



## Coalition Against Corrupt Leaders, CACOL

### Calls...

- Guarantee food security now!
- Prosecute all corrupt leaders now!
- Promulgate Freedom of Information Act Now!

### Great Nigeria people,

We of Coalition Against Corrupt Leaders, CACOL salute you all for your endurance and perseverance in the face of avoidable economic hardship, socio-cultural degeneration and political despair caused by our visionless leadership insatiate gusto for material acquisition. The more income Nigerian government generated the more the harrowing experience they have and the poverty stricken they becomes.

**Our** collective experience as Nigerians remains a gory tale of woes. Looters with stolen mandates live in affluence and squander our collective wealth with impunity, while we live in hunger, starvation and our pangs and pains remain endless. The palpable fear of Nigerians on the so called food crisis is aggravated because of insensitivity and lack of adequate planning by successive governments on laudable agricultural policies particularly, food.

**CACOL** believes that the monster called corruption is one of the major problems of Nigeria's march towards socio-economic growth and development. This evil that has eaten deeply into all facets of our national life is a colonial legacy sustained and perfected by agents of imperialism in corridors of power in neo-colonial Nigerian state.

**The** inept elite ruling class in Nigeria stabilize most foreign economies with looted funds from Nigeria while our few industries collapse daily, unemployment, under-employment, retrenchment, prostitution, armed robbery and youth restiveness are the order of the day.

**Successive** government elements who often turn looters of our common wealth paid lip service to fighting corruption. They were all involved, at least none of our past and present leaders either in Khaki or agbada have refuted General Oladipo Diya's home truth that "***we [they] are all corrupt***".

**From** General Muhamadu Buhari to the immediate past regime of *Ebora Omu*, Olusegun Obasanjo anti graft agencies are created to witch-hunt their perceived enemies in and outside power and those considered as dissidents. The ongoing revelations at the House of Representatives committees probing some sectors under the last administration become instructive. And if Nigerians are not people of very short memory we cannot trust the Yar Adua government to do justice to the ongoing probes because his leadership is a product of the worst electoral manipulation (corruption) in Nigeria history.

The National Assembly members with the exception of a very few are impostors who were manipulated into power. And even those who enjoyed their peoples' mandate are consciously misrepresenting them because of personal greed to partake in the continuous looting of the treasury with reckless abandon, or how could one explain a true representative of the people abandoning their yearnings and aspirations as envisioned in the **Freedom of Information Bill**.

The contradictory positions and ruling on similar cases before electoral tribunals left much to be desired. Today in Nigeria, it is an empty phrase that the judiciary is the hope of the common man. The corruption riddled Nigerian state has dehumanized the masses of Nigeria majority of who has lost hope in Nigeria as presently constituted.

### **CACOL DEMANDS THAT**

- **Branches of all anti-graft agencies** (especially EFCC and ICPC) should be established in and replicated by all states of the federation to enhance their capacity to cope with their workload;
- **A food policy** be established by the Federal and State governments to guarantee food security for Nigerians, especially in emergency situations like this;
- **Freedom of Information Bill** should be enacted by the National Assembly and domesticated in States without delay to facilitate easy access to evidence of graft and disposal of pending cases against suspects and culprits

### **WHAT CACOL WILL DO**

- **CACOL** will collaborate with other groups with similar interest in its commitment to expose for prosecution all looters of our treasury.
- **CACOL** also enjoined all Nigerians all Nigerians to name and shame all looters of our collective wealth wherever they are found.
- **CACOL** will embark on media campaign to blackout the National Assembly because of their backward position to frustrate and prevent passage of the **FOI Bill** into an enabling law.
- **CACOL** will intensify its efforts to and organize Nigerians to wage a relentless battle to dismantle this corruption-ridden system to put in place a just and egalitarian society.

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