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AS CACOL, EFCC BATTLE OVER ANTI-CORRUPTION

The stage may be gradually setting for what may turn to be a mother of all legal battles. Two anti-graft outfits, one a government agency and the other, a group of civil society, community-based and other non-governmental organizations may lock horns soon over the former's unwillingness or refusal to prosecute perceived acts of corruption.

The Coalition Against Corrupt Leaders (CACOL), a group of civil society, community-based and other non-governmental organizations with the objective of fighting corruption and corrupt persons by any means possible at all levels in Nigeria has said it is considering dragging Nigeria's anti corruption agency, the Economic and Financial Crime Commission, (EFCC), to court and obtaining an order of mandamus to compel the agency to investigate and prosecute former President Olusegun Obasanjo for alleged acts of corruption.

CACOL said it has written several petitions to the EFCC since when former President Obasanjo left office in May 2007 requesting the commission to in line with its establishing act investigate the former President whose lifestyle and extent of the properties, it says are not justified by his source of income. Although the group has written several petitions and follow ups, it said the EFCC has not acted on any of its letters to its office.

CACOL has however written the EFCC chairman again renewing its call for the investigation of the former President. The letter dated January 26, 2014 and routed thru the Lagos Zonal office was received and acknowledged by the Head of Operations and stamped February 26, 2014.

In the letter entitled 'Re: Petition For The Probe Of Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, Former President And Commander-In-Chief Of Armed Forces Of The Federal Republic Of Nigeria: Further Reminder And

Further Allegations', which was rooted thro the Lagos Zonal office of EFCC, Debo Adeniran, the group's Executive Chairman prayed the anti corruption agency that Section 7(1)(a) and (b) of the EFCC Establishment Act vested the power in your Commission to, "cause investigations to be conducted as to whether any person, corporate

deceitful and immoral means, and if his management of the affairs of the Nigerian state, both administrative and financial, left room to suspect financial recklessness, aiding and abetting of corruption and by any other foul means that diminish the

conduct of the former President as a honest, transparent and accountable person as

the former President of the Federal

Republic of Nigeria. We are hopeful

that this petition would be given the priority attention it deserves as it has the potentialities of salvaging our dear country from the perpetual socio-moral, economic and political servitude that various corrupt leaders have over the years plunged her."



EFCC Chairman, Ibrahim Lamorde

body or organisation has committed an offence under this Act or other law relating to economic and financial crimes or cause investigations to be conducted into the properties of any person if it appears to the Commission that the person's lifestyle and extent of the properties are not justified by his source of income. We are therefore requesting that the EFCC cause an investigation of Chief Olusegun Obasanjo on the said allegations in line with the power vested in the Commission."

He added: "CACOL strongly demands that the EFCC take appropriate legal action against the former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, if it were to be found, as we certainly know, that the wealth of the former President were acquired through foul,

The letter said in part: "It would be recalled that Chief Obasanjo became the President of Nigeria in May 29, 1999 some few months after he was released from prison by the military ruler, Gen. Abdusalami Abubakar. For the three years that Chief Obasanjo was in prison, his Ota farm, which was his economic mainstay was in shambles, having lost the freedom to look after and ensure sustainability of his financial income... As a review, in our petition and reminders to your Commission, we asked you to probe some of the known assets of the former President believed to have been acquired with the proceeds of corrupt practices while in office as the Nigerian

President.

Specifically, CACOL asked the EFCC to investigate sources of the funds the former President used to establish: the N6.5 million presidential library; the Bells University of Technology in Badagry, Lagos State, the cost of which CACOL estimated at conservatively N40 billion; the 200 million units of shares he bought in Transnational Corporation of Nigeria (TRANSCORP); and the resuscitation and expansion of Obasanjo farms in Ota, Ogun State and in various parts of Nigeria into multi-billion naira establishment, all within the spate of eight years he served as Nigeria president. The group said it wanted the EFCC to launch investigations into these various business concerns as well as their propriety or otherwise.

Adeniran also raised objections to what he called "the utter neglect or slow pace at which the commission" is attending to the petition it also wrote against the Lagos State Government. Another letter to the EFCC entitled 'Further reminder on Allegations of Corruption Against Lagos State Government: EFCC Should Investigate' dated 25 February, 2014 read in part "The Coalition Against Corrupt Leaders (CACOL) hereby writes to remind you of the above titled petition nwhich was submitted through your Lagos office on February 4, 2010. It is worthy to note that our coalition was invited by your commission to adopt the said petition and discuss further on the allegation on 25 February, 2010 through a letter dated 17 February, 2010 after which a reminder dated 9 September, 2013 was sent to your Abuja office.

"This present reminder is done with a view to complaining to you that we are not satisfied with the utter neglect or slow pace at which your commission



Corruption not overstated, CACOL tells Jonathan

The Coalition against Corrupt Leaders has decried President Goodluck Jonathan's recent statement that corruption in the country has been blown out of proportion.

President Goodluck Jonathan, at a meeting with the Nigerian community in Windhoek, Namibia on Thursday, had said corruption in Nigeria had been exaggerated and the trend had negatively affected the image of the country.

The President also noted that his administration would not condone the menace, but that using the proverbial big stick would not be a solution to end corruption.

In an interview with our correspondent, the Chairman of CACOL, Mr. Debo Adeniran, said the President's statement underscored the fact that the President did not appreciate the implications and extent of corruption in the country.

"The President's statement shows that he does not recognise the enormous damage that corruption is doing to the fabric of Nigeria, within and outside our climes. It means that the President does not appreciate that corruption is a negative behavioural trait that he should

tackle. "If not for corruption, we would not be in perpetual debt; we wouldn't lose our access to power and other amenities; our factories wouldn't have closed down; our roads wouldn't have been dilapidated to the extent of becoming death traps.

"If not for corruption, our hospitals would be effective; our schools, colleges and universities would be producing skilled manpower that will make Nigeria self-sufficient in manpower development. And let's not forget Boko Haram. All these are products of corruption," he said

Adeniran added that instead of using the big stick, the President was using kid gloves to tackle corruption.

"He said it himself, he is not a lion, so he won't use a sledgehammer; he won't use force. But because he is not using force, people think that he is condoning corruption.

"The way out is for the President to accept responsibility for all the wrongdoings committed by those close to him. He said Sanusi Lamido was fingered as the perpetrator of all the vices in the Central Bank of Nigeria, because he is the head. Well, Jonathan is the head of government in Nigeria.

"Since there has been several of them that have been involved in scandals, he should take responsibility and resign, to show that he doesn't want to condone corruption. Otherwise, he should ensure that everyone that has been involved in corrupt practices is brought to book," he said.

LASU: CACOL Backs Falana Over Reduction Of Tuition Fee

The Coalition Against Corrupt Leaders has thrown its weight behind the plea for the reduction of the Lagos State University (LASU) tuition fee.

Mr. Femi Falana (SAN), a human rights lawyer made this plea to Lagos State governor, Babatunde Fashola, in a statement on Sunday.

The Coalition Chairman, Comrade Debo Adeniran, who faulted the hiked tuition, decried the inhumanity of the State government to the Lagosians.

Adeniran also blamed that the government has remained adamant in the form of policies, which he described as 'anti-poor policies'.

In his word, "We have said it times without number that the anti-poor policies of the Lagos State government is having a bad effect on an average Lagosian. Whatever warranted the hike in the tuition fees of Lagos State University is not tenable. Every policy of government must be given human face. The minimum wage of a Nigerian worker is a paltry N18, 000.00 whereas many Nigerians, by extension Lagosians, are living below \$1 per day. How many of these people can afford to raise a tuition of N250, 000.00?

"It is so unfortunate that education is only for the children of rich in Nigeria while the unfortunate ones from poor families will have to stay outside no matter how

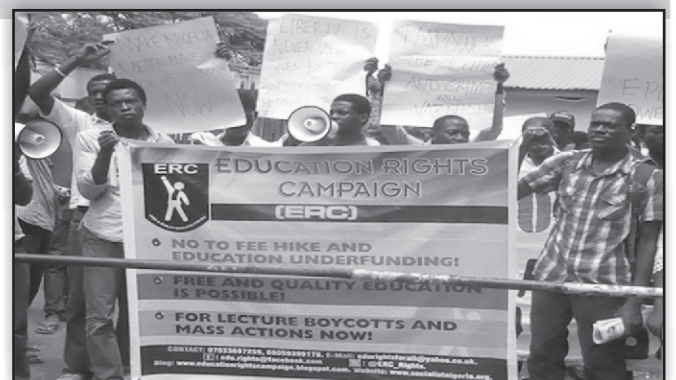
intelligent they are. Many of our present leaders benefitted from the free education policies of the past leaders, some of them even benefitted from scholarships to study abroad.

"It is man inhumanity to man to take such opportunity beyond the reach of the indigent students. The truth remains that LASU is a government university run by tax payers' money, hence it should serve the children of the have-nots."

Also, the anti-corruption crusader stressed that Lagos State government is encouraging corruption by hiking its university's tuition fee.

"Lagos State should realize that many anti-poor policies of the government have driven many civil servants into looting. What the Lagos government is simply telling the civil servants who have their wards in LASU is that, they have to steal from government's coffers to send their children to school if their salaries could not afford it. One doesn't need to wonder why we have a lot of looters in civil service after all, "Adeniran opined.

Chairman, Coalition Against Corrupt Leaders (CACOL), Comrade Debo Adeniran, however urged the Lagos State government to review the tuition fees, as a matter of urgency, for the sake of the indigent students.



CONFAB: CACOL Chides Delegates Demanding Pay For Aides

The Coalition Against Corruption Leaders (CACOL) has scolded some of the delegates to the ongoing national conference that requested that their personal aides be paid by the government.

Each of the delegates is to receive N12m for the three months exercise. The allowance include money for accommodation, transportation, part of feeding (the delegates are to have free lunch at the venue of the conference).

The delegates are expected to have aides such as drivers and personal assistants in order to ease their works and movements; however some of them requested that the Federal Government should take over the allowances of their aides.

Speaking on behalf of the Coalition, its Executive Chairman, Mr. Debo Adeniran, who rued the insensitivity and selfishness of those delegates, urged them to learn from their contemporaries that rejected the pay.

He said, "It is so unfortunate that some of the

people representing the generality of the Nigerian people could coordinate themselves in such untoward manner. What moral authority do they have to criticize the National Assembly for their jumbo pay? How many of them could earn a million naira in three months, not to talk of twelve and they want to keep it all to themselves? Ordinarily, they are supposed to have been sponsored by the groups or the sections of the society they are representing. They should have given up the money like Tunde Bakare and Olisa Agbakoba with a view to setting a good example of how people should engage in selfless service to the nation.

We are not unaware of those who may not have the capacity to fund themselves but they don't need more than what they require to stay in Abuja for three months. That they would have accurately calculated, and return whatever is remaining of the jumbo pay. For the students, the jobless and the indigent delegates who came from communities

that couldn't have been able to put enough resources together to finance them, that is understandable. But all the delegates representing the professional groups, ethnics, political parties, religious groups and the rest of them need not be given such allowances. It is only those that are primarily dependent on charity that could have moral authority to collect such money and they ought not to be given more than they need to finance their three month. What exactly are they spending the money on? This is not supposed to be a money-making venture to the extent that bribery and corruption would now pervade the atmosphere."



KUTIGI

Unremitted \$20bn: CACOL Demands Alison-Madueke's Suspension

Anti-corruption group, the Coalition Against Corrupt Leaders (CACOL) on Thursday commended President Goodluck Jonathan for approving the forensic audit of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Accounts (NNPC) over the allegedly unremitted \$20bn but called for the suspension of Minister of Petroleum Resources, Mrs. Diezani Alison-Madueke while the probe is ongoing.

The group described the approval the forensic audit of NNPC's books as a step in the right direction, since the corporation is a "known drain pipe" to the coffers of the country.

"This audit will not only unearth the whereabouts of the missing \$20bn, but it will also make transparent, the accounts of the NNPC and other government agencies", Executive Chairman, Mr. Debo Adeniran said.

"It is a good thing that independent bodies are going to find out what happened to the missing money and even digging into the books of the NNPC and her sister agencies".

However, he expressed scepticism on the implementation of the audit report, considering that the account of NNPC has been audited many times in the past, WITH all indicating monumental corruption and the Federal Government failing to take decisive action.

"The KPMG report on NNPC carried out in 2010, the 2012 Nuhu Ribadu Report on NNPC, [and] the Berne Declaration Report all indicted the NNPC of massive corruption and sharp practices and nothing has been done to those indicted in the probes", he recalled.

"Minister of Petroleum, Mrs. Diezani Alison-Madueke and others fingered in the previous probes should be asked to step aside if the forensic audit would be successful and meaningful.

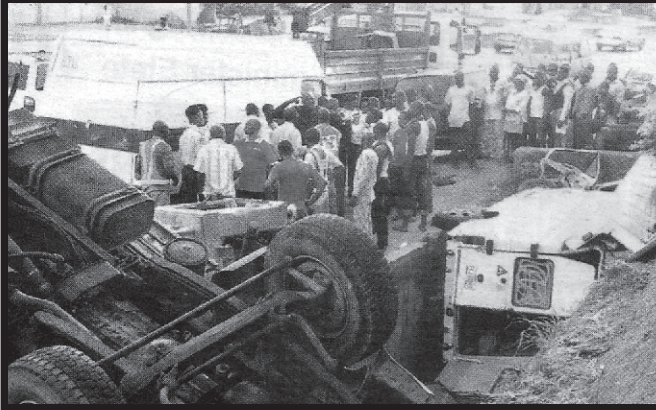
"For any successful audit to be carried out, the petroleum minister and others who are suspects should step aside. Otherwise, the audit will just be efforts in futility as those auditors may be compromised at the end of the day. The report of the audit should be handed over to the anti-graft agencies for apposite prosecution of anyone found to have abused his office".

Special Adviser to the President on Media and Publicity, Dr. Reuben Abati announced on Wednesday that President Goodluck Jonathan has sanctioned the contraction of "reputable international firms" to audit NNPC's accounts, but gave no further details.



ALISON-MADUEKE





A truck and an LT 35 bus inside a gutter after an accident at DopemuBus-stop, Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway



Fire fighters at the Central Bank of Nigeria Building in Lagos



An accident scene of Daleko Bridge, Iyana-Isolo, Lagos State



Miss-management Cripples Lagos Bus Francise Scheme



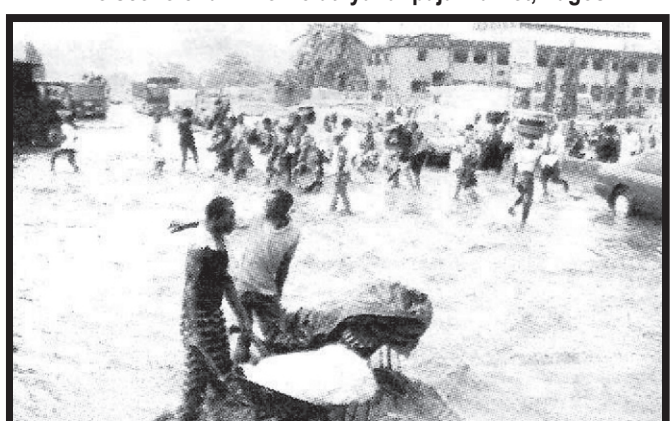
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The scene of an inferno at Iyana-Ipaja Market, Lagos



A scene of the Isegun Pipeline Explosion



A floods street Ile-Epo Bus-Stop, Lagos

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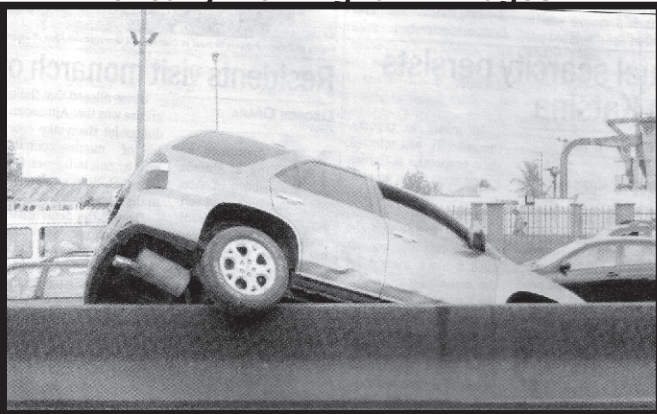
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Accident scene at Ojodu-Berger in Lagos



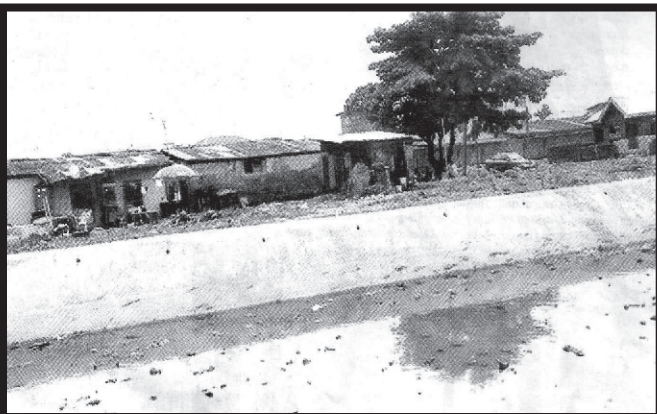
Child beggars on LASU Road, Iyana-Oba



A scene of the Lagos boat accident



Scene of a tanker explosion at Mobile Filling Station Oba-Akran, Lagos



A failed section inside the Bus Rapid Transport in Lagos

\$20bn: CACOL, others ask Jonathan to suspend Okonjo-Iweala, Diezani

Minister of Finance, Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala and Minister of Petroleum Resources, Mrs. Diezani Alison-Madueke

Some civil society groups have called for the suspension of the Minister for Finance and Coordinating Minister for the Economy, Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, and her Petroleum Resources counterpart, Mrs. Diezani Alison-Madueke, pending the time accounts of the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation are audited.

One of the groups said it was filing its second petition to President Goodluck Jonathan to press home its demand that the ministers should stay out of office pending the time the NNPC audit lasted.

The House of Representatives on Thursday passed a resolution to probe an alleged spending of N10bn by Alison-Madueke to charter and maintain a jet for her personal use.

The resolution indicated that the minister spent N130m monthly to maintain the aircraft in the last two years.

The groups, who spoke to *SUNDAY PUNCH*, were the Coalition Against Corrupt Leaders and the Socio-Economic Rights and Accountability Project. The groups said it would be an injustice not to suspend the other ministers since the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria, Mr. Lamido Sanusi, was

suspended for a similar alleged offence.

President Goodluck Jonathan suspended Sanusi on February 20.

Speaking to our correspondent, the Executive Chairman, CACOL, Mr. Debo Adeniran, said, "We are asking our lawyers what we can do and we are sending another petition to the President. Because we don't have the powers to ask the ministers to step aside, we are going to confront the President directly, that whatever is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.

"For everybody to be given equal treatment, whoever has been indicted should be asked to step aside."

Also, the Executive Director, SERAP, Mr. Adetokunbo Mumuni, said the suspension of the ministers was long overdue. "We agree with their suspension, absolutely. What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. The finance minister and the petroleum resources minister should be asked to step aside, pending their investigation and that of the NNPC."



Missing Funds: CACOL lauds Jonathan's approval of forensic audit of NNPC

The Coalition Against Corrupt Leaders (CACOL) has hailed President Goodluck Jonathan for the approval of forensic audit of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) accounts.

The Presidency made this known in a statement issued by the Special Adviser to the President on Media and Publicity, Dr. Reuben Abati, said

that it had authorised the engagement of reputable international firms to carry out the forensic audit of the accounts of the Corporation, however, it did not give details of the firms.

The Executive Chairman of the Coalition, Mr. Debo Adeniran, described the audit approval as laudable though belated.

Adeniran also said though it is a known fact that NNPC has been a

Confab: 'N4m per month for delegates too much' - CACOL

The Coalition Against Corrupt Leaders has reacted to reports that the Federal Government had earmarked the sum of N4m monthly on each of the 492 delegates to the national conference.

The Executive Director of CACOL, Mr. Debo Adeniran, said the amount was too much, adding that each group should sponsor its delegate to the conference.

Speaking in a phone interview with *SUNDAY PUNCH*, Adeniran said CACOL was opposed to government spending N7bn on the conference. He said, "The hosting of the conference itself is too expensive than it is supposed to be. They have budgeted about N7bn, and if each delegate will be paid up to N4m per month, that accentuates the profligacy going on in the National Assembly, where members who are doing part-time jobs are taking more than full-time salary.

"Every section of the society that sends a delegate should have been asked to fund their delegates. It is not supposed to be a money-making venture to the extent that bribery and corruption will now pervade the atmosphere."

Adeniran said monetising the conference would make the delegates compromise the stand of their people for the stand of the authority paying them.

However, the Executive Director of the Civil Liberties Organisation, Mr. Ibuchukwu Ezike, who is also a delegate to the confab, said it was speculation that such an amount had been earmarked for them.

drain pipe to the coffers of the country but express believe that the audit will not only unearth the where about of the missing \$20bn, but it will also make transparent, the accounts of the NNPC and other government agencies.

According to him, "The FG must be commended for approving the forensic audit of the NNPC books. It is a good thing that independent bodies are going to find out what happened to the missing money and even digging into the books of the NNPC and her sister agencies.

"Nigerians are skeptical about what will be fate of the audit report because the account of NNPC has been audited in the past and all indicted NNPC of inefficiency and monumental corruption. The KPMG report on NNPC carried out in 2010, the 2012 Nuhu Ribadu Report on NNPC, the Berne Declaration Report, all indicted the NNPC of massive

corruption and sharp practices and nothing has been done to those indicted in the probes."

The anti-corruption crusader averred that the Minister of Petroleum, Mrs. Diezani Alison-Madueke, and others fingered in the previous probes should be asked to step aside, if the forensic audit would be successful.

"For any successful audit to be carried out, the Petroleum Minister and others that are suspects should step aside. Otherwise, the audit will just be efforts in futility as those auditors may be compromised at the end of the day," Adeniran stated.

Comrade Debo Adeniran, however urged the federal government to be sincere and make sure due diligence is done.

He maintained that the report of the audit should be handed over to the anti-graft agencies for opposite prosecution of anyone found to have abused his office.

Nigerians Slam Goodluck Jonathan Over Media Chat Answers

The President had stated that he had absolute power to suspend the Governor of Central Bank, Sanusi Lamido Sanusi.

He suspended Sanusi last week over some allegations that the latter claimed he was not aware of.

Jonathan also condemned governor Kashim Shettima of Borno State for saying the Boko Haram terrorists currently waging war in his state were more armed than the Nigerian soldiers, saying he could remove the soldiers from the state for one month to know if the governor would remain in office.

“If governor of Borno feels the military are that useless against Boko Haram, I can pull out the military for one month and see what happens there and after I can send the military back to take charge.

The governor should be sensitive in his choice of words. It's unfortunate,” Jonathan had said.

Former Vice President Atiku Abubakar, in his reaction, said he expected the President to even show some emotional attachment to the victims of the

Boko Haram massacre “I deeply respect the office of the president, but I believe the Commander-In-Chief needs to show some more compassion for the affected families.

The 20 abducted school girls still remain unfound. A word of compassion would have given hope to their families. I'm very sad,” he said on his Twitter handle.

Former Minister of Aviation, Femi Fani-Kayode, said Governor Shettima is only asking for more help and more troops from the Federal Government because hundreds more of his people are being killed and abducted everyday by the Boko Haram “and this is the best response that our President can give to him?”

“Are those being killed and abducted not Nigerians? Would this have been his response if 8000 of his own Ijaw people had been killed in the last three years by a

terrorist organisation? May God save and deliver Nigeria,” he said in a post attributed to him on Facebook.

Popular rights activist, Biodun Sowunmi, said that though the President's presentation was better than before, he only ended up drawing himself into more controversies over the sack of Sanusi.

He said the President goofed as he should have declined commenting after being told that Sanusi had gone to court since it would

Sowunmi, who said he was not defending Sanusi, said the CBN Governor acted in line with the constitution that all monies should be remitted to the federation account first, which the NNPC and other related agencies disregarded.

“What Jonathan did with his responses was to try to divert attention from the missing \$20 billion,” he added.

President of the Coalition Against Corrupt Leaders, CACOL, Debo Adeniran, supported Sowunmi, adding that the only area the President responded well was on the National Conference in which he said he did not want to preside over a disintegrating country.

“Every other response was half-truth, borne out of arrogance, justification for insolence, watery and untenable,” he said, adding that the President must remember that nobody has absolute powers as he had claimed.

Wondering why it took the President Sanusi's whistleblowing for him to know that Sanusi had committed some infringements, he said the way the President chastised Shettima was a show of arrogance and ploy to suppress the truth instead of working on what the governor said.

He recalled that the Deputy Governors at the CBN were also indicted but that the President chose to punish only Sanusi, saying the President should also step aside for the corruption

scandal that has enveloped his government to be investigated.

“Look at the power project that has gulped over \$16 billion, look at Arumna Oteh of Securities and Exchange Commission, look at Diezani Alison-Madueke and Jonathan is attacking those who blew the whistle leaving those accused of corruption,” he lamented.

Shettima Yerima of the Arewa Youth Consultative Forum, simply said: “it would be shameful if President Jonathan can prove that Sanusi soiled his hands while at the CBN, but if at the end of the investigation, he is not found wanting, then the President should be prepared for the anger of the north because he molested their son.”

On Jonathan's reaction to the Borno attack, a Nigerian, Eweje Alli, said: “I saw the interview and was shocked to hear those words coming from the President of a Republic. God help Nigerians.”



President Goodluck Jonathan

subjudice.

He also carpeted the President for saying he had the power to suspend Sanusi, because according to him, the only way he could have done that was if Sanusi's professional body derobed him as stipulated in the CBN Act.

Concerning his response on the carnage in Borno, Sowunmi said he was surprised that President Jonathan had refused to visit the scene like it is done by presidents in other climes, but could utter statements threatening the state governor for his own inability to curtail terrorism as the Commander-In-Chief.

“It is the governor who had been visiting the places and he is rightly emotional,” he said describing Jonathan's statement as unfortunate.

Reps and another high profile probe

The Minister of Petroleum Resources, Mrs Diezani Alison-Madueke can safely be referred to as the most controversial minister in the President Goodluck Jonathan administration ever since her appointment and Most of the allegations against her have to do with spending of government money.

Since her appointment, she has continued to face stiff opposition from the opposition parties, civil society organisations and various individuals over the way and manner she is managing the nation's most precious resource.

Before now, civil society groups under the aegis of Coalition Against Corrupt Leaders (CACOL) had petitioned the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) calling for the immediate probe of the Minister. The Executive Chairman of CACOL, Mr Debo Adediran, in a three-page petition to the EFCC, had asked the anti-graft commission to investigate the alleged deals between the minister and other oil companies as well as the high rate of oil theft in the industry.

The group, in the petition, noted that, "Since Allison-Madueke's appointment, Nigeria is reported

to have lost billions of dollars. So much noise has been made from various quarters, which include the House of Representatives, without any significant response whatsoever. An invitation from the hallowed chambers to the minister was not honoured."

And recently another group, Concerned Aviation Professionals (CAP) petitioned President Jonathan on the need to investigate the minister and copied both Senate president and the speaker of the House of Representatives.

The group's petition was signed by Abdul Malik Masaya and John Anihinru, chairman and secretary respectively, and it was averred in the petition that, "We have details and impeccable records which confirm that the 'Super Minister'

has been frittering away scarce Nigerian resources in maintaining the Challenger 850 aircraft at one of the private hangars in Nigerian airports in the last two years.

"The incontrovertible evidence we have is that the minister has been committing 500,000 euros (N130 million), monthly, to maintaining the aircraft in the last two years. Thus, in two years, the minister has committed the sum of N3.120 billion to keeping the jet, which is for personal and family use alone."

However, last Thursday the House of Representatives decided to investigate the allegation of financial recklessness against the minister, as it mandated its Committee on Public Accounts to investigate the Mrs Alison-Madueke and submit its finding to the House within three weeks.

The House resolution followed a motion by Honourable Samuel

Adejare in which the minister was alleged to have wasted N10 billion on the arbitrary charter and maintenance of a Challenger 850 airplane for unofficial use.

Honourable Adejare motion was entitled, "Urgent Need to Investigate the Waste of resources on the Arbitrary Charter and Maintenance of a Challenger 850 Aircraft for Non-Official Use." According to the mover of the motion, "based on reliable evidence, the minister has been committing the sum of 500,000 Euros (N130 Million Naira) monthly to maintain the Aircraft, thus in two (2) years, the Minister had committed at least N3.120 Billion in maintaining the private Jet which is used solely for her personal needs and those of her immediate family, which is an appalling act."

While moving the motion, Adejare also noted that "in these days of scarce national resources where public finance is shrinking in the face of ever increasing national needs such as roads, health, education and power, amongst others an official of government could waste public funds on such luxury as chartering a Challenger 850 Aircraft for extra official use."

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N24bn police pension: Okonjo-Iweala brandishing fake documents -Reps

The House of Representatives Committee on Public Accounts on Thursday accused the Minister of Finance, Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, of "brandishing fake and forged documents" in her defence of the alleged missing N24bn from Police Pension Fund.

The committee had resumed sitting on the investigation on Thursday with the Director-General of Pension Transitional Arrangement Department, Mrs. Nellie Mayshak, and representatives of the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation in attendance.

Members of the committee at the session argued that the minister was misleading Nigerians with her claim that the money was not missing but paid into bank accounts.

According to the Chairman of the committee, Mr.

Solomon Olamilekan, there are no verifiable documents before the committee to track the money to any bank accounts.

Olamilekan noted that instead of honouring the committee's invitation to address the issue, the minister opted to issue a press statement on an ongoing investigation.

He said, "We invited you people to appear before this committee on this serious transactions involving tax payers' money running into billions of naira and the new DG of Pension Transitional Arrangement Department was honest enough to say that she just took over and that there was no document to back up the disbursement of the N24bn.

"We further requested more documentation in order to get to the root of the matter only for the minister to come up with a press statement that the money was not missing.

"We challenge her to a public debate where all the media houses will be present and will be on live on all television stations so that Nigerians will know whether or not the N24bn was not missing."



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