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ICPC Chairman, Ekpo Nta (2nd from right), with Chairman Senate Committee on Drugs, Narcotics, Financial Crimes and Anti-Corruption, Senator Victor Lar (3rd from left), with Hon. Members of the Commission during an oversight visit to the Commission by the Committee

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## **Corruption: 15-Years Jail-Term for NAICOM Commissioner**

**C**hief Okechukwu Chukwulozie, a former Commissioner of the National Insurance Commission (NAICOM) is serving 15 years jail-term in Kuje Prison over N10.4 million fraud.

He was convicted recently at an Abuja High Court on a 5-count charge for using private interest to furnish his official residence and demanding for a percentage in

a contract he awarded.

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), in 2007 jointly charged Chukwulozie, his wife, Angela; and a former Deputy Commissioner in charge of Finance and Administration, Adedolapo Ogungbe to court..

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## FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK



ICPC Chairman, Ekpo Nta

“The state of Israel is a society that is using its intellect to conquer space and environment.

‘Five members of staff of ICPC have been trained at the Galilee International Management Institute in Israel on 'Train the Trainers' basis. We are not going to be sending people there all the time. The ones that have been trained will come back and be trainers in our own Academy in order to save foreign exchange; that is the whole essence; it is not a jamboree for us.

‘We had the opportunity of going round all the universities in Israel because we were carrying out systems studies in Nigerian Universities. Most of the things we saw there, we have incorporated as part of our systems studies here in Nigeria. We have also audited some intelligence courses which we have brought back to bear on our own functions in ICPC.

‘God has blessed Nigeria with resources; and if we decide to apply our intellect, I believe we will be sitting on top of the entire world. If we utilise the wealth we have in this country, and the resources in terms of human and material resources, people will be looking for visas to come to Nigeria and not the other way round.’”

**Mr. Ekpo Nta, ICPC Chairman**

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## Corruption: 15-Years Jail-Term for NAICOM Commissioner

Mudashiru Oniyangi, said that the court sentenced Chukwulozie to three years on each of the five counts he was convicted and they would run concurrently.

Oniyangi held that the ICPC had proved all the ingredients of Section 19 of the ICPC law against the accused person. According to the judge: "The ICPC has proved beyond reasonable doubt that a commissioner of NAICOM, Chukwulozie, demanded fifty per cent of fees paid to liquidators of Gateway Insurance Plc.

"Beyond reasonable doubt is the standard of evidence required to validate a criminal conviction. Generally the prosecution bears the burden of proof and is required to prove their case.

"The prosecution has presented to court evidence to support its charges against the accused.

"In this case, they have done so. The court hereby sentences you to three years on each of the five counts levelled against you, which will run concurrently.

However, Justice Oniyangi held that the ICPC had failed to prove its case against the second and third accused persons, Angela and Ogungbe respectively.

"The court discharges the second and third accused persons charged with aiding and abetting the crime."

The punishment for the offence is without option of fine.

## Gov. Okorocho's Aide Allegedly involved in N74.4b Contract Scam

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) has alleged involvement of an aide to Governor Rochas Okorocho in a N74.4 billion Imo State contract scam.

Prince Akano and former deputy governor, Jude Agbaso, were part of the scam in which a construction company allegedly got N1.45 billion for the project awarded for N1.15 billion and abandoned the work after executing it up to a point valued at just N300million.

Investigations at the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) revealed that the governor's aide who is also the chairman, Committee on Monitoring and Implementation of Road Projects in Imo State, Prince Akano, was a director in the allegedly erring construction company, JPROS International.

Further investigations also revealed how state officials obtained a loan of N73 billion and used the allocations of all the state's local governments for the next three years as collateral.

The ICPC had received petitions from the state as far back as December 2012 and March 2013 to investigate the issues.

The second petition was sent to the Commission by the Association for Local Government of Nigeria (ALGON), Imo State Chapter, alleging misappropriation and

invitation were sent to 12 functionaries in the state, only five of them honoured. Those who honoured the invitations were the Clerk, Imo State House of Assembly; the Branch Manager of Zenith Bank Plc.; Branch Manager of Guaranty Trust Bank Plc; Accountant-General of the State and Commissioner for Finance.

Seven others were yet to show up. They are the Secretary to the State Government; the Principal Secretary to the State Governor; the Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources; the State Commissioner for Works; the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Local Government

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diversion of N73 billion belonging to the 27 local governments of the state for which three years statutory allocation to the local governments were used as collateral.

The petition further alleged that "the Speaker of the House and his men were beneficiaries of these contracts in order to prevent them from carrying out their oversight functions on the projects."

While several letters of

and Chieftaincy Affairs, the Commissioner for Local Government and Branch Manager of Diamond Bank Plc, Owerri.

Instead of honouring the invitation of the Commission, the suspects dragged the ICPC and its investigators to court, purportedly "seeking the enforcement of their fundamental human rights."

## ICPC Secures High Court Ruling for Re-trial of Ex-IG Sunday Ehindero

The Court of Appeal, Abuja Division has ordered a former Inspector General of Police, Mr. Sunday Ehindero back to the High Court to face criminal trial. Ehindero and a former Commissioner of Police in charge of budget, John Obaniyi were earlier arraigned by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) before an Abuja High Court over alleged complicity in the misappropriation of about N557million belonging to the Nigerian Police Force. They pleaded not guilty to the six-count criminal charge that was preferred against them and were consequently admitted to bail.

ICPC maintained that its investigations revealed that the accused persons diverted the sum of N300million out of N557million that was donated to the Nigerian Police Force, NPF, by the Bayelsa State Government when President Goodluck Jonathan was the governor. The N557million was donated to the Police Force for the procurement of arms, ammunition and riot control equipment.

ICPC traced the diverted N300million to a fixed deposit

account at Wema Bank, Plc. where it had already yielded an interest of N9.8 million. It was further alleged that the accused persons placed another N200 million in a fixed deposit account at Intercontinental Bank, Plc. where it generated an interest of N6.5 million.

The accused persons had filed notices of preliminary objection, challenging the jurisdiction of the court as well as the leave granted the ICPC to file charges against them. They had also prayed the court to quash the six-count charge preferred against them by ICPC.

In his ruling on the objection, the trial judge, Justice Mudashiru Oniyangi dismissed the application and asked the accused to go ahead and face their trial.

Not satisfied, the accused persons approached the Court of Appeal to challenge the decision of the lower court on three grounds:

(1) Whether the Abuja High Court had jurisdiction to entertain the charge against them wherein the allegations against them border on the revenue of the Federation vis-a-

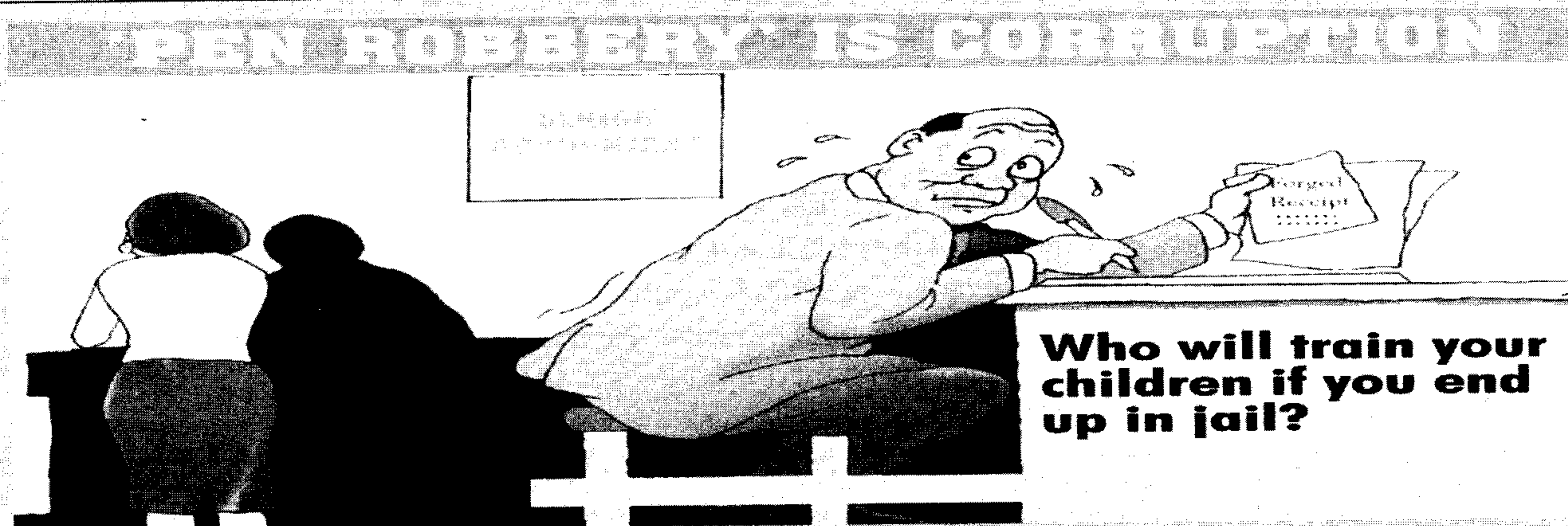
vis the provision of Section 251 (1) (a) – (f) of the 1999 Constitution.

(2) Whether there is a prima facie case linking them to the charge preferred against them by the prosecution, and

(3) Whether in view of the constitutional powers of the Attorney General of the Federation (AGF) enshrined under Section 174(1) and (2) of the 1999 Constitution (as amended), Mr. Paul Bassi, or any other officers of the ICPC, could validly prosecute them without a fiat of the AGF.

In its ruling, the Court of Appeal resolved all three issues raised by the appellants in favour of the prosecution and consequently ordered that the matter be sent back to the Abuja High Court for expeditious hearing.

The Appeal Court also affirmed the decision of the High Court in Charge No. FCT/HC/CR/92/2012 where the said High Court ruled that it had jurisdiction to hear the criminal complaint brought against the accused persons.



## ICPC Wades Into Primary Healthcare Abandoned Projects

By Advent Boniface

As a fallout of the system study embarked upon since 2006 on the health sector which revealed numerous abandoned projects under the National Primary Health Care Development Agency's (NPHCDA) Health Care Delivery in Nigeria Scheme, the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), has charged all relevant contractors to complete all on-going and abandoned projects.

This charge was made by the ICPC Chairman, Mr. Ekpo Nta, at the Commission's headquarters during a meeting convoked for stakeholders of NPHCDA.

The Commission's boss first of all allayed the fears of the contractors of being arrested in spite of the fact that many contracts for the execution of projects and the supply of drugs and medical equipment in NPHCDA's scheme had been abandoned. He said that the Commission was on a fact-finding mission of the health sector, and that the NPHCDA contractors were development partners in healthcare delivery in Nigeria.

Mr. Nta expressed shock that despite huge resources invested in the tourism sector, there were no adequate healthcare facilities for tourists who may require medical attention.

He advised contractors to pay relevant taxes and tasked those who were yet to complete their jobs to do so, adding that good contractors among them could even tender for jobs of the Commission.

In his remark, the Executive Director of NPHCDA, Dr. Ado Mohammed, lauded the ICPC for carrying out the systems study on his agency and for eventually calling the stakeholders' meeting, promising that abandoned projects would be completed to ensure optimal working of the agency for healthcare delivery to Nigerians.

During the meeting, a lot of reasons were adduced by the contractors for non-completion of projects. These included: lack of cash backing for projects to commence, late budgeting and releases/payments to contractors; wrong location of projects among others.

At the end of the meeting, it was resolved that instead of mopping the funds, a Special Intervention Fund for projects indebtedness should be set up by government to cater for capital projects.

ICPC also promised to publish the names of contractors with completed projects provided that such companies paid their taxes up to date, and to also conduct integrity test workshop for politicians on the choice of projects and sites.

Contractors were advised to always assess project sites before bidding and accepting contracts, and to also understand the budgeting process of government in order to be successful.

Contractors who had completed their jobs were advised to hand them over to the relevant agencies while those yet to finish due to unpaid balance were urged to complete their projects and wait for refund.

## ICPC is Focused on the Fight Against Corruption- Ekpo Nta

By Queeneth Onwuka

The Chairman of Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) Mr. Ekpo Nta has said that the Commission is focused on the fight against corruption in Nigeria.

Mr. Nta who spoke to all staff and management at a forum for reviewing the activities of the Commission in the year 2013 stated that the ICPC had recorded more convictions in 2013 than any other year.

He said, "The success recorded in the year is as a result of the capacity building which has impacted positively on your productivity. It is gladdening to note that our impact as an anti-corruption agency is now being felt more by Nigerians.

Added to the reasons for the successes achieved is the collaboration with many MDAs, groups, international organizations and notable individuals." Mr. Nta further listed the

achievements of the Commission in 2013 to include: the recovery of huge sums of money running into several billions from government ministries, departments and agencies which have been paid into the Federal Government's account.

He added that ICPC had also made efforts to reduce corruption in Nigerian universities through system studies, and the shutting down of 21 fake degree-awarding institutions. "The impunity in the tertiary institutions, MDAs, visa racketeers, fake youth corps members, false land speculators/agents etc, has reduced tremendously." he said.

He mentioned that busting the fake visa scam syndicate had resulted in some foreign countries entering into partnership with the ICPC, in the area of training for staff.

Mr. Nta attributed the huge success recorded by the Commission to the hard work of the staff and competence through training and retraining.

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## Ex-Senator Re-Arraigned at Federal High Court

By Sani Tukur

**A** Former Senator who represented Benue North-East Senatorial district, Senator David Iornem has been re-arraigned at a Federal High Court, in Abuja by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC).

The senator was re-arraigned on a 14-count charge which included obtaining by false pretence with intent to defraud and an attempt to induce one Professor Ishaq Oloyede to pay to him a total sum of 11,550 US Dollars for the award of a doctorate degree of Commonwealth University Belize, among others.

The offences are contrary to Section 8(b) and 1(i) b punishable under Section 1(3) of the Advance Fee fraud and Other Fraud Related Offences Act 2006, to which Mr. Iornem pleaded not guilty.

Apart from Commonwealth University, Belize, which was neither accredited nor authorized to operate as a university, investigation has shown that Senator Iornem was also allegedly operating another illegal university named Island Open University, Belize through which he defrauded unsuspecting Nigerians.

When the Belize Government was contacted it confirmed that the said



**Senator David Iornem (middle) with two ICPC officials walking in to the Court**

*Photo by Solomon Kogi*

universities were never granted operational license by it. Also, the National Universities Commission confirmed that the accused person had never applied for accreditation or approval to operate a degree-awarding institution in Nigeria.

The accused was alleged to have appointed himself a consultant and academic adviser to his illegal school in Nigeria under the same guise, and lured many persons into paying him various sums of money before gaining admission into the Commonwealth University for the purpose of obtaining various academic degrees, honours and certificates of "foreign" universities.

Two of the unsuspecting Nigerians

defrauded are Akiniolu Albert Oluwatoyin who paid 5,000 US Dollars and Jamilu Rabi Sani, who paid 800 US Dollars.

The victims were usually advised to pay hard currency (Dollars or Euros) into the account of the Commonwealth University domiciled locally or by bank drafts and other financial Instruments allegedly operated by Mr. Iornem.

The defence counsel applied for bail of the accused person which was granted by the presiding Judge, Hon. Justice A.R. Mohammed, having met the conditions.

**A staff of the ICPC is vested with all the powers, privileges and immunities of a police officer, under the police Act and any other laws conferring power on the police, or empowering and protecting the law enforcement agents in accordance with S.5(1) of Act No.5 of 2000**

### ICPC is Focused on the Fight Against Corruption- Ekpo Nta

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According to him, over 82 percent of the entire staff had benefited from local and foreign trainings, adding that every staff of the Commission would benefit from more training programs.

The Chairman urged the staff to continue to take advantage of the trainings to improve on their jobs, adding that the Commission would not encourage laziness from any staff.

He promised that staff who performed well at any training would be adequately rewarded while those that flunked would be punished.

## ICPC takes on Visa Racketeering ..Recovers 372 Passports from Fraudsters

**R**ecently, the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) recovered 372 international passports from passport racketeers and visa fraudsters.

The recovery was part of an on-going sanitization of corruption-prone processes in the acquisition of visas and clampdown on racketeers.

The Commission contacted owners of the recovered passports to appear at its headquarters in Abuja with proof of ownership and travel documents supporting their visa applications to the respective embassies.

ICPC operatives, earlier in October 2013, arrested 18 suspects in Abuja and Lagos. Three of them were allegedly involved in the production of fake documents to satisfy visa requirements. While one was in possession of suspicious travel documents, the rest were either arrested with forged public documents or for allegedly colluding with people in India to procure fake invitation letters from Indian hospitals. Culpable ones have since been arraigned in courts.

ICPC had initiated several arrests after receiving an ever-increasing number of petitions from prospective students seeking educational placements and patients seeking medical attention abroad who were duped by some dubious agents. Also, the Commission had had to issue a "Visa Scam Press Advisory" last year warning intending travellers of the consequences of patronising and using dubious travel agents and touts to obtain visas through corrupt practices.

Travellers were further advised to use verifiable documents and only deal with official and registered travel and appropriate government agencies.

It is note-worthy that these investigations and arrests have led to significant improvements in visa administration by the respective government

departments, travel agencies and embassies.



An alleged visa racketeer with ICPC operatives

## ICPC Boss Commends UI for Online Reporting of Sexual Harassment

By Inatimi Ugwoji Victoria

**T**he Chairman of Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), Mr. Ekpo Nta has commended the University of Ibadan (UI) for providing an online platform for students of institution to report sexual harassment or intimidation by lecturers and vice versa.

Mr. Nta gave the commendation during a courtesy call on the Commission by members of the University of Ibadan Alumni Association.

He bemoaned the unwholesome new trends in the university system stating that in his own time students never visited lecturers in their offices or homes which was a norm in the system currently.

He stated that the ICPC was in the forefront of promoting  
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## ICPC Sting Operation: Court Registrar Bags 3 Years Jail-Term

**T**he Registrar of a Magistrate Court in Awgu, Enugu State, Anikwu Ambrose Ifesinachi, has been sentenced to three years imprisonment without the option of fine for demanding bribe in the course of discharging his official duty.

In the judgment delivered by Justice A. A. Nwobodo on 17th March 2014 the court convicted the accused person for contravening Section 10 (a) (ii) of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, 2000.

Ifesinachi was accused of demanding a bribe of N80, 000.00 (eighty thousand naira) from the relation of a suspect before he would process the warrant of release of the suspect who had been in custody for about two years.

After persistent demand, the relation approached ICPC and was given marked money. As soon as the accused collected the money from the relation, he was arrested by the operatives of the Commission.

Consequently, the accused was

charged to court on two counts

The ICPC, in the charge sheet filed before the court, averred that Anikwu Ambrose Ifesinachi, on or about June 2010, whilst being the clerk of the Magistrate Court, Awgu, received the sum of N80,000 (Eighty Thousand Naira) from one Arukwe Charles purportedly for Chief Magistrate J.S Ede of the same Magistrate Court, Awgu before the warrant of release could be processed to effect the release of one Maduabuchi Oji from prison custody

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## Corrupt Practices: Edo Majority Leader to Face Prosecution by ICPC

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) has dragged the majority leader of Edo State House of Assembly Hon. Philip Shaibu to court on a six-count charge for allegedly violating the provisions of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, 2000.

According to the charge sheet, Hon. Shaibu, in July, 2010 at Abuja, allegedly made false statements to officers of ICPC claiming that he was an employee of Zanote Ventures Nigeria Limited from 2003 to 2006.

The accused person was also alleged to have lied to the officials of the Edo State Board of Internal Revenue sometime in November, 2006 to fraudulently obtain a tax clearance certificate.

The alleged false statements are offences that contravene Section 23(1)(a) and punishable under Section 1(b) of the ICPC law.

Counsel to Hon. Shaibu, Mr Ken Mozia (SAN) however, sought bail ahead of the arraignment of the accused before the court by ICPC to enable him respond to the charges preferred against his client.

But ICPC counsel, Mr. Godson Igbadume, opposed the bail application. He argued that the bail application should be taken at the commencement of the trial.

Mr. Igbadume said that Hon Shaibu had been evading service from the Commission stressing that efforts made to reach the accused person had proved futile until he was brought before the court.

After listening to the submissions of both counsels, the trial judge, Justice Esther Edigion accepted the argument of the ICPC counsel and adjourned the case to enable the defence counsel respond to the charges as well as take the bail application.

## ICPC Sends two Policemen to Jail for demanding bribe

Two Police Officers attached to the Criminal Investigation Department of the Nigeria Police Force, Kwara State Command, Ilorin have been sentenced to three and two years imprisonment respectively without option of fine for violating the provisions of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, 2000.

The two accused persons, Police Sergeant Alih Tenimu and Police Corporal Salawooden Abubakar were each sentenced to three and two years imprisonment respectively for demanding and collecting the sum of N800, 000 as bribe from a suspect involved in a criminal matter.

The two police officers alongside one Amodu Adamson, now deceased, were said to have asked Mr. Bello Mainasara to pay them the sum of N800, 000 in order to close the case of criminal breach of trust, and threat to life, being investigated by them.

Following their persistent demand, Bello Mainasara forwarded a petition to the ICPC and a sting operation was carried out. The first accused person was arrested in his office while counting the bribe money he had received from the petitioner.

Consequently, the ICPC preferred a four-count charge against the accused persons on the 1st of June, 2013. The accused persons were said to have contravened Section 26(1)(c) and Section 10(a)(ii) of the ICPC Act, 2000.

In the course of the trial the accused pleaded not guilty to the four-count charge preferred against them. The ICPC prosecution team led by Mr. O. J. Ochigbo called four witnesses and submitted evidence to support their arguments while the two accused persons called six witnesses, but no evidence to back up their claims.

In his judgment, Justice A. Mohammed of the Kwara State High Court sitting in Ilorin convicted the two accused persons on all the four counts.

The first accused person, Alih Tenimu was sentenced to three years imprisonment while the second accused, Salawooden Abubakar, bagged a two-year jail term both without the option of fine.

They have since been sent to Ilorin Prison to serve their sentences.

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In the course of the trial, the prosecution called three witnesses and tendered some exhibits while the accused gave evidence without calling any witness. In his defence, he claimed to have collected the money on behalf of the complainant

whom he did not call as a witness. The case which commenced in 2010 suffered numerous adjournments at the instance of the defence. At the close of the case, ICPC filed its final written address on 29th January 2014 which was adopted.

In the judgment of the court, the accused was discharged on Count 1 but was convicted on Count 2 and sentenced to 3 years imprisonment without option of fine.



**Senate Amendment to Give Anti-Graft Agencies First-Line Funding**

The Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria has indicated its intention to amend enabling law in order to put the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission and other anti-graft agencies on first-line charge - a measure aimed at granting financial autonomy to them in order to bolster the fight against corruption and other related crimes.

Chairman of the Senate Committee on Drugs, Narcotics and Financial Crimes, Victor Lar who was speaking at the opening ceremony of the International Conference on Global Programme on Anti-Corruption, Financial Crimes and Asset Recovery in Abuja, organised by INTERPOL in conjunction with the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) at the EFCC Academy gave this indication saying that the Senate was mulling removing anti-corruption agencies from the envelop system and to possibly plough back a percentage of their recoveries into funding their

operations.

The Senate, according to Lar, was also working out a bill to give enablement to the setting up of an assets management agency to manage seized assets from offenders. This, he said, would, forestall the deterioration in their value as time went by.

According to him, with good management such seized assets could actually appreciate and yield profits while the forfeiture lasted.

Senator Lar said the funding bill considered the anti-graft agencies' pivotal role in sanitising the handling of the nation's commonwealth in the past 10 years.

Earlier in his opening remark, the EFCC Chairman, Ibrahim Lamorde, noted that the various dimensions of corruption and financial crimes affect each of the countries represented, stressing that they all needed to work together to effectively confront the menace of corruption.

**Legislator Tasks Pilgrims Board Officers on Financial Prudence**

*By, Murtala Bello Bankanu, Kaduna*

The Chairman, House Committee on Finance, Kaduna State House of Assembly, who is also a member of the House Committee on Religious Matters, Aliyu Balarabe Idris Jigo has called on pilgrims officers to be prudent and transparent in their dealings with public funds.

He made the call at a one-day sensitization workshop on anti-corruption for pilgrims officers and other staff of the Board of the Kaduna State Muslim Pilgrims Welfare Board held in the state capital recently.

Alhaji Jigo told the officers to ensure that all funds entrusted to them were judiciously used for the purpose they were meant, adding that temptation would come, but they should pray to God to give them the ability to live above board.

Earlier, the Chairman of governing board, Alhaji Garba

Maisukuni had informed the participants that the workshop was aimed at sensitizing them against the vices of corruption in the course of discharging their duties.

In his speech, the Overseer of the Board, Alhaji Kabiru Muhammad Kasim reminded the participants that they were entrusted with the responsibility of providing welfare for the intending pilgrims, hence the need to sensitize them about the dangers involved in breaching public trust.

The Chairman of the occasion, Alhaji Ramalan Yero who declared the workshop open, commended the effort of the management of the board for their foresight and described it as timely, and wished the participants fruitful deliberations.

**ICPC takes Anti-Corruption Advocacy To Makurdi Motor Parks**

*By Abubakar Sanusi ( Makurdi)*

Piqued by the high incidence of corruption in the road transport sub-sector of the country, the Benue State office of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) in collaboration with the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Community Development Service Group, recently embarked on a sensitisation campaign for motor vehicle drivers at the Benue Links and North Bank motor parks within Makurdi, Benue State on the need for a corrupt-free transport system.

In his address at the event, the Head of Benue Office of the ICPC, Mr. Prince Hassan Mohammed, represented by a superintendent, Mr. Alhassan Abubakar, stressed the need for all the stakeholders to steer clear of corrupt practices in the discharge of their day to day duties as well as to join hands with the ICPC to constantly drum the anti-corruption message into the ears of Nigerians in order to restore sanity to the nation. According to him "Corruption being so complex and insidious, can only be curbed with the collaboration of stakeholders as well as the support of all citizens".

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## ICPC Chairman Urges Domestication of Fiscal Responsibility Act in States

By Okon Isong

**T**he Chairman of Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission, Mr. Ekpo Nta, has called on state governments to adopt the Fiscal Responsibility Act passed by the National Assembly.

Mr. Nta made the call while receiving the Acting Chairman of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC), Mr. Victor Muruako, who paid him a courtesy visit at the headquarters of the Commission in Abuja recently. He said it was imperative that the Fiscal Responsibility Commission encourage state governors to domesticate the Fiscal Responsibility Act (FRA) in the states for enhanced accountability and transparency.

Mr. Muruako, while speaking during the visit, stated that he and his team were at the Commission as part of their efforts in the new drive of the FRC to reach out to sister organizations and other inter-governmental agencies that they believed were stakeholders in the affairs of the FRC.

According to him, the ICPC was interested in a regime of fiscal prudence and management of the nation's resources, and for that reason they believe that the ICPC was a stakeholder in fiscal responsibility management. He further explained that because of the sensitive nature of the responsibilities under the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007, the intendment of the law was not to restrict it only to the FRC, but that every Nigerian as an interested party could invoke its provisions.

"Before the coming of the FRC in 2008, there was a lot of confusion as to the proper rules and regulations in the management of government finances. But with the

Act and the coming into force of the FRC, there are sets of rules and standards which are in conformity with international standards and practices in developing the economy", he said, while adding that the FRC wants to ensure that those rules were complied with in the management of public finances.

Mr. Muruako added that he was looking forward to a time when the issue of fiscal prudence and macro-economic stability of the nation did not end at the federal level, but also extended to other tiers of governance, particularly the states and local governments. He praised the ICPC for its efforts in curbing corruption and said the FRC could do a lot better with the cooperation of the Commission and other stakeholders.

Mr. Ekpo Nta, in reply, noted that the ICPC had always had a robust relationship with the FRC, saying that the setting up of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission was part of the grand plan by Nigeria to defeat corruption, adding that the country was actually ahead of quite a number of countries in the world, and that in Africa it was one of the leading countries in terms of anti-corruption legislation.

He also urged the Fiscal Responsibility Commission to pay more attention to the relationship between the private sector and the public sector because that relationship was factored in when ever Nigeria is judged alongside other countries of the world on matters of corruption perception.

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## ICPC takes Anti-Corruption Advocacy To Makurdi Motor Parks

Prince Hassan said: "Some Nigerians not only shy away from reporting corrupt individuals who have cornered public funds for personal use, but when such information reach ICPC, potential witnesses refuse to give evidence in court". This, he added, "goes a long way in making the campaign against corruption much more challenging."

Dr. Isu Maxwell, a youth-corps member who also spoke at the event said that the choice of the motor park for the advocacy campaign was a pointer to the strategic nature of the transport sector in the life of the people; and that corruption in the sector is manifesting in the attitude of drivers who ignore traffic regulations, engage in "overloading" and use faulty and rickety vehicles among others. He further called on those present to work towards achieving a corrupt-free Nigeria.

Responding, one of the drivers accused the police on the highways of compelling drivers to pay bribes or face unnecessary delays.

On his part, the traffic manager of the state-owned Benue Links Company, Mr. Daneb Agede, on behalf of the management, expressed satisfaction with ICPC and the CDS group for holding the programme at the Benue Links Park promising that their drivers would be of good behaviour on the highways.

## ICPC Staff Undergo Intelligence and Weapons-Handling Training



By Faison Mark

Between November 2013 and February 2014, officers of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission, (ICPC), from both the junior and senior cadres numbering 335 and divided into five batches went through a mandatory 3 weeks training programme on Security Intelligence and Weapons Handling organised by the Defence Intelligence College (DIC), Karu and the 177 Guards Battalion, Nigeria Army, Keffi.

At the closing ceremony for the last batch of the training programme held at the 177 Guards Battalion, Keffi shooting range, the Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Ekpo Nta spoke about the importance of the training in the war against corruption. According to him, "It was a deliberate decision to retrain every staff of ICPC into a fighting machine because corruption has killed more persons than any other cause. When you are in combat, you can see your enemy and deal with the person directly. Corrupt persons can wish to do you physical harm to evade justice". He explained that corruption comes in different ways ranging from "racketeering in fake drugs, fake motor spare parts, stealing of funds meant for roads, schools and hospitals, and letting the poor of this country die in the midst of so much wealth that we have."

The ICPC boss observed that "by now the Nigerian educational system should be producing graduates who ought to be generating jobs themselves, but regrettably corruption has made that impossible".

Addressing the trainees, he said, "If you don't understand why you are here then you probably would not understand why some other countries that started with us have progressed beyond us".

His words, "More of these kinds of trainings will take place and it is in your own interest to note that the training you are getting is not only for ICPC but it is for yourself".

"I have been monitoring the training you have had here. There is no product of this course that would not take on any danger face on even in your own private lives, he added.

We have tried to give you an understanding of what your body can do and what your brain can do. This training will let you impact on your family, your community or wherever you live; the training must make you different".

Continuing, he said, "I am seeing a situation where in the future this country would be noted for manpower training in all fields. It is a shame for Nigerians to be running all over the whole world to ask for training when we have the competence here."

Having completed the training, the first top three performers in each of the batches, totalling fifteen persons were rewarded handsomely. Apart from receiving plaques of recognition from the 177 Guards Battalion, the Commission also rewarded them with one incremental step on their salary irrespective of the outcome of their promotion exams.

He thanked the Commanding Officer, 177 Guards Battalion Lt. Col. Musa Ibrahim and his men for the wonderful job they had done, promising to continue to partner with the Army in future endeavours.

Responding, the Commanding Officer thanked the ICPC Chairman for considering the Battalion worthy to train staff of the Commission adding that from his interaction with officers of ICPC the training would be quite useful to their career.



Some ICPC Staff being drilled by a soldier

## Fulafia Vice Chancellor Canvasses for ICPC Support

By Abubakar Sanusi (Makurdi)

The pioneer vice chancellor of Federal University, Lafia (FuLafia), Professor Ekanem Ikpi Braide has expressed the need for collaboration and assistance of the Independent Corruption Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) in rescuing the nation's tertiary education sector from the corruption of admission racketeering, sales of handouts, sorting of lecturers by students, examination malpractice, endless strikes among others.

The Vice Chancellor was speaking while receiving officials of ICPC, Benue State Office led by the Head, Mr. Prince Hassan Mohammad on an advocacy visit to the institution.

While expressing delight with the advocacy visit which she likened to "Preaching to a convert of your anti-corruption advocacy", Professor Ikpi Braide commended the ICPC for its seriousness and doggedness in the struggle against corruption in Nigeria stating that "when we came on board as pioneer administrators to midwife Fulafia as one of the newest Nigeria's universities, one of the first things we did was drafting letters to all government parastatals and agencies and private bodies requesting for materials and publications on their statutes and activities for our library".

"I am proud that ICPC is the only body that sent down two of its senior officials to deliver the materials we requested, this is a clear testimony of the commitment to the effort of sanitizing this country", she added.

The university don affirmed the

commitment of entrenching a corrupt-free academic environment at the institution. She stated that "Corruption has been a key issue at this institution as you can see in our motto which is 'Integrity, Innovation and excellence'. According to her, corruption only thrives in the absence of integrity which in turn inhibits innovation and excellence. She expressed readiness to set up an anti-corruption unit to complement an already existing Servicom unit as a pre-emptive measure against possible onslaught by corruption.

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Continuing, Professor Braide further stated that the university which was set by the Federal Government in February 2011 to open up more access to universities for Nigerians and also improve the quality and standard of such education by doing things differently, has successfully reduced the incidence of most of the vices and corrupt tendencies associated with Nigerian universities.

She said the sale of handouts is unthinkable in the university because all lectures are electronically projected and all lecture halls have technicians that are stationed to operate the

projectors as well as provide students with the soft copies of all lectures; and that due to strict monitoring and supervision, lecturers never missed their classes adding that results are collated for Senate endorsement days after exams thereby eliminating the possibility of 'sorting' of lecturers by students. She explained that the two incidents of examination malpractice that came up were promptly addressed with appropriate sanctions.

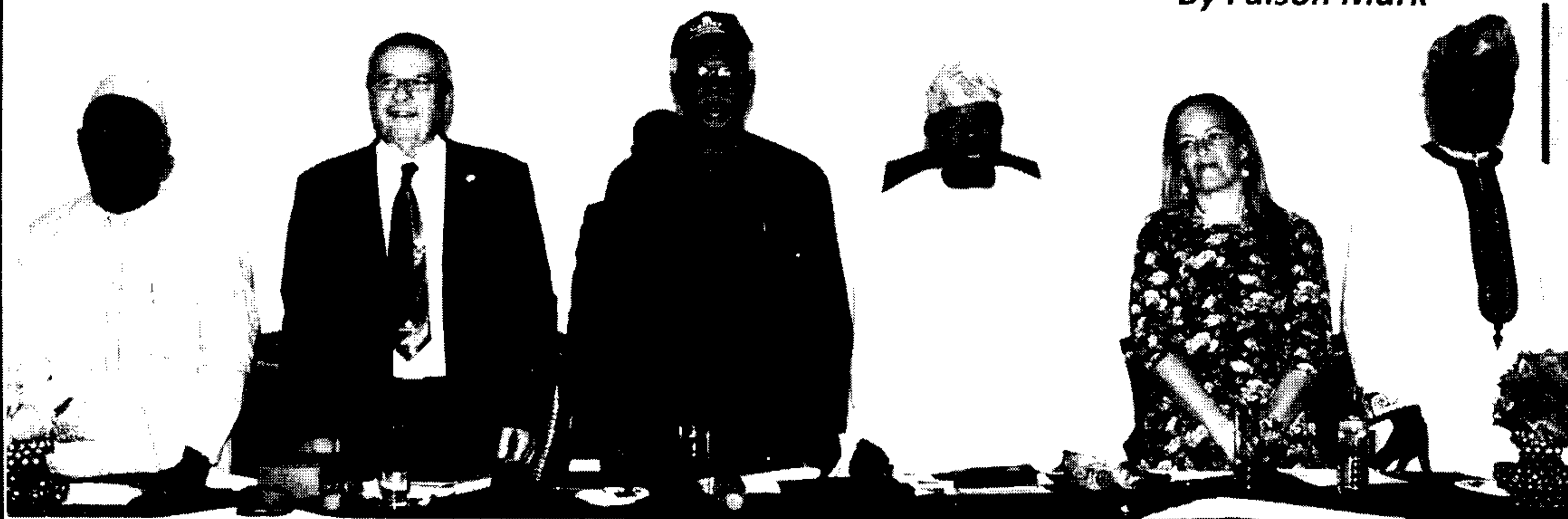
Earlier, the Head of Benue State Office of ICPC, Mr. Prince Hassan Mohammad had stated the purpose of the visit as one of advocacy which was aimed at familiarizing the vice chancellor and her team with the activities of ICPC and how the Commission was going about the challenging task of restoring sanity to the nation's politics, policy formulations and overall governance by vigorously fighting corruption through its three-pronged mandate of enforcement, prevention and education.

Also speaking, the Deputy Registrar in charge of Academics, Dr Abubakar Hassan Ahmad II who stood in for the Registrar and Secretary of the Council, lauded the commitment of ICPC in sanitizing the educational sector and other sectors of the country in general of corruption.

Dr Ahmad II observed that the visit had not only been timely because it came at a time they were striving to develop a virile educational system at the Federal University, Lafia but had also been an eye-opener on the monster called corruption.

## Israeli Galilee Institute Seeks a Stronger ICPC

By Faison Mark



From L-R Alhaji Bako Abdullahi, Joseph Shevel, Mr. Ekpo Nta, Prof. Olu Aina, a Director with the Galilee Institute and Alhaji Ozi Salami

Photo by Solomon Kogi

The President of the Galilee International Management Institute of Israel, Mr. Joseph Shevel, has expressed his wish for a stronger and more effective anti-corruption effort in Nigeria. Mr. Shevel while speaking at a meeting of the Alumni Association of the institute held recently in Abuja said his dream was

to see an ICPC that was quite efficient and effective while deploying intelligence in its work. He cited an example of the Israeli anti-corruption agency which has no regards for the status of accused persons.

His words, "The anti-corruption body of Israel has been quite effective in the use of intelligence and the result is that the Minister of Finance is in jail, the Prime Minister is being interrogated and probably would go to jail. The former President is serving a seven years jail term. I do not wish that your President or former President should go to jail, but if someone is corrupt then he should go to jail and I wish that ICPC would do their job, and we will help them.

"On one hand I feel embarrassed that my former President is in jail but on the other hand, I feel proud that it is possible in Israel and I hope that it will be possible all over the

world," he added.

The president revealed that over 2000 Nigerians had been trained by the Galilee Institute in the last 25 years in the areas of Agriculture, Technology, and Education Management as well as Security and Intelligence management, among others.

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Speaking at the occasion, Chairman of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), Mr. Ekpo Nta said the task of fighting corruption effectively in Nigeria was so enormous that ICPC and other anti-corruption agencies require the intelligence and contribution of all sectors of the society.

Mr. Nta explained that the meeting was meant to ensure cooperation among members in such a way that experience garnered in Israel would be put to use in the quest to wipe out corruption and develop Nigeria.

Addressing fellow members of the association, he pointed out that "the state of Israel is a society that is

successfully using its intellectual resources to conquer space and environment"; and that having shared from that experience; the ICPC was considering them very valuable to its work and would begin to contact some of them to bring their experience to bear on the work of the Commission.

According to him, five members of staff of ICPC had been trained at the Galilee International Management Institute on 'Train the Trainers' basis. "We are not going to be sending people there all the time. The ones that have been trained will come back and be trainers in our own Academy in order to save foreign exchange; that is the whole essence; it is not a jamboree for us".

Speaking further, he said, "We had the opportunity of going round all the universities in

Israel because we were carrying out systems studies in Nigerian universities. Most of the things we saw there, we have incorporated as part of our systems studies here in Nigeria.

We have also audited some intelligence courses which we have brought back to bear on our own functions in ICPC; so we have maintained that robust relationship".

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## Israeli Galilee Institute Seeks a Stronger ICPC

He said that the Commission would be targeting those who were stealing public funds adding that the message from the President had given the Commission the impetus to go after anybody irrespective of his status in order that the wealth of the country would "go round".

He was of the view that, "If we utilise the wealth we have in this country, and the resources in terms of human and material resources, people would be looking for visas to come to Nigeria and not the other way round. God has blessed Nigeria with excess environment and resources; and if we decide to apply our intellect, I believe we will be sitting on top of the entire world".

Responding, the President of the Institute, Dr. Joseph Shevel said that the over 2000 Alumni membership in Nigeria was the largest; stressing that no other country in the world had such a number; pointing out that it was a great indication of the country's commitment to capacity building.

"Nations that are leading in this world are those that invested in capacity building, in education. South Korea for example was a developing country in the 50s and now it is saturated; they don't have oil; they don't have natural resources but they invested in capacity building," he stated.

He thanked the ICPC for hosting the

meeting, expressing hope that Galilee Institute would continue to collaborate with the anti-graft agency especially in the area of intelligence; stressing that intelligence was key.

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## Public Service Institute Seeks Partnership with ICPC

By Advent Boniface

**T**he Public Service Institute of Nigeria (PSIN) has sought partnership with the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) in the area of staff training and manpower development.

The Administrator of the Institute, Dr. Shehu Abubakar Misau, who led a delegation of some of his management staff on a courtesy visit to the Commission's headquarters in Abuja, recently promised that the PSIN would give value for whatever resources invested in the training of the Commission's staff.

He commended the effort of the present Commission's leadership in the anti-corruption

drive, noting that staff of ICPC would become better investigators if they understood the workings of the civil service.

In his words, "We are here to solicit for more partnership, more patronage and more business and I can assure you, Chairman and your top management that we give value for money and we will make sure that your staff will get more than what they will ever get from those so-called international trainings."

According to him, "the institute which was founded in 2009 under the late Umaru Musa Yar'Adua's regime, is under the Office of the Head of Service of the Federation and has the mandate to train

Nigerians."

Dr. Misau was accompanied on the visit by the Director Programmes, Alhaji Mukhtari Maidabino, Director Human Resource Management, Alhaji S. A. Bambale, Deputy Director Press and Public relation, Mr. Willie Bassey, Deputy Head, ICT, Mrs. Safi O. Mohammed and Senior Data Processing Officer, Mohammed Aminu.

Responding to the request put forward, the ICPC Chairman, Mr. Ekpo Nta, stated that both agencies "actually need to do a lot of collaboration, a serious collaboration not in terms of training but even in terms of joint systems study."

He expressed the Commission's assurances

of a good relationship with the institute, even as he lauded the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation for cutting down overseas training except for courses that were sacrosanct and pointed out that "most of the times we tend to underrate our capacity in this country."

Mr. Nta who gave a hint of the Commission's desire to establish teleconferencing facilities at the headquarters and in all the six zonal offices said that the anti-corruption education must be marched with technology, advising that 'we must train our citizens on credit card and other related fraud.'

## ICPC Holds Workshop for LG Officials In Kogi State

By Murna Ishaku and Advent Boniface

The need to institutionalize transparency and accountability in Local Government (LG) administration was brought to the fore at a two-day workshop for L.G officials at the headquarters of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), Abuja.

The event which was organized by Kogi State Zonal Office in collaboration with Kogi State Ministry for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs offered a platform for the L.G officials to x-ray some of their challenges as administrators and to proffer solutions.

Some of the participants who aired their views stated that the workshop was an eye-opener on the issue of corruption saying they had learnt a lot and urged the ICPC to carry out more of such awareness by going to the grassroots to educate cashiers and accountants who are prone to corruption.

In his opening remarks, Kogi State Commissioner for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, Hon. Ndamodu Ali,



The "Integrity Players" in action  
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stated that "the choice of the topic of the workshop was most appropriate to ensure good governance in the Local Government Areas."

He therefore called on the participants to "take useful advantage of this all-important workshop to sustain the existing transparency at the Local Government level in Kogi State."

The ICPC drama troupe, Integrity Players, put up a remarkable performance during the opening ceremony

## NOA Boss Wants Change of Attitude Among Nigerians

.....signs MOU with ICPC

By Hauwa Sani Garba

The Director General, National Orientation Agency (NOA), Mr. Mike Omeri has called for a shift in the anti-corruption campaign from talking to building attitudinal change among the citizens.

Speaking at the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), and the National Orientation Agency (NOA) at the ICPC Headquarters recently, Mr. Omeri explained that his agency was established by government to enlighten the general public on government policies and also propagate the need to eschew all vices in public life including corruption. He maintained that his agency was ready to collaborate with the ICPC towards sensitizing and mobilizing the citizens in the fight against corruption.

He emphasized the need for attention to be shifted towards attitudinal change and that as a result the NOA intended to use all the platforms available to re-orientate Nigerians. He said with over 5000 staff who could speak all the 520 dialects in the country, the NOA had broad structures and was located in all local government areas in the country, promising that the NOA would not disappoint in the collaboration as it was also the first time the agency would be partnering with an anti-corruption agency.

In his welcome address, the Chairman, Committee on Collaboration between the ICPC and NOA, Alhaji Isa Ozi-Salami, an Honorable Member of the ICPC explained that the seven-page Memorandum of Understanding covered the preventive, education and enlightenment functions of the ICPC and that the Commission and

NOA could pull ideas and resources together towards achieving their joint mandates.

He said the document espoused the various platforms which the two agencies could leverage on in accomplishing the task of preventing corruption through vigorous public sensitization and enlightenment in all the nooks and crannies of the country. Also, Alhaji Ozi-Salami disclosed that the MOU recommended the setting up of a joint team comprising senior officials of the two agencies for its smooth implementation.

In his remarks, the Chairman of ICPC, Mr Ekpo Nta harped on the importance of synergy, collaboration and partnership among government agencies towards achieving common objectives. He said it was an idea which ICPC had championed in conduct and approach. He noted that

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## ICPC Organizes Sensitization Workshop for Lagos FRSC, Traffic Management and Security Agencies

By Odega Dubem and Umar Rabiat

In a bid to equip its officers with anti-corruption strategies necessary for daily living and flawless law enforcement, the Lagos Zonal Office of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) in collaboration with the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) recently organized a one-day Anti-Corruption Sensitization Workshop in Lagos.

The workshop had in attendance representatives of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA), the Vehicle Inspection Service (VIS) and the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC).

While welcoming the participants, Head of the Lagos Zonal Office of the ICPC, Mr. Binga Shintema, thanked the Lagos Sector Commandant of the FRSC, represented by Mr. A.S. Abdulrahman, for the cooperation given to the ICPC in planning the program.

Delivering his paper titled "Anti-Corruption War and Safety on Our Roads", the Head of the Public Enlightenment Department of the ICPC, Mr. Mike Sowe, said that the ICPC as a law enforcement agency has three major functions, which include investigation and prosecution, system study and review of corruption-prone practices, and public education.

According to him, a lot of drivers working in government agencies

do not have drivers' licenses, but are usually allowed to go scot-free by the FRSC officers "in the name of esprit de corps." While not discouraging inter-agency cooperation among paramilitary officials, he said that there should be a limit, and also officers should not compromise in the discharge of their duties.

Shedding more light on the road traffic laws and the war against corruption, he stated that the establishment of the Federal Road Safety Corps was to ensure sanity on our roads by reducing the number of accidents and injuries but not for officials to use it as an avenue to enrich their pockets. He added that gratification, collecting or accepting benefit of any kind is an act of corruption, according to Section 8 of the ICPC law.

In conclusion, Mr. Sowe said that the FRSC was one of the least corrupt agencies in Nigeria, and he advised its officers not to engage in acts that would ruin their careers.

In his remark, the Assistant Sector Commander, FRSC, Mr. A.S. Abdulrahman said that the incidence of corruption as reported

in the media is not new to the FRSC, but they need to enlighten officers on the need to shun it in all its ramifications. While stressing the need for the two agencies to collaborate, he said that the strategic plan of the FRSC for 2014 and beyond was to develop itself with adequate knowledge for better efficiency.

While agreeing with Mr. Sowe's assertion that the FRSC was one the least corrupt agencies in Nigeria, he advised the FRSC officials to always have the vision and mission statement of the Commission in mind and work with it, stating that the enforcement of the law should be aimed at reducing acts of corruption to the barest minimum.

There were goodwill messages from the Commandant Operations of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA), Mr. Adeolu George, representative of the Director of the Vehicle Inspection Service (VIS), Engineer E. Adewuyi, and also the Assistant Commandant of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Mr. Adeboye Adeyinka.



Group photograph of participants at the workshop

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ICPC had achieved a lot of mileage in the process of collaboration with agencies like the Bureau of Public Procurement, civil society groups, the media, NEITI, the Police and

other related agencies.

Concluding, Mr Nta stated that the Commission was therefore more than prepared to commence the immediate execution of the contents

of the MOU with the NOA "to the glory of God and to the success of the fight against corruption in Nigeria".



## ICPC LIBRARY RESOURCES

**T**he Independent Corrupt Practices & Other Related Offences Commission which has a tripartite mandate of Prevention, Prosecution and Enlightenment was established to fight Corruption and reduce it to the barest minimum.

Over the years, a collection of literature from operational activities, researches and paper presentations at seminars/workshops on corruption and its related matters by the commission has evolved into a resourceful library.

Listed below are some reading materials you will find invaluable for research purposes and enhancement of job

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|-----|--|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1   | GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS RELATIONS IN NIGERIA: LAWS AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK | J.U.K. IGWE                    | GOVERNMENT             |
| 2   | PUBLIC RELATIONS(IN SEARCH OF PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE)                         | VICTORIA O.AJALA               | PUBLIC ADMIN           |
| 3   | NIGERIAN INCOME TAX & ITS INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION                              | JOSEPH AJIBOLA AROGUNDADE      | TAXATION               |
| 4   |  | TOLLEY                         | ACCOUNTING             |
| 5   | PRINCIPLES OF MARKETING  | PHILIP KOTLER & CO.            | MARKETING              |
| 6   | INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS  | THOMAS A. PUGEL & PETER H. LIN | ECONOMICS & FINANCE    |
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| 8   | TO SERVE IS TO LIVE (AUTO BIOGRAPHICAL REFLECTIONS ON THE NIGERIA CONDITION)   | PAT UTOMI                      | ENGLISH& LITERATURE    |
| 9   | NIGERIAN PRESS LAW AND ETHICS  | INNOCENT OKOYE                 | PRESS                  |
| 10  | NO LONGER BUSINESS AS USUAL (FIGHTING BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION                   | ORG.FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION  | ANTI-CORRUPTION        |
| 11  | HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT(THEORY AND PRACTICE)                                 | FOLAYAN OJO                    | HUMAN RESOURCE         |
| 12  | A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE OF LAWS OF HUMAN RIGHTS                                  | RABAB FATIMA & WADHWA NAG      | HUMAN RIGHTS           |
| 13  | NIGERIA POLICE(DUTIES, POWERS AND LIMITATIONS)                                 | BASIL MOMODU                   | POLICE                 |
| 14  | CYBER LAWS (LAW RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, HACKING e.t.c.)            | DR.GUPTA & AGRAWAL             | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY |
| 15  | SCIENTIFIC CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION  | B.R. SHARMA                    | CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION |
| 16  | LAW OF CRIMES AND CRIMINOLOGY EXHAUSTIVE & CRITICAL COMMENTARY ON INDIAN CODE  | R.P. KATHURIA'S                | CRIME & CRIMINOLOGY    |
| 17  | LAW MAKING PROCESSES IN NIGERIA  | EMMANUEL OKON                  | LAW PRACTICE           |
| 18  | ADMINISTRATIVE LAW   | S.H. BAILEY                    | ADMINISTRATIVE LAW     |
| 19  | INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL LAW (SECOND EDITION)                             | U.O. UMOZURIKE                 | INTERNATIONAL LAW      |

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## ICPC Nabs Corrupt VIO in Port Harcourt

*By Peter Aveyina, Port Harcourt Office.*

## NEWS

**N**emesis caught up with a fraudulent official of the Vehicle Inspection Department Mr. Igbiri Lawrence as he was apprehended red-handed by officials of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) while demanding and collecting bribe from a motorist Mr. Hanson Mfonobong Christopher in his office in Port-Harcourt.

Luck ran out on the culprit when Mr. Christopher whom he had arrested for violating a traffic law petitioned the Commission when he sensed foul play as the VIO, having booked him for a traffic offence, subsequently gave him his personal account number into which he (Christopher) paid Twelve Thousand Two Hundred

Naira as fine and returned the deposit slip to the VIO. Mr. Igbiri then issued him a receipt from Rivers State Vehicle Inspection Department, a development that triggered his suspicion.

Responding swiftly, ICPC operatives from the Port-Harcourt office of the Commission swooped in on the suspect and ferried him to its No.4 Chief AK Horsfall Street office where he made confessional statements during interrogation.

By this action, Mr. Igbiri committed an offence of using his office to gratify himself which contravenes provisions of Section 19 of the ICPC Law.

The suspect has been released on bail as further investigation into the matter is ongoing.

## ICPC honours outstanding NYSC CDs group members in Rivers

The Independent Corruption and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) has rewarded outstanding corps members of the NYSC Anti-Corruption CDS group in Rivers State, for exhibiting excellence in their activities as anti-corruption vanguards in their respective areas of primary assignment during the service year.

The Chairman of ICPC Mr. Ekpo Nta presented certificates of merit to the recipients through the Head, Rivers State office of ICPC, Prince Ndu Okparaibea, urging them to be good ambassadors of the Commission even as they proceed into the larger society.

Prince Okparaibea who decried the lack of commitment on the part of some corps-members in the sensitization of students through the establishment of anti-corruption clubs in schools and other activities in their host communities, warned that the certificates would only be issued to corps-members who have lived up to their billings in the fight against corruption. He stressed that as the foremost anti-graft agency, ICPC will not tolerate cutting corners in the discharge of responsibilities by corps members.

The Rivers State boss further thanked the outgoing CDS members for volunteering as vanguards in the fight against corruption to foster the preventive mandate of the Commission assuring that their efforts in the campaign against graft will never be in vain.

About fifty corps-members from Port-Harcourt City Local Government Area (PHALGA) and Obio/Akpor Local Government Areas were issued with the NYSC/NAVC certificate of merit at the occasion.

## ICPC Boss Commends UI for Online Reporting of Sexual Harassment

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quality education in Nigeria, adding that providing a platform for students to air their complaints against erring lecturers and even lecturers against students would bring stability into the academic environment.

He told the group that the

ICPC believed that education was key to the fight against corruption thus had partnered with the National Universities Commission (NUC), to wipe out fake degree-awarding institutions in Nigeria.

He added that the ICPC in

collaboration with NUC had carried out system studies of universities across the country with a view to refocusing university education towards productivity.

## Gov. Aregbesola of Osun State was Guest at ICPC Good Governance Forum

*By Winifred Ingobro*



The ICPC Good Governance Forum recently held at the commission's auditorium in Abuja with Osun State Governor, Rauf Aregbesola as guest lecturer.

According to the chairman of the ICPC, Mr. Ekpo Nta, the forum which started in 2008 as ICPC Governor's Forum was changed to "ICPC Good Governance Forum and also allow guests share ideas and experiences on governance.

Past guests at the forum included governors Babatunde Raji Fashol of Lagos state (2008), Ibrahim Shehu Shema of Katsina state (2009) and Godswill Akpabio of Akwa Ibom state (2013).

Delivery his paper titled "Governance, Accountability and Transformation" the guest lecturer, Governor Rauf Aregbesola commended the ICPC for creating the platform and said that although Nigeria was at a crossroads due to endemic corruption in the society, he was however optimistic about the future of the nation.

He urged Nigerians to always vote for the right leaders "in order to enjoy the dividends of democracy".

Also in attendance at the event were the commandment General of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC), Dr. Ade Abolurin, and the representative of the inspector General of Police, Commissioner of Police, Lawal Shehu.

# DO YOU WISH TO REPORT ANY ACT OF CORRUPTION?

**Y**ou must consider the fight against corruption a personal cause. It is a struggle for the betterment of our lives as individuals, as a nation and for generations yet unborn. The battle must be approached collectively, tenaciously and holistically with all the seriousness and doggedness it deserves.

Report any act of corruption to the ICPC Headquarters, Plot 802, Constitution Avenue, Central Business District, Abuja or the nearest ICPC State office in the following states and addresses:

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| A/1C/2012      | FRN<br>VS<br>BODE OLAWOYE                   | H/C AKURE   | ONDO STATE      | FOR CONTINUATION<br>OF DEFENCE                  | 24/03/2014   |
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| HU/31C/2011    | FRN<br>VS<br>EMMANUEL EBE                   | H/C UYO     | AKWA IBOM STATE | FOR CONTINUATION<br>OF HEARING                  | 28/03/2014   |
|                | FRN<br>VS<br>GBOLAHAN ADEB ULE              | H/C IGBOSE  | LAGOS STATE     | FOR RE-ADOPTION OF<br>WRITTEN ADDRESSES         | 31/03/2014   |

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| LCD/454C/2012       | FRN<br>VS<br>AUSTIN ASEDIGBE                 | H/C IKEJA        | LAGOS STATE        | FOR CONTINUATION OF<br>HEARING  | 3/03/2014   |
| HAB/ICPC/1C/2013    | FRN<br>VS<br>DR.PAUL AJAH &<br>ANOR          | H/C ABAKALIKI    | EBONYI STATE       | FOR HEARING   | 3-4/03/2014 |
| KG/ICPC/1C/2005     | FRN<br>VS<br>MICHAEL ESSEYIN                 | H/C KOTON KARFE  | KOGI STATE         | FOR CONTINUATION OF<br>DEFENCE  | 5/03/2014   |
| SS/19C/2010         | FRN<br>VS<br>LAWALI GARBA &<br>ANOR          | H/C SOKOTO       | SOKOTO STATE       | FOR FINAL ADDRESSES   | 5/03/2014   |
| KDH/KAD/3/ICPC/2010 | FRN<br>VS<br>AUGUSTINE CHUKWUEMEKA<br>& ANOR | H/C KADUNA       | KADUNA STATE       | FOR CONTINUATION OF<br>HEARING  | 6/03/2014   |
|                     | FRN<br>VS<br>AZEEZ ADEWALE<br>WASIU          | H/C IBADAN       | OYO STATE          | FOR HEARING   | 6/03/2014   |
| F/13C/2009          | FRN<br>VS<br>ALH. YUSUF SADIQ 7<br>ORS       | H/C YOLA         | ADAMAWA STATE      | FOR CONTINUATION OF<br>DEFENCE  | 10/03/2014  |
| BA/43C/2011         | FRN<br>VS<br>ABDULMUTALIAB<br>MAHMUD & ANOR  | H/C BAUCHI       | BAUCHI STATE       | CONTINUATION OF<br>HEARING  | 10/03/2014  |
| PHC/888C/2013       | FRN<br>VS<br>ASO ADASA<br>MORISSON & ANOR    | H/C PORT HACOURT | RIVERS STATE       | ADOPTION OF WRITTEN<br>ADDRESSES ON A<br>MOTION CHALLENGING<br>OF THE COURT TO HEAR<br>THE MATTER | 12/03/2014  |
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| E/37C/2010          | FRN<br>VS<br>PROF.MARTIN AGHAJI              | H/C ENUGU        | ENUGU STATE        | FOR CONTINUATION OF<br>HEARING  | 12/03/2014  |
| AK/33C/2006         | FRN<br>VS<br>DELE FAGORIOLA                  | H/C AKURE        |                    | FOR JUDGEMENT   | 13/03/2014  |
| A/86C/2008          | FRN<br>VS<br>SUNNY OBI                       | H/C AKWA         | ANAMBRA STATE      | FOR CONTINUATION OF<br>HEARING  | 17/03/2014  |
| HC/68C/2012         | FRN<br>VS<br>DR.COSMASCHUKWUDI<br>NDUKWE     | H/C UMUAHIA      | ABIA STATE         | FOR HEARING   | 14/03/2014  |
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