Isa and Mrs Roseline Egbuna if either of them failed to appear in Court in a N550 million fraud case filed against them by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC).

Barrister Baba Isa, who is the first Defendant in the N550m corruption case, was due to be arraigned in the Court on the 10th May, 2024 but the absence of the second Defendant stalled the process.

The Presiding Judge, Justice James Omotosho said the failure of the Defendant to appear before the Court depicted a blatant "lack of respect for the law" and a

repeat of such would attract sanctions.

Barrister Baba Isa had earlier been arrested alongside his client, Mrs. Roseline Uche Egbuha for allegedly conniving to illegally lift restrictions on an account being investigated by ICPC.

The sum of N550 million discovered in a Guaranty Trust Bank account belonging to Mrs Egbuha had been placed under a 'Post No Debit' (PND) order pending investigations.

The Commission, however, found out that the full sum was transferred to an account named 'FBI legal' owned by Mr Ferdinand Baba Isa on the 4th of June, 2020 with the lawyer claiming that an out-of-court settlement with the bank in

question had legalised and facilitated the transaction.

The Counsel representing the second Defendant, Barrister N.I Usman failed to give any cogent reason to justify his client's absence.

Counsel to the ICPC, Barrister Oluwakemi Odogun thereafter moved for an adjournment due to the absence of the defendants.

After listening to the argument of both Counsels, Justice Omotosho threatened to issue a bench warrant against either of the Defendants, not minding his/her profession or standing in society.

The matter was adjourned till a later date when all parties are expected to make appearance.

ICPC Secures Interim Forfeiture of N10.7m traced to the Proprietor of Cotonou-based Degree Mill

A Federal High Court in Abuja has ordered the interim forfeiture of N10.7m traced to the bank account of one Togboui Gnadzo Soney Koakli, Vice Chancellor of Ecole Supérieure de Gestion et de Technologies (ESGT), Cotonou,

Benin Republic by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission, ICPC for allegedly being proceeds of unlawful activities.

In an ex-parte motion filed by

Aniekan Ekong, Esq on behalf of ICPC before Hon. Justice Binta Nyako, the Commission alleged that the money, found in account number 1007884857 domiciled in Zenith Bank, was proceeds of degree racketeering.

ICPC Secures Interim Forfeiture of ...

Barrister Ekong informed the Court how ICPC acting on intelligence had launched an investigation into alleged criminal conspiracy and degree racketeering involving Togboui and his agents, the promoters of Access Institute of Advance Learning (AIAL) supposedly based in Kano, Mubarak Hamza Adam, and Abdullahi Shehu Yusuf as well as one Abdulrahman Hadi Badamosi of the Federal College of Education, Kano.

According to the Prosecutor, the group was investigated for alleged involvement in issuing fake degrees to Nigerians for a fee. He explained to the Court that the group usually carried out their nefarious activities stressing that the agents of the group were to collect money from Nigerians desiring to procure a degree from ESGT and share it with Togboui.

The ICPC Prosecutor explained that some of their victims paid in

cash while others paid through bank transfers as tendered before the court.

The Court granted the request made by the Commission for the interim forfeiture of the N10.7m including an order directing the publication of the said Preservation Order in a widely circulating national newspaper calling upon any interested party to show cause why the forfeiture should not be made.

ICPC Case: Court Orders Arrest of 3 Rural Electrification Agency Account Staff for Multi-Million Naira Fraud

By: Kehinde Abdulsalam

A Federal High Court sitting in Abuja has issued a bench warrant for three staff of the Account and Finance Department of the Rural Electrification Agency (REA) after they failed to appear in court for a multi-million-naira fraud case brought by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC).

The ICPC had charged four REA employees with allegedly receiving about one billion naira under the pretence of false project supervision.

When the cases were called on Thursday before Justice Emeka Nwite, Henrietta Onormen Okojie, Umar Musa Karaye, and Emmanuel Pada Titus were absent and they were not represented by any Counsel.

ICPC Counsel Dr. Osuobeni Ekoi Akponimisingha informed the court that the defendants were duly served and notified of their arraignment but chose not to

appear.

The ICPC Counsel citing Sections 114 and 184 of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act 2015 requested an arrest warrant for all three accused persons to ensure the defendants' presence at the next court date.

Justice Nwite granted the request, issuing arrest warrants and ordering the prosecution to enforce them.

The presiding judge thereafter set for June 13, 2024, for the arraignment of Musa Karaye and Emmanuel Pada Titus, and June 14, 2024, for Hanrietta Onormen Okojie respectively.

In a related development, another REA staff member, Usman Ahmed Kwakwa, appeared in court for an alleged N298 million fraud charge. The ICPC accused Kwakwa of defrauding the REA by receiving the said sum under false project supervision.

Count 1 of the charge states: "That

you, USMAN AHMED KWAKWA (M), sometime in March 2023, while being a public officer at the Rural Electrification Agency in Abuja, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, with intent to defraud, received N298,000,000.00 (Two Hundred and Ninety-Eight Million Naira) in different tranches under the false pretence of project supervision, thereby committing an offence contrary to Section 1(1)(a) and punishable under Section 1(3) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act, 2006."

Kwakwa pleaded not guilty to the charges. His counsel, S.S. Jipan, applied for bail, which the prosecution did not oppose, though they requested conditions to ensure the defendant's presence at trial.

Justice Nwite granted Kwakwa a N50 million bail and adjourned the case to July 16, 2024, for the trial's commencement.

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ICPC Chairman Reveals Strategies to Support President Tinubu's Anti-Corruption Crusade

By Kehinde Abdulsalam



**Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu, SAN
Chairman ICPC**

Chairman of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu, SAN has revealed his strategies to support President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's agenda to fight corruption in Nigeria.

Dr. Aliyu made the disclosure recently during his maiden interactive session with the media held at Reiz Continental Hotel recently in Abuja.

He said "I am deeply committed to realising a vision for Nigeria where the principles of integrity, accountability and transparency are not mere ideals but deeply

woven into the very fabric of our society.

"My vision aligns seamlessly with the resolute stance of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's administration against corruption. The President's actions and policies underscore a steadfast commitment to eradicating corruption, reinforcing our collective resolve to foster an environment where ethical conduct and probity are the norm."

The ICPC Boss, who reiterated that the fight against corruption demanded a collaborative and multi-sectoral approach, informed that the adoption of technology would be the fulcrum of his strategy to fight corruption just as he called on members of the press to support this drive.

"Our strategy involves engaging diverse stakeholders – the media, civil society, the private sector and international partners – to pool perspectives, expertise, and resources. In line with this commitment, the ICPC is committed to integrating innovative approaches and cutting-edge technology into our

operational framework".

While responding to questions from some of the participants, Dr. Aliyu promised that he would consolidate on the good foundations laid by his predecessors just as he hinted that the Commission under his watch would focus more on the prevention of corruption with the use of technology.

"My main focus will be on prevention and we'll do it through our Public Enlightenment and Education Department, System Studies and Review Department and the media. We will domesticate the message of anti-corruption and we will also engage young lawyers to participate in the drive of our anti-corruption crusade.

He also added that he would consolidate existing inter-agencies collaboration as well as personally lead prosecution cases in court for the Commission.

Also, as the Chairman of ICPC, I will be appearing in courts during prosecutions. If there's a case, I feel the need to go to the court, I will be there" he promised.

ICPC Case: Court Convicts Mother of 5 for forging Late Abba Kyari's Signature

By Kehinde Abdulsalam



A Federal Capital Territory High Court sitting in Gwagwalada, Abuja has found guilty and convicted one Mrs. Ramat Mercy Mba, a mother of five children

guilty of forging the signature of former President Muhammadu Buhari's Chief of Staff, the late Abba Kyari.

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC)

had arraigned Mba in June, 2022 on a 5-count charge bordering on cheating, fraud and forgery contrary to Section 13 of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, 2000 and Sections 320 (b), 366 of the Penal

Code Cap 89 laws of Northern Nigeria.

One of the counts read: "That you, Ramat Mercy Mba (F) sometimes in the month of October, 2019 or thereabout at Abuja within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did fraudulently induce one Mr. Ismail Adewole Oladipupo, an unsuspecting job seeker and collected the sum of Seven Hundred Thousand Naira only (N700, 000.00) from him which sum was paid into your private account under the guise of

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securing employment for him at the National Space Research and Development Agency (NASDRA); and you thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 320(b) and punishable under Section 322 of the Penal Code Cap 89 Laws of Northern Nigeria.”

In the course of trial, ICPC's Prosecutor, Mr. Hamza Sani, led evidence before the Court on how the Convict dishonestly induced her victims in the guise of securing employment for them with government agencies like Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), National Space Research Development Agency (NASRDA) and the Independent

Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC).

Furthermore, the documentary evidence tendered shows that the Convict fraudulently forged a letterhead paper of the Office of the Chief of Staff to former President Muhammad Buhari, Abba Kyari and his signature.

The letter, addressed to the Chairman of ICPC was a request for the recruitment of three individuals by the Commission. However, the late Chief of Staff, in a written correspondence that was also tendered in Court as exhibit distanced himself or his office for authorising the letter.

In his judgement, Justice Ibrahim Muhammad convicted the mother of five children on counts 1, 2, 3 and 5 that deal on cheating and forgery while she was discharged on count 4 that deals with felony.

Justice Mohammed, during the sentence hearing pronounced a six-month jail term or N100,000 option of fine on count 1, 2 and 3 for the convict.

The Presiding Judge, who emphasised the status of the convict as a first-time offender and a mother also sentenced her to one- year imprisonment or N150,000 option of fine on count 5 which borders on forgery.

ICPC Chairman Emphasises Strategic Action Plan as Foundation for Commission's Integrity
By Onoolapo Abodunde



Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu SAN, (Middle) flanked to the right by the Secretary to the Commission, Mr. Clifford Oparaodu, DSSRS

Chairman of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu SAN, has underscored the pivotal role of strategic action plans in shaping the Commission's direction while upholding its commitment to transparency and ethics.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of a 2-day Strategic Plan Workshop focusing on the 2024-2028 period, held at the Lagos Marriott Hotel Ikeja, Dr. Aliyu emphasised the significance of these plans in enhancing excellence and value within public

service; stressing that success in the fight against corruption hinged upon a collective dedication to excellence.

While commending past administrations for laying the groundwork with a robust blueprint fostering a strong organisational culture, Aliyu lauded the ongoing efforts in strategy formulation for the Commission.

According to him, the workshop is a “turning point in our effort at strategy development in the drive to foster a culture of consistently crafting a road map to guide the leadership, management, and staff towards a successful realization of the mandate of the Commission”.

Dr Aliyu charged participants to take pride in honest work, saying that all efforts will eventually be valued and encouraged in the pursuit of a corruption-free society, adding the need for a conscious culture of integrity and professionalism.

Describing the workshop as a crucial milestone in refining

strategic development efforts, Dr. Aliyu highlighted key initiatives, including a strategy review session and the formation of a strategic plan development committee, as integral to shaping the new action plan.

He noted that the workshop offered a valuable platform for dialogue, evaluation, and decision-making to propel the Commission towards its objectives. Dr. Aliyu urged participants to uphold integrity and professionalism, emphasizing the importance of honest work in realizing a corruption-free society.

Echoing Dr. Aliyu's sentiments, Senator Emmanuel M. Udende, who represented the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes, commended ICPC's adoption of strategic plans to guide its operations. He underscored the destructive impact of corruption on social stability and national development, praising ICPC's interventions in combating corruption.

N135 Million Fraud: Staff of Abuja Metropolitan Management Council in ICPC

By: Ruth Awodi



A public officer with the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA), deployed to Abuja Metropolitan Management Council, Umar Isa Gachi has been arraigned by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), for offences bordering on money laundering and making false returns.

Umar Gachi, an accounting officer was arraigned on a 4-count charge before Honourable Justice Iyang E. Ekwo of the Federal High Court, sitting in Abuja.

In a Charge marked: FHC/ABJ/CR/172/2022 filed before the trial Court, ICPC alleged that the defendant received the total sum of 135million Naira

as imprest for the rehabilitation of certain public works in the Federal Capital Territory.

The Commission further informed the Court of how the Defendant used fake receipts for the retirement of the works he claimed to have done, which included the repair of streetlights and distilling of drainages amongst others.

Count 4 reads, “That you Umar Isah Gachi (M) sometime in March, 2014 or thereabout at Abuja within the jurisdiction of the Honourable Court knowingly furnished false returns of retirement of the sum of 40,000,000 (Forty Million Naira) only for the replacement of street lights at Asokoro District of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja which fund you received from the Fidelity Bank account (No. 5030030015) into your Fidelity Bank account (No. 6051999273), when you knew the said fund was not used for the purpose for which it was released and thereby committed an offence contrary and

punishable under Section 16 of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act 2000”.

His offences are contrary to, and punishable under Section 18 of the Money Laundering (Prevention and Prohibition) Act 2022, and Section 16 of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, 2000.

He pleaded not guilty to all the charges when they were read to him for his plea.

Trial began in 2022 and the ICPC through its counsel Dr. Osuobeni Eko Akponimisingha called 2 witnesses in proof of the allegations case and closed its case.

Thereafter the defendant entered his defence and closed his case on the 8th day of May 2024.

The trial Court adjourned the matter to the 24th of June 2024 for adoption of written addresses of parties.

N285M Contracts Fraud: ICPC Secures Conviction Against Former Provost of Isaac Jasper College of Education



Professor Agoro
Former Provost of Isaac Jasper College of Education

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) has secured a conviction against the erstwhile Provost of Isaac Jasper College of Education, Sagbama, Bayelsa State, Professor Saviour Nathan Agoro who was arraigned in Court by the Commission for

contracts fraud amounting to N285 million. Professor Agoro was arraigned at Bayelsa State High Court alongside the former accountant of the institution, Mr. Perez Friday Lakemfa who were both charged under section 12 and 19 of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, 2000 for having interest in, and conferring corrupt advantage on themselves and relations from contracts that were awarded by the College.

One of the charges read: “ That you, Professor Saviour Nathan Agoro (M), on or about the 28th day of November, 2014, in Sagbama, while being a Public Officer to wit: the Provost and Chief Executive of Isaac Jasper

Boro College of Education, Sagbama, knowingly acquired direct private interest in a contract otherwise than as a member of a registered joint stock company consisting of more than twenty (20) persons when he awarded a contract for the Furnishing of One Storey Lecturers' Offices to Neatmosa Integrated Services Limited, a company in which he is a Director for the sum of N47,115,915.00 under the 2013 and 2014 merged TETFund Normal Intervention program, and which emanated from Isaac Jasper Boro College of Education, Sagbama, where he is the Provost and Chief Executive Officer.”

N285M Contracts Fraud: ICPC Secures Conviction Against...

In the twelve-count charge against the Defendants, the presiding Judge, Justice D.E Adekeme found Agoro guilty on count 1, 5 to 12; while the second Defendant, Perez Lakemfa was found guilty on count 2 to 4 of the charges.

Justice Adekeme thereafter pronounced non-custodian sentences on the two defendants based on the charges. The first defendant, (Professor Agoro) was given an option of fine of One Million Naira while the second

defendant, (Lakemfa) was given an option of fine of One Hundred Thousand Naira.

ICPC's prosecutors, Mrs. Peace Arocha and Dr. Agada Akogu had told the Court in the course of the trial that the Commission had in May 2017, received a petition alleging that Professor Agoro personalised TETFUND funds by awarding contracts to his company and companies owned by his relatives between the year 2012 and 2014 with flagrant abuse of due process and public

procurement rules.

The Commission, in the course of investigation discovered that the contract for the construction of language laboratory and music studio was awarded to Nancydor Ekperi & Sons Co. Ltd., owned by a friend of the former Provost and former Accountant, Mr. Lakemfa.

Other contracts for constructions and supplies were also found to have been awarded to companies owned by family members of the Convicts.

Delta State House of Assembly Staff bags Two Years in Jail over N14.5m Salary Fraud

A staff of Delta State House of Assembly, Mr. John Adjeke Akpoghene, has been sentenced to two years imprisonment over N14.5 million salary fraud; Akpoghene was charged by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) before the Delta State High Court, Asaba.

ICPC had, in a one-count charge before Justice Onome Marshall-Umukoro of the Delta State High Court Asaba, accused the convict of receiving double salary from the Delta State House of

Assembly and Ughelli South Local Government Area.

Counsel to ICPC, Mrs. S. Chibuzor, had told the Court that the Convict fraudulently received the total sum of N14, 525,550 as double salary, over a period of four years from the State Assembly and the Local Government Council.

He committed the offence while working as a State Civil Servant and a Supervisory Councilor with Ughelli South Local Government Area simultaneously.

In his defense, Akpoghene had

argued that he was unaware that it was a crime to have two government jobs and receive salaries from both at the same time.

Justice Marshall-Umukoro in his ruling, sentenced him to two years imprisonment. He was also given an option of fine of N500, 000 (Five Hundred Thousand Naira only).

The Judge further ruled that the convict continues to make the necessary monthly refunds to the House of Assembly Service Commission.

ICPC arraigns Assistant Director, other over Employment Scam

An Assistant Director in the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation (OAGF), Mr. Yildiyel Musa Takat and an Administrative Officer at the National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA), Mr. Nankpat Dukbong have been arraigned by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), over allegations of fraud, employment scam and conspiracy.

The duo were brought before Honourable Justice O. A. Musa of

the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) High Court 7, sitting in Jabi, Abuja, via a Charge No: CR/151/2022.

In a 6-count charge, ICPC accused the Defendants of conspiracy, abuse of office and defrauding unsuspecting job seekers to the tune of N2, 900,000.

The Commission led by its Counsel, told the Court of how the accused persons solicited and collected on separate occasions the sums of N500,000, and

N2,400,000 from their victims in the guise of securing employment for them in the Federal Civil Service.

While the first Defendant (Takat) was charged on counts 1, 2, 4, and 5, the second Defendant (Dukbong) was charged on count 1, 3, 4, and 6 respectively.

Their actions are contrary to Section 26 and punishable under Section 18 of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, 2000. The accused

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persons pleaded not guilty to all the charges when they were read to them.

In two separate “Motions on Notice” and pursuant to sections 34 and 36 of the 1999 Constitution as amended as well as sections 162 and 163 of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act (ACJA) 2015, both Counsel to the first and second Defendants moved for bail application on behalf of their clients.

They both sought the relief of the Court to use its discretionary powers to grant the bail in the most liberal of conditions.

In a swift reaction, Counsel to ICPC in a counter motion,

opposed the prayers sought by Counsel to first Defendant, saying that he had been evading trial, describing him as a serial offender who had multiple court cases against him, and therefore urged the Court to deny him the prayers sought by his lawyer, while the bail application of the second Defendant was not opposed.

The trial Judge after listening to both parties admitted the first accused person to bail in the sum of Four Million Naira (N4, 000,000) and a surety in like sum, who must be a civil servant on grade level 08 and above. The surety was also ordered to surrender his letter of first appointment and last promotion

as well as identity card. The second accused person was also granted bail in the sum Two Million Naira (N2, 000,000) and a surety in like sum.

Justice Musa also ruled that the sureties must show evidence of residency within the FCT with clear address, snap themselves in front of their residents and submit to Court. He equally asked them to undertake a bond to compel the Defendants to attend their trial, failure of which would not only result to the revocation of the bails, but the prosecution of the sureties. The matter was adjourned to a later date for hearing.

Again, ICPC arraigns Assistant Director on Fresh Charges over Job Racketeering

Mr. Yildiyel Musa Takat

For the second time in a week, the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) arraigned an Assistant Director in the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation (OAGF), Mr. Yildiyel Musa Takat over fresh allegations bordering on fraud and employment racketeering. The Defendant was dragged before Honourable Justice A. A. Fashola of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) High Court 34, sitting in Jabi, Abuja.

ICPC, in a charge no: CR/148/2022, informed the Court

of how the accused person “while being a staff of the Accountant General of the Federation with the intent to commit fraud, did forge a letter dated 4th August 2014 purportedly emanating from the Office of the Accountant General – under the hand of Director Administration – addressed to Director-General, Nigeria Institute of Mining and Geoscience, Jos for the purpose of securing employment.”

In a 12-count charge, the Defendant was also accused of forging several letters of employment supposedly originating from the Director (Recruitment and Appointment) of the Federal Civil Service Commission and offering same to his unsuspecting victims.

The Commission led by its Counsel, Eno Ighodaro – Yahaya further told the Court of how the accused person forged other letters such as, letters of promotion and posting to other government agencies, letters of request for assistance from State House and signed by the late Chief of Staff to the immediate past

President to some government agencies including ICPC with the intention to commit fraud.

His actions are contrary to Section 13 and punishable under Section 14 of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, 2000 and contrary to, and punishable under sections 364 and 366 of the Penal Code Laws of the Federation as well as Section 1 of the Advanced Fee Fraud Act, 2016. The accused person pleaded not guilty to all the charges when they were read to him.

In a “Motions on Notice” supported by a 14-paragraph affidavit deposed to by the defendant respondent, the Defense Counsel, John Bello, moved bail application on behalf of his client, which was not opposed by Counsel to ICPC.

The trial Judge thereafter admitted him on bail in the sum of N2, 000,000:00 (Two Million Naira only) and two responsible sureties in like sum who must work in a reputable organisation and must live within the FCT with a verifiable address. The matter was adjourned to a later date for commencement of hearing.

ICPC secures 15 Years Conviction of Ex-Poly Staff



Mr. Muhammad Sani Nuhu

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), has secured the conviction of one Mr. Muhammad Sani Nuhu, a former academic staff of Waziri Umaru Federal Polytechnic, Birnin Kebbi, Kebbi State, for conferring corrupt advantage on himself to the tune of N6,173,400 (Six Million, One Hundred and Seventy-Three Thousand, Four Hundred Naira) belonging to the Polytechnic. In a 4-count charge brought before Hon. Justice Hassan Usman of the Kebbi State

High Court, Birnin Kebbi Judicial Division, the Commission averred that Mr. Nuhu, a dismissed academic staff of the Polytechnic, conferred corrupt advantage on himself when he converted into personal use the sums of N2,000,000:00 (Two Million Naira) in 2015 and N4,173,400:00 (Four Million, One Hundred and Seventy-Three Thousand, Four Hundred Naira) in 2016.

The funds were a special grant given to him to attend an International Conference in Aberdeen, United Kingdom and the first tranche of payment advanced to him for Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) Programme at University of Technology Malaysia, respectively.

In a Charge No. KB/HC/4C/2020, Counsel to ICPC, Mr. Mashkur Salisu, had told the Court in a trial, which lasted for two years, how the Convict refused to embark on the said Programme and converted

the money to his personal use.

His action was contrary to, and punishable under Section 19 of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, 2000 as well as Section 311 of the Penal Code, and punishable under Section 312 of the Penal Code Law (Cap 89) Laws of Northern Nigeria 1963.

The trial judge found the former Poly lecturer guilty on counts one to three, and dismissed count four leveled against him.

In his judgment therefore, Justice Usman sentenced him to five years imprisonment on each of the three counts.

The Court also held that the convict makes a restitution of the sum of N6,500,000:00 (Six Million, Five Hundred Thousand Naira) being the proceed of the crime to the federal government.

The sentences are to run concurrently.

ICPC Secures 7 Years Conviction of Fraudsters Over Crude Oil Racketeering

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) has secured a 7-year conviction of two fraudsters, Aso Adasa Morrison and Frank Biobarakuma.

The suspects were first arraigned sometime in March 2013 before Hon. Justice B. A. Georgewill of Rivers State High Court 16 on a 17-count charge bordering on conspiracy, forgery and obtaining by false pretence.

The Court was informed of how the Convicts and others at large between the month of March 2012 and February 2013 in Port Harcourt, fraudulently obtained the sum of \$260,000 and \$402,300 from one Mr. Jung Yongmin, a South Korean, under

the pretence of selling Nigerian crude oil to him.

Their actions were contrary to Sections 1 and 8 of the Advanced Fee Fraud and Other Related Offences Act, 2004 and Section 467 of the Criminal Code Act, 2004. The Convicts had earlier entered a “not guilty” plea when the charges were brought before them and that set the tune for a long legal battle.

However, it was only recently that the trial Judge, Justice S. C. Amadi, Chief Judge of Rivers State (who inherited the case after the elevation of Justice Georgewill to the Court of Appeal) found the Convicts guilty on all 17 counts.

In their submissions to the court, Defence Counsel pleaded that the

Convicts were first-time offenders who have children to cater for and that the Court should consider a non-custodial sentencing which was not granted.

Handing down judgment, Justice Amadi sentenced the duo to 3 years in prison for counts 1-4, seven year (7) years in prison for counts 5 & 6, three years (3) years in prison for count 7-17 without any option of fine.

The sentences are to run concurrently.

The Court further advised that the South Korean Embassy (the petitioners) be informed of the judgment which is a consequence of their petition to ICPC.

ICPC Advocates for Proper Synergy between Armed Forces and Para-Military Agencies to Fight Corruption in Nigeria



**Mr. Clifford Okwudiri Oparaodu,
Secretary to the Commission**

The call was made by the ICPC Chairman, Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu (SAN) recently at the opening ceremony of a 3-day Workshop on “21st Century Policing: Capacity Building Techniques and Brand Management for Security Image Makers” held in Abuja.

Dr. Aliyu, who spoke through the Secretary to the Commission, Mr. Clifford Okwudiri Oparaodu said the Commission was willing to work with other sister agencies in the security sector to prevent corruption through its system study and review, corruption risk assessment including capacity building through the Anti-

Corruption Academy of Nigeria (ACAN).

In his words, “Undoubtedly, the war against corruption cannot be won in a swoop, neither can it be won by ICPC or any anti-corruption agency alone, but by series of efforts involving stakeholders like you. This is where your role as the image makers of your agencies come to the fore.

“As public relations professionals and image makers for your organisations, you should not only report the right things about your organisation but be seen to be doing the right things. You are not expected to cover up acts of corruption in the name of projecting the image of your organisation.”

Earlier in his remarks, the Provost of ACAN, Professor Olatunde Babawale revealed that since inception in 2014, the Academy has successfully trained over 24,000 participants, through hybrid methods, even across ECOWAS sub-region and the African Union.

He explained that given the strategic role of public relations practitioners as the image makers of their organisations, they are expected to be the bastion of integrity and veritable partners in the war against corruption especially for the military, paramilitary, law enforcement and registered private security organisations.

Professor Babawale said, “The learning objectives have been formulated in such a way that participants are equipped with the knowledge and skills that would enable them become viable partners in the anti-corruption war, while also carrying out their duties effectively, using contemporary strategies. This way, we believe that the foundation for a long-term sustainable assault on corruption is laid”.

Participants were drawn from the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), Nigerian Army, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) and Information officers from the Ministry of Interior.

Gratification: Appeal Court Upturns Ruling in Favour of ICPC

By Femi L. Gold

The Court of Appeal, sitting in Abuja has sentenced one Mr. Apeh Samuel Akogo, a former civil servant who worked in the Accounts department of the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to a 7-year jail term, with an option of a fine.

Apeh was charged before Honourable Justice A.O. Ebong of the FCT High Court, Abuja by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) on a 3-count charge for asking, receiving gratification, and conferment of unfair advantage on himself

contrary to Sections 10 and 19 of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, 2000.

One of the counts reads: "That you, Apeh Samuel A, (M) in January, 2015, or thereabout while being a public Officer to wit; a staff of the Accounts Department of the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing, did receive from one Osahon Osemwota a contractor, the sum of N820, 000.00 (Eight Hundred and Twenty Thousand Naira only) which was paid into your G.T Bank Account to enable you facilitate payments for contracts performed by him for the

said Ministry and you hereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 10 of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission Act, 2000."

ICPC Prosecutor, K.C. Peprah, while proving the charges against Apeh, called 4 witnesses and tendered relevant documents. The Convict, on the other hand, called only one witness and testified himself that the purpose of the payment of the gratification by the Petitioner was in commiseration to him for the death of his Uncle.

Though the ICPC Prosecutor, had

Gratification: Appeal Court Upturns...

argued that the Defence put forward by Apeh was an afterthought, the trial Judge discharged and acquitted him based solely on the grounds that the demand and receipt of the corrupt gift were not done in the exercise of his official duties.

Dissatisfied with the judgment of the trial Court, the ICPC approached the Appeal Court seeking to quash the judgment.

Having listened to the argument from the two Counsel, the Appellate Court unanimously

overturned the decision of the trial court and sentenced the Defendant to 7 years imprisonment with an option of a fine of N50, 000. 00 (Fifty Thousand Naira). The Court also held that the Convict makes restitution of the amount collected as gratification to the Petitioner.

ICPC, Interior Ministry like Siamese Twins in Pursuit of Corruption-Free Nigeria – ICPC Chair

By: Juliet Ase and Onoolapo Abodunde



**Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu, SAN
Chairman of ICPC
Minister of Interior, Honourable
Dr. Olubunmi Tunji-Ojo**

The Chairman of ICPC, Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu, SAN, and the Minister of Interior, Honourable Dr. Olubunmi Tunji-Ojo made the pledge during a courtesy visit by the Minister and the management team of his ministry to ICPC headquarters.

Dr. Aliyu likened the relationship between the Commission and the Federal Ministry of Interior to conjoined twins, dependent on each other for the good of the Nigerian people.

Aliyu stressed the importance of synergy between the two organisations, saying that both had key roles to play in quelling corruption in Nigeria. While declaring his commitment to positive inter-agency collaboration and said that “ICPC and the Ministry of Interior will work closely, in fairness, to project the image of Nigeria positively”.

He praised the impact of the Minister in ensuring that all agencies under the federal parastatal discharged their duties

efficiently and highlighted the giant strides taken by the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) to ensure their services are more readily accessible to all citizens.

ICPC boss reiterated that the Interior Ministry's mandate to provide security to citizens dovetails with the mission of the Commission, as a reduction in corruption will ultimately result in better conditions of living within the country. He added that this will form substantive bedrock for economic investment, growth and development.

He went further to highlight several departments and agencies under the portfolio of the Ministry that represented potential for the development of crucial initiatives that will have a positive impact on the war against corruption.

According to him, “collaboration can occur between ICPC and the Nigerian Correctional Service (NCoS) to enlighten and educate citizens who have fallen foul of the law. This will be crucial in gauging reform, as well as assessing the impact of societal reintegration”.

The ICPC Chairman stated that capacity building especially in the area of technological development, was key to bridging the gap between government and the youths. He emphasised the importance of technology in keeping up with the unstable nature of corruption and suggested

that job creation would be a viable method of keeping youths positively engaged in acts of integrity and social responsibility.

He pledged that the Commission would keep communication channels to the Ministry of Interior open, to ensure that progress is measured closely and all operational gaps are dealt with promptly.

In his remarks, Hon. Tunji-Ojo congratulated Dr. Aliyu for his recent appointment saying it was a development with the best interest of Nigerians at heart, further noting that it was a current global practice to adopt 'preventive measures' rather than expending resources in prolonged pursuit of criminals that derive perverse pleasure in being pursued.

He stated that the alliance between ICPC and MDAs was essential to build positive moral values through enlightenment and education, in a bid to bridge the knowledge gap.

He further mentioned that collaboration with anti-corruption agencies will “tighten the belt and block loopholes” that persist in the society as having ICPC on hand to review certain policies and documents can save the nation from future problems.

He added that the Ministry of Interior would open her doors to ICPC for research and development of ground breaking initiatives that will proffer practicable solutions to the

Court Affirms ICPC's Power to Investigate, Prosecute Delta State Government Officials

A Federal High Court sitting in Asaba, Delta State has upheld the powers of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) to investigate and prosecute officials of Delta State Government who allegedly engage in corrupt acts. The Attorney-General of the State had filed a suit challenging the powers of the ICPC under Sections 6 and 28 of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, 2000 to investigate State finances and invite Delta State officials for interviews in the course of investigations.

The Plaintiff in the Suit, FHC/CS/165/2023, also contended that by Sections 120, 121, 122, 123, & 125 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal

Republic of Nigeria (as amended), it is only the Delta State House of Assembly and the Auditor General of Delta State that have the powers to look into the State's finances and demand for documents.

However, ICPC argued that Sections 6 and 28 of the ICPC Act, 2000 empower the Commission to exercise its enforcement function on "any person" including state government officials.

The Commission, represented by the Director of Legal Services Department, Mr. Henry Emore, stressed that the ICPC Act, 2000 does not discriminate between the State Government and the Federal Government in the fight against corruption. Furthermore, there is no conflict between the provisions of Sections 6 and 28 of the ICPC Act, 2000 and Sections 120-125 of

the 1999 Constitution as amended; the two are rather, complementary.

In his judgement delivered recently, Justice F. Olubanjo of the Federal High Court, Asaba Division agreed with the submissions of ICPC in its entirety and held that Nigeria practiced cooperative federalism; and as such the fight against corruption is a function of both the States and the Federal Government.

He also noted that the issues before the Court had been settled in a plethora of appellate decisions, among, including the Supreme Court Judgement in AG O N D O S T A T E V S A G F E D E R A T I O N & 36 O R S. The suit was therefore dismissed with no cost awarded.

ICPC Chairman Meets Undercover Reporter on Cotonou University's Alleged Six-Week Degree Scheme

...Launches Investigation

By: Hassan Salihu



Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu, SAN
Chairman ICPC

To verify details and move beyond speculation, the Chairman of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu, SAN convened a critical meeting at the ICPC headquarters in Abuja with a reporter from a Cotonou news outlet.

The discussion between the two

was centered on the outlet's report on alleged corrupt practices in rapid degree issuance at a Cotonou university.

Aiming to deepen the investigation and initiate relevant actions, the investigation into Ecole Supérieure de Gestion et de Technologies (ESGT) in

Cotonou reveals a concerning situation where degrees are allegedly awarded in as little as six weeks, bypassing standard academic procedures like application, registration, coursework, and examinations.

In response to these allegations, the ICPC Chairman stated that a thorough investigation would be embarked on saying "This probe will rigorously examine the

networks and individuals engaged in these malpractices, to restore and preserve the integrity of our educational system.

'Furthermore, the Commission will engage in a synergistic collaboration with relevant domestic and international bodies to jointly evaluate the legitimacy of academic qualifications procured from overseas institutions, especially those highlighted in the investigative report.

'The ICPC calls upon all stakeholders in the educational and governmental sectors to join hands in this critical endeavor. Together, we can work towards a future where the credibility of our educational qualifications is unimpeachable, and where corruption finds no refuge.'

ICPC Chairman Spearheads Tech Partnership with NITDA to Combat Corruption

By Kehinde Abdulsalam



Mr. Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi
NITDA's Director-General

Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu, SAN
Chairman ICPC

The Chairman of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu, SAN, has led a crucial meeting with the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) emphasising the inclusion and integration of innovative technology in the fight against corruption and mapping areas of deployment of such technologies.

The Chairman's visit to NITDA, initiates a new era in the fight

against corruption, focusing on technology drive in achieving the ICPC's mandate of enforcement, prevention, and mass mobilisation against corruption. This aligns with the ICPC's dedication to adapt and evolve in a digital landscape.

While emphasising the role of technology, Dr. Aliyu stated, "With advancements in all sectors, adopting the best technologies in fighting and preventing corruption is crucial. Our partnership with NITDA is aimed at exploring support in digitising ICPC, enhancing transparency, accountability, and effectiveness, thereby boosting public confidence."

He further elaborated, "Fighting corruption without technology is unthinkable at this stage. Our primary responsibilities at ICPC include preventing corruption, investigating, and prosecuting.

Technology is essential for us to operate effectively."

On his part, NITDA's Director-General, Mr. Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi, expressed readiness to assist the ICPC, sharing insights on NITDA's Digital Transformation Playbook.

He emphasised that digital transformation is a continuous journey, highlighting the importance of building capabilities for sustainable results.

The meeting also entailed discussions on forming a joint committee, symbolising an ongoing collaboration between ICPC and NITDA.

"This joint effort underscores the commitment to digital transformation as a constant process, crucial for a proactive approach in the fight against corruption."

ICPC Vs Ndifon: Sexual Harassment Trial of UNICAL Prof Begins witnesses testify in court

By: Kehinde Abdulsalam



Professor Cyril Ndifon

The sexual harassment trial of Professor Cyril Ndifon, the suspended Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Calabar, has begun at the Federal High Court, Abuja.

The trial was a precursor to a four (4) count charge filed against the University Don in October 2023

by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences (ICPC). The charge borders on sexual harassment, official corruption and abuse of office contrary to sections 8, 18, and 19 of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, 2000.

The Professor of Law however pleaded not guilty when the charges were read to him.

Consequently, Ndifon's Defendant, Mr. Okon Efut, SAN prayed that his Client be granted bail as the application for that had been filed on his behalf earlier.

However, counsel to the ICPC, Dr. Osuobeni Eko Akponimisingha opposed the bail application on the ground that one of the lawyers representing the defendant,

Barrister Sunny Anyanwu had allegedly threatened one of the star witnesses ICPC had lined up for the trial.

In his Defence, Barrister Anyanwu, who had earlier argued that the name of the said witness was not listed in the charges read, later told the Court that it was the 'witness' that called him.

Justice Omotosho however directed Barrister Anyanwu to file his affidavit of fact within 48 hours over the threat allegation of an ICPC witness.

He also ruled that the Defendant, Professor Ndifon, be remanded at the Kuje Correctional Centre till on Wednesday, 10th of January, 2024 when hearing on his bail application would be heard.

ICPC Vs Ndifon: Sexual Harassment Trial of...

At the resumed hearing in January, 2024, ICPC applied for a substituted charge to add Barrister Sunny Anyanwu as the second defendant in the case. The application was granted by the trial judge, Justice James Omotosho, which thus set the tone for the main trial.

One of the amended charges reads: "That you Professor Cyril Osim Ndifon (M) and Barrister Sunny Anyanwu (M) sometime in November, 2023 or thereabouts, at Abuja within the Jurisdiction of this Honourable Court did conspire among yourselves to call "TKJ" (Not real name) on her mobile telephone number: 070*****, a prosecution witness in charge number FHC/ABJ/CR/511/2023 between the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Professor Cyril Osim Ndifon during the pendency of the said criminal charge and threatened her not to honour the invitation of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission in respect of the criminal investigation against Professor Cyril Osim Ndifon which conduct, you both knew was intended to pervert the cause of justice and you thereby committed an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 182 of the Penal Code Cap. 532 Laws of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, 2006."

The two Defendants however pleaded not guilty when the four (4) count-charge were read to them.

In her examination, the first prosecution witness, Mrs. Lucy Chima, an investigator with the ICPC narrated to the Court how the first Defendant (Professor Ndifon) was arrested following a petition on sexual harassment, official corruption and abuse of office was submitted against him.

She also told the Court that some nude pictures and videos of certain contacts (who were students of the first defendant) were found in his

phone when his WhatsApp messaging application was subjected to forensic examination. The ICPC also tendered its evidence from the forensic investigation conducted on the phones of Professor Ndifon.

In his testimony, the Prosecution Witness 4, a forensic analyst with the ICPC, Mr. Fungo Baigu explained the various analyses done on the phones of the first Defendant saying his team was able to extract from them, some nude pictures, videos and text messages. There was also a display of the timeline chart while the PW4 was giving his analysis of his findings from the forensic investigation.

The star witness in the case, identified as 'TKJ' (not real name) also told the Court that the first Defendant demanded oral sex and her virginity in exchange for an admission into the Law degree programme at the University. She also narrated how the second Defendant (Sunny Anyanwu) purportedly called her on the phone to shun the invitation of the ICPC.

At the next sitting, counsel to the ICPC, Dr. Osuobeni Ekoi Akponimisingha informed the Court of the close of prosecution after the 4th witness was discharged from the box following the conclusion of his cross-examination by the Counsel to the Defendants, Mr. Joe Agi (SAN).

Mr. Agi had argued that there was no prosecution hence he would be applying for the submission of his written address of no case submission.

At the resumed hearing of the case also in February 2024, Counsel to the two Defendants, Mr. Joe Agi, SAN told the Court that upon the receipt of ICPC's reply to the written address on the no case submission application, the Defence had resolved to rely on the same argument to the Court to allow the no-case submission. He also argued that the position of the

defendants was that in the originating process, "the court lacks jurisdiction to hear the case."

Justice Omotosho however overruled the no case submission application, saying the prosecution had established a prima facie case because the evidence presented indicated that the 1st defendant (Ndifon) solicited for the nude photos of the TKJ (the second prosecution witness) and that there was a need for an explanation from the first Defendant on his intents and purpose for such request.

He also held that the evidence presented by the prosecution indicated that while the original charge was pending, the first Defendant sent the phone number of the second prosecution witness (PW2) to the second defendant, (Barrister Sunny Anyanwu).

Justice Omotosho told the defendants to enter their defence as the no case submission was overruled.

The Defendants/Applicants, however, challenged the ruling on the no case submission at the next hearing through a motion filed and dated 8th of March, 2024.

There was also another motion that hinged on a prayer for the court to direct its registrar to make available exhibits N and O (telephones of the first defendants) to the defendants' applicants.

While the Counsel to the ICPC, Dr. Osuobeni Ekoi Akponimisingha did not oppose the first motion seeking the leave of court to appeal the ruling of the Court dismissing the Defendants' No Case Submission, he however contested the second motion on the ground that the purported laboratory the Defendants/ Applicants asked the court to release the phones to was not in existence nor does it have a known address.

The Judge, however, slated ruling on the motion to a future date.

ICPC Case: Court Sends Former FedPoly Bursar to Jail for Fraud

By Joy Ajah



A former Bursar of Federal Polytechnic, Ado-Ekiti, Mr. Elijah Oladapo, has been convicted for fraud by Hon. Justice A. L. Ogunmoye of the Ekiti State High Court sitting in Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State.

The Convict was first arraigned in Court by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) in 2021 alongside the former Rector

of the same Institution, Mrs. Theresa Taiwo Akande, for allegedly receiving over N500,000 as kickbacks from a contractor handling construction projects in the school.

The Commission, in a 9-count charge filed before the Court, said their actions contravened Sections 8(1) (a), 19 and 20 of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, 2000.

The accused persons had pleaded not guilty, when the charges were read to them, which set the tone for the long trial.

During the trial, the Court heard how the Convict had, in 2015, abused his office by demanding and receiving kickbacks from a

contractor handling the construction and furnishing of lecture theatres and offices in the school.

In his ruling, the trial Judge, Hon. Justice Ogunmoye discharged and acquitted the 1st Defendant, Mrs. Akande of counts 1 to 3. He, however, found the 2nd Defendant, Mr. Oladapo guilty of the charges levelled against him in counts 4 to 9.

He therefore sentenced Mr. Oladapo to 5 years imprisonment for counts 4 to 7 with an option of a fine of N1.2m while he also sentenced him to 2 years imprisonment on counts 8 - 9 without an option of fine. The convict, Oladapo has since been sent to the correctional centre to

Anti-Corruption Fight: ICPC, EFCC Meet to Strengthen Working Relationship

By Kehinde Abdulsalam



The Chairman of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu, SAN, has taken an important step in strengthening the nation's fight against corruption by initiating a high-level meeting with the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC). The meeting, which was held at the headquarters of the EFCC had in attendance the Chairmen and management staff of the two anti-graft agencies and was aimed to deepen cooperation and synergise efforts for greater impact in

Nigeria's anti-corruption drive, and discuss other areas of collaboration.

On the reason for the visit, Dr. Aliyu stated that it was a show of commitment to the existing relationship between the two agencies.

He expressed the readiness of ICPC, under his leadership to provide the needed support and cooperation in the interest of eradicating corruption in Nigeria.

“It is important for us to work together, and we cannot do this without a good relationship. That's why I think I need to extend this hand of friendship to the EFCC so that we can effectively partner in the fight against corruption in Nigeria.

I am aware that there's an MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) between the EFCC and ICPC and

I'm willing and ready to partner whenever there's any issue of interest in the fight against corruption.

“I will be reaching out to my brother and Chairman of EFCC on issues I think we can partner because there's no need for us to be duplicating responsibilities, wasting resources and time. I hope with this first meeting, we are going to be meeting regularly to review what we are doing together.”

On his part, the Chairman of the EFCC, Mr. Ola Olukoyede concurred on the position of collaboration, saying the meeting had also presented an opportunity for the review of the existing MoU between the two agencies.

“We have areas of similar mandates and with the population of about 250 million people, there's so much in our hands and I

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can tell you that the enormity of the work demands that we work together”.

The EFCC boss also said that the political will of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu to fight corruption, as demonstrated in recent events was enough boost for anti-corruption agencies to give their best.

“We believe that with the kind of

President that we have, who is willing and ready to do the right thing as demonstrated in the last 48 hours, it is clear that the President is providing the political will and the leadership for the anti-corruption agencies to work and I believe that with this, there's no hiding place for us and we must ensure that we give our best.

'We are going to give the President

the right support and we believe that the courage would be there to make the right decisions. Nobody is too big to be investigated in this country. Once you are not playing to the rules, we'll investigate you."

ICPC, under the leadership of the Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu, SAN, is steadfast in its resolve to fight corruption through enhanced inter-agency collaboration.

ICPC Arraigns Civil Servant over Alleged N72 million Fraud

By Kehinde Abdulsalam

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) has arraigned in Court, a top civil servant, Mr. Bola Audu over an alleged N72 million fraud.

The Defendant, a public officer at the Office of Accountant General of the Federation was arraigned before Justice Yusuf Halilu, of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) High Court, Abuja.

In one of the charges levelled against the defendant, he was alleged to have misappropriated the sum of N69 million meant for

the purchase of a sport utility vehicle for the office of the President, Association of Senior Civil Servants of Nigeria (ASCSN). He was also charged to have diverted another N3 million into the union's election. Mr. Audu however pleaded not guilty when the charges were read to him.

Following the Defendant's not guilty plea, Counsel to the ICPC, Dr. Osuobeni Akponimisingha, requested a date for the commencement of trial but Counsel to the Defendant, Babatunde Adewusi prayed that

the bail application of his client be heard before a date was chosen for the commencement of trial.

In considering the bail request, Justice Halilu said the alleged offences were bailable and thus admitted the Defendant's bail on the ground that he produces two sureties who must be Directors in the federal civil service.

“The Directors must produce their letters of employment and promotion to the directorship rank in the civil service.” The judge said.

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ICPC Chairman Emphasises Strategic Action Plan...

Dr. Emmanuel Uche, representing the Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption (RoLAC), applauded ICPC's commitment to strategic action planning, noting the Commission's evolution into a leader in monitoring and

evaluation among anti-corruption agencies.

In his welcome address, the Secretary to the Commission, Mr. Clifford Okwudiri Oparaodu, DSSRS, outlined the workshop's objective of assessing past action

plans' successes and failures to chart an innovative path forward. He emphasized the importance of participants' honest and earnest contributions in line with the rule of law.

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ICPC Chairman Champions Enhanced Interagency Collaboration with CCB to Strengthen Anti-Corruption Measures

By Joy Ajah



Acting Chairman of CCB, Mr Aliyu Murtala Kankia and Chairman, ICPC, Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu, SAN during the meeting

Chairman of the Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC), Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu, SAN, has initiated collaboration with the Code of Conduct Bureau (CCB) to strengthen ties and align efforts to rid Nigeria of corruption in the public sector. This collaboration was agreed upon when the Chairman of ICPC, Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu, SAN, in the company of the management team of the Commission, paid a courtesy call on the Acting Chairman of CCB, Barrister Aliyu Murtala Kankia in Abuja.

Speaking at the occasion, Dr. Aliyu stated that the visit was borne out of the desire of the Commission under his leadership to work with relevant stakeholders to achieve giant strides in the federal government's renewed hope agenda of fighting corruption.

ICPC boss further stressed that President Bola Ahmed Tinubu had an honest commitment to the fight against corruption and that this could be achieved through collaboration and partnership with the CCB, which he described as the most powerful and important anti-corruption agency in Nigeria recognised and mentioned in the 1999 Constitution (as amended).

According to the ICPC Chairman, "The collaboration is in furtherance to consolidating and improving on an existing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two agencies. There are many things that both Agencies could do together to move this country forward."

In his words, "I know that there is an existing MoU between us, and we want to improve on it and harness resources within our reach to work efficiently for the common good and benefit of our nation. Whenever you need anything from us, please do not hesitate to reach out to us while we will also do so from our end", he said.

In his remarks, the Acting Chairman of CCB, Barr. Kankia stated that the visit was a step in the right direction as the fight against

the menace of corruption required cooperation and understanding as displayed by the ICPC Chairman and his team.

He added "The visit signifies friendship, understanding and cooperation to come together to a common goal in the fight against corruption. CCB is the creation of the Constitution that speaks on giving and taking, conflict of Interest, asset declaration, and assets verification".

He expressed the readiness of the Bureau to continue to forward relevant cases to ICPC as it had always done based on findings in carrying out its assignments on assets evaluation and assessments of public servants.

According to him, "You can rely

on us. We have the tools that will help your work and as we have always done, we will share relevant information with you to help your work. CCB also categorizes offences and forwards to appropriate anti-corruption agencies".

Barr. Kankia concluded by calling on ICPC to work with the Bureau in the aspects of training especially on investigation as that will equally help them in their work.

ICPC and FIRS Initiate Talks to Combat Financial Tax Frauds

... Endorses Institute's Partnership Request to Promote Transparency, Improve National Taxation System

By: Kehinde Abdulsalam



Chairman, ICPC, Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu, SAN and the Executive Chairman of FIRS, Dr. Zacch A Adedeji, FCA during the meeting

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related

Offences Commission (ICPC) and the Federal Inland Revenue Services (FIRS) have opened talks on three crucial areas the two agencies could explore to mitigate financial tax frauds and other corrupt vices. At a courtesy visit at the FIRS Headquarters in Abuja, the ICPC Chairman, Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu, SAN

stressed the need for effective collaboration to deepen mutual cooperation and synergize efforts for greater impact in the anti-corruption drive.

In his address, the ICPC Chairman stated that the essence of the courtesy visit to FIRS was hinged on discussing three areas of collaboration that would help the cause of tackling corruption

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most especially the ones that are tax related.

“First of all, there are three critical areas which we need to look at. First to consider is the issue of sharing information between the two organizations and integration of technology. We need to set up a structured process of regular information sharing between us so as to detect potential corruption or fraudulent activities in tax-related matters.

“You have the expertise on tax and we have the mandate of preventing corruption, so I believe effective collaboration would help to identify and tackle the fraudulent practices in the system”

“The second area is the issue of joint investigation and legal reforms. This is an area which the ICPC and the FIRS need to come together because we know that sometimes corruption also come in form of tax evasion and other means of fraud.

“Then the last is the issue of capacity building, which is very important because no organisation can perform its function effectively without the support of the government. We can come together to train or organise programs jointly for members of our staff and organisations so as to enhance our skills and knowledge in detecting and preventing corruption which is related to the issue of tax system in this country.”

The ICPC Boss, who also advocated for a cross-agency committee that will be reviewing and addressing the critical areas of partnership, promised that ICPC was one hundred percent ready to give the FIRS the needed support in the interest of the country's development.

On his part, the Executive Chairman of FIRS, Dr. Zacch A. Adedeji, FCA expressed delight about ICPC's visit and the expression of interest to help the

revenue-generating agency tackle tax-related frauds in Nigeria.

“I am hopeful and optimistic that we will collaborate effectively, and I am particularly delighted that with your support, our enforcement mandate on tax-matters will improve.”

“We will also develop a framework and we will use technology to do so and I believe you are a ready-made partner for us in the area of revenue generation and the progress, not only for individual agencies but for the federal government as a whole,” he said.

In a related development, the ICPC Chairman, Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu, SAN, has stated his willingness to foster a partnership request by the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN) to combat fraud, promote transparency and accountability in the national taxation system.

ICPC Chairman Endorses Institute's Partnership Request to Promote Transparency, Improve National Taxation System

By: Onoolapo Abodunde



Mr. Samuel Agbeluyi, mni President of CITN Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu, SAN Chairman ICPC

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The endorsement, which was made known during a courtesy visit to the ICPC Headquarters in Abuja by the President of CITN, Mr. Samuel Agbeluyi, mni, was described by the ICPC Chairman as pertinent to curbing tax related corruption.

Dr. Aliyu outlined a key agenda for the partnership to include

public awareness, technology and policy advocacy, which according to him, were crucial to the promotion of transparency, accountability and excellence in the taxation sector; stressing the need for Nigerians to contribute to its development by normalising tax payment.

He further stated that “the relationship between ICPC and CITN will be consolidated by revisiting the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and ensuring that the terms are reviewed and improved upon”.

ICPC Chairman Endorses Institute's Partnership Request to...

The ICPC boss subsequently assured CITN of the Commission's unwavering support, as well as collaboration with other key players in the sector, including the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) to effectively prevent and check tax related offences.

Mr Agbeluyi reiterated that "The commitment of CITN to make Nigeria great by blocking loopholes in the taxation system

has led us to numerous interactions with stakeholders to discuss promotion of excellence, professionalism and ethical standards in the practice of taxation".

The CITN President posited that "The crucial role that an efficient tax system plays in building a sustainable and prosperous economy cannot be over emphasised...the drive to make taxation a cornerstone of national

economic development necessitated collaboration with key stakeholders".

The President of CITN outlined capacity building and public advocacy as some of the areas in which the institute hoped to partner, with the aim of creating a robust and efficient tax administration system that would boost revenue generation of the country.

ICPC, NUPRC Open Talks to Block Leakages in Oil and Gas Sector

By: Rashidah Jibrin



Engr. Gbenga Komolafe
Chief Executive NUPRC

Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu, SAN
Chairman ICPC

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) has pledged to collaborate with Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC) to block leakages in the oil and gas sector. The ICPC Chairman, Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu, SAN made

this pledge during a courtesy visit by NUPRC led by the Regulatory Commission's Chief Executive, Engineer Gbenga Komolafe.

In his remarks, Dr. Aliyu discussed ICPC's corruption prevention mandate and the goals of its System Study and Review carried out by the Commission to reduce gaps and prevent resources from leaking in government agencies.

The ICPC boss affirmed that the review was in line with the objectives of NUPRC as a regulatory body that is saddled with ensuring compliance in the upstream oil and gas sector.

The shared interest, he revealed, would birth a Memorandum of Understanding between both agencies to help block leakages in the oil and gas sector and ensuring transparency.

Earlier in his speech, Engr. Komolafe expressed his delight as he looks forward to collaborating with ICPC on the NUPRC regulatory focus and achieves its goals.

He went further to explain NUPRC achievements in the past 2 years and stressed the need to continue making further strides in ensuring transparency in petro-chemical accounting, optimizing the country's oil and gas production and improving investors' confidence, with ICPC's cooperation moving forward.

Current Economic Challenges Facing Nigeria Caused by Corruption – ICPC

By: Ruth Awodi



The Chairman of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), Dr.

SAN, has ascribed the current economic challenges faced by the

Adamu Aliyu SAN, has ascribed the current economic challenges faced by the nation to corruption. The Chairman of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), Dr. Adamu Aliyu

nation to corruption.

The ICPC Chairman said this during a courtesy visit by members of the Centre for Journalism Innovation and Development (CJID) to the Commission's Headquarters. Dr. Aliyu who was represented by the Secretary to the Commission, Mr. Clifford Okwudiri Oparaodu, said that Nigeria was facing the realities of corruption, which had drastically affected the development of the economy.

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He therefore encouraged Nigerians to be patient while ensuring that they contribute their quota to the ongoing reform of the nation.

Speaking on the enlightenment mandate of the Commission, the Chairman said it was important for Nigerians to adhere to policies to curb the challenges being faced in the execution of constituency and executive projects.

He stressed the importance of placing significance on enlightening the public on and against corruption by institutions like the CJID and individuals, saying that one of the core mandates of the Commission is public enlightenment.

Furthermore, he advised the CJID to take

advantage of the Freedom of Information Act to get information from government agencies, adding that when agencies refuse to disclose the information they requested, CJID could sue them in court.

Earlier in his remarks, the leader of the team and CEO of CJID, Mr. Dapo Olorunyomi, stated that the visit was aimed at strengthening the already existing relationship between the organisation and the ICPC, as well as to identify areas to assist the Commission in the tracking of constituency and executive projects.

Mr. Olorunyomi emphasised the need for a lot more direct engagement with citizens as Anti-Corruption Agencies (ACAs) could not win the fight against

corruption alone and that it was important to enlighten citizens more about CEPTI as the organisation could also aid the tracking exercise if armed with adequate knowledge.

He said the Centre had faced some challenges in receiving data from some MDAs and expressed the hope that ICPC would be able to assist in that regard.

The CJID boss said that CJID was willing to bring an interface of media engagement to the Commission's work and in addition, lend and share global database resources that would help the Commission's investigation activities.

The visit ended with the exchange of publications and group photographs.

Again, ICPC's Website Ranked Overall Best among Federal MDAs

By Mustapha Hussein

The former Ag. Director, PE&E Department, Mrs Azuka Ogugwa (M) receiving the award on behalf of the Commission. Standing next to her is Mustapha Hussein, the Commission's Webmaster.

The Commission's website (www.icpc.gov.ng) has again emerged overall best in the 2023 ranking of all Federal Government Ministries, Departments, and Agencies' (MDAs) websites by BPSR.

The award was presented to the Commission through Mrs. Azuka Ogugwa, the former Ag. Director of Public Enlightenment and Education Department by the Director-General of Bureau of Public Service Reforms (BPSR), Mr. Dasuki Ibrahim Arabi, at an award dinner which marked the end of a

two day Conference titled: Nigeria Govtech Conference with a theme: Advancing Public Service Reforms Through Digital Transformation.

Notice of the award was conveyed via a letter to the Commission, titled "Nigeria Govtech Public Service Awards" and signed by the Director-General of BPSR, Mr. Dasuki Ibrahim Arabi.

Part of the letter reads "Sequel to a nationwide nomination and online voting process initiated on Radio, Television, and Newspaper publication in Punch newspaper of September 4th, 2023, we are pleased to inform you that your organisation will be honoured with the prestigious Nigeria Govtech Award in the category of Best Federal MDA Informational Website"

It would be recalled that the previous year, the Commission's website was ranked best among the websites of 220 Federal Government MDAs in the 2021/2022 scorecard.

The analysis was carried out by a jury that comprised relevant government agencies, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), Professional Bodies, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), multinational information technology firms, etc. based on 14 criteria with Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), which include domain string, appearance and aesthetics, content, relevance to MDAs mandate/government policy and structure. Others are responsiveness, security, load time, usability, uptime, architecture, availability, interactivity to accessibility of the websites.

ICPC Case: Immigration Officer Bags 7-Year Jail Term for Passport Fraud

By Kehinde Abdulsalam

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) has secured the conviction of one Mr. Quadri Ismail Adeyinka, a staff of the Nigeria Immigration Service for committing travelling passport fraud.

The Commission had arraigned the convict before Justice Jude Onwuegbuzie of the Federal Capital Territory High Court, Apo, Abuja on a four-count charge bordering on gratification, conferment of corrupt

advantage and cheating contrary to extant provisions of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, 2000 and the Penal Code Act.

Counsel to the ICPC, Dr. Osuobeni Ekoi Akponimisingha had in the course of the trial led evidence before the court on how Mr. Adeyinka defrauded one Mr. Ovie Justice Ojeffia under the pretense of regularizing the latter's international passport.

Adeyinka was said to have received the sum of N100,000.00 (One

Hundred Thousand Naira) from Ojeffia to regularise the said passport but reneged. The victim thereafter petitioned ICPC which led to the investigation and arraignment of the convict before the court.

In his judgement, Justice Onwuegbuzie found Mr. Adeyinka guilty on all four (4) counts charge and sentenced him to seven (7) years each for counts 1 and 2, five (5) years for count 4 and two (2) years for count 3. The sentences are to run concurrently.

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