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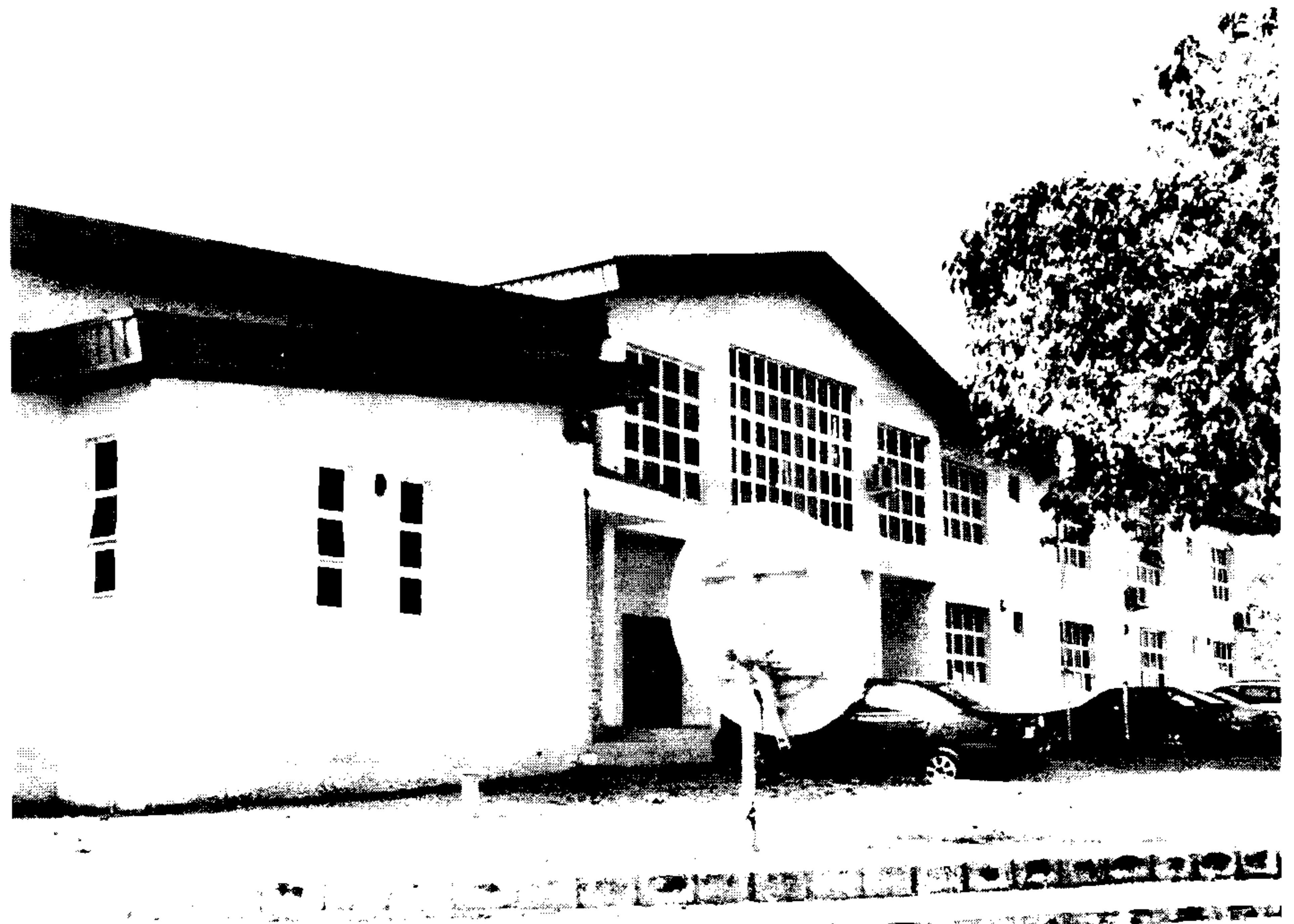
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ACAN Building, Keffi, Nasarawa State
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ICPC's Anti-Corruption Academy of Nigeria (ACAN) takes off

By Sina Babasola

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) is pleased to announce the take-off of its training and development arm, the Anti-Corruption Academy of Nigeria (ACAN). The Academy took off at its permanent site in Keffi, Nasarawa State, in October 2014.

ACAN's vision is to be a model manpower development institution that will provide the

necessary connection between theory and practice in order to drive the fight against corruption and related crimes in Nigeria and beyond. ACAN is positioned as a centre of excellence to craft a multi-disciplinary approach to the fight against corruption through training, research, documentation, advisory services, advocacy, and skills development in enforcement.

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK



ICPC Chairman, Ekpo Nta

“We have argued that Nigerian value systems are rich. A reasonable man should be able to ponder why then these days there is corruption in our land. I submit that the Nigerian value systems have not changed; rather, it is the people that have changed.

'In the first place, the family system is no longer what it used to be. Individualism has taken over from the family system. With individualism, the slogan is everybody for himself and God for us all. Individualism has little respect for a good family name.

Besides, money and material wealth have now taken the centre stage. The society now worships money such that it accords little respect for scholarship and integrity. Families no longer ask questions from their members on how they acquired stupendous wealth without any known means of livelihood. The society has also stopped asking this question. Rather, they celebrate and sing praises of the wealthy while denigrating hard working citizens who survive on their earnings...

“It is under this new climate that anti-corruption agencies have to ply their trade. When we receive petitions about corrupt activities we begin to swim against the tide. Nobody volunteers information willingly as the families, clan, ethnic group, friends, associates and so on immediately form a cocoon to protect their “own”. In the past, can you drive an expensive Mercedes car home and not face severe enquiries from your father as to how you got the money, since you were only entitled to a Volkswagen Beetle car? If he was not satisfied with your answers, he would stop by your office and ask questions.”

Mr. Ekpo Nta, ICPC Chairman

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ICPC's Anti-Corruption Academy of Nigeria (ACAN) takes off

ACAN offers world-class academic and practical training in corruption and anti-corruption studies not only to staff of ICPC but all anti-corruption practitioners at postgraduate level. Among others, the academy offers courses tailored to the needs of high-level/middle-level executives and professionals (existing practitioners in the field) that possess a minimum of bachelor's degree/Higher National Diploma in any field and with at least two years of continuous work experience in any environment or institution related to anti-corruption.

The graduate studies programmes on offer are particularly suitable for candidates with work experience in the public or private sector and international or non-governmental organizations, as well as for media practitioners and academics with proven records of academic research in the area of anti-corruption. Indeed, the new institution expects to eventually become an African hub for the Austria-based International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA).

In the roadmap approved by the Board of its parent body, the ICPC, ACAN is structured to help Nigerians understand anti-corruption concepts through academic research, carefully designed lectures and seminars. Short term courses in integrity issues, security studies and public service matters.

Students will leverage on available analytical and theoretical tools which will enable them to analyse

corruption across time, regions and discipline and, importantly, equip them with practical experience of tackling corruption in the real world.

ACAN will also serve as a platform for the exchange of ideas, networking and collaboration in the area of crime management and corruption control, thus facilitating ethical re-orientation among course participants who will be exposed to the elements and benefits of personal, professional and corporate integrity. Additionally, typical training to be offered at ACAN will assist participants in learning how to design and organise specific intervention mechanisms for detection and prevention of corrupt practices in various spheres of human endeavour.

Meanwhile, in order to reinforce the scholarly bedrock of the institution, the Commission has appointed the immediate past vice-chancellor of Osun State University, Professor Sola Akinrinade, as Provost of the Academy while a number of its principal staff have been redeployed to the institution.

Until this appointment, Professor Akinrinade, FNAL, FHSN, has been a Professor of History at the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, where he has taught since 1982. He was educated at the University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University), Ile-Ife, Nigeria, and the London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London, UK.

A widely travelled scholar, he has held teaching and research positions at institutions in

Nigeria, South Africa, the United States and England. Professor Akinrinade served as the founding vice-chancellor of Osun State University, Osogbo, Nigeria, between August 2007 and July 2012. He was until recently, a Visiting Professor with the National Universities Commission (NUC).

Police Prosecutor in ICPC Net for collecting Bribe

A 49-year old police prosecutor has been arrested by operatives of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) for demanding and collecting a bribe of N15,000.

The suspect, Ambrose Okonkwo, a Senior Inspector of Police attached to the Divisional Police Headquarters, Awgu in Enugu State had allegedly been soliciting for bribe in order for him to "facilitate" his victim's cases in court.

However, one of the victims reported the matter to the ICPC and was given marked money to give to him. He was arrested in a sting operation on 1st August, 2014 immediately after he had received the marked money and was taken to the Commission's headquarters in Abuja for further interrogation. The action of Mr. Okonkwo, who has put in 32 years of service as a police prosecutor, violates Sections 17, 18 and 19 of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, 2000.

He will be charged to court as soon as investigations are completed.

N140.8m Fraud: Court Frees Ex-PDP Chairman, Ogbulafor, Jails Ebilah

By Inalegwu Shaibu

An Abuja High Court sitting in Maitama has dismissed the N140.8 million fraud case brought against the former National Chairman of the People's Democratic Party (PDP), Prince Vincent Ogbulafor by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC).

The court however sentenced the former Secretary of National Economic Intelligence Committee (NEIC), Chief Emeka Ebilah to five years in imprisonment for defrauding the Federal Government of N28 million.

Both Ogbulafor and Ebilah were charged to the court presided over by Justice Ishaq Bello by the ICPC on a 16-count charge of defrauding the Federal Government of over N140.8 million.

The ICPC in the charge sheet accused Ogbulafor and Ebilah of fraudulently collecting over N140.8 million from the Federal Government as payments for fictitious contracts.

The Commission told the court that Ogbulafor, while serving as the Minister of Special

Duties in 2001, allegedly received various sums of money totaling N140.8 million as payments for fictitious contracts from Ebilah who was then the Secretary of NEIC.

Part of the charge sheet reads, "That you Vincent Ogbulafor, Emeka Ebilah and Emmanuel Bosah in the month of March 2001, at Abuja, being public officers, to wit; Minister In Charge of Special Duties, Secretary/Member of the National Economic Intelligence Committee (NEIC) and Director, Budget Implementation, Federal Ministry of Finance respectively, did use your positions to confer corrupt advantage upon yourselves by fraudulently receiving for yourselves through a proxy Henry Ikoh, the sum of N82, 631,03.41 from the Federal Government of Nigeria in the name of a company, Henschriko Nig. Ltd., as payment for a fictitious contract purportedly executed for the Federal Government of Nigeria.

"That you Vincent Ogbulafor did receive the total sum of N28 million belonging to the Federal government of Nigeria from One Emeka Ebilah through a proxy,

Chris Nwoke, knowing same to be fraudulently obtained through the verification and payment of fictitious contracts purportedly executed on behalf of the Federal Government of Nigeria, an act which constitutes a felony contrary to Section 13 read in conjunction with Section 19 of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act 2000.

"That you Vincent Ogbulafor did receive the sum of N2 million belonging to the Federal government of Nigeria from One Emeka Ebilah knowing same to be fraudulently obtained through the verification and payment of fictitious contracts purportedly executed on behalf of the Federal Government of Nigeria, an act which constitutes a felony contrary to Section 13 read in conjunction with Section 19 of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act 2000."

The Commission further established that Ebilah in his confessional statements admitted giving N28 million to Prince Ogbulafor as part of the proceeds of the fraud. He later added another N2 million.

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Efforts to rid Ports of Corruption: ICPC arrests 6 NPA staff, 4 others

Inalegwu Shaibu with reports from Mohammed Kabir in Lagos

Six staff of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) have been arrested by officials of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) for allegedly defrauding members of the public of huge sums of money.

The six NPA personnel arrested for extortion are the Gate Manager, Mr. Olu Odubagbemi, Comrade Davies Oluwale, and Mrs. Akere Yetunde. Others are Mr. Wilson Jacobs, Mrs. Olufolake and Mr. Bayo Utieyione.

The suspects had been in the habit of extorting money from truck drivers at the terminal gates without issuing receipts.

The Commission also arrested four other people in Lagos State including Mr. Akinkuade Kunle who had been parading himself as an officer of the ICPC for an alleged fraud and admission racketeering.

Mr. Kunle who posed as an ICPC staff and defrauded a company of N1 million, did so while claiming to be an operative of the Commission with the pseudo name Chukwuemeka Jude. He had approached the company and requested N1 million to help them facilitate a deal but was however apprehended in the process of swindling the company by officers of ICPC based on a tipoff.

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FIRS Official, Company convicted over N14 Million Tax Scam

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) has secured the conviction of a senior staff of the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Mrs. Mubo Ikotun and a company, Messrs. Smith Nigeria Limited for bribery and tax evasion.

The conviction of the two was pronounced by a Lagos State High Court presided over by Justice O. A. Williams (Mrs.) in Charge No-LCD/17/2008/FRN v John Fagbemi and 4 others.

Messrs. Smith Nigerian Limited was convicted for allegedly bribing Mrs. Mubo Ikotun (2nd Accused) and some other staff of FIRS to reduce its tax liability assessed at N13,938,985.00 to the sum of N441, 653.00 in fraudulent manner.

The Company, according to ICPC, got the tax relief through a fraudulent means and was issued a Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC) upon paying the sum of N441, 635.00 to the Federal Inland Revenue Services.

Mrs. Ikotun, a superior

officer to Mr. Fagbemi (1st Accused) also of FIRS was alleged to have used her office to solicit and receive a cash gratification of N2.5 million to grant the tax relief to the said company. The court however acquitted and discharged Mr. Fagbemi.

The court also freed both Mrs. A. Temowo (3rd Accused) and Mr. K. Oduneye (4th Accused) the consultants who negotiated the bribe on behalf of the company.

The company, Messrs. Smith Nigerian Limited was convicted for engaging in a conspiracy to effect the payment of the gratification and also for its failure to report the obtaining of the gratification.

According to ICPC's testimony at the court, the convict, Mrs. Ikotun of FIRS upon receiving the gratification proceeded to purchase a Skoda Octavia saloon car which she converted to her personal use. She equally concealed the ownership of the car and declined to produce it to the officers of ICPC who had made a request to that effect in the process of their investigation.

ICPC Staff Trained in Weapons Handling and Intelligence Gathering

By Murna Ishaku

No fewer than 335 officials of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission have been presented with certificates for training in weapon's handling and intelligence gathering.

Speaking at a ceremony for the presentation of certificates by the Commandant of the 177 Guards Battalion at the ICPC headquarters, the Chairman of the Commission, Ekpo Nta said with the training, the officers and men of the Commission were better-equipped to tackle crimes as law enforcement agents.

The Chairman noted that when he assumed office as the Chairman of the Commission, the Commission had to rely on other

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months later, he called one of the complainants to tell the others to make a further contribution of N50, 000 each before he could fulfill his promise.

At this point, the complainants decided to report the matter to the ICPC.

Acting on their report, the Commission's operatives arranged a sting operation with one of the complainants to make him believe yet another person needed a job. He demanded for N250, 000 and was arrested while collecting marked money provided by the Commission.

Further investigations by the Commission have revealed that Insp. Abdul Ahmed had been swindling money from many job-seekers on the pretext of giving them jobs.

His actions contravene Sections 8, 9 and 19 of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, 2000 and other relevant laws in the Criminal Procedure Code and will soon be charged to court.

ICPC Arrests Prison Officer in Money – For-Job Scam

Operatives of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission have arrested a Nigeria Prisons officer, Inspector Abdul Ahmed, who specialized in swindling job-seekers with promises to provide them with employment with the Nigeria Prisons Service (NPS), Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) and the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS).

Inspector Ahmed who is with the Dog Section of the Nigeria Prisons, Kuje, is said to have been introduced to the complainants by one Alhaji Ahmed Abdul Yola in Yola, Adamawa State. The suspect and the six complainants later met at Azare, Bauchi State in August 2013 where he asked the later to pay him the sum of N250, 000 to enable him secure for them jobs with the above-mentioned establishments. He convinced them that he would secure the employments for them through his boss who jointly oversees such matters in the said establishments. To further secure their trust, he entered into a written agreement with them to refund their monies if he failed to deliver. Having collected the said sum from each of the complainants totaling N1.5 million, Inspector Ahmed could no longer be reached on the phone or found. Many

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Justice Bello in his ruling said Ebilah admitted guilt in his confessional statements that he indeed gave Ogbulafor N30 million, even though the ex-PDP chairman denied collecting the money, except the N2 million which was given as donation towards his political campaign, after he had resigned from the PDP as chairman.

Ebilah who was in court in a wheelchair was then sentenced to five years imprisonment without an option of fine. The judge declared, "This ugly situation needs to be checked. The situation does not call for leniency. I can only recommend maximum health attention by the prison authority. I hereby sentence you to five years imprisonment with no option of fine."

The court however discharged and acquitted Ogbulafor of the 16-count charge based on the evidence presented before it, after establishing that the former PDP boss did not receive the alleged money claimed to have been paid to him by Ebilah, except the N2 million donation.

Fake ICPC Staff arrested

By Peter Aveyina (P.H.)

Officers of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) have arrested one Mr. Nzeh Edozie, who had been parading himself as an operative of the Commission.

Mr. Edozie, 47, who claimed to work for Murphy Brown Commercial Enterprise, Limited as an asset and loan recovery agent for banks and private individuals was arrested in Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

Preliminary investigations indicated that the suspect had been going round extorting money from innocent citizens in return for services rendered as an officer of the ICPC.

He had particularly demanded for N200,000 from one Mr. Roland Ozoekwe who had sought his services to help him recover some money from his debtors.

Investigation after the arrest of the fake officer shows that Mr. Ozoekwe unwittingly paid N100,000 as part payment for the services, before he realized that he was dealing with an imposter,

ICPC warns against Use of fake Tax Documents

By Folu Olamiti

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) has warned members of the business community and private citizens against using forged or fake Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC) and Audit Reports to apply for contracts.

The ICPC in a statement in Abuja reiterated its commitment to bringing to book public officials who abuse their offices in accordance with the provisions of the ICPC enabling law.

Already, ICPC has commenced investigation into the procurement of tax clearance certificates and audit reports by several companies to ensure that those bidding for contracts are not tax evaders.

ICPC is also prosecuting tax-related cases in courts especially those companies that had cut corners to win contracts.

Section 25 sub-section (1) (a) empowers ICPC to investigate and prosecute anybody be it corporate or individual for making any statement which is false or intended to mislead public officers in the course of discharging their duties.

The section prescribes two years imprisonment for making false statement which is "intended to mislead or is untrue in any material particular" to public officials.

Therefore, tax assessors, corporate and private citizens have been advised to be wary of procuring and presenting forged or corruptly-assessed tax clearance certificates or audit reports in order not to run foul of the provisions of the law.

following a tipoff by a friend.

He reported the case to the ICPC and was promptly assisted to make the complete payment, leading to the arrest of the imposter.

Items recovered from Mr. Edozie included: a large frame of ICPC offences/penalties poster and copies of the ICPC and National Anti-Corruption Volunteer Corps (NAVC) mission statements; Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, 2000; Nigeria Police Act; Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) Act; and the Public Service Rules.

Others include fake ICPC identity card designating him as the Head of Surveillance, files containing copies of petitions and other correspondences on ICPC, fake ICPC letter-headed papers and N20,000 in cash.

The offence is punishable under the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, 2000.

He will be charged to court as soon as investigation is completed on the matter.

ICPC arrests Seven fake NYSC Members

Inalegwu Shaibu

Seven people parading themselves as members of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) have been arrested by officers of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC).

The fake Corps members, five men and two women were arrested at the Nigerian Postal Service (NIPOST) where they were allegedly serving their one year compulsory national service, following a tip-off by the management of NIPOST.

The seven suspects claimed to have all graduated from Ekiti State University. They are Adelewo Adekunle, Ajasa Olukunle, Babatunde Fameru, Obafemi Precious, Ajao Aminat Adewumi and Babalola Akintude.



Picture of fake Corps Members

The suspects told ICPC operatives during interrogation that they were mobilized by three different people after paying monies ranging from N70, 000 to N150, 000. They claimed that they enlisted the services of persons that mobilized them independently.

One of the suspects Adelewo Adekunle, 23, who claimed that he studied Environmental Management through the Distance Learning Programme of Ekiti State

University, allegedly paid N150, 000 to one Niyi who is now deceased.

He added that he collected his mobilization letter from somebody at the motor park in Ado-Ekiti and was asked to come to Abuja and resume work at NIPOST.

Another suspect, Ajao Aminat Adewumi claimed that she studied Accounting through the Distance Learning Programme at the university. She told ICPC that she paid N100,000 to one Mr Ralph to facilitate her posting and deployment.

The suspects all said that they never had direct contact with the person that mobilized them, stating that they each got mobilized through a third-party whose whereabouts is unknown. The suspects will soon be charged to court.

Ministry of Power sensitizes Staff against Corruption

By Murna Ishaku

A 2-day seminar to sensitize staff on the need to imbibe integrity and good ethical values was recently organised by the Federal Ministry of Power in Abuja. The permanent secretary in the ministry, Dr. Godknows Igali, in his address to the gathering said the seminar was the initiative of its Anti-Corruption and Transparency Monitoring Unit [ACTU] and supported by the management designed to flush out any vestiges of corruption in the system.

He said the fight against graft and lack of integrity had been pursued vigorously in the ministry since the establishment of ACTU which had signaled the beginning of

a committed fight against corruption.

In her brief remark, the Director, Special Duties of the ministry, Dr. Antonia Ekpa, added that the seminar was coming at a time when government was intensifying efforts at promoting transparency and accountability in its business.

She said the seminar was designed to start with Grade Levels 3-9 because they form the crop upon which the integrity of the ministry has to be built. Corruption, she added, had been an impediment to the power sector reforms.

She challenged them to evolve realistic and practical approaches to

the fight against corruption.

In his paper entitled: "Corruption and the Other Related Offences Act, 2000" Mr. Ebenezer Shogunle, of ICPC, outlined the 3-pronged mandate of the Commission which includes investigation and prosecution, prevention and public education and enlightenment. A credible anti-corruption effort, he said, is one that encourages motivation and deterrence.

He cautioned them to desist from the temptation of receiving bribes or gratification which are common forms of corruption.

Vision 20-2020: Corruption-free Public Sector vital for Success - Ekpo Nta

By Inalegwu Shaibu

Chairman of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), Mr. Ekpo Nta stated that government's efforts to attain economic and infrastructural development in the year 2020 should not be hampered by corruption.

Mr. Nta who spoke through the Head, Corruption Monitoring Department (CMD) of ICPC, Mr. Barnabas Gaji at the 2014 Zonal Capacity Building Workshop for Anti-Corruption and Transparency Monitoring Units (ACTUs) in Government Ministries, Department and Agencies (MDA) in Enugu, urged workers in the public sector to join hands with anti-graft agencies to rid Nigeria of corruption.

He noted that civil servants hold prime positions in the affairs of the nation, adding that a transparent and corruption-free public sector would accelerate Nigeria's quest to become one of the biggest economies of the world by the year 2020.

He said, "The current mood, internationally and locally espoused by the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) and our vision 20:20:20 respectively, is that organized corruption and crime cannot co-exist if Nigerians are to reap the benefits of good governance.

"It was not a misplaced priority when the Federal Government intended that the public service should take the lead in the fight to eradicate corruption in Nigeria.

"The public service is the window through which the outside world glimpses into any nation; and an efficient, and corruption-free public service gives a positive signal to the seriousness of the country to do business with the rest of the world."

He tasked the participants not to toy with the duties of transforming their respective MDAs, as they have been

chosen as role models in the fight against corruption in the public sector.

His words, "ACTU members hold a "command position" in the affairs of government by ensuring a high ethical standard and committed stance against corruption.

"The great responsibility bestowed on you by the Commission and Nigeria as Anti-Corruption and Transparency Monitoring Unit members or Ethics and Compliance officers requires that you should be a practical example to others in the fight against corruption in helping to create and sustain a corruption-free and transparent working environment in all government institutions."

Keynote speakers at the workshop also enjoined the participants to apply the knowledge gained to move their MDAs forward for the good of Nigeria.

Mr. Justin Kuatsea of the ICPC while delivering a paper titled 'Organization of ACTU' said that the Commission has re-engineered the ACTU to make it more functional and effective.

He warned the ACTU members not to use it as a witch-hunting tool in their respective MDAs, adding that all cases should be reported to ICPC for proper investigation and prosecution.

"Do not use ACTU to get advantage or witch-hunt. You should also report all cases to ICPC and remember that you cannot take anybody to court because the standing orders did not empower you to do so." He added.

Mr. Chukwuma Ikeoha of the ICPC who also presented a paper titled 'Monitoring and Evaluation' tasked the participants to be very observant in the conduct of their jobs.

He said that a careful system study and evaluation would throw up

corruption-prone areas in MDAs which could be easily addressed.

Furthermore, Mr. Olayinka Adebayo of the ICPC, in a paper titled 'Preliminary Investigation', urged the participants to be wary of gratifications. He also urged them not to be biased in their investigations and that they should avoid using ACTU as a tool for blackmailing of fellow workers or the management of their organisations.

Another ICPC staff, Mrs. Hauwa Garba who delivered a paper titled 'Report Writing' said that ACTU members should be articulate in their reporting to enhance communication. She noted that good written reports or proposals get acted upon quicker than badly written ones.

Clerical Officer docked for gratification

By Inatimi Ugwoji

Mr. Adikwu Abah, a Clerical Officer in the Federal Civil Service Commission, Abuja, has been arraigned before Hon. Justice F. Ojo of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Maitama, Abuja by The Independent Corrupt Practices And Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) for gratification.

The accused was arraigned on a three-count charge for demanding gratification to process the regularization letter of an applicant which is punishable under Section 8 (1)(b)(ii) and 19 of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, 2000.

The accused person Mr. Adikwu pleaded not guilty to all the charges against him.

The court granted him bail with a bond of five hundred thousand naira only (N500, 000.00) and two sureties in the like sum.

Hearing was adjourned to 30th January, 2015.

NAICOM Seeks ICPC Support to Deepen Insurance Operations

By Advent Boniface

The National Insurance Commission (NAICOM) has sought the support and cooperation of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) in order to deepen insurance operations in the Nigerian economy.

The request was made by the Chairman, Board of NAICOM, Rt. Hon. Chibudom Nwuche, who led a team of other NAICOM commissioners on a courtesy call to the ICPC headquarters in Abuja.

Hon. Nwuche who revealed that in most economies insurance benefits play a pivotal role in the growth of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) remarked that they were at the ICPC, in his words, "to seek cooperation and support especially in terms of enforcement in order to deepen insurance operations in our economy."

Also, NAICOM's Commissioner for Insurance, Mr. Fola Daniel, took his turn to explain some of the functions of the insurance commission which

include; establishment of standards for the conduct of insurance business in Nigeria; approval of rates of insurance premiums to be paid in respect of all classes of insurance business; acting as adviser to the Federal Government on all insurance-related matters and host of others.

Mr. Daniel referred to the ICPC as "a silent achiever" and depicted insurance as a delicate entity, asking how they could key into what the Commission was doing and also collaborate in the area of manpower development.

In his reaction, ICPC Chairman, Mr. Ekpo Nta who described the visit as timely said, "what is happening today is not really an accident because part of what ICPC has been trying to do over the past two years is to work with regulatory bodies."

Mr. Nta pledged the support of the Commission and added that the ICPC does not have to wait for infractions to occur before it begins to run after people thereby killing "executive time," even as he urged NAICOM to take the protection of all parties' funds very seriously. He said, "I will request that you take the protection of all parties' funds very seriously. On behalf of ICPC I will say our hand of fellowship is open all the time to professional bodies and regulatory agencies to work with us to provide a template that will make life easier for everybody."

Mr. Nta also pointed out that one essential life-line for the growth of insurance was integrity while "one recipe for disaster in the insurance industry was the lack of integrity." "The biggest product of insurance like anybody will know is integrity. The moment you take that out of insurance then no matter how much you preach it's not going to work," he noted.

Be a Model of Corruption Prevention, ICPC Boss Tells Tourism Institute

By Advent Boniface

The Chairman, Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), Mr. Ekpo Nta, has asked the National Institute for Hospitality and Tourism (NIHOTOUR) to be a model in corruption prevention.

The Chairman who was represented by the Head of Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation Department, Mr. Barnabas Gaji, made the remark during the inauguration of officers of the Anti-Corruption and Transparency Monitoring Unit (ACTU) in NIHOTOUR.

According to him, "ACTU, if properly deployed in your specialized institute, has the capacity of making your Institute a model in corruption prevention in line with the mandate of ICPC."

Mr. Nta called on the officers to pay particular attention to the preventive and educational/public enlightenment duties, saying "as insiders, ACTU members occupy a vantage position as regards

familiarity with the procedural machinery of their organizations."

He also advised them to critically assess such systems and put forward recommendations for the review of those processes that were prone to corruption.

While pledging the readiness of the Commission to partner with NIHOTOUR to make it the pride of the nation, the ICPC boss urged the newly-inaugurated officers to be responsible in the exercise of their functions and avoid any oppressive acts.

Earlier in her opening remarks, the Director General of the Institute, Mrs. Chika Balogun, who was represented by the Director, Travel Tourism Management, Mr. Abdulhameed Mohammed Sheriff, promised to support the unit in the fight against corruption.

The oath of allegiance was later administered on the six-member officers of the unit by Mr. Barnabas Gaji who tasked them to live above board.

Arts Council gets new ACTU EXCO

By Nelson Corper T.

“Present yourselves as a correctional body and not just a watchdog”: This was the charge made by the Director General, National Council for Arts and Culture (NCAC), Mrs. Dayo Keshi at the inauguration of Anti-corruption and Transparency Monitoring Unit (ACTU) of the organization.

While delivering her speech, Mrs. Keshi pledged her support to the five-member committee who would oversee the organization's affairs against corruption.

She said the members were equal to the task, having portrayed a good image that qualified them to be nominated for the responsibility.

She also tasked the ACTU

She urged other Heads of Ministries, Departments and Agencies to passionately join the ICPC in the fight against corruption as the only means through which Nigeria's dignity could be restored internationally'... and called on them to always go the extra mile beyond what is required.'

Earlier, the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) Chairman, Mr. Ekpo Nta represented by the Head of Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation Department, Mr. Barnabas Baba Gaji in his goodwill message said that the ACTU was set up in pursuance of the corruption-prevention mandate of the Commission.

ICPC Secretary tasks Commission's Officers

By Murtala Bello Bankanu (Kaduna)

Mr. Elvis Oglafa, the Secretary of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission has called on officers of the Commission to develop themselves intellectually and economically for future challenges.

The secretary made the call at the Kaduna Zonal office of the Commission during an unscheduled visit to the office.

Mr. Oglafa, who was on official assignment to supervise State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) projects in Kaduna State as part of the on-going nationwide system study exercise at SUBEB, stated that the objective of the exercise was to prevent corrupt activities before they occur and to ensure that public funds were used for the purposes they were meant.

He called on officers of the Commission to be hardworking and to abide by the rules and regulations guiding their operations to avoid being sanctioned.

In accordance with Section 6(a-f) of the Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Act 2000, the ACTU members in their respective organizations could exercise all the tasks of the Commission except prosecution of corrupt persons. He said they can carry out preliminary investigations on corrupt systems and persons.

He also encouraged the newly-selected members to deliver their duties with a high level of integrity, transparency and accountability to kick corruption out of NCAC and the nation at large.



Mrs. Dayo Keshi, DG NCAC, Mr. Barnabas Gaji, HOD, Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation in a group photograph with some Participants

members to ensure discussions and negotiations were carried out before conclusions were made regarding any issue of corruption.

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...More suspects arrested

Furthermore, the Commission nabbed two suspects that specialize in defrauding members of the public through bank scams.

The suspects, Mr. Uche Nathan and Mr. Temitayo Ogundeko were arrested in Lagos State. Uche was the alleged mastermind of the fraud while Mr. Ogundeko who claimed to be a student of Michael Otedola College of Primary Education, Epe, Lagos State is a banker.

Uche operates by using the account number of Ogundeko to defraud unsuspecting members of the public, while

Ogundeko on his own part, withdraws the money for their eventual sharing.

In another development, the Commission arrested a staff of Nigerian Institute of Advance Legal Studies, Mrs. Chinyere Onumaegbu over an alleged admission fraud.

Mrs. Onumaegbu was arrested in Lagos for defrauding Mr. Gbolahan Agoro of N80, 000 in exchange for admission.

The suspect allegedly collected the money in order to secure admission into University of Lagos for the daughter of Mr. Agoro.

**Pioneer ICPC Chairman, Justice Akanbi, launches Autobiography
...Says Obasanjo never interfered with his work**

By Ajah, Joy A.

The Mustapha Akanbi Foundation (MAF), recently launched an autobiography of its founder Hon. Justice Mustapha Akanbi titled: *The Story of my Two Worlds: Challenges, Experiences and Achievements* and a collection of his writings and speeches titled: *A Life of Service and Grace (Perspective Shared)*.



nation.”

The first book reviewer, Prof. Ademola Popoola described the book: *A Life of Service and Grace (Perspective Shared)* as “an infallible and inspirational work for both the old and young alike.”

Prof. Afis Oladosu the reviewer of the autobiography: *The Story of my Two Worlds: Challenges, Experiences and Achievement* summarized some of the lessons to be learnt from the life of Hon. Justice Akanbi as a man who is totally submissive to the will of God, a leader by example, a man with a strong memory of events, a man with a high sense of morality, a patient man, a compassionate mind, an avid lover of sports and a fan of Fela's music.

Goodwill messages were received from some notable personalities including Hon. Justice SMA Belgore GCON, former CJN (rtd), Hon. Justice Mariam Aloma Mukhtar GCON CJN (rtd), Hon. Justice M.L. Uwais GCON, CJN (rtd), Alh. Abdullahi Ibrahim SAN, CFR and Comrade Issa Aremu.

The honouree, Hon. Justice Mustapha Akanbi, in his remarks, expressed his appreciation to God and

all present for making the occasion a huge success. He reiterated that since the occasion could be described as the climax of his career and life, it was worthy to state that while he was chairman of the ICPC, the then President Chief Olusegun Obasanjo never interfered with the workings of the ICPC as opposed to what many had insinuated.

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ICPC Staff Trained in Weapons Handling and Intelligence Gathering

security agencies for operations that required armed personnel. But that staff were now fully trained for all aspects of the job as a prelude to bearing arms.

He pledged further training for staff saying that the Commission had made arrangements for 250 computers for an e-learning centre and also the implementation of regular physical fitness exercises for the staff of the Commission.

While commenting on the importance of the weapons handling and intelligence gathering training, the Secretary of the ICPC, Elvis Oglafa noted that as an agency that required intelligence gathering, the training would aid the Commission in handling many cases where staff were faced with attacks and in the course of the work.

While congratulating the members of staff on the successful completion of the training, the representative of the Commandant of the 177 Guards Battalion, Ben Ikpolo said the training has reinforced the Commission's security in the face of the current security challenges facing the nation.

The chairman of the occasion and former President of Nigeria, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo in his address described Hon. Justice Mustapha Akanbi as “a man of integrity, honesty and humility.”

On corruption, the former president said that although no country was completely free of corruption, some countries do not condone it which was why the fight against corruption in Nigeria should be intensified.

He went on to explain that when he became president of Nigeria in 1999, the first executive bill he sent to the National Assembly was the anti-corruption bill which came out after 8 months and had been “watered down.”

He spoke about how Akanbi became the pioneer chairman of the Commission. “Since there was no need to have the law without a scrupulous implementation I started to shop for the ideal man and out of 10 people that I consulted 7 people advised me to go for no one other than Hon. Justice Akanbi”, he said.

He praised Hon. Justice Mustapha Akanbi for being “a consistent foot soldier that raised the hope for a corruption-free

ICPC docks Public servant

By Ruth Awodi

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) has arraigned one Mr. Ahmed Yusuf Babangida, a public servant, before Hon. Justice Valentine Ashi of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory for alleged fraud.

ICPC's prosecuting counsel, Mr. Gogodaye West,

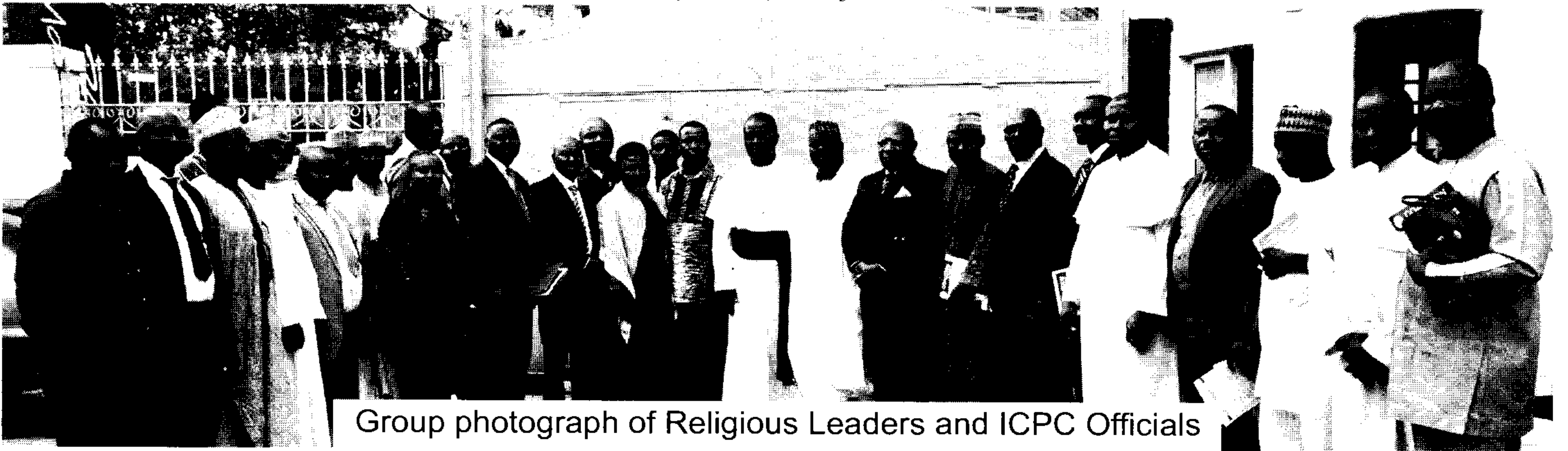
alleged that the accused person fraudulently received the total sum of N398, 670.52 and N407, 915.18 from both the Public Service Institute of Nigeria (PSIN) and Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND) between September and December 2011 respectively as a staff of both government organizations.

In a 9 – count charge brought before the court, Mr. Babangiga was further accused of

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Anti-Corruption Fight: ICPC Seeks Collaboration with Religious Groups

By Obinna Oforah



Group photograph of Religious Leaders and ICPC Officials

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission has called on religious leaders in the country to rise up to their responsibilities of raising the awareness of their numerous followers on the ills of corruption. This remark was made at a one-day roundtable consultative forum for the leaders of religions in Enugu State.

In his keynote address at the occasion, the Head of Enugu zonal office of the ICPC, Mr. Arua Udonsi stated that the Commission has identified religious leaderships as very important stakeholders in the crusade against corruption in Nigeria "given that they control a very large and vital constituency of the society which is the religious group".

He added that the leaders of religions have a primary contact with members of the grassroots and are always seen as role models and equally as opinion leaders.

Mr. Udonsi further stated that being religious leaders, their behaviours should not go against what they preach at the pulpit and as a result integrity should be their watchword. He went on to say that they should evince good moral

values and honesty as people that members of the public look up to as having the capacity to influence followership.

Mr. Ahmed Abdul of the Education Department of the ICPC, in his paper titled, "An Overview of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, 2000", took the participants through the offences and punishments of the law setting up the ICPC.

Mr. Abdul added that all Nigerians have been victims of corruption at one point or the other. He equally listed under-development, unemployment, poverty and moral decadence as some of the effects of corruption on the nation.

He cited the National Values Curriculum, Town Hall Meetings and ICPC's television programme, Corruption Must Go as some of the programmes the Commission was employing in the fight against corruption.

The forum had papers delivered by a Christian and Muslim cleric each on "The Role of Religion and Its Institution in the Crusade against Corruption: Christian and Islamic Perspectives".

The Chairman of the Enugu Chapter of the Christian

Association of Nigeria (CAN), His Eminence Reverend Christian C. Obiefuna presented the Christian perspective of the topic.

Rev. Obiefuna in his presentation quoted from the Bible to support his opinion that Christianity does not support corruption in any form. He said, "Hebrew 12:14 says that 'without holiness no man shall see the Lord' and this means that every Christian must endeavour to be holy. The Church teaches holiness and abstaining from corruption which is sin".

He went further to state that everyone must try as much as possible to engage in legitimate means of livelihood and that all must make efforts to encourage "Christian virtues of love, communal service, accountability, transparency and forgiveness".

The Enugu CAN Chairman implored Nigerians, especially the political office-holders to use their office and mandate to serve God by being accountable and really 'honourable' in the fear of the Lord.

He warned that those who engage in corruption would be sought out by the ICPC and other law enforcement

agencies, adding that if they evaded them, they would definitely not escape the wrath of God eventually.

The Islamic perspective was presented by Imam Zulquarnain Saeed. He stated that Islam, which denotes peace, had started fighting corruption from time immemorial and that the holy Qur'an was sent as a guide to mankind as a clear sign for guidance. This guidance he said must be followed strictly by all Muslims.

Imam Saeed said that in the Hadith, which is a compilation of the sayings and traditions of Muhammad, Allah curses one who collects bribe and the one who gives.

He said that Islam frowns at all the ills of the modern society like drug abuse, prostitution, fraudulent dealings, injustice and even failure to fulfil promises.

The two clerics assured the Commission of their support and readiness to work with it in the fight against corruption so that the country could move to the next level of development.

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making a false statement to the Acting Administrator, Public Service Institute (PSIN), Abuja in the document titled, "NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT WITH TERTIARY EDUCATION TRUST FUND", asserting that he would be resuming at TETFUND as a new employee effective 1/12/2011 while in actual fact he had been fully documented and resumed duties at the said TETFUND on 9/9/2011.

His actions are contrary to Section 25 (1) (a) and punishable under Section 25(1) (b) of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, 2000.

The accused pleaded not guilty to all the charges. His counsel, Mr. Matthias Ikyav, asked the court to grant his client bail.

Hon. Justice Valentine Ashi, granted the accused person bail on the following conditions: bail at N500,000 and two sureties in like sum who must be senior civil servants in either the mainstream Civil Service or any of the agencies of the Federal Government, and must also execute bonds before the Registrar of the court who should have to verify both sureties.

Justice Valentine later adjourned the case till 21st January, 2015 for commencement of hearing.

ICPC Inaugurates Interior Ministry ACTU

By Robert Ayakpat

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) in effecting its preventive mandate in the Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs), recently inaugurated the reconstituted Anti-Corruption and Transparency Monitoring Unit (ACTU) of the Federal Ministry of Interior.

In her welcome address at the event, the Permanent Secretary, Mrs. Fatima B.A. Bamidele, expressed optimism that with the ACTU on board, the fight against corruption in the public service would be given a boost.

According to her, "with the coming on stream of ACTU, the management now has a partner in the fight against

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ICPC/J4A holds Capacity building Workshop for North-West ACTU Members

By Nelson Corper T.

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) in conjunction with Justice for All (J4A) recently organized a three-day capacity-building workshop for ACTU members in the North-West geo-political zone in Kaduna.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, the Chairman of ICPC, Mr. Ekpo Nta who was represented by the Commission's Secretary, Mr. Elvis Oglafa said the workshop was meant to add value to ACTU members' roles as corruption vanguards in various Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs). His words: "You will, to all intents and purposes, become the conscience of your MDAs and the interpretation of your roles will make or mar you.

'Through this training, the ICPC will equip and prepare you for the battle ahead which will build you as key transformers and special advisers in the affairs of government.'

He also explained that "Organized crime and corruption cannot co-exist if Nigerians are to reap the benefits of good governance which



A Cross Section of Participants at the Capacity building Workshop for North-West ACTU Members

include access to good education, affordable health, good shelter and food and general well-being of the populace.

'It is in this regard that the ICPC in furtherance of its corruption prevention mandate in MDAs came up with this capacity building workshop to strengthen and enlighten ACTU members on how to go about their duties to succeed in the fight against corruption.'

Mr. Barnabas Baba Gaji, Head Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation Department of ICPC, in his paper titled "Fundamentals of Effective Systems Study and Review", advised the participants on the need to study the systems of their respective MDAs for corruption-prone areas "by conducting an in-depth assessment and make recommendations to the ICPC for proper review of such systems."

He also pointed out ways in which vulnerable areas could be avoided which include proper implementation of recommendations given after a system is reviewed based on Section 6 (b-d) of the ICPC enabling law being the basic law guiding organizational systems review.

The participants were also educated on the "chronological methods and strategies" involved in conducting effective workplace preliminary investigation at their level as ACTU members.

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corruption in the Public Service, therefore, we should see ourselves as stakeholders and be part of the positive change we want our country Nigeria to be."

She also tasked the staff to "...co-operate and support this formidable team so as to achieve success in this challenge of fighting corruption. This fight is not just for ACTU alone, but a fight which involves each and every one of us."

Presenting a paper "The Philosophy and Concept of Anti-Corruption and Transparency Monitoring Unit" at the induction ceremony for members of the ACTU, Mr. Justin Kuatea of the ICPC told the inductees that they had a duty to perform which was achievable by a personal commitment to shun corruption, to work against the entrenchment of corruption, to support other members of the unit in the fight against corruption and to support a corruption-free Ministry of Interior. Mr. Bello Dauda also from the ICPC in his paper titled, "Ethics and Integrity

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Compliance" charged the inductees to live above board at all times in their conduct and reasoning saying, "For you to be an ethics and compliance officer, you must be an embodiment of integrity." He also urged them to acquaint themselves with the Public Service Rules, Procurement Act and other materials that would prove useful in the discharge of their duties.

Earlier in his goodwill message, Chairman of ICPC, Mr. Ekpo Nta who spoke through Mr. Kuatea Justin expressed delight over the prompt inauguration of the ACTU.

He stated, "Let the inauguration of ACTU of the Interior Ministry therefore serve as a turning point as well as a great impetus for probity in the way everybody does business in this ministry beginning from the lowest to the most highly-placed officials." "May I therefore fittingly call on the Management and all staff of this ministry to fully support the Anti-Corruption Unit: it is your child and you must nurture it well", he added.

ICPC Charges ACTUs to Rid MDAs of Corruption

By Roseline Maduako

The Chairman, Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), Mr. Ekpo Nta, has charged members of the Anti-Corruption and Transparency Monitoring Units (ACTU) to help create and sustain a corruption-free and transparent working environment in all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs).

Mr. Nta, represented by Mr. Barnabas Gaji, Head of Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation Department (CMED) made the call at a workshop organized by the ICPC in collaboration with the British Department for International Development (DFID) - Justice for All (J4A) in Lagos for South-West MDAs.

Speaking to the participants he said, "the great responsibility bestowed on you by the Commission and Nigeria as ACTU members or Ethics and Compliance officers requires that you

should be a practical example to others in the fight against corruption."

Mr. Nta, who explained that the fight against corruption both internationally and locally was occasioned by the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC), noted that corruption and organized crime cannot be allowed to thrive if Nigerians are to reap the benefits of good governance which include good access to education, affordable health, food and shelter, leisure and general well-being. He emphasized the importance of the public service saying, "an efficient and corruption-free public service gives a positive signal about the seriousness of the country to do business with the rest of the world".

The ICPC Chairman therefore charged the participants to become the conscience of their MDAs and expressed optimism that by the end of

the workshop they would have become "key reformers and special advisers in the affairs of government."

The participants were taken through the fundamentals of effective system study and review, preliminary investigation, ethics and integrity compliance, ACTU effectiveness instruments and work tools, corruption risk assessment, monitoring and evaluation and report writing.

At the end of the workshop the participants commended the ICPC for the seminar which had purely the Commission's staff as resource persons, saying that they had become well informed and well trained as a result of the exercise.

In his closing remarks, the program coordinator J4A Mr. Emmanuel Uche, enjoined the participants not to wait for the world to change but that they should rather be the change they desire.

FIRS Boss Pledges Full Cooperation with ACTU*By Okon Umoren Isong*

The Acting Executive Chairman of the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Alhaji Kabir Muhammad Mashi has pledged full management support and cooperation to the Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU) in his organization.

He was speaking at the inauguration of the newly-appointed ACTU members of FIRS at the 'Revenue House' in Abuja recently.

Alhaji Mashi pointed out that the issues which ACTU promotes such as transparency, accountability and good governance were important to the success of an organization like the FIRS, which deals with revenue generation. While lauding the concept of ACTU, he further stated that there was a need to do everything possible to ensure that systems and structures were created that would enable staff and management of FIRS to behave in an ethical manner in their day to day operations.

The FIRS he said, was pleased to complement the efforts of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) in discharging its functions and ensuring that issues of transparency and accountability were given priority in all government agencies.

In his keynote address, the Chairman of ICPC, Mr. Ekpo Nta, who was represented at the occasion by the Head of Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation Department (CMED), Mr. Barnabas Gaji, urged the newly inaugurated ACTU members to be responsible in the exercise of their functions and avoid any oppressive acts given the strategic role they would be expected to play.

More importantly, he said ACTUs were expected to pay particular attention to the preventive and educational/public enlightenment duties, stating that as insiders, ACTU members occupy a vantage position as regards familiarity with the procedural machinery of their organization.

In her response, the newly-appointed chairman of the unit, Mrs. Q.S. Seghosime, promised to ensure strict adherence to the mandate as provided by the ICPC, while also commending the Acting Executive Chairman of FIRS for his commitment to transparency and for re-emphasizing the status of the unit, its powers and functions and the general code of ethics for members.

National Animal Production Research Institute's ACTU inaugurated*By Murtala Bello Bankanu - Kaduna*

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), Kaduna Zonal Office has inaugurated the Anti-Corruption and Transparency Monitoring Unit (ACTU) of the National Animal Production Research Institute (NAPRI), Shika, Zaria.

The Executive Director of the Institute, Professor Jerome O. Gefu, informed the members of staff that the selection and the subsequent inauguration of the ACTU members were based on the directives from the Federal Government (through the Office of the Head of Service of the Federation) and ICPC on the need to establish the Unit in all Federal Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs). He added that the unit would "... ensure transparency, accountability and prudence in running the affairs of the institute."

Earlier, he had revealed that, the NAPRI was established in the year 1928 by the then Northern Region of Nigeria. He said, the main function of the Institute is to carry out research on all forms of domestic animals with the aim of improving their productivity for milk, food, eggs, etc.

While delivering his speech, the Head, ICPC Kaduna Zonal Office Mr. A. A. Dutsinma, who was represented by Mr. Ado Rufa'i, highlighted the mandate of the Commission which includes enforcement and prevention. He stated that, this mandate was being carried out through investigation and prosecution, system study and review as well as public enlightenment, education and mobilisation.

Mr. Ado informed the newly-inaugurated members of the ACTU that, their duty was to ensure transparency, accountability and compliance to the extant rules. He called on them to exercise the highest level of integrity in the course of discharging their duties.

While speaking after taking the oath of allegiance, the ACTU Chairman, Professor F. O. Abeke promised to carry out their activities as provided in the 'ACTUs Standing Order' and in line with the provisions of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, 2000. He assured them of the management's commitment to supporting the Unit.

Youths challenged to join ICPC's Anti-Corruption Campaign*By Abubakar Sanusi, Markurdi*

Nigerian youths, especially Youth Corps-members, have been called upon to eschew all forms of corruption by imbibing the spirit of integrity and honesty. The call was contained in a presentation delivered by a principal staff of the Benue State office of the Commission, Mr. Alhassan Abubakar, at a sensitization campaign organised by the state office in conjunction with ICPC/NYSC CDS Group of Otukpo local government council recently.

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NEMA Boss Pledges Support for ACTU to Fight Graft

By Inatimi Ugwoji

The Director-General, National Emergency Management Agency, Alhaji Sani Sidi, has pledged his full support towards the effectiveness and operational independence of the Anti-Corruption Transparency and Monitoring Unit (ACTU) of the agency.

Alhaji Sidi who was represented by Hakeem Akinbola, Director Finance and Accounts, made the pledge on the occasion of the inauguration ceremony of ACTU NEMA chapter by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC).

According to him, the duty the ACTU members were called upon to perform was sacred and urged them to shun distractions and make objectivity their watchword.

"The appointment of

members of the ACTU was based on the fact that they are known to uphold the virtues of honesty, transparency and accountability always. The duty they are called upon to perform is sacred. I therefore urge the unit to shun the act of distraction and make objectivity their watchword," he remarked.

In his goodwill message, Head of Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation Department, Mr. Barnabas Gaji, who represented the Chairman of the Commission, tasked the inductees to pay particular attention to preventive and educational/public enlightenment duties.

He also pledged ICPC's readiness to partner with Nigerian Public Service, specifically NEMA to make it the pride of the nation.

NEMA South-East Zonal Director Visits ICPC, Enugu Zonal Office, Pledges Support for Anti-Corruption War

By Chinwe Nwozor (Enugu)

The Director, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) South East Zonal office, Enugu, Major John Ezeh has stated the readiness of the agency to partner with anti-corruption agencies to curb the incidence of corruption in the society.

He made this commitment when he led a team of principal officers of the Agency on a courtesy visit to the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) Enugu Zonal Office recently

Major Ezeh who was recently posted to head the zonal office emphasized the importance of inter-agency cooperation in sanitizing the polity, stating that for the country to move forward, all the organizations must work together. He explained that the essence of disaster management was for the

protection of people's lives, property and the environment and the key to success was the involvement of all sectors, jurisdictions, disciplines and resources in an organized and coordinated way. He noted that technology expertise, institutional capacities, management skills, practical experience and resources of not only government but also non-governmental organizations and private sector are involved in order to have effective disaster management in Nigeria.

The Zonal Director noted that in a country where there were weak institutions and enforcement mechanisms, corruption would continue to thrive. He then called on the ICPC to investigate and ask questions on what the state governments were doing with materials given for emergency situations. He further advised anti-

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While extolling the long standing synergy and contributions of Youth Corps-members to the ICPC's anti graft campaign, Mr. Abubaka hailed the youth corps-members for being "...consistently reliable and dependable partners in our quest to banish the impunity of corruption from our dear nation."

"The Commission continues to value the contribution of all the stakeholders, especially the youth owing to your known physical agility, mental alertness, initiative and passion which are handy in transforming any society", he added.

In his remark, the coordinator of the CDS Group in-charge of Otukpo, Mr. Efa Effiong lauded the ICPC for its vibrancy and commitment toward the noble cause of ridding Nigeria of corruption and all other related issues and promised to sustain their stand and campaigns against the malady even after their service year.

Also speaking at the event, the CDS Group supervisor, Mr. Tengua Jam stated that as an anti-graft vanguard of the NYSC, the group placed a requirement on the youth Corp-Members, not only to live exemplary lives within their service year, but also be an anti-corruption vanguard in their communities and places of primary assignment.

Highlights of the occasion were drama and debate presentations on the need for a corruption-free society by the youth Corps-Members to the delight of the participants.

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NEMA South-East Zonal Director Visits ICPC, Enugu Zonal Office, Pledges Support for Anti-Corruption War

corruption agencies to look into the affairs of government organisations and see if they utilized their funds for the betterment of the masses.

In his own speech, the ICPC, Enugu zonal Head, Mr. Arua Udonsi promised that the Commission would ensure that there was no corrupt practice in the distribution and utilization of both human and material resources for disaster victims.

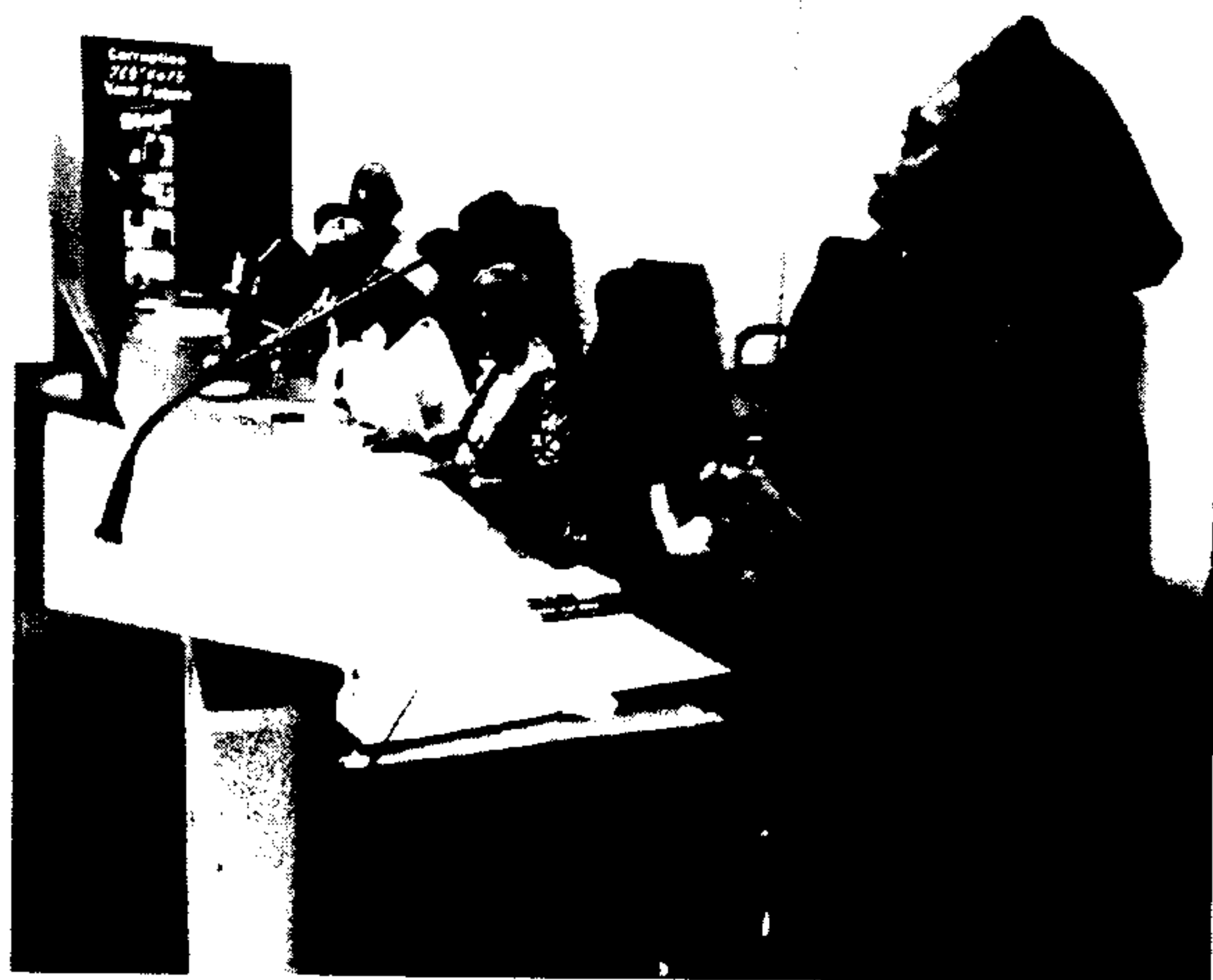
He emphasized the need for NEMA to

establish its own Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU), one of the ICPC programmes, which is a self-monitoring and internal cleansing mechanism in all Federal Government Departments and Agencies to receive and investigate reports of acts of corruption and lack of integrity local to their organization. He said the ACTU which acts as the eyes and ears of the Commission, helps to reduce the level of corruption in government establishments.

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ICPC honours Staff for outstanding performance

By Nelson Corper T.



Commission applauded the award winners for excelling in their duties.

He also pledged to support outstanding staff at all times by providing all the necessary tools needed for the overall performance of the Commission.

He charged all staff to protect and promote the mandate of the Commission at all times by ensuring that all the individual goals of the various

departments that make up the ICPC were achieved promptly. He added that, "A special motivational package awaits outstanding performance by any staff that goes the extra mile in making the Commission relevant in the country". A commitment which he revealed "is already in practice."

Other Heads of Departments and Units were also challenged by the Chairman to emulate the Prosecution Department by coming up with such motivational initiatives that would ensure that the best in all staff was applied in the fight against corruption.

Stressing the need for more

hard work to achieve the Commission's goals, a Board Member, Alhaji Abdullahi Bako encouraged prosecutors, investigators and the entire staff to apply professionalism in performing their respective duties to the ICPC and the general public.

The Head of Prosecution Department, Mrs. Christiana Onuogwu, in her remarks, said she had always appreciated her team of lawyers for their tireless efforts in making sure all cases filed secured convictions in court.

She added that, the merit award ceremony was put in place to motivate prosecutors for better performance in curbing the menace of corruption in the country.

A number of investigators were also given commendation letters for good performance. They include: Shola Shodipo, Fatima Mohammed, Abdulrazaq Abdulkadir, Joseph Bana, Ekere Usiere, Innocent Ofili, Patrick Iko, Stephen Pimor, Mashkar Salisu, Sagir Mohammed, Wilson Udofia, Bankole Akin Taiwo and Abdulahi Mohammed.

Some staff of the Commission were recently honoured by the Prosecution Department of the ICPC for outstanding performance in their duties.

The award winners include prosecutors that secured convictions in Criminal and Civil cases. The recognized staff were, Paul Bassi, Isaac Jiya, Joseph Kalu, Ayobami Adepoju, Golden Iwuagwu, Peace Arocha, Ephraim Otti and Henry Emore.

Chairman of ICPC, Mr. Ekpo Nta who presented the awards in a ceremony organized by the Prosecution Department of the

ICPC conducts System Study of Energy Commission of Nigeria

By Robert Ayakpat

About a year ago the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission undertook a system study of the Energy Commission of Nigeria (ECN) with a view to strengthening and making it better-positioned to achieving its mandate. The study covered the headquarters and research centers located in Benin, Lagos and Nsukka.

Against this backdrop, the Commission recently engaged the ECN

in an interactive session with the Heads and some staff of the various centers covered by the study, to formally inform them of the findings of the system study conducted on their organization.

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“Tertiary Institutions Should Be the Light of the Nation” -Ekpo Nta

By Anike Adeshina

The ICPC Chairman, Mr. Ekpo Nta has yet again affirmed the need for Nigerian tertiary institutions to operate with the consciousness of institutionalizing the anti-corruption culture in their operational processes. He said that “Nigerian tertiary institutions should be seen as the light of the country in a manner that positions the nation's learning communities as a rescue tool for other sectors”. The ICPC Chairman made this remark at the 2014 edition of the Annual Public Lecture/Colloquium organized by the Faculty of Social Sciences; Department of Public Administration and Local Government of the University of Nigeria (UNN), Nsukka.

Speaking further in respect

of the theme of the colloquium titled: “Governance and Public Policy Process: Transforming Nigeria into a Truly Modern Society” The ICPC Chairman assured participants at the event that the Commission would not relent in its efforts to institutionalize anti-corruption processes in Nigeria's institutions of learning. He added that the Commission preferred the option of blocking loopholes that provide for corrupt activities to the option of allowing corrupt acts which leads to embarking on the costly and unpleasant journey of effecting arrests, pursuing prosecution processes in courts and the general wastage of government resources in the whole process.

Mr. Nta said it had become

extremely critical for public policy strategies to be driven by electronic response to corruption as this would step up blocking corruption loopholes. He gave examples of the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC), the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Federal Inland Revenue Services (FIRS) and the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) amongst others, as government agencies that have embraced electronic responses in the conduct of government business.

The Commission's Chairman observed that “...time management must be embraced by all and sundry as this will help in changing the mindset of Nigerians and our foreign

observers about the way we conduct ourselves in doing government business”. He gave a verbal summary of his 19-page written expression on the theme: “Governance and Public Policy Process: Transforming Nigeria into a Truly Modern Society”. The booklet was distributed to participants. In his opening remarks, the Vice Chancellor, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Professor Benjamin Chukwuma Ozumba said the UNN “...shall collate the views canvassed during the course of the colloquium and forward them for the attention of His Excellency, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan GCFR and Visitor to the UNN, for the next phase of the Federal Government's Transformation Agenda”.

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ICPC conducts System Study of Energy Commission of Nigeria

Speaking at the event which took place at the ICPC headquarters in Abuja, Chairman of ICPC, Mr. Ekpo Nta, who spoke through Hon. Abdullahi Bako, a Board Member said the interactive session would enable the Energy Commission to “understand what our findings are and to find out what your explanations are for some of these things, and it is for the benefit of your organization.”

In his response, Professor Eli Jidere Bala, who led the delegation from the ECN and who is also the Director General and Chief Executive Officer praised the ICPC team that carried out the exercise “for a job well-done.”

He then added that though the general score as revealed by the study for all centers including the

headquarters was poor, he assured the ICPC that they would on their own part study a copy of the report presented to them and respond accordingly.

Section 6 (b) of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, 2000, has empowered the ICPC to examine the practices, systems and procedures of public bodies and where, in the opinion of the Commission, such practices, systems or procedures aid or facilitate fraud or corruption, to direct and supervise a review of them.

The ECN commenced operations in 1989 after the meeting of the Heads of ECOWAS in 1982 at Conakry, where a declaration was made that each member state should establish an agency called “Energy

Commission” charged with the responsibilities of coordinating and supervising all energy functions and activities within each member state.

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UP-DATE OF CRIMINAL CASES IN VARIOUS COURTS HANDLED BY PROSECUTION DEPARTMENT, ICPC - ABUJA DECEMBER 2014 - FEBRUARY 2015

CHARGE NO.	PARTIES	COURT	STATE	STATUS
I/3C/ICPC/2014	FRN VS AFOLABI ADEMOLA MICHAEL	H/C IBADAN	OYO STATE	FOR ARRAIGNMENT
CA/I/413C/2014	ADEKANYA KOMOLAFE VS FRN	CA IBADAN	OYO STATE	FOR HEARING
HC/53C/2006	FRN VS MR. E. N. IBOR	H/C CALABAR	CROSS RIVER STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
NSHC/MN/ICPC/1C/2009	FRN VS IBRAHIM SWASU SHABAFU & ORS	H/C MINNA	NIGER STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
NSHC/ICPC/1C/2010	FRN VS SULE MOHAMMED BARAU	H/C MINNA	NIGER STATE	FOR MENTION
HAB/ICPC/1C/2013	FRN VS DR. PAUL AJAH & ANOR	H/C ABAKALIKI	EBONYI STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
FHC/PH/158C/2014	FRN VS NZEH EDOZIE	H/C PH	RIVERS STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
PLD/J/23C/2007	FRN VS SGT. PETER ABBAH	H/C JOS	PLATEAU STATE	FOR ADOPTION OF FINAL WRITTEN ADDRESSES AND REPLY ON POINT OF LAW
NSHC/ICPC/1C/2014	FRN VS ABDULHAKEM LAWAL	H/C MINNA	NIGER STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
B/ICPC/1C/2006	FRN VS TEMPLE NWAKWAOLA (DSP)	H/C BENIN	EDO STATE	FOR HEARING
CA/PH/40C/2013	MORDECAI AGBOGU VS FRN	CA PH	RIVERS STATE	FOR RULING
ID/416C/2013	FRN VS OKWARA CHIDERA OSCA & ANOR	H/C IKEJA	LAGOS STATE	FOR COMMENCEMENT OF DEFENCE
F/9C/2012	FRN VS AUSTIN BONNA OGBONNA	H/C ENUGU	ENUGU STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
HC/36C/214	FRN VS AUSTIN BONNA OGBONNA	H/C CALABAR	CROSS RIVER STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
E/9C/2012	FRN VS AUSTIN BONNA OGBONNA	H/C ENUGU	ENUGU STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
HC/36C/214	FRN VS IGRE MICHAEL	H/C CALABAR	CROSS RIVER STATI	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
BA/49C/2013	FRN VS AGBOLADE IBIKUNLE & ORS	H/C BAUCHI	BAUSHI STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF DEFENCE
AK/32C/2006	FRN VS DELE FAGORIOIA	H/C AKURE	ONDO STATE	FOR RLING
NSHC/ICPC/2C/2014	FRN VS GARBA LAWAL	H/C MINNA	NIGER STATE	FOR ARRAIGNMENT
AK/1C/2012	FRN VS BODE OLAWOYL ANOR	H/C AKURE	ONDO STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING

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ZMS/GS/34C/2012	FRN VS LAWAL MOHAMMED KARAKAI & ANOR	H/C GUSAU	ZAMFARA STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
A/86C/2008	FRN VS HON. SUNNY OBI	H/C AWKA	ANAMBRA STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF DEFENCE
F/13C/2009	FRN VS ALH. YUSUF SADIQ & ORS	H/C YOLA	ADAMAWA STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF DEFENCE
ID/561C/2014	FRN VS VICTOR ONYINECHUKWU AKAFZE	H/C IKEJA	LAGOS STATE	FOR HEARING
I/2C/ICPC/2014	FRN VS ILESANMI AKUNOLA & ORS	H/C IBADAN	OYO STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
A/1C/2014	FRN VS OKECHUKWU ODUNZE & 7, ORS	H/C AWKA	ANAMBRA STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
HCL/77C/2013	FRN VS VICTOR BAMIDELE & ORS	H/C YABA -WEST	KOGI STATE	FOR PROSECUTION TO CLOSE
MHC/56C/2014	FRN VS LAHA ZEVEER D.	H/C MAKURDI	BENUE STATE	COMMENCEMENT OF HEARING
B/ICPC/4C/2012	FRN VS MONDAY ISORKO & ANOR	H/C BENIN	FDO STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
E/37C/2010	FRN VS PROF. MARTIN AGHAJI	H/C ENUGU	ENUGU STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
ID/413C/2013	FRN VS SYLVESTER SUNDAY	H/C IKEJA	LAGOS STATE	FOR HEARING ON NO CASE SUBMISSION
BA/43C/2010	FRN VS ABDULMUTALIAB ABBAH & ANOR	H/C BAUCHI	BAUCHI STATE	FOR HEARING
KDH/KAD/1C/2013	FRN VS AHMED IBRAHIM MUSA & ANOR	H/C KADUNA	KADUNA STSTE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
	FRN VS YUSUF ZAFI	H/C JALINGO	TARABA STATE	FOR ARRAIGNMENT
A/ICPC/3C/2012	FRN VS AKOMAH ALBERT OTIMEYIN & ORS	H/C WARRI	DELTA STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
NSD/LF/2OC/2006	FRN VS YAKUBU ISHAKU	H/C LAFIA	NASARAWA STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
I/1C/ICPC/2007	FRN VS BASHIRU AKINOLA	H/C IBADAN	OYO STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
BA/28/2008	FRN VS SULE MAMUDA & ORS	H/C BAUCHI	BAUCHI STATE	FOR FINAL ADDRESS
KTH/20C/2010	FRN VS TASIU MOHAMMED YEMEL	H/C KASTINA	KATSINA STATE	FOR JUDGMENT
ICPC/5C/2007	FRN VS MARY CHIDI 4, ORS	H/C WARRI	DELTA STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
HC/25C/2013	FRN VS DEACON MOSES AKUBIRO	H/C CALABAR	CROSS RIVER STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
KDH/KAD/3C/2010	FRN VS AUGUSTINE CHUKWUEMEKA	H/C KADUNA	KADUNA STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
I/1C/ICPC/2013	FRN VS BENJAMIN ADEFEMI OGUNBODEDE	H/C IBADAN	OYO STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
HAB/ICPC/2C/2013	FRN VS DR. HENRY ALOH & ANOR	H/C ABAKALIKI	EBONYI STATE	FOR CONTINUATION FOR HEARING
FHC/K/CR/118/2014	FRN VS MOHAMMED SANUSI MUSA	FHC KANO	KANO STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
B/ICPC/1C/2013	FRN VS HON. PHILIP SHAIBU	H/C BENIN	EDO STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
AK/1C/2012	FRN VS BODE OLAWOYE ANOR SHUGABA UMAR GANA	H/C AKURE	ONDO STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
	FRN VS SGT. PETER ABBAH	CA JOS	PLATEAU STATE	FOR HEARING
PLD/J/23C/2007	FRN VS SAMMED GLOBAL SERVICE	H/C JOS	PLATEAU STATE	FOR ADOPTION OF FINAL WRITTEN ADDRESSES
B/ICPC/3C/2013	FRN VS EZEONWUKA INNOCENT	H/C BENIN	EDO STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
A/40C/2013	FRN VS GETTRUDE ALOH & ANOR	H/C AWKA	ANAMBRA STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
FHC/A/58C/2013	FRN VS RT. HON. BASIL GANAGANA	H/C ABAKALIKI	EBONYI STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
A/ICPC/1C/2014	FRN VS EMMANUEL EBE	HC ASABA	DELTA STATE	FOR ARGUMENT TO QUASH CHARGE
HU/31C/2011	FRN VS MICHAEL OBOATHEKPE & ANOR	H/C UYO	AKWA IBOM STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
	FRN VS	CA BENIN	EDO STATE	FOR HEARING

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