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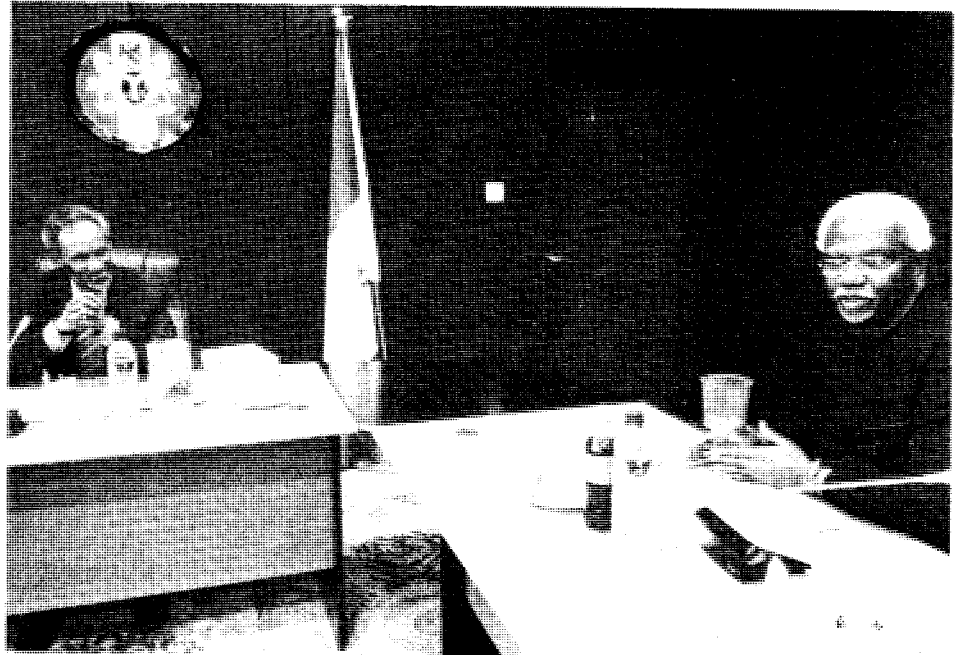
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Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Mahmud Mohammed (Left) during the recent visit of Chairman ICPC, Mr. Ekpo Nta, (Right) to the Supreme Court

N50.05m fraud: Professor Bababe bags five-year jail term

By Inalegwu Shaibu

A former Executive Director of the Lake Chad Research Institute, Professor Bukar Bababe has been sentenced to five years imprisonment by a Borno State High Court for defrauding the Federal Government of Fifty Million, Five Hundred thousand naira (N50, 500, 000, 000).

Professor Bababe who is currently with the University of Maiduguri was dragged before Justice Charity Mamza by the Independent

Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) on an eight-count charge which includes embezzlement and falsification of documents with the intent to defraud the Federal Government.

The Commission also charged the then Acting Head of Accounts of the Institute, Janada Mshelia to court on the same eight-count charge.

The offences are punishable under Section 19 of

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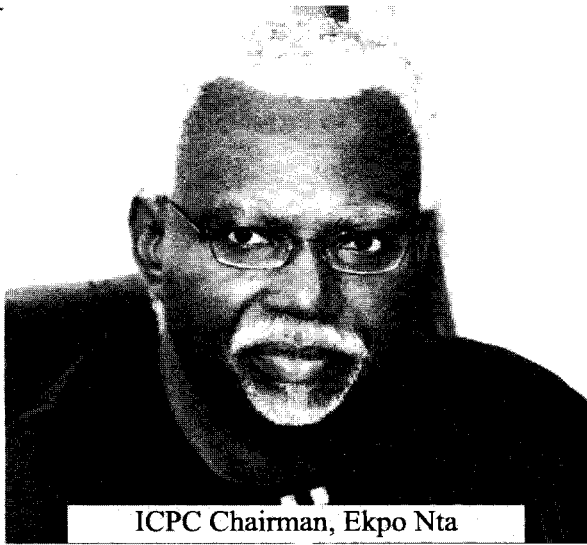


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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK



ICPC Chairman, Ekpo Nta

“one of the potent policies adopted by Nigeria against corruption is enforcement. Virtually all the anti-corruption agencies have the mandate to investigate and prosecute corruption. As a result of implementing this policy, many people including politically exposed persons (PEPs) have been convicted and jailed. The purpose of enforcement is not to fill our prisons with corrupt people but to ensure that there is no more impunity. Sanctioning people who indulge in acts of corruption should serve as deterrence to others.

“Most times, the antics of the defence counsels to the accused persons frustrate the trial process. They do this by filing frivolous applications challenging the jurisdiction of the court and competence of the charge. Where they do not succeed, they proceed to the appellate court and stay the proceeding pending appeal. In the course of this, evidence may be lost and witnesses may no longer be available. Some corruption cases have become un-prosecutable as a result of this subterfuge. In spite of the New Practice Directions made by Chief Judges to address some of these challenges, the situation has not improved.”

Mr. Ekpo Nta, ICPC Chairman

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the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act 2000.

The charges preferred against them by ICPC read in part, "Conspiring to make false statements to the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), Maiduguri branch between December, 2008 and January, 2009 claiming that a certain company, Hammadeen Nigeria Limited was entitled to the payment of the sum of Twenty five Million naira (N25,000,000) as payment for a capital project, which the said company did not execute".

Bababe and Mshelia were also accused of a similar offence when they conspired to make a false claim to the CBN to defraud the government by claiming that

another company, Rofako International Limited was entitled to the sum of Twenty Five Million, Five hundred thousand naira N25,500,000 for an unexecuted capital project in 2008 and 2009.

ICPC further accused Professor Bababe of conferring undue advantage on himself by awarding a contract for the maintenance and servicing of the Institute's computers to Cyber Technologies Nigeria Limited, a company owned by his son, Adam Bukar Bababe.

The Commission also accused Bababe of contravening the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act 2000 by awarding a contract for the

upgrade of the Institute's computers and printers to his son's company, Cyber Technologies Nigeria Limited in August 2010.

The Professor was also accused of paying himself N525,000 as first twenty-eight days allowance in lieu of accommodation in July 2007, while still residing at an official residence in the University of Maiduguri.

Justice Mamza, in her ruling, asked Bababe and Mshelia to pay N100,000 each as cumulative fines for the four-count charge, while she sentenced Bababe to a five-year jail term to run concurrently for other offences levelled against him.

Man in ICPC Custody over N928m Fraud

By Advent Boniface

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) has taken into custody a lawyer, Mr. Adeola Adeyanju for allegedly defrauding the Federal Government of the sum of nine hundred and twenty eight million naira (N928m).

Mr. Adeyanju, a middle-aged-man who prides himself as a lawyer, was said to have allegedly forged the payment mandate of the Ministry of Environment and moved the said amount from First City Monument Bank (FCMB) where the money had been domiciled.

Investigations revealed that the suspect moved the money from the FCMB to his Zenith Bank's personal account and on the same day the money hit his account, he again moved

it to a Bureau de Change's account where the money was converted and paid to him in dollars.

Counsel to the accused, Mr. Onyechi Ikpeazu (SAN), had earlier approached Hon. Justice Salisu Garba of the Abuja High Court seeking to enforce his client's fundamental human rights with an application for bail and an award of one hundred million naira (N100m) as damages.

Mr. Ikpeazu argued that keeping his client in detention under any guise was a violation of his fundamental human rights.

He also claimed that his client was suffering from a strangulated hernia and therefore prayed the court to grant him bail on compassionate grounds. Opposing the bail application, ICPC lead counsel, Mr. Osuobeni Ekoi Akpors,

averred that the accused person had been a serial offender and if granted bail, might abscond.

Mr. Akpors further stated that the suspect had earlier been convicted in another High Court in a suit number FCT/CR/14/04 and had shown no sign of repentance. He added that the accused was standing trial on another matter before the honourable court but under a false name.

Counsel to the ICPC, having presented reasonable facts on why the accused person should not be granted bail, prayed that though bail was a discretionary prerogative of the trial judge, such discretion should be exercised judicially and judiciously.

Based on the facts before the trial judge, the accused was denied bail.

We have helped FG save ₦100bn-ICPC boss

By Robert Ayakpat

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), has revealed that it has helped the Federal Government save over ₦100 billion by collaborating with the Federal Ministry of Finance to weed out ghost workers from the Federal Civil Service.

The ICPC Chairman, Mr. Ekpo Nta, made this known recently while presenting the scorecard of the Commission's achievements in 2014 and defending the 2015 budget before the Senate Committee on Drugs, Narcotics, Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes at the National Assembly.

Mr. Nta stated that the Commission in the past year had also directed its attention towards System Study and Review as a potent means of preventing corruption. In a pilot exercise which covered three Nigerian universities, the review resulted into the closure of over 26 illegal degree-awarding institutions, and initiation of legal action against the operators of such institutions.

He added that another positive outcome of the system study is that students who are sexually harassed by their lecturers can now contact ICPC directly through the Commission's toll-free lines and lodge such complaints.

He cited an instance where a lady at the Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma could not graduate for 12 years on account of sexual harassment, but was allowed to graduate when the Commission intervened.

He said other government institutions covered by the system study and review approach include 32 State Universal Basic Education Boards and Nigerian Ports.

The ICPC boss further stated that the Commission had collaborated with other government bodies such as Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND), Federal Ministry of Finance, Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) and the Aviation and Pension sectors, with the aim of ensuring that they achieve their mandates.

He also revealed that such collaborations like the one with the Federal Ministry of Finance had saved about ₦100 billion for the government by flushing out ghost workers, noting that the planned collaboration with the FIRS would tackle the issue of tax evasion by some institutions thereby boosting government revenue.

Mr. Nta declared that the Commission had secured many

convictions while about 62 landed properties were recovered from an indicted staff of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC) under its assets forfeiture and seizure drive.

On external interference, especially from the Senate Committee, the Chairman had this to say: "I want to place it on record that this committee has not in any way from the day we came into office as a board interfered in any of our operations, we've been absolutely free."

Earlier, in his welcome address, the Chairman of the Committee, Senator Victor Lar had lauded ICPC for the work it has been doing in the fight against corruption. He added that as a committee, they were making changes in the enabling laws of anti-corruption agencies that would put them on the first line charge in order to guarantee their full independence and also that a certain percentage of proceeds from recovered assets of corrupt individuals would be allocated to the anti-corruption agencies for use in the fight against corruption.

He however charged ICPC to be proactive by investigating individuals that are manifestly living above their means instead of waiting for petitions.

Man bags One-year Imprisonment for Fraud

By Thelma Ani

An Abuja High Court sitting in Maitama has sentenced Mr. Emmanuel Ikechukwu Ihediwa to a one - year imprisonment for defrauding one Nkechinyere Mercy Onuoha of N 1.5million.

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) had dragged Mr. Ihediwa before Justice Umar Abubakar Sidiq on a two -

count charge of impersonation and forgery which are contrary to Section 132 of the Penal Code cap.532.

The ICPC counsel, Mr. Osuoben Ekoi Akponimisingha, in his submission, said the accused had used a forged identity card of the Federal Ministry of Information and Communication to obtain the sum of N1.5 million from Onuoha and 5 other people, with the promise

of securing employment for them in different government agencies.

Ihediwa pleaded guilty when all the charges were read to him by the judge upon an application by the prosecution counsel for summary trial.

Justice Sidiq, in his ruling, convicted and sentenced the accused to one-year imprisonment.

ICPC recovers N8m for Injured Civil Servant

By Inalegwu Shaibu

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) has been commended for helping a former staff of the Ministry of Transport, Mr. Eddy Oko-Jaja recover N8, 019, 804 owed him on account of medical bills he had incurred while receiving treatment in a London hospital 20 years ago.

Mr. Oko-Jaja had sustained a spinal cord injury while on tour of duty as a staff of the Ministry of Transport and was duly scheduled to receive treatment abroad which was to be funded by the ministry. But the funds were withheld after he had embarked on the medical trip.

The Commission, after thorough investigation, discovered that the ministry was indeed indebted

to Mr. Oko-Jaja and therefore mandated that he should be paid. The money has since been released to him by the Budget Office of the Federation.

Mr. Oko-Jaja in a letter of appreciation was full of praise for ICPC for helping him recover his money after 20 years.

His letter reads in part, "I have on the 9th January 2015 received the payment in respect of the reimbursement for my medical costs which have been outstanding since 1995.

"I wholeheartedly express my immense gratitude to the Chairman for working tirelessly in exerting maximum pressure on the Federal Ministry of Transport without letting them any breathing space which has

resulted in the eventual release of this payment.

"I am convinced beyond reasonable doubt that without the intervention and maximum application of the Commission's authority, the ministry would never have made this payment which has been pending for 20 years.

"ICPC is an excellent institution, something Nigerians should be proud of because of the way the institution has transparently and meticulously handled this matter for me with above-the-board credibility."

The Commission hereby reiterates its commitment to the fight against corruption in Nigeria by ensuring that people are not unduly denied their legitimate entitlements.

Woman Arraigned for Forgery of Hospital Documents

By Okon Isong

A woman, Oko Victoria Inkanu has been arraigned before Justice Adegbola Adeniyi of the Abuja High Court by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) on a four-count charge of forgery and being in possession of forged documents.

Inkanu was arraigned on 23rd March 2015 for allegedly forging a medical report and laboratory result of the Maitama District Hospital, Abuja with the intent to sell them to prospective visa applicants to enable them secure travel visas to India.

Her actions are contrary to Sections 363 & 368 and punishable under Sections 364 & 368 of the Penal Code CAP.532 Laws of the FCT, Abuja 2006. The accused pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

In deciding her bail application, the trial judge gave two conditions which are; a bail bond of N5 million or a surety in like sum. The surety must be a serving Director in any Federal Government agency within the jurisdiction of the court and must also swear to an affidavit of means.

The case was adjourned to a future date for cross examination and hearing, while the accused has been remanded in the custody of ICPC until the fulfillment of bail conditions.

ICPC Tasks Muslim Students on Probity, Accountability

By Popoola, Elizabeth Oluwaseyi (Lagos)

Muslim students have been tasked to imbibe the spirit of probity and accountability as a way to serve Allah and humanity.

This was the message contained in a lecture by the Lagos Zonal Office of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), titled "Probity and Accountability in Public Office," for students of secondary schools in the South West under the aegis of Islamic Education Trust.

During the lecture, Mr. Tope Egunjobi of ICPC's Lagos office, called on Muslim leaders to spread the teachings of Islam on probity and accountability, saying compliance with Islam's moral framework is a measure of accountability to God.

He therefore asked the students to cultivate personal integrity, avoid falsification of records and other unethical behaviours and raise awareness against corrupt practices.

Pension Scam: ICPC to prosecute Banks

By Inalegwu Shaibu

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) is set to prosecute indicted commercial banks that aided pension thieves to steal billions of naira from the pension funds.

Chairman of ICPC, Mr. Ekpo Nta, who disclosed this during a courtesy visit to the Supreme Court in Abuja noted that, the Commission discovered that some commercial banks provided their platforms for pension thieves to steal billions of naira without any regard for banking regulations.

He said a commercial bank indicted in the pension scam allowed an individual to open 22 accounts with one picture, but 22 different names. "The banking sector is becoming much more regulated. Our investigation activities have shown that the Know Your Customer (KYC) regulation is not really being adhered to. That is why we found a pension scam where a bank opens an account for a 22-year-old whose mandate reads pensioner".

"And we found in the same bank that one person using one picture, has 22 accounts with different names. We have moved against the bank. We have charged them to court," he said.

Nta, who also enumerated some of the achievements of the Commission in the fight against corruption, told the justices that ICPC has helped the Federal Government to recover billions of naira through its preventive initiatives.



ICPC Chairman, Mr. Ekpo Nta

He added that ICPC has partnered with government agencies to weed out ghost workers from their payrolls. According to him, "ICPC has a very robust approach to the prevention of corruption. We have been partnering with agencies to develop platforms to block corruption. The Integrated Personnel Payroll and Information System (IPPS) has reduced the incidence of people carrying money to give to persons that are not entitled to it. Our investigation has now shifted to mopping up of funds at the year-end."

The Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN), Justice Mahmud Mohammed, in his response, commended ICPC, noting that the apex court was in full knowledge of the activities of the Commission as it seeks to rid Nigeria of corruption.

The CJN stated that the Supreme Court is willing to support ICPC by helping to fast track all corruption cases brought before it.

He however asked the Commission to be thorough in its investigations before sending the cases to court so as to rule out time wasting.

He stated, "It is extremely important to curb corruption because of what it has done to us as a nation. Getting support from us is not a problem. Efforts are on to fast track all corruption cases in the courts. We are ready to give all corruption cases expeditious hearing.

'All I will add is that you must make sure that proper investigation is done before the cases come to us. We are in full support. It is good because we are agencies that have to work together to improve the image of the country."

Justice Mohammed also warned lawyers to desist from the practice of delaying cases in the courts through unnecessary motions for adjournments.

Justice Mary Peter Odili in her contributions noted that the Commission's preventive approach to corruption would go a long way to curb the menace in the future.

She said, "I commend the Commission on the preventive action it has taken. The sensitisation of the school children which goes to show that the Commission is not just about pursuing people and arresting them is very good. It is good for children to know early enough that they will have to do the right thing to earn money when they are through with schooling."

Some of the justices that spoke also commended the work of ICPC in the fight against corruption. They advised the Commission to desist from slamming hundreds of charges on suspects, adding that fewer charges make adjudication of cases easier in the court of law.

ICPC Recovers N9.6m from Fraudsters

By Hauwa Madu

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) has recovered the sum of nine million, six hundred thousand naira from fraudsters operating illegal outreach campuses of Akwa-Ibom State Polytechnic and the Imo State Polytechnic respectively.

The money was recovered from one James Okon Ekon and Victor Iheanacho by the Asset Tracing and Monitoring Unit of ICPC during investigation into the activities of the suspects.

Unsuspecting students had been

deceived to part with various sums of money to gain admission into the illegal outreach campuses operated by Ekon and Iheanacho.

The students were made to believe that the outreach centres situated in Obokun High School, Ilesha Osun State were affiliated to the Akwa-Ibom State and Imo State Polytechnics respectively.

After the money was recovered from the fraudsters, it was handed over to representatives of the two polytechnics.

During the handing over ceremony, the representative of the Chairman, ICPC Mr Ekpo Nta, the Secretary to the Commission,



The Secretary ICPC, Elvis Oglafa and the representatives of Akwa Ibom and Imo States Polytechnics during the disbursement of the recovered funds from fraudsters

Mr. Elvis Oglafa said the commission maintains a high level of integrity in its investigation of cases and he commended the operatives of the Commission for resolving the case.

He urged the representatives of the polytechnics to be part of the fight against corruption in Nigeria by reporting and exposing

corruption and other related acts in the future.

Afterwards, the sums of four million six hundred and seventy three thousand naira (4,673,000.00) and four million, nine hundred thousand naira (4,900,000.00) were handed over to Akwa-Ibom State and Imo State Polytechnics respectively.

Responding on behalf of the institutions, the Registrar of Imo State Polytechnic, Mrs. Susan Njemanze, commended the ICPC for a job well-done, stating that, though there were fears at the initial stage of the

investigation of the outcome, but then, the operatives of the Commission were thorough and that they were glad with the conclusion.

She pledged to help fight corruption and called on ICPC to accord them maximum support to fight in their various institutions.

Clerics Told To Speak Up Against Corruption

By Popoola, Elizabeth Oluwaseyi (Lagos)

The need for religious leaders to be involved in the crusade against corruption cannot be over-emphasized given the large number of followership they enjoy. This was the main thrust of a consultative forum organized for leaders of the Christian faith by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) held recently in Lagos.

In his remark, Head of Lagos Zonal Office of the

Commission, Mr. Shintema Binga, advised the church leaders to always preach against unethical behaviours such as bribery and corruption.

He further advised them not to allow whatever favours they receive from their followers to make them derail from telling them the truth, stating that such would constitute a disservice to both God and the nation.

Mr. Binga who decried how corruption has weakened the nation's ethical values and norms,

urged adherents of the Christian faith to practice what their Holy Book says about integrity and to always resist and report all corrupt acts to the anti-corruption Commission.

Speaking at the event, the President of the Lagos Central Baptist Conference, Reverend Dr. Babarinde Kehinde, bemoaned the rate at which corruption has eaten deep into the fabric of the nation which more often is caused by greed and the get-rich-quick-syndrome.

ICPC Recovers £1,500 for Victims of Visa Scam

By Robert Ayakpat

The Independent Concept College and London Training College respectively, as part payment of their tuition fees. But things took a bad turn when they could not acquire the U.K visas and wanted a refund of the payments earlier made to him.

When all efforts to get back their money yielded no results, they decided to send a petition to ICPC in November 2012, and in April 2013, the Commission swung into action. Investigations revealed that the said sum of £1,050 each was

actually paid by the petitioners into the domiciliary account of AVS Ltd with United Bank for Africa, but the sum of one thousand five hundred pounds (£1,500) was recovered.

The recovered money was recently handed over to the victims at the Commission's Headquarters in Abuja. Mr. Sola Shodipo of the Investigation Department who represented the Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Ekpo Nta, handed over the money to the petitioners.

He said that he was handing over the sum of £1,500 against a total £2,100 because Appellate Visa Services Limited deducted administrative charges of £600.

Noble who received the money on their behalf praised the ICPC for the effort made to recover it. According to him, they had at some point lost all hope of getting back their money. He lauded the Commission for the effort it is making to rid the nation of corruption.

NYSC Anti-Corruption CDS Group Organise Debate for Enugu Schools

By Ozi Agualize Eyimeke (Enugu)

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) and Enugu Zonal Office, Mr. Ezech members of the National Youth Services Corps (NYSC) Batch 'A' 2014/2015 Anti-corruption CDS Group have organised an anti-corruption debate for two secondary schools in Enugu State.

The anti-corruption debate which was aimed at enhancing good communication skills and at the same time make students understand the consequences of corruption and the need to eradicate the menace had the topic 'The Masses are more corrupt than the Leaders'.

Speaking on the importance of anti-corruption debates at the

occasion, the Assistant Chief Superintendent Officer, Education Department, ICPC Enugu Zonal Office, Mr. Ezech Anselm said the programme was geared towards promoting integrity and developing personal and collective ethics at the early stages of students' lives.

He added that in the lead-up to the contest, participants had attended workshops where they learnt about the various types of corruption and techniques to improve public speaking.

Speaking during the debate, the Chief Speaker of Madonna Secondary School, Okafor Precious, maintained that corruption is not perpetrated by the leaders only, and therefore called on anti-graft agencies to focus

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Travel Documents Forgery, Man Arraigned

By Okon Isong

Mr. Akwu S. Josiah has been docked by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) on a two-count charge of possession of forged documents and conspiracy to produce a forged document before Justice Ademola Adeniyi of the Abuja High Court.

Josiah was arraigned on 23rd March, 2015 for allegedly forging a Yellow Card which he claimed was given to him by one Dike (now at large) for the purpose of selling same to prospective visa applicants to enable them secure travel visas to India.

His actions are contrary to Sections 368 & 96 and punishable under Sections 368 & 97 of the Penal Code CAP532 Laws of the FCT, Abuja 2006. The accused pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

The case was adjourned to a future date and the accused has been remanded in prison custody.

ICPC Urges Students to Shun Examination Malpractice

By Ruth Awodi

The Chairman, Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), Mr. Ekpo Nta has urged students of the Nigerian Turkish International College (NTIC), Abuja, to see themselves as anti-corruption ambassadors and shun examination malpractices.

The Chairman, who was represented by Mr. Kingsley Obi of the Education Department, gave the charge during the educational visit of the students to ICPC as part of the activities to mark their social week.

Mr. Obi commended the

NTIC for identifying with ICPC in its effort to rid the nation of corruption, and encouraged them to see themselves as change agents.

Speaking on the mandate of the Commission, Mr. Obi called on the students to join the anti-corruption crusade by creating

an anti-corruption club in their school.

The NTIC students were further educated with a short video that explained corruption focusing on exam malpractice and bribery in schools and how corrupt practices can be reported.

One of the students, Amina Farouk, who responded on behalf of the others commended ICPC for the reception and promised to put all they have learnt to practice at home and abroad.

Publications of ICPC and other educative materials were presented to them at the end of the visit.



Officials of Education Dept. in a group photograph with Students of Nigerian Turkish International College during a visit to ICPC

ACAN Graduates 15 ICPC Officers

By Ruth Awodi

The Anti-Corruption Academy of Nigeria (ACAN), a capacity-building institution of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) has graduated fifteen officers of Intelligence and Security Support Unit (ISSU) of the Commission.

The graduation ceremony took place recently at the academy located in Keffi, Nasarawa State, where the officers underwent four weeks training on Intelligence Officers Basic Course One.

Speaking during the ceremony, the Honourable Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Ekpo Nta, remarked that he was happy to be a part of the event, saying that the course would be made compulsory for all ICPC staff.

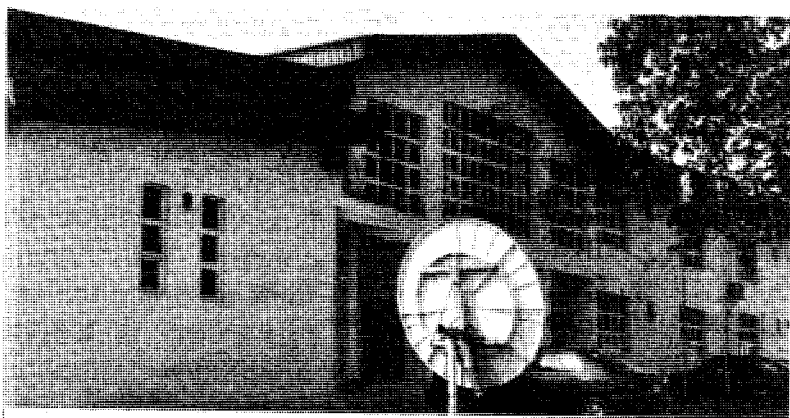
He advised the graduates to put into practice all that they have learnt since they now have a better understanding of what intelligence and investigation are all about.

In his address the Provost of the Academy, Professor Sola Akinrinade, said that the objective of the programme had been achieved and congratulated the participants for successfully completing the course.

In a paper presented by the Deputy Provost, Mr. Matthew Ameh Idoko, titled "Towards making ISSU efficient and effective", he harped on the courses completed by the participants and commended all resource persons for their efforts and support.

He recommended that participants should be exposed to other advanced courses and that a functional clinic be put in place in case of emergencies while officers of the Commission be trained as drill instructors.

It could be recalled that ACAN took off in October 2014 and its vision is to be a model manpower development institution that will provide the necessary connection between the theory and practice of corruption studies so as to drive the fight against corruption in Nigeria and beyond.



ACAN Building, Keffi, Nasarawa State
Photo by Solomon Kogi

Tsav, Ako appointed as ICPC Advisory Committee Members

By Abubakar Sanusi (Makurdi)

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), has named the former Commissioner of Police, Lagos State, Alhaji Abubakar Tsav and former Deputy Comptroller of Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), Mrs. Rhoda Ako as members of its Advisory Committee in charge of ICPC Benue State office.

ICPC Board member, Alhaji Ozi Salami who inaugurated the committee in Makurdi, explained that it was set up to enlist the support of the people against corruption. Salami who described the fight against corruption as the 'people's war' said that the members were picked based on their wealth of experience and proven professional competence.

He said, "The initiative is a further demonstration of the Commission's desire to make the anti-corruption war the "people's

war" and the need to awaken their consciousness to keep tabs on corruption, resist its fruits and actively take action towards fighting it in tandem with ICPC and its sister anti-graft agencies."

Salami who also spoke on the activities of ICPC dismissed claims that the Commission only prosecutes government's political opponents. "ICPC is beyond influence-peddling and is ever ready to take on any case that is backed by hard facts," he stated.

Other members of the committee are Dr. Magdalene Dura of the Benue State University and a youth activist, Comrade Obande Gideon Obande.

Responding on behalf of the committee, Mrs. Ako who expressed concern over the enormity of corruption in Nigeria added that the Committee is willing to assist the Commission to achieve its mandate of reducing corruption in Nigeria.

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Commission.

The Head, Lagos Zonal Office further stated that the aim of the visit was also to throw more light on the proscription of the ACTU of the Licensed Freight Forwarders and the Customs agents operating within the Tin Can Island Port and other Customs formations in Lagos State.

In his response the Area Comptroller, Apapa Port, Mr. Epporwei Dike, assured of Customs effective collaboration with ICPC, pledging that the organisation was ready to assist the Commission in carrying out its mandate.

Also, the Deputy Comptroller, Mr. Samuel Opelusi, lauded ICPC for the courtesy visit, saying such an initiative will enhance a better working relationship between the two agencies.

ICPC Strengthens Ties with Customs to Curb Corruption

By Popoola, Elizabeth Oluwaseyi (Lagos)

In its bid to enhance the existing cordial working relationship with the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) recently paid a courtesy visit to the Apapa Port and Tin Can Island Customs Commands.

Leader of the delegation who is also Head, ICPC Lagos Zonal Office, Mr. Shintema Binga, explained that the visit was to strengthen the ties between the two agencies and to help curb corrupt practices and other related offences among men and

officers of the commands.

Mr. Binga revealed that Licensed Freight Forwarders were no longer under the umbrella of the Anti-Corruption and Transparency Monitoring Units (ACTU), as their disbandment letters have been sent to various Customs commands and other sister agencies.

It may be recalled that there were allegations that some of the proscribed ACTU members were going about various Customs formations soliciting bribe while posing as officials of the

ACAN, Electoral Institute to review Electoral Integrity Manual

By Inatimi Ugwoji

A four-man team has been set up by the Anti-Corruption Academy of Nigeria (ACAN) and Electoral Institute to review the 2011 Electoral Integrity Manual developed by Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC).

This is the major fallout of a courtesy visit by the Provost of ACAN, Professor Sola Akinrinade and his team to the Director-General of Electoral Institute, Professor Abubakar Momoh.

Professor Akinrinade told his host that the ACAN team was at the institute to introduce the academy and possibly seek areas of collaboration between the two agencies.

He said that the collaboration between ICPC and the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) actually

commenced in 2011, with the aim of achieving four major targets.

He listed the four targets as follows: development of an Integrity manual; setting up of Anti Corruption and Transparency Monitoring Unit (ACTU) in INEC headquarters and state offices; training of Resident Electoral Commissioners on integrity manual and the monitoring of the 2011 general elections and writing of reports on the project.

According to him, the whole essence of the partnership between the agencies is "to ensure that we infuse integrity into the electoral process in Nigeria; in such a way that outcomes of our elections, be it by-elections or national elections would be accepted by the larger percentage of the population".

The Provost explained further that only two out of the four targets set in 2011 had been met, leaving two others, and these were infusing the manual developed into the electoral process in Nigeria and special training for Resident Electoral Commissioners on electoral integrity.

He expressed the hope that ACAN and the Electoral Institute would work together to come out with an electoral integrity guideline for training of permanent and ad-hoc staff that will be involved in the electoral process in Nigeria.

Responding, Professor Momoh praised the pro-activeness of the ACAN team, noting that about 750, 000 ad-hoc staff had been trained by the institute to handle the 2015 elections.

Consequently, he suggested that a four-man team, two each from both institutions should be set up to look at the electoral manual developed by ICPC in 2011 and look at the possibility of using it as a training manual for the ad hoc staff taking part in future election processes.

"ICPC requires better Funding for its Activities"

By Inalegwu Shaibu

The Chairman of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), Mr. Ekpo Nta has said that insufficient funding is affecting the Commission's activities adversely.

Nta who spoke during a courtesy visit to the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF), Senator Ayim Pius Ayim in Abuja noted that the Commission's capital budget has dwindled over the years.

He said that while the recurrent expenditure has been stable, budgets for capital and overhead cost have however been on the decline leading to hitches in the execution of projects of the Commission.

He told the SGF that ICPC has however achieved significant milestones in the fight against corruption within the period of the dwindling funds, such as the reforming of the pension scheme, weeding out ghost workers in federal government parastatals, revitalizing the education system and enhancing strict compliance with banking regulations by commercial banks.

He said, "Even though we are getting far less for our capital expenditure which is about twenty percent of our recurrent, we have achieved more in our work more than ever before. We have more convictions now than before." In his remark, Senator Ayim lauded ICPC for taking the fight against corruption in Nigeria to a higher level.

He charged the Commission to be more upfront with its programmes and activities', adding that Nigerians are eager to know about the wonderful work ICPC is doing to rid the country of corruption.

According to him, "You have not been too visible

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ICPC has redeemed Nigeria's image says National Park Boss

By Roseline Maduako

The Conservator-General, National Park Service, Alhaji Haruna Tanko Abubakar, has stated that the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) has impacted positively and helped to redeem the image of Nigeria in the international community through its anti-corruption fight. He made the remark during the inauguration of the Anti-Corruption and Transparency Monitoring Unit (ACTU) of the organisation.

According to him, the milestone covered by the Federal Government in the fight against corruption since the Commission came on board is manifested in the continuous improvement in the country's rating on the Corruption Perception Index by the Transparency International, which has earned Nigeria respect and is attracting foreign investors. It should be recalled that before the setting up of ICPC by former

President Olusegun Obasanjo in 2000, Nigeria was rated the second most corrupt nation in the world but today the nation is rated 136th out of the 174 nations surveyed in 2014.

He said, "As the window through which the world peeps into Nigeria, the Public Service must be efficient, transparent and corruption-free to engender confidence in a potential investor in order to attract direct foreign investments.

Also contributing, the Human Resource Manager, Alhaji Suleiman Yahaya, charged the members of the unit to always regard their appointments as an additional responsibility to the service of their fatherland and also be guided by the legal maxim, "He who goes to equity, goes with clean hands".

In his address, the ICPC Chairman, Mr. Ekpo Nta, who was represented by Mr. Akeem Lawal, Head, Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation

Department (CMED) noted that ACTU was initiated by ICPC to carry out the Commission's mandate of prevention to ensure that acts of impunity are eradicated from the system.

He also added that the National Park is a big national institution where the best about Nigeria's great ethics and unreserved integrity should be seen when foreigners come to see the various attractions available at the park.

Finally, the oath of allegiance was administered on the inductees by Mr. Justin Kuatsea of CMED, ICPC.

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ICPC, NYSC organises Anti-corruption Debate for Enugu Schools

attention on the masses based on the fact that, they commit corruption by praise-singing bad leaders even when they are not performing and that has made some of the corrupt leaders to believe that they were performing thereby increasing poverty and underdevelopment in the economy.

Leading the debate for Unateze Girls Secondary School, Eze Ezinne in her argument described a leader as an individual who has unquestionably strong personal integrity.

The participants were drawn from Madonna Secondary School and Unateze Girls Secondary School Nara - all in Nkanu Local Government Area of the state.

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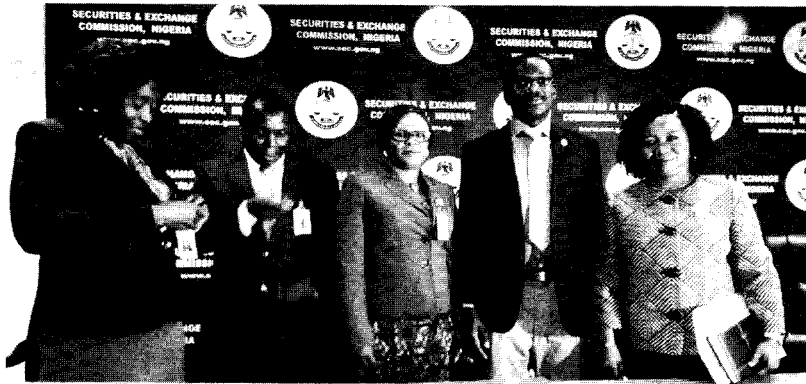
even though you are working very well. You can make a public presentation of your annual report at the end of the year. People will know that it is not that you are not working, but that you are using refined methods to get results.

A staff of 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

SEC Commends ICPC on the Fight against Corruption

By Ajah, Joy Azuka

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has commended the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission



Representative of the ICPC Chairman Mr. Akeem Lawal, second from right with other members of SEC during the inauguration of ACTU in SEC.

(ICPC) for the efforts it is making to rid the nation of corruption through various anti-corruption initiatives.

Acting Director-General, SEC, Mr. Mounir Gwarzo praised ICPC during the inauguration of its Anti-Corruption Transparency and Monitoring Unit (ACTU) in SEC.

Mr. Gwarzo, who was represented by Ms. Mary Uduk stated that the inauguration of

ACTUs in Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) was one of such mechanisms that would help curb the activities of corrupt civil servants.

While pledging his support for the activities of ACTU, he urged all the staff to cooperate with the unit, and commended the Commission's initiative to entrench transparency and integrity in government

institutions.

Mr. Gwarzo added that as the apex regulator of the Nigerian Capital Market, the demand for the highest level of transparency from the entities they regulate has become sacrosanct, saying "we must hold ourselves to similar standards in our own operations".

In his address, the ICPC Chairman, Mr. Ekpo Nta who was represented by the Head, Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation Department (CMED), Mr. Akeem Lawal, noted that the Commission's mission is to rid MDAs of corruption and restore them to the path of integrity.

He also added that "ACTUs are ICPC's special vehicles designed to fulfill its mandate in the MDAs"

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Court sentences ex-Akure North Council Deputy Chairman to five years imprisonment

By Inalegwu Shaibu

The Court of Appeal has upheld the five-year jail term handed to the former Deputy Chairman of Akure North Local Government Council, Honourable Gbenga Ojo, by an Ondo State High Court.

Justice T. O. Osoba of the Ondo State High Court sitting in Akure had convicted Ojo on the 28th of January, 2014, on a three-count charge that includes making false statement and embezzlement, preferred against him by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC).

ICPC had accused Ojo of diverting N1.3 million meant for "Logistic arrangement" for the visit of the then Ondo State Governor, Olusegun Agagu, to the Council, as head of the visit's

Planning Committee in 2004, an action punishable under Sections 16 and 26 (c) of the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act 2000.

The Commission accused Ojo of "Knowingly furnishing false statement in respect of the sum of N70, 000 received by him claiming that part of the money was disbursed to security agents of the Executive Governor of Ondo State, for fuelling, when no such disbursement was made."

Ojo and the Head of Personnel of the Local Government, Leye Adejumo were also accused of conspiring to defraud the Council of N1.3 million meant for the visit by claiming that the sum of N90, 000 was taken out of the money to buy Ankara cloth from a seller called

Mama Butik, when no such purchase was done.

Justice Osoba in his ruling had sentenced the ex-Vice Chairman to five years imprisonment on each count and an option of fine in the sum of N2 million. The sentence was to run concurrently, but the fine was to be paid cumulatively.

But Mr. Ojo through his lawyer kicked against the judgment claiming that it was a miscarriage of justice against him and Mr. Adejumo. He therefore sought for the quashing of the judgment at the Court of Appeal. The Court of Appeal at the conclusion of hearing on the appeal affirmed on the 17th of April 2015, the conviction of Ojo thereby sentencing him to five years imprisonment.

ICPC Inaugurates ACTU in FGC Lejja, Nsukka, Charges Staff and Students to Eschew Corrupt Practices

By Chinwe Nwozor (Enugu)

In pursuance of its preventive mandate of identifying corruption prone areas and ensuring that systemic corruption is adequately checked and prevented in Ministries Departments and Agencies, the Independent Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), has inaugurated the Anti Corruption and Transparency Monitoring Unit (ACTU) of the Federal Government Girls College Lejja, Nsuka, Enugu state with a call to staff and students to shun all kinds of corrupt tendencies.

In her remarks at the inauguration ceremony, the principal of the school Miss I.D. Gogo, stated that the steady deterioration the country's infrastructures and degeneration in social and educational institutions were due to corruption. She said corruption in the education sub-sector manifests at the political, administrative and classroom levels world over. She attributed

the causes of corruption in schools to moral decadence, greed, weak internal controls, lack of reading culture, penchant for wealth and materialism amongst others.

The principal, while stating the need for corruption to be wiped out of the nation for

ICPC Enugu zonal office said the 3-pronged approach of combating corruption recognizes that punishment alone may not eradicate corrupt practices and that preventive mechanisms and public support have a pivotal role in achieving the goals of the Anti- corruption crusade.

the security of present and future generations of Nigerians, commended ICPC for establishing ACTU in government organizations, stressing that its existence would greatly reduce the incidences of corruption.

In his keynote address, Barr.Arua Udonsi, the Head

ICPC Enugu Zonal Office enumerated some corrupt practices rampant in the education sector to include favouritism, bribery, extortion, sorting, stealing or vandalizing of library books and laboratory equipment and diversion of government grants amongst others.

The Zonal Head who was represented by Mr. Ezeh Ansel Nwafor, Assistant Chief Superintendent, Education ICPC Enugu Zonal Office said the 3-pronged approach of combating corruption recognizes that punishment alone may not eradicate corrupt practices and that preventive mechanisms and public support have a pivotal role in achieving the goals of the anti- corruption crusade. He further stated that the inauguration exercise would help the staff and students of the school to realize that, their commitment to anti-corruption is necessary and must be total to reform the country and bring about progress for the benefit of all.

Court Affirms ICPC's Powers to declare Former NSCDC Deputy Commandant Wanted

By FoluOlamiti

A Federal High Court sitting in Abuja, before Justice Evoh Chukwu has affirmed that the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), never infringed on Mbuotidem Daniel Akpan Edike's fundamental

human rights by declaring him wanted on the pages of newspaper.

Akpan Edike, who was a Deputy Commandant of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corp (NSCDC) had sought an order of the court seeking to declare the

publication, purportedly declaring him wanted by the Commission as a breach of his own fundamental right to liberty, in which he had also sought N10million in damages against the Commission. At the resumed hearing of the matter in which the trial judge

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ICPC- Federal Ministry of Aviation Collaboration: Transforming Nigeria's Airports for Service delivery free of Corruption

By Femi Gold

-Harrowing Encounter of an Airport User

WLast year, I celebrated my third year of consciously and decidedly not giving any form of bribe to Nigeria Customs officials. Before then, I had to give money to them to check-in my luggage that contained "allowable African Food" products like ground pepper, melon, egusi, crayfish, etc. To them, I needed to "pay" to carry those items in the checked-in luggage.

"Knowing all the tricks airport officials use to extort money from unsuspecting and naïve travellers, I made the decision in 2009, that I would not give money as a form of

"bribe" to any official. That, I thought, would be my two cents contribution towards not perpetuating bribery and corruption in Nigeria.

So, for the first time, I paid the bribe-free drive price in 2010. After five officials at the Lufthansa Airline desk had gone through a gruesome search of my luggage (Only God knows why such a search required five men. I think it is a waste of man power and time anyway!), they wanted me to give them "something" because one of the items was not "labelled". I asked if I could label it right there since I had a pen on me. They indicated they had no time for that. I

could either throw it away or give them "something" to check it in. Bluntly, I told them I would prefer to throw it away because I had nothing to give to them to check-in the item. My relative who had been watching started pleading with me to give them something so



ICPC Chairman and Minister of Aviation signing an MoU

PAUL OMORUYI
The above appalling encounter as narrated by a Nigerian airport user reveals the bad state of service in our nation's airports. All over the world, airports are regarded as windows to the outside world. Visitors form their opinions about countries at the point of entry. It is quite worrisome therefore to hear of

frequent open harassment of travellers by those working at our airports, or the use of subtle methods to extort money from them.

Nigerians, both in the diaspora and at home, complain of constant demands for bribes and gratification at various points of interface with agencies, as well as deliberate operational bottlenecks created to induce 'tips' at our airports. It is also apparent to anyone who uses these airports how social greetings and courtesies are openly and ridiculously used as schemes for soliciting tips.

Nigeria, as a nation, is suffering from lack of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in some critical sectors because the time it takes to clear goods at the airport is discouraging as the process is hampered by deliberate delay by the different agencies involved. Such delays come in the form of over-greeting, insisting on an undue search which creates an image of sustained corruption at the nation's airports.

These ugly practices, undoubtedly smear the image of the country and in consequence, many foreign investors divert their business and pleasure pursuits to other countries.

The nation's aviation sector requires cleansing and establishment of ethical standards as some of the officials in the sector such as airport workers,

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travel agents, airline operators and law enforcement agents are widely perceived to aid and abet corruption at the airports.

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) and the Federal Ministry of Aviation, recently, came together in Lagos to establish an intervention programme to reduce the incidence of corruption in the aviation sector to the barest minimum and institutionalise good ethical practices that would impact positively on Nigeria's image.

The specific objective of the partnership, among others, include: "...reducing the incident of bribery and gratification in Nigeria's airports, preventing extortion of money from unsuspecting and hapless passengers by officials operating in the airports, promoting Nigeria's image locally and internationally thereby boosting tourism and attracting Foreign Direct Investment into the country".

To facilitate ICPC's intervention in the aviation sector and to also guarantee the commitment of both parties, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by the chief executives of the two organisations in Lagos to formalise the strategies to achieve the objective.

The "Anti-Corruption Intervention in the Aviation Sector" initiative is borne out of the desire to make Nigeria an aviation hub in the sub-region and to create new impressions about the country in the minds of foreigners, whose first port of call is often the airports.

At the occasion, the ICPC Chairman, Mr. Ekpo Nta said the MoU involved; a mandatory

training on ethics and integrity at the recently established ICPC Academy for personnel of all stakeholders deployed to work in the airports; a comprehensive systems study of the aviation sector and its parastatals; undercover operation for detection of infraction; intermittent deployment of ICPC officers to maintain surveillance at the major airports; installation of advanced information technology facilities such as Closed Circuit Television Camera (CCTV) in strategic locations in the airports, among others.

As a sign of what to expect, the aviation minister, Mr. Osita Chidoka who described corruption as a "road block to national economic development" directed the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) and the heads of other relevant agencies, including the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), National Drug Law Enforcement Agent (NDLEA), Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) and Nigerian Airspace Management Agency, NAMA, to rid the airports of touts loitering around the arrival hall of the international wing of the Murtala Muhammed Airport within 14 days.

"The Ministry would interface with the Lagos State Government to set up mobile courts at the Lagos Airport for the speedy trial and prosecution of persons arrested for touting and other unauthorised practices", he said.

Also, he directed FAAN to cancel concessions that involve the use of trolleys at the terminal and revealed that the federal government would install CCTV at major airports in the country to provide surveillance in order to check corrupt activities.

"In all the airports that I

have been abroad, you do not see the officials because they are locked up somewhere in their rooms from where they monitor activities of passengers through the CCTV (close circuit television). But here in Nigeria, passengers keep meeting with the officials; they ransack their bags, and then go through their luggage almost at every point, then Immigration will check, Customs will check passport, then NDLEA will also check, then Immigration again. Need we do all these?" Chidoka queried.

Major opportunities for corruption in the aviation sector, and indeed everywhere, arise from physical interaction between people as they present the occasion for demanding and receiving gratification. One of the ways to check the occurrence of corruption at the airports, therefore, would be to reduce the number of search areas and introduce International Air Transport Association's (IATA) best practices in passengers' check-in procedures.

Apart from the strategies contained in the MoU signed by the two agencies, any airport official found wanting should be arrested, punished and publicised to serve as a deterrent to others involved in perpetrating corruption across Nigeria's airports.

ICPC and the aviation ministry deserve the support of Nigerians in this very important mission. Like Paul Omoruyi, airport users must also make a commitment to stop offering bribes to secure an undue advantage over others, as ICPC and Federal Ministry of Aviation have pledged to do all things necessary to give effect to making the partnership succeed.

FRSC ACTU Rewards Staff

By Ajah Joy

The Anti-Corruption and Transparency Monitoring Unit (ACTU) of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) recently held an Integrity Award Forum to honour dedicated staff members.



Representative of ICPC Chairman, Akeem Lawal, in a hearty discussion with the Chairman, FRSC ACTU, Asst. Corps Marshal, Wole Olaniran

Speaking at the event, the Corps Marshal and Chief Executive, FRSC,

Boboye Olayemi Oyeyemi noted that the introduction of the Integrity Award was a welcome development as it forms an integral part of his 3-point agenda of "Consultation, Reward and Punishment"(CRP).

He encouraged the staff to always exhibit a high level of transparency and integrity in the performance of their duties to preserve the good reputation of the Corps which has been built over the years.

The Chairman of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), Mr. Ekpo Nta speaking through his representative, Mr. Akeem Lawal, Head, Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation

Department (CMED) commended FRSC especially the Corp Marshal for supporting the ACTU in FRSC.

He encouraged recipients of the awards and indeed all the staff members to see the event as a call to put in more efforts and strive to be outstanding in all their dealings.

In his remarks, the Chairman FRSC ACTU, Assistant Corp Marshal Wole Olaniran said that the awardees were selected from the result of the questionnaires that had been distributed to all departments, Corps offices and Special Units.

The categories and staff members awarded include: Most Dedicated, Diligent and Disciplined Officer in Road Staff Headquarters

(RSHQ) in 2014, Boboye O. Oyeyemi; Most Thorough and Transparent Department/ Corps Office in RSHQ, Legal Office; Most Dedicated, Diligent and Disciplined HOD/Corps Officer in RSHQ, Corps Commander Shehu Mohammed(Corps Auditor).

Others include: Most Appreciable and Accomodating HOD/Corps Officer in RSHQ, Corps Commander, Shehu Mohammed (Corps Auditor); Most Customer-Friendly Marshal in RSHQ, Road Marshal Assistant III Nneka Ademife; Most Customer-Friendly Officer in RSHQ, Deputy Route Commander, Adaba Amula and Most Dedicated, Diligent and Disciplined Marshal in RSHQ, Marshal Inspector I Henry I. Luka.

The FRSC ACTU was first inaugurated on the 24th March, 2004 in pursuance of the ICPC preventive mandate of stamping out corrupt practices from the public service.

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Provost of (ACAN) pays NBTE a Courtesy Visit

By: Atiku M. Tanko and GarbaAliyu, Kaduna

The Provost of the Anti-Corruption Academy of Nigeria (ACAN), Professor Sola Akinrinade recently paid a courtesy visit to the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) in Kaduna, Kaduna State. The Executive Secretary of NBTE, Dr. M. A. Kazaure, was highly elated at the visit and he used the moment to comment on the mutual relationship existing

between ICPC and NBTE, saying "the relationship has been cordial, and the system study conducted by ICPC was marvelous". Professor Akinrinade, reeled out the history of the academy to his host. Saying, ACAN was established in 2012, in Keffi, Nasarawa state. "It has an e-based 250 computer terminals, ICT resources, and a guest house

consisting of 40 rooms", he added. He said the mandate of the institution include, "capacity building of staff; equipping the staff with the required tool to perform assiduously, trainig of public servants on budget and accountability; certification of practitioners through affiliation with some universities in running Master's programmes in anti-

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ICPC in Collaboration with National Orientation Agency (NOA) Zamfara State Organises Workshop on Anti-corruption and Security Awareness for Public and Private Schools

By Sani Tukur Tarauni (Sokoto)

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), in collaboration with National Orientation Agency has organized a one-day workshop on Anti-Corruption and security awareness for public and private schools in Gusau, Zamfara State, recently.

In his remarks, Zamfara State director, National Orientation Agency Alhaji Lawal Mafara lamented that "the workshop was organized to sensitize students in the post primary institutions of the state on anti - corruption and security issues and how to identify all activities that are prone to corruption and security measures in schools respectively"

Similarly, in his welcome address, Capt. Mai - Riga (Rtd.); Senior Special Adviser to Zamfara State Governor on Security Matters and Chairman of the occasion called on all the participants not to be clogs in the

wheel of the anti - Corruption war and at all times be security conscious not only in schools but wherever one may find himself, considering the contemporary security challenges facing the country.

The representative of the Commission at the occasion Mr. Hassan Muhammad Karakai of the Administrative Department pointed out that insecurity is a "Brainchild" of Corruption, as the monster is not only limited to financial misdeeds, but also affects other social and security values. He also added that "Insecurity" can be surmounted only if such workshops are periodically organized at the grassroot levels and further called on all participants to shun all forms of Corruption in their respective communities.

Mr. Karakai added that the main functions of ICPC include: Enforcement, Prevention and Public Enlightenment and Education. He also highlighted some forms of Corruption that

has direct link with insecurity such as: gratification, abuse of power, religious bigotry, intolerance, ethnic jingoism and electoral malpractices.

In the same vein, in his remarks; the representative of the Executive Governor, Zamfara State and Secretary to the State Government Alhaji Tijjani Yahaya Kaura thanked the organizers of the workshop and assured them of Government commitment in creating public awareness on corruption and security in the state.

The workshop was attended by security outfits and top Government functionaries of the state, some representatives and others from public and private schools respectively.

The occasion was concluded with goodwill messages from important personalities, pledging their support and cooperation in maintaining peace, security and anti - corruption consciousness in the state.

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Provost of (ACAN) pays NBTE a Courtesy visit

corruption studies and short term courses".

The provost said the anti-graft institution wants to create a synergy with tertiary institutions under the auspices of NBTE to fight against corruption and also enlighten tertiary institutions on ideal procurement processes and co-opting anti-corruption modules into their curriculum. He said University of Calabar had already taken off as a pilot study.

Dr M.A. Kazaure, welcomed the concept and advised ICPC to write



Prof. Sola Akinrinde (Provost ACAN)

formally to NBTE governing board for approval since it is an institution established under ICPC law. He suggested that ICPC should independently award

certifications rather than affiliating with some tertiary institutions and recommended that "As a research unit, ICPC should contact TETFUND for funding of research topic".

Present at the august visit were: Head, ICPC Kaduna Zonal Office, Abubakar Abdullahi Dustinma, I r o k a S a m s o n , D a v i Enweremadu, Bello Richard, Mrs Mutiat Lasisi and Ahmed Abdul all from ACAN.

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Court Affirms ICPC's Powers to declare Former NSCDC Deputy Commandant Wanted

delivered a ruling, counsel to the applicant Catherine Anene and O. G. Iwuagwu, counsel to the respondents readopted their addresses after the duration period before the ruling had elapsed as stipulated by the constitution.

The applicant in the suit instituted against the Commission had earlier argued that the Commission breached his fundamental rights, as he was not properly invited for investigation before declaring him wanted.

The trial judge in his ruling, averred that the anti-corruption agency having provided the court with sufficient evidence in support of its invitations sent to the applicant, it was clearly obvious that the respondents (ICPC and its Chairman) "did everything humanly possible to invite the applicant" for investigation into a petition against him.

It also noted that having gone AWOL (Absent Without Official Leave) as affirmed by the NSCDC, over the investigation

into the petition against the applicant, the Commission sent another invitation to a business enterprise linked to him. Even at that, the Commission went further to serve invitations on the applicant's lawyers which were acknowledged in 2013.

On this premise, Justice Chukwu ruled in favour of the Commission, ordering the applicant to bear the cost of the litigation in the sum of N50,000 to the Commission.

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ID/418C/2013	FRN VS HELEN BANDU	CA LAGOS	LAGOS STATE	FOR BAIL PENDING APPEAL HEARING
ID/53C/2013	FRN VS DANLADI NYASHI	HC IKEJA	LAGOS STATE	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
CR/96/2010	FRN VS UMARU ALIYU	FCT – HC	FCT – ABUJA	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
CA/B/2/2014	MICHAEL OBOATHEKPE VS FRN	CA BENIN	EDO STATE	FOR HEARING
CA/L/194C/2015	MRS. MUBO IKOTUN VS FRN & ANOR	CA LAGOS	LAGOS STATE	FOR HEARING OF MOTION FOR BAIL AND EXTENSION OF TIME
HC/CR/85/2007	FRN VS CHIEF O. OGUNLEYE	HC 2 FCT-ABUJA	FCT – ABUJA	FOR CONTINUATION OF HEARING
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CR/101C/2013	FRN VS ISHOLA BINTU ADENIKE	FCT HC	FCT – ABUJA	FOR HEARING
HCL/101C/2014	FRN JIMOH DADA SALISU & ANOR	HC OKENE	KOGI STATE	FOR HEARING
A/ICPC/2C/2012	FRN VS ABAYOMI TOM KELEKUMO	HC 1 WARRI	DELTA STATE	FOR NO CASE SUBMISSION
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