

CISLAC Condemns Pocket Serving Politics in Nigeria

Following the recent developments on unchecked massive and rampant corrupt allegations permeating Nigeria socio-economic atmospheres, Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC) observed that:

1. Apart from high cost of governance identifies with the present administration, in recent times, series of lopsidedness, undemocratic and injudicious efforts have been employed in combating corruption in Nigeria.
2. The present administration has dedicated no sincere effort to tackle corrupt allegations attributed to various sectors of the economic such as N255m car scandal in Aviation sector, unchecked wasteful spending of public fund in Security and Exchange Commission (SEC), N1billion Pension scam, non-remittance of about \$50b oil income to the national account by the NNPC between 2012 and 2013, un-remitted \$9.6 billion in the oil and gas sectors contained in the Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI) Audit Report, massive stealing of 200,000 barrels of crude every day; rather it has in several occasions reinforced corrupt activities in the country through ethnic politics.
3. The ongoing agitations for the removal of Mallam Sanusi as a result of his adamant in exposing the corruption perpetrated by the NNPC, which Mallam Sanusi has held accountable for the \$18 billion missing from the proceeds of crude oil sales between January 2012 and December 2013; is another evidence unveiling the total support for corruption by the administration.
4. The inaction of President Jonathan to these scandals has clearly demonstrated his warm support for corrupt activities in the country; as the administration is permeated by ethnic politics which will without doubt jeopardize our nation democracy and sabotage the administration integrity both in Nigeria and international community.
5. Despite the outrageous implications of the above listed scandals on the nation economic, Federal Minister of Finance and the Coordinating Minister of Economic, Dr. Ngozi Okojo Iweala, has showed no concern and instead, she continuously fabricating and reporting deceitful positions of the nation economic within and outside the country.
6. It is worrisome that various established anti-corruption institutions like EFCC, ICPC and Bureau of Code of Conducts in the country have under-performed on their mandates to conduct forensic investigation and hold the perpetrators of those scandals accountable.

CISLAC recommended as follows:

1. Exhaustive and forensic investigation by the National Assembly into the financial statement of affairs of NNPC, especially between January 2012 and December 2013.
2. Judicious efforts by the National Assembly to save Nigeria socio-political and economic integrity re-install public confidence.
3. Strengthening the existing anti-corruption institutions like EFCC, ICPC and Bureau of Code of Conduct to ensure workable strategy and sincere effort to combat massive corruption that has soaked Nigeria economic in precarious situations.
4. Immediate efforts by the National Assembly and Bureau of Code of Conduct to ensure all public officers are mandated on assets declaration before and after their tenure in office; and
5. Concerted by National Assembly and all well-meaning Nigerians to hold Minister of and Coordinating Minister of Economic, Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala and the Presidency accountable for their inactions and indecisions to sincerely report the true statement of Nigeria economic position and judiciously combat corruption.
6. Radical and democratic moves by all well-meaning Nigerians to end the high cost of governance associating with the administration of President Jonathan.

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