

FG LOOTERS LIST: CACOL CALLS ON THE FG TO BREAK SILENCE AND BE MORE RESOLUTE WITH ALLEGED MALEFACTORS

The Centre for Anti-Corruption and Open Leadership, CACOL, has expressed its views on the reports that the FG is working on releasing more names of alleged looters to its already released 29 names curled from two separate looters lists put out. The Centre in a statement on Friday divulged its concerns on the reasons for the delay in carrying out required actions against these alleged ravagers.

While media reports on the topic pointed that the new list would house a comprehensive compilation of alleged looters names from more divisions other than the national treasury, the administration is yet to proceed with resolutions to the already provided names in its earlier releases.

As much as we recognize and commend the efforts of the Government in exposing the alleged cause of rot that has handicapped the economy of Nigeria and put posterity in a web of endless debts, CACOL does not subscribe to the showcase of negligence by the Federal Government in taking required steps to convicting these alleged corrupt lots. In a statement by the Executive Chairman of the Centre, where he draws replicable examples from the court appearance of the former South African president, Jacob Zuma over charges of corruption. Mr. Adeniran “insights that in just one month from the resignation of the Ex-

President, trials have been instituted and one can see vividly a system committed to fighting graft”. He also stated that “Releasing names will not fight corruption, trials and convictions will”.

The Organization herein, calls that the Federal Government and all Anti-Corruption outfits to take a cue from other African Countries who are making major conquest against the corruption confrontation and surge past the phase of just listing names as this is beginning to nettle the tenacity of making the list. These crimes are severe and should not be handled with laxity.

The Chairman, Mr. Adeniran suggests that just as the National Emergency Agency (NEMA) suspended its board of directors on allegations of corruption; all those who are currently serving in public offices and are on the list, be put on suspension pending when they are tried and convicted if found guilty. He also opined that those who have their names on any of the lists as alleged looters should take required steps in proving that they are not guilty as perceived as this would go a long way in encouraging transparency and efficiency in Governance while also improving the trust citizens have for our elected leaders, the justice system, the Government, and the country at large.



President Muhammadu Buhari

The Centre for Anti-Corruption and Open Leadership (CACOL) was established in August 2007 to exert pressures on anti-graft agencies to investigate and prosecute known corrupt leaders in Nigeria. CACOL also undertakes to sensitize Nigerians to Name, Nail, Shame and Shun Corrupt Leaders Anywhere, Everywhere to serve as deterrent that corruption does not pay. CACOL is primarily funded by affiliate and individual members but also seeks support from public-spirited individuals, corporate bodies and donor agencies. This DIGEST is supported by First Faculty Ventures - an organizational development consultancy firm. For further information contact: The Executive Chairman, CACOL, The Humanity Center, 610 Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway, Ijaye-Ojokoro, Lagos, Nigeria. Phone: 01-4736534, 08037194969, 08023226276. E-mail: cacolc@yahoo.com, cacol@thehumanitycentre.com, Website: www.corruptionwatchng.com, www.cacol.thehumanitycentre.com. Acting Editor: Aghagbobi Ikenna

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Robbed Senate Mace: CACOL Urges That Security Intensifies Search And Punish Perpetrators

The Centre for Anti-Corruption and Open Leadership, CACOL, reacting to the apprise that the Senate Chamber was infiltrated by hoodlums while a plenary was in session and catted away with the mace at the full glare of senators while sergeants at arms battled to retrieve it. CACOL has condemned the act describing it as a one with an intent to shut down the decision making body of the State and a crisis brew in motion.

The Executive Chairman of the Centre, Mr. Debo Adeniran pointed that while the mace is the symbol of authority in the National Assembly, all the activities carried out while the mace is missing is null and void thus putting the affairs of the country at a standstill. He also disclosed the act as an act of terrorism and should not be taken with laxity.

Mr. Adeniran while expressing his concerns on the toll this incident might take on the country in the long run has called that the Nation's security system intensifies its frantic efforts or whatever search method is being conducted already for the recovery of the original Senate mace. It will be preposterous for the Senate leadership to hurriedly replace the stolen mace with a contrived or an adulterated variant as that would make any decision made in the Senate chamber questionable and ineffectual. This is because of the reliable information we had that all efforts by the Sergeant-at Arms and other security personnel to retrieve the original mace proved abortive as the mace-robbers left the Assembly

complex successfully with the mace. The Executive Chairman advised that the DPO of the National Assembly police formation should be made to answer hard questions on how the hoodlums who robbed the Senate of its mace gained access to the NASS premises and the chamber without detection and curtailment. He further exhorted that everyone involved in the show of shame that has caused Nigeria unprecedented embarrassment be brought to book forthwith. He added that security system in all governmental and other national institutions be generally beefed-up in all spheres of the Nation to avoid the pandemonium that self-help effort by citizenry, which sense of insecurity in a nation could engender.



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The Centre for Anti-Corruption and Open Leadership, CACOL, has commended the Federal Government on the successful recovery and safe-keeping of the \$322 million being part of the oil reserve confirmed to have been looted by the late military head-of-state General Sani Abacha which was strategically recouped from the Swiss Government. The Centre, further expressed its delight on the plans of the Government in funding some National social safety nets, which include the areas of education, health, especially; immunization and maternal mortality, and other social infrastructures. These social infrastructures are to be furnished by the purposeful disposition of the Late Abacha's loot currently being warehoused.

The Centre expressed these views through its Executive Chairman, Mr. Debo Adeniran, that the Abacha loot is an unprecedented historic one given the enormity of its figure, recording that while previous Administration were making very little or no progress in its effort at ensuring the retrieval of the fabled looted Abacha sum, the Buhari-led Government has successfully recovered the siphoned funds and diligently apportioned the money in resolving major social declines that has perpetually arrested the development of the Country and her people. He also expressed the

group's concern that after Abacha's death in 1998, the missing money became the subject of an international lawsuit involving the government of Switzerland where the bulk of the money was

The Executive Chairman of CACOL, while recalling the issues that arose during the visit of American business magnate, Bill Gates, where Gates gave lots of meaningful insights to the developmental challenges of Nigeria

Administration is pro-active in resolving the pending issues that has over-time, stunted the growth of the Nation and its people, pauperizing the social attributes of people in the country thus handicapping the development that would have attained in saner climes". The CACOL Chairman also expressed delight that the Muhammadu Buhari-led administration is one to be emulated as it does not only

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proffer solutions to problems that has been lingering in the country, but also has listening ears to suggestions on how best to make the country's socio-economic condition thrive better. These traits are not to be discarded nor forgotten on time but to be perpetually treasured and utilized.

Concluding, Mr. Adeniran suggested that, while the Abacha's loots are being retrieved, it is imperative that a transparent and secure framework be instituted to monitor and regulate the equitable disbursement of the funds to avoid it being re-looted by those overseeing the projects it is appropriated for. Mr. Adeniran further discerned that it would be on history as a fatal Administrative catastrophe if the Abacha's loot recovered by the Government is re-looted. He also suggested that a deterrent sanction be instituted to put officials and organizations that would have access to the appropriated funds in check as this will in-turn, prevent the re-looting of the money.

d indicating that the late former Military maximum ruler single-handedly embezzled the bulk of the Nation's oil reserves, and in turn threw dust in the eyes of Nigerians.

d prosperity in the country. He related the suggestions made by Gates to the planned social development programmes by Federal Government saying, "it is right to say that the