

IBORI'S RETURN: REOPEN CORRUPTION CASES AGAINST HIM IMMEDIATELY, CACOL TELLS FG, EFCC, ICPC

The Centre for Anti-Corruption and Open Leadership, CACOL, has called on the Federal Government, the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, the Independent Corrupt Practices Commission, ICPC and other relevant agencies to immediately activate the processes that will urgently resume the trial of ex-convict James Ibori, former governor of Delta state for the corruptions allegations against him.

News broken today by the media, reported the return of the ex-convict James Ibori, a former governor of Delta state, upon the completion of his term over money laundering charges. Mr. Debo Adeniran, Executive Chairman of the Centre said "CACOL's immediate reaction which is what we had always maintained is that all the cases against Ibori in Nigeria should be re-opened."

"This is very important considering the effrontery represented in Ibori's dare to return to the country like some 'hero'. The shame and consequence of the delay or failure to act now is better imagined than seen."

"Any dilly-dallying would put a bigger question mark on the anti-corruption drive than hitherto known, given that as far back as July last year, the EFCC was already talking about reopening Ibori's. So there is no reason why reopening Ibori's cases should be delayed, because the FG, EFCC and other agencies also followed the UK trial and conviction of the former governor who cunningly wiggled through the judicial labyrinth in Nigeria." He said Last year July, the Federal Government according to media reports, in line with its anti-corruption drive decided to reopen corruption

cases against former Delta state governor, James Ibori and 30 other former governors. The Federal government had said it had taken the step through the Office of the Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, in a letter written to the ICPC, instructing the Commission to forward the case files of all former governors that are standing trial for corruption.

Concluding, CACOL's chairman said "In fact we believe all preparations should have been completed prior to the convict's return to the country. Our demand

therefore, is for the Federal government to reopen the corruptions cases against Chief James Ononofelbori, who just returned to the country after serving his jail term in the United Kingdom over money laundering. That is how to welcome the ex-convict back, to put him in his rightful place!"



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IBORI'S WELCOME CARNIVAL; A DEHUMANIZING SHOW OF SHAME - CACOL

The Centre for Anti-Corruption and Open Leadership, CACOL has described the 'euphoria' that greeted the return of the ex-convict, Mr. James Ibori, a former governor of Delta state as a show of shame that debases humanism.

It is sad and disheartening to see human beings so audaciously being ripped of their humanism; the very basis of their existence, out of the 'inadvertent' need to cope with the socio-economic and political reality of the society imposed by the incurably corrupt ruling class elements like Ibori. It is like the hunted protecting the hunter; victims celebrating their victimizers out of total dislocation with the empirical reality of their social existence and proper introspection.

walking free and shoulders-high in spite of committing corruption crimes of incredible proportions. 'Beneficiaries' as the celebrators may be; they do not represent the rule of law, the will or opinion of Nigerians about the obligation and absolute necessity to prosecute Ibori and others like him for their corruption crimes with deserving punitive applied where culpability is established.



We are talking about an ex-convict that has through his nefarious and corrupt activities dragged the image of the country as a whole in the mud of global shame. Ibori, we believe, is one those who inspired the infamous statement of the former Prime Minister of the UK, David Cameron that described Nigeria as a country that is 'fantastically' corrupt.

We also point out that the 'welcome carnival' is a manifestation of a tendency that can never spell any good for socio-cultural, economic and political development because the trend is predicated on corruption and abysmal disregard for core values and morals.

So unlike of the spokespersons of that obnoxious tendency, who say 'Ibori's coming is a beginning of so many good things to come', we say that his return can only mean good when he has answered to all the corruption cases against him

CACOL think those that are openly celebrating the ex-convict are trying to turn Ibori to a 'hero', so he could go back to playing his so-called 'Robinhood' role while

TASK FORCE ON FOOD SECURITY IS SUPERFLUOUS, EXTRANEOUS; BETRAYS INSENSITIVITY OF GOVERNMENT – CACOL

The Executive Chairman of the Centre for Anti-Corruption and Open Leadership, CACOL, Mr. DeboAdeniran has described the setting up of a Task Force on food security as a superfluous and extraneous step that have boldly revealed the insensibility of government to pains of the vast majority occasioned by the economic recession that have practically engulfed the country.

“The setting up of the task force clearly indicates that the government believes the mass of the people are making fables out of their true situation of existence. This is sad because we can see through government's attempt to deny its failure in handling the economic situation by insinuating that the rise in costs of food is artificial. It is extreme tomfoolery and indeed reprehensible based on the insensitivity the insinuation portrays! There are several questions we need to ask to ascertain that this yet another futile step designed to distract attention of poor from their pains by government through false pretenses.”



“Does the government not understand that the rise in costs is not just about food items but about the cost of living generally in the country which has risen astronomically and that this is directly linked to the neo-liberal, anti-poor and inhuman economic policies of the administration?”

“Or does the government not realize that the astronomical rises they have rammed down the throats of Nigerians in virtually all they require to barely exist have multiplier effects on one and other?”

“Does the government need education to know that the 'ordinary' tomato sellers will pay astronomical rates for transporting his/her items in vehicles running on fuel that now cost about 200% of what it used to cost? Do the thinkers for

this government know that those doing business in the food sector all also have needs to access services from other sectors which the government has gladly handled over to private hands that have priced their services out of their reach in the name of privatization and deregulation?”

“The Federal Government recently set up a task force on food security with the objective to look at the causes of increase in the prices of food items across the country with a view to addressing them.”

“The government must abandon its neo-liberal fixation as the only way to address the economic issues of the country. The government must play the role it was elected and instituted for which is the social well-being and security of the people. Erstwhile leaders of our country against all odds invested heavily in food production and that was why agriculture was the mainstay of the productive economy that prevailed in the past. The present government appears not ready to act in trying to achieve such remarkable feats but prefers to slogan on returning agriculture to its days of glory.”

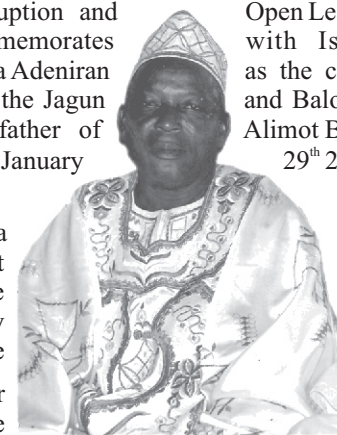
“There is no task force in the world that can 'force' down the prices of food items without first fulfilling the obligatory social conditions to do that!” Mr. Adeniran affirmed

ADIEU TO A LEGENDARY WARRIOR, ALHAJI TIAMIYU ALABI KOLAWOLE, THE JAGUN AND BALOGUN OF MODAKEKE-LAND

The Centre for Anti-Corruption and acquaintances commemorates Adeniran) and Alimot Bola Adeniran Alhaji Tiamiyu Alabi Kolawole, the Jagun Osun continues. The 'Jagun', father of in the World beyond on Sunday, January fulfilled living on planet earth.

AlhajiKolawole was the Baba passed into glory and also a gallant and achievements in Modakeke of the life you led and the legacy paths to which you guided us, we

We thank the Almighty Allah for extraordinarily exemplary; we Fidau. Amin! Rest in peace, the Well! Goodnight.



Alhaji Tiamiyu Alabi Kolawole

Open Leadership, CACOL, family, friends with Ismail Debo (Comrade Debo as the celebrations of life and times of and Balogun of Modakeke-land, State of Alimot Bola Adeniran joined his ancestors 29th 2017, after a century and a year of

Adini of Modakeke till he warrior of towering conquests land. Papa, we are indeed proud you left behind; and for the remain eternally grateful.

your life which was pray that he grants you Aljanat authentic Alhaji-Agba, Rest

CACOL EMPATHIZES WITH ITS CHAIRMAN & HIS FAMILY OVER ROBBERY ATTACK

We similarly use this medium to empathize with Adenirans concerning the robbery attack at their residence, the Aluta Cottage where some properties such as; cash, seven assorted phones including Samsung Galaxy A7, Infinix Hot 2, Infinix Hot 3, Injoo 300, Nokia Windows, LG and a Nokia, 2 Laptops, 1 Armani wristwatch of yours were carted away. We pray for the fortitude to bear the material loss and thank the Almighty for sparing your lives. Certainly, you shall be replenished.

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judicially and gets penalized on all counts where his culpability is affirmed.

The welcome carnival definitely defies logic and must be condemned. We should help the oppressed of Delta state to reach that consciousness where it will be possible to apply logic and introspection when dealing with the corrupt oppressive ruling class elements and the choices to make, so as not to further aggravate their already excruciating conditions of living. Ibori may be 'rich' enough today to give 1 million naira to each Deltan, and that may help in temporarily coping with the challenges of

these hard times but the consequence is that, on the long run, the brunt of the largesse will further deepen the hunger, pains and pangs of the larger majority.

Ibori, the 'Robinhood' is only giving rotten 'fish' which spells greater doom for the collective in the end, we condemn the tendency that takes advantage of the impoverishing social order it had imposed on the polity to dehumanize the poor further. The Federal government must act immediately by reopening the corruption cases against Ibori. That is the 'carnival' that the ex-convict deserves!