


Coalition Against Corrupt Leaders (CACOL) Petition's ICPC for Obasanjo's Probe



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Justice Emmanuel Ayoola
The Chairman
Independent Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences
Commission, ICPC
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Dear Mr Chairman,

PETITION FOR THE PROBE OF CHIEF OLUSEGUN OBASANJO THE
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF ARMED
FORCES OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

The Coalition Against Corrupt Leaders (CACOL), read with concern in
the National Mirror of Friday, November 23, 2007 that your

Commission has not started to investigate the sources of Chief Olusegun Obasanjo's enormous wealth acquired during his days as the President and Commander-In-Chief of Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria between May 1999 and May 2007.

You will recall sir, that CACOL in August sent your Commission an e-mail intimating you with the programme and proposed projects of CACOL, which included submission of a petition asking for investigation and prosecution of Chief Olusegun Obasanjo to EFCC and ICPC. You will equally recall that we sent a letter dated 24 November 2007 to your Commission that we shall be coming with this petition today, 12 December 2007 as a response to the challenge thrown to Nigerians by you. We have succeeded in submitting a petition to your sister Commission, EFCC on 14 of November while we are here to make good our promise to submit a different petition to ICPC.

As a review, the petition to the EFCC asked the Commission 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, we asked the EFCC to investigate sources of the funds he used to establish his various business concerns as well as the propriety or otherwise of:

1. the establishment of the N6.5 million presidential library by Chief Obasanjo in his home town, Abeokuta Ogun State with monies collected from members of the public as the president of Nigeria, and currently the library is being run as his private business;
2. his establishment of The Bells University of Technology estimated to worth a conservative estimate of N40 billion in Badagry, Lagos State;
3. the 200 million units of shares he bought in Transnational Corporation of Nigeria, TRANSCORP; and
4. 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 space of eight years he served as Nigeria president.

1. The Bells University located at Sango Ota and covering about 200 acres of land. The said Bells University has several blocks of buildings, the Administrative Block, a vast lodge for the school's Vice Chancellor, blocks for the Faculties of Art, Science, Humanities, Social Sciences and Engineering. The school also has about 10 blocks of flats meant as accommodation for the school's lecturers and another staff quarters located within the school's premises. The Bells University was registered with the National Universities Commission, NUC and the Corporate Affairs Commission, CAC as an educational institution as required by law. The said Bells University was established between 2001 and 2007 when President Obasanjo was the President of the federal Republic of Nigeria. The said Bells University has a gross asset of about 40billion naira.
2. During his tenure as the President of Nigeria, the said Chief Obasanjo also launched a public Library during which the sum of 6.5 billion was made to be raised by the President. The said Obasanjo Private Library has equally been registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission, CAC as an educational research library. The former President is the sole owner and financier of the said Library located at Abeokuta, the Ogun State Capital.
3. For eight years, while he was in power, Chief Obasanjo sustained a devilish desire to strengthen his own hand as a chicken farmer

while exploiting the power of his office to mortally destroy his competitors. While he was in power, he forcibly reclaimed leased farm from an Israeli company, Agrited. He single-handedly gave Obasanjo farms the license to monopolise the import of grand parent stock of chicken. He masterminded the deportation of one Roger Abdjaude the Managing Director of Zartech after he had denied them the right to import the special breed chicken.

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT AND HIS LOCATION.

The former President currently lives in Ota, where he could be found and apprehended. He is guarded by a combined team of armed soldiers, the police and other security agents. He spends most of his time in the day time at the Obasanjo Farms in Ota and could be seen at home in the evenings with his old friends, most of the time wearing native shirt and trousers of batik material playing draught. He is black, 5.9ft tall, stocky with oval face, brown eyes, broad nose and croaky voice. The former President is easy to anger, pugnacious, infuriated easily by logical arguments in almost every encounter and easily provoked by the least of matter. We have given you this description with the hope that it will enrich your better understanding of the subject and helps you to prepare adequately as you pursue your constitutional right to apprehend him.

You would recollect that Chief Obasanjo became the President of Nigeria on May 29, 1999 some few months after the then military ruler, Gen Abdusalami Abubakar, released him from prison. 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 the farm and ensure sustainability of his financial income. It was an open secret that the Atiku Campaign Organisation openly challenged Obasanjo to tell Nigerians how he could change his status from bankruptcy in 1999 to an immensely rich farmer in 2007. Atiku's men actually rubbed it in that the number one citizen had only N20, 000 in his bank account before he became the president. The Obasanjo farm, which was the former President's source of income, is located at Ota, in Ogun State. However, between May 1999 and May

2007, President Obasanjo had acquired the following properties either directly or by proxy and was the key actor in the perpetration of several heinous financial crimes some of which are listed below:

When Chief Obasanjo came to power in 1999 he delivered the homily that, "corruption is incipient in all human societies and now in most activities. But must not be condoned. There will be no sacred cows. Nobody, no matter who and where will be allowed to get away with the breach of the law or with the perpetration of corruption". However as soon as he consolidated his hold to power he started to exploit the advantage his official position offered to use the army, the police and other security agencies to oppress different communities and individuals to his personal enrichment. For example the former President got obsessed with land acquisition and he grabbed land, displaced villagers with brute force in every part of the country including Ota, Ajoda-Ayetoro, Ishasi-Akute, Adeogun-Atele near Ayobo and Abela village near Abeokuta, Ogun state; Ekonganaku village in Akampa Local Government Area of cross River state; Mambilla, Lekitaba and Gemgu town in Plateau State; Iseyin in Oyo state; Akpa near Badagry in Lagos state, the site of The Bells University of Technology among many others.

OUR PLEAS IN THIS PETITION TO ICPC

While the present petition does not preclude your Commission from investigating the legitimacy of the former President Obasanjo engaging in the afore-listed cases of primitive accumulation of private wealth ostensibly from public funds, we are asking the ICPC to probe the sources of all incomes accrued to the Federal Government of Nigeria through its officials, personnel, organs and agencies; appropriateness or otherwise of their uses; whether or not due processes were followed and whether or not public or private individual or their proxies corruptly benefit from such transactions.

Specifically, we are asking you to help investigate:

- 1.the use of the \$1 billion donated by Orji Uzor Kalu to Obasanjo in 1999;
- 2.the N30billion missing Abacha loot;
- 3.the N56 billion COJA project in 2003;
- 4.the N133 billion excess budgetary spending in 2005;

5. the \$214 million Sagem bribe;
6. the \$125 million PTFD scam;
7. Wilbros \$6million bribe to government officials and the recently exposed;
8. Siemens 10 million euros bribe to Obasanjo's men between 1999 and 2000;
9. about N2 trillion contracts hurriedly awarded on the eve of his leaving Aso Rock;

We are equally asking you to examine what happened in/to:

1. the over N300 billion spent on road rehabilitation;
2. the N73 billion spent on building a new national stadium in Abuja in 2007
3. all companies sold to sole investors and buyers;
4. the \$1 billion invested on the Turn Around Maintenance (TAM) of the of NNPC refineries; 3. about N521 billion on NEPA/PHCN; and
5. billions of dollars spent on rehabilitation of the railways.

All which have nothing to show for the huge public funds invested on them.

FINANCIAL RECKLESSNESS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE NIGERIAN STATE.

During the tenure of President Obasanjo which lasted for 8 years, the nation recorded some of the following scandals in which the President was directly involved and on issues that border on the handling of public finance:

1. When the 8th All Africa Games was held in Abuja in 2003 it was discovered that most of the disbursements made did not deliberately follow the established due process. COJA did not have a ready book of accounts that could be reviewed. Throughout the

games, COJA had no way of tracking its costs and encumbrances. Most of the contracts were found to be inflated, at an average of 500%. For example boxing gloves cost US\$ 20 in open market for a pair but COJA bought a pair for US\$272. The wrestling mat (12 x 12) costs \$8,000 but COJA bought it for \$34,761 etc. at the end of the day more than N56 billion could not be accounted for by Obasanjo, his son, Gbenga and Amos Adamu, the Executive Director of COJA.

2. Late October 2007, Wilbros, the US based oil Services Company engaged to construct the Eastern Gas Gathering System (EGGS) paid \$6million bribe to key Nigerian government officials who served when General Obasanjo was the de facto Minister of Petroleum Resources.
3. By mid November 2007, Wall Street Journal announced that Siemens paid about 10million euros in bribes to key Nigerian officials between 2001 and 2004. The Siemens mentioned four principal Obasanjo close associates and government officials as receivers of the sleaze proceeds.
4. The Ad Hoc Committee on the Operation of the Petroleum Technology Development Fund, (PTDF) gave a verdict in February 2007, indicting the former President of gross financial mismanagement and corruption. The Chairman of the Panel, Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba said that President Obasanjo issued public fund for the prosecution of his third term bid, while he also supervised the diversion of public funds which were illegally

deposited in banks.

5. In February, 2007 the former Governor of Abia State, Chief Orji Kalu, now sanding trial for corruption claimed that he gave the sum of \$1million (about 150million naira) to President Olusegun Obasanjo for his Presidential campaign in the 1999 elections.
6. In April 2007, it was reaffirmed that President Obasanjo bought 200million unit of shares at the Transnational Corporation of Nigeria, TRANSCORP.
7. The Federal Government of Nigeria led by former President Obasanjo exceeded spending budget to ministries, departments and government agencies by N133.663billion as indicated in the report produced in 2005 on Budget Performance issues by the House of Representatives in November 2007. Up till now, Obasanjo has not been able to give account on the excess spending and from whence the money was sought from.
8. On July 2007, the Power Holding Company of Nigeria, which was formerly known as National Electric Power Authority, NEPA gulped N521 billion between 1999 and 2007 during which Chief Obasanjo was the President of Nigeria. You will agree with CACOL that there is no justification in Nigeria that such an amount has been judiciously spent in the power sector under the regime of President Obasanjo.

OUR DEMANDS.

CACOL strongly wishes to see you and 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 fowl, 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 fowl 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.

CACOL IN BRIEF

The Coalition Against Corrupt Leaders (CACOL) is an aggregate of over 30 human rights, community-based, and civil society organisations with anti-corruption agenda across Nigeria. CACOL sets for itself the task of using any available means to cause relevant authorities to probe and bring to book all corrupt leaders both in public and private institutions. The decision to embark on the journey was taken in view of the need to confront, once and for all the monster that is ravaging all facets of our national life in Nigeria – Corruption. We decided to do this on behalf of millions of hapless Nigerians who have by a choice that is not theirs, fallen or are potential victims of corrupt leaders. This monster torments ordinary people of Nigeria in all areas of their endeavour. We have to confront it with a view to defeating it because it has to be done, not by ghosts or citizens of other nations but by Nigerians who have pride in themselves to be full-blooded Nigerians.

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. We enclosed some documents that will guide you in the course of your investigation

Thanking you in anticipation

Debo Adeniran
Chairman, CACOL

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who are fenced from rubbing the Nation during Obasanjo Political ruling term. They are collation of Armed Political Pen Rubbers. Olusegun Obasanjo removed Nigerian from Pit where the unqualified, illiterate and Killers, Military Head of state like Babangida and Abacha put the whole of us.

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How do I find CACOL and join them?

Hi,

CACOL I believe is an organization that I am naturally a part of but I need to join formally.

How do I find them and join them?

Thanks

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