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EFCC @2024

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IMPACT BEYOND DEBATE

The flurry of activities at the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, in 2024 was with lightning speed and breathtaking commitment. For the Executive Chairman, Ola Olukoyede, there was just no idle moment, no foot dragging and no barren excuse. His eyes were on the ball and he scored several unprecedented goals.

Operationally, 2024 was like no other year in EFCC. With a record conviction figure of 4111 secured from diverse criminal activities particularly money laundering, advance fee fraud and internet fraud, the year made the Commission

an anti-corruption agency to beat across the world. The phenomenal asset and monetary recoveries amounting to N364, 597, 370, 151. 35, \$214,513,439.55, £54,318.64, E31,265.00 and other currencies are weighty.

Non-monetary recoveries are equally hefty. Till date, the Commission recovered automobiles, barges, vessels, electronics, factories, furnitures, hotel, jewelry, land, machines, petroleum products, real estates, solid minerals, among others. The recoveries are in monumental proportions.

Details of all these are presented below:

» 2024 ASSET RECOVERIES

In national currency, the synopsis in cash recoveries in local currency amounted to N364,597,370,151.35 (Three Hundred and Sixty-four Billion, Five Hundred and Ninety-seven Million, Three Hundred and Seventy Thousand, One and Hundred and Fifty-one Naira, Thirty-five Kobo) within the period. In foreign currencies, they include, \$214. 51 million; €54,319 31,265; CAD\$2,990 and AUD \$740.00. Others are: CFA7,821,375, UAE Dirham 170, Riyals 5,115, W73,000, ¥105, GH¢225 and Rand 50.00

In crypto currencies recoveries are 13.37 Bitcoins (worth approximately \$572,992.86), 5.97886094 Ethereum (worth \$13,353.06), 298.4770071 Green Satoshi tokens (worth \$6), 1,002.547631 USDT (\$1,002.22), N2,699,233 worth of USDT (Tether Coin, TRC-20).

Other assets recovered by the Commission include 378 electronics, one factory, one hotel, two gold chains, 14 parcels of land, petroleum products, 173 vehicles and 70 tons of unidentified solid minerals; others are; 40,844,094 units of shares worth about N1,055,190,044.55 and \$4,414,801.76; and N9,477,977,318.78, \$2,605,858.30 and GBP1,600, cash among others.

₦ 364,597,370,151.35 Nigerian Naira (NGN)

\$ 214, 513,439.55 United States Dollar (USD)

£ 54,318.64 British Pound Sterling (GBP)

CAD \$ 2,990.00 Canadian Dollar (CAD)

AUD \$ 740.00 Australian Dollar (AUD\$)

CFA 7,821,375.00 West African CFA franc (CFA)

Dirham 170.00 UAE Dirham

SAR 5,115.00 Saudi Arabian Riyal

₩ 73,000.00 South Korean Won (KRW)

¥ 105.00 Japanese Yen (JPY)

GH¢ 225.00 Ghanaian Cedi

ZAR 50.00 South African Rand



Nok University

Justice Joyce Abdulmalik of the Federal High Court, Abuja, on June 7, 2022, ordered the final forfeiture of every asset of Nok University, Kaduna to the federal government. Physical assets of the university forfeited to the federal government and which the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC had fully recovered are all structures in the university including the Senate Building, ICT Building, Faculty of Medicine Building, Science Deanery Building, two Academic Buildings, a Faculty Hall. Other are: Gwasmyen Water Factory, Gwasmyen Event Center and Gwasmyen International Hotel in Kaduna State. The Commission had through credible intelligence traced



Nok University

the forfeited assets to Anthony Hassan in a case of criminal conspiracy, stealing, abuse of office and money laundering against some staff of the Federal Ministry of Health.

N204.8m, 15 Choice Properties, Vehicles from Jedidiah Ezenwa

On Monday, June 10, 2024, the EFCC secured the final forfeiture of the sum of N204, 849, 859:00 (Two Hundred and Four Million, Eight Hundred and Forty-nine Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty-nine Naira), 15 properties and eight expensive vehicles before Justice Inyang.E. Ekwo of the Federal High Court, Maitama, Abuja. They were recovered from one Jedidiah Ibrahim Ezenwa for the victim of his fraud, Mr. Ibrahim Amusan and his alter egos: Afri Invest Ltd, Joisen Holdings Ltd

and Jack Welch Petroleum Services Ltd.

The properties recovered from Ezenwa include: four bedroom ensuite apartment at Guzape, Asokoro New Extension, Abuja; five bedroom semi-detached duplex and one-room boys quarter in Chevy View Estate; Block LXX, Plot 19-20, Buckingham Court F, Sherifat Animashaun Street, Ajtran, Eti-osa Local Government Area, LGA, Lagos; one unit of four-bedroom terrace duplex, Block B, House 3 at No. 15, Chief Bamidele Eletu Avenue, Osapa, Lekki, Lagos; three bedroom apartment on Plot 7, Block XXII, Oniru Chieftaincy Estate, Victoria Island, Lagos; and a five bedroom semi-detached duplex and one-room boys quarter on Block LXX, Plot 21-23, Buckingham Court B, Sherifat Animashaun Street, Chevy View Estate, Ajtran, Eti-Osa LGA, Lagos, State, among others.

Enugu State

The Commission on April 24, 2024 handed over 14 properties recovered by the EFCC to the Enugu State government by the Commission's Chairman, Ola



Lokogoma, Abuja 753 Units of Duplexes

December 2, 2024, the Commission set a record in asset recovery in its 22 years of existence with a final forfeiture order, secured in a Federal Capital Territory High Court, presided over by Justice Jude Onwuegbuzie. The property is seated on Plot 109 Cadastral Zone C09, Lokogoma District, Abuja, measuring a staggering 150, 462.86sqm and containing an eye-popping 753 units of duplexes. The EFCC had taken over the massive estate for the government.



Emefiele's Forfeitures

On Friday, November 1, 2024, the EFCC secured final forfeiture of \$2.045m, before Justice Dehinde Dipeolu of the Federal High Court, Ikoyi, Lagos. **Properties:** Two fully detached duplexes of identical structures at No. 17b Hakeem Odumosu Street, Lekki Phase 1, Lagos; an undeveloped land, measuring 1919.592sqm with Survey Plan No. DS/LS/340 at Oyinkan Abayomi Drive (formerly Queens Drive), Ikoyi, Lagos; a bungalow on No. 65A, Oyinkan Abayomi Drive, (formerly Queens Drive), Ikoyi, Lagos and a four-bedroom duplex at 12 A, Probyn Road, Ikoyi, Lagos. Others are: an industrial complex under construction on 22 plots of land in Agbor, Delta State; 8 units of undetached apartment on a plot of land, measuring 2457.60sqm on No. 8A, Adekunle Lawal Road, Ikoyi, and a full duplex together with all its appurtenances on a plot of land measuring 2217.87sqm on 2a Bank Road, Ikoyi, Lagos.

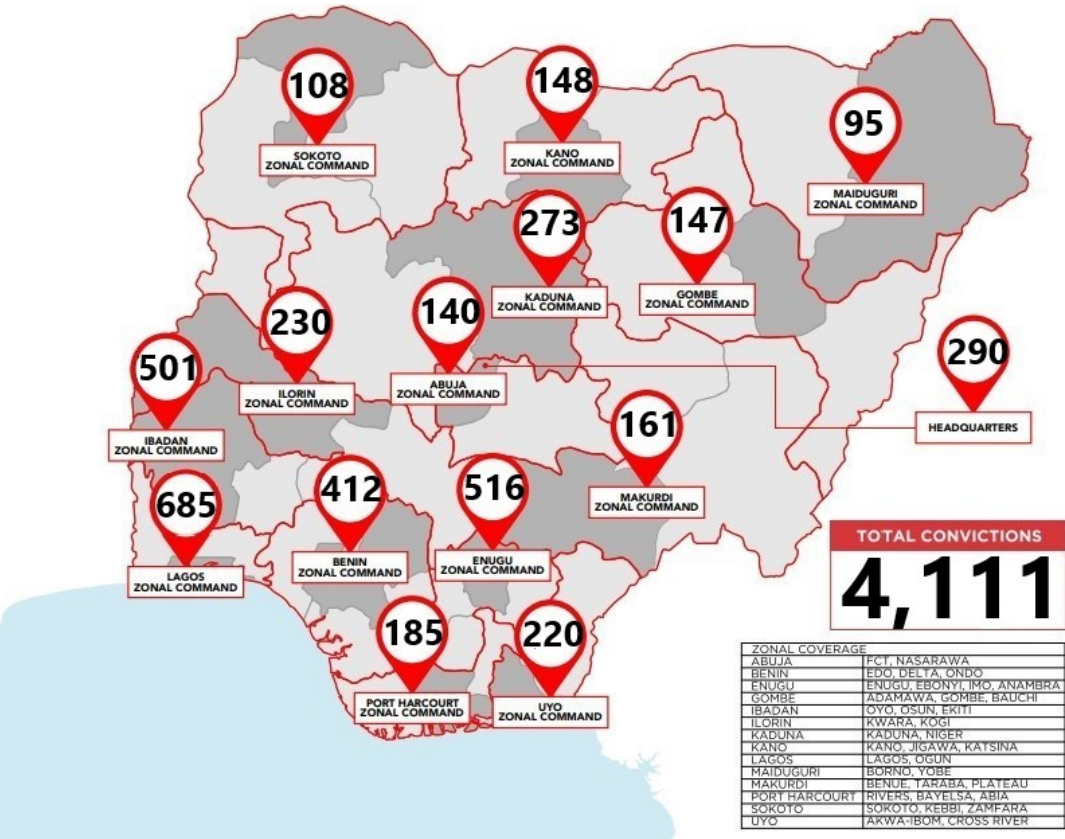
On Friday, February 21, 2025, the Commission secured a forfeiture of \$4,719,054, N830,875,611 before Justice Yellim Bogoro of the Federal High Court, Ikoyi, Lagos. Also €20,000 and £1,999.50 traced to Exactquote Bureau De Change; investment worth \$900,000 traced to Anita Joy Omoile in Titan Bank; investment worth \$4,414,801.76 traced to Deep Blue Energy Service Limited in First Bank; and N283,086,186.73 traced

to Lipam Investment Services. **Othe forfeited Properties Include:** 94 units of 11 storey building under construction on 2, Otunba Elegushi 2nd Avenue (formerly Club Road), Ikoyi, Lagos; AM Plaza, 11 storey office space, situated on 1E, Otunba Adedoyin Crescent, Lekki Peninsula Scheme 1, Lagos; Imore Industrial Park 1, Esa Street, Imoore Land, purchased with Deep Bive Industrial Town, Oriade LCDA, Amuwo Odofin LGA, Lagos; Mitrewood and Tatler Warehouse (Furniture Plant at Bogije) near Elemoro Lagos, Owolomi Village, Ibeju-Lekki LGA, Lagos and two properties purchased from ChevronNigeria, Closed PFA Fund, Block B Lot twin completed property, Lakes Estate, Lekki, Lagos. Others are: One plot measuring 1,038.069 sqm, at Lekki Foreshore Estate Scheme, Block A, Plot 4, Foreshore Estate, Eti-Osa, LGA; Estate located on 100, Cottonwood Coppel Texas Drive, Coppel, Texas, owned by Lipam Investment Services; a land at 1, Bunmi Owulude Street, (Maruwa), Lekki Phase 1, Lagos and a property situated on 8, Bayo Kuku Road, Ikoyi Lagos.

Final forfeiture of \$1.4m before Justice Ayokunle Faji of the Federal High Court, Ikoyi, Lagos.

On June 23, 2024, properties valued at N11.14 billion and N1.04 billion before were forfeited at the Federal High Court, Lagos, presided over by Justice Chukwujekwu Aneke.

» CONVICTIONS



12,928
Cases Investigated

5,083
Cases filed in Court

4,111
Convictions Secured

In 2024, the Commission achieved a record 4,111 (Four Thousand, One Hundred and Eleven) convictions, making it the highest number secured in any operational year to date.

In the year, a total of 12, 928 (Twelve Thousand, Nine Hundred and Twenty-eight) petitions were investigated with

5,083, (Five Thousand and Eighty-three) filed in court. Part of the reason for the high volume of the cases is attributable to the fact that cybercriminals are continuously evolving their tactics, incorporating innovations like AI-driven fraud, deep fakes, and advanced phishing schemes.



ON TRIAL

In 2024, five former governors and three former ministers were arraigned by the Commission.

Former Governors



Abdulfatah Ahmed, former Kwara state governor for alleged N5.78billion fraud



Willie Obiano, former Anambra state governor for alleged N4billion fraud

Former CBN Governor



Godwin Emefiele, former CBN governor for several alleged corruption cases

Former Ministers



Hadi Sirika, former Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development for alleged N5.8billion and N2.8billion fraud



Darius Dickson, former Taraba governor for alleged N27billion fraud



Yahaya Bello, former Kogi state governor for alleged N80.2billion and N110.4billion fraud



Theodore Orji, former governor of Abia State, for alleged misappropriation of N47 billion



Olu Agunloye, former Minister of Power for alleged \$6billion fraud



Saleh Mamman, former Minister of Power and Steel for alleged N33.8billion fraud



MAJOR ARRESTS

792 Haul in Lagos

On Tuesday, December 10, 2024, operatives of Lagos Zonal Directorate of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC busted a syndicate of 792 suspected cryptocurrency investment and romance fraudsters in Lagos. The haul was made in an imposing seven-storey building branded “Big Leaf Building” on No.7, Oyin Jolayemi Street, Victoria Island, Lagos.

One hundred and ninety-four (194) foreign nationals of China, Tunisia, Philippine, Kharzartan, and Pakistan origin, picked up on the spot make up this number. They turned out to be the ring leaders that ran the show. The “Big Leaf Building,” which could easily be mistaken for a corporate headquarters of a financial establishment was in actuality, a cybercrime academy, where the foreign adepts in internet fraud train their Nigerian greenhorn accomplices on how to initiate



romance and investment scams and then often times use false identities to pull off the scams.

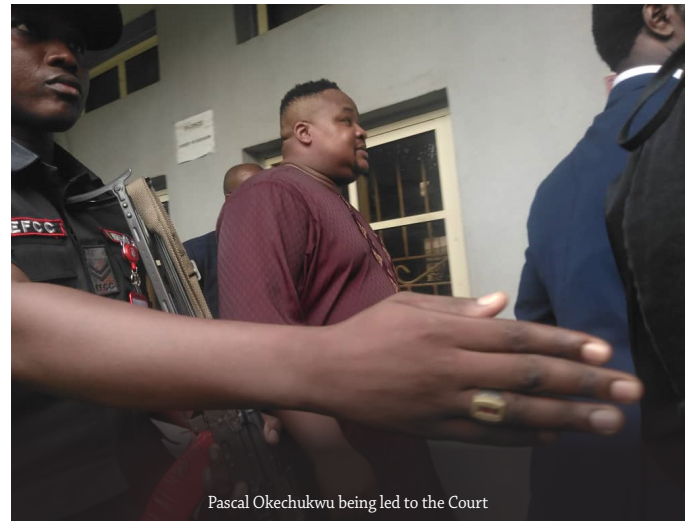


OTHER KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

The Special Task Force against Naira Abuse and Dollarisation of the Economy

The task force was put in place in March 2024 and operates in all the Commission's 14 Zonal directorates and the headquarters for the enforcement of laws against currency mutilation and dollarization of the economy. It has succeeded in changing the behavioural approach of Nigerians in handling the Naira. Today, Naira abuse in social events has almost become a thing of the past. More than 50 convictions have

been secured in this regard. The convicts cut across different classes of the society, with Idris Okuneye (a.k.a Bobrisky) and Oluwadarasimi Omoseyin, who bagged six months imprisonment respectively topping the chart of high-profile convicts in this regard. Another offender, Pascal Chibuikwe Okechukwu (a.k.a Cubana Chief Priest) had his charges compounded and was fined.



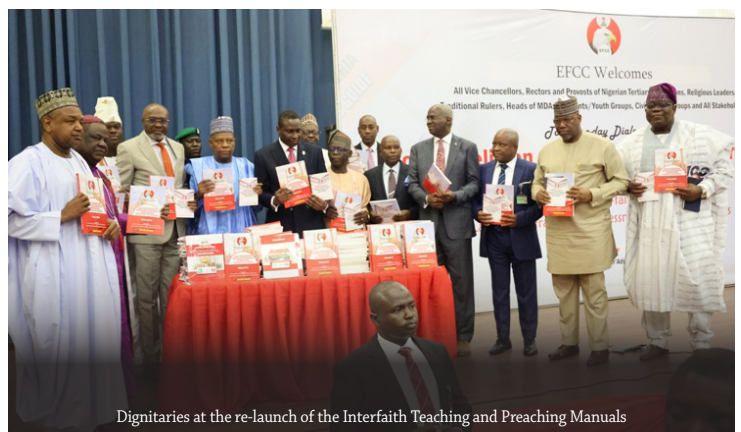
Pascal Okechukwu being led to the Court



PRIORITIZATION OF FRAUD PREVENTION

Inter-faith Manual

The prioritization of fraud prevention has seen to the Commission's introduction of Inter-faith Manual for Christian and Islamic faiths, which was launched in a national event at the Yar'Adua Centre, Abuja on January 31, 2023, themed: "Youth, Religion and the Fight against Corruption." The manual provides anti-corruption, economic and financial crimes doctrinal guides for clergies in both faiths for the use of their faithfuls.



Dignitaries at the re-launch of the Interfaith Teaching and Preaching Manuals

Alternative to Cybercrime

The Executive Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Mr. Ola Olukoyede, in his quest to sustainably tackle the scourge of cyber crimes and associated fraud, has come forward with new initiatives as permanent solutions to the crime.

One of the initiatives is “Alternative to Cybercrime”. At the 2024 National Cybercrime Summit, organized by the EFCC, with the theme: “Alternatives to Cybercrime: Optimizing Cyber Skills for National Development”, the EFCC’s boss pointed out that tackling cyber crimes demanded new thinking and strategies.

“The menace of cybercrimes, like most economic and financial crimes, is a burning challenge that we cannot deny, ignore or wish away the overarching need for us is to articulate opinions and build greater strength against the

scourge. This time around, we are not only interrogating the problem, we are aggregating workable solutions to it”, he said.

One of the alternatives proposed is a Cybercrime Research Centre which is envisioned to be a platform of building skills and innovations by youths. The thinking is that, youths, rather than allow themselves to be dragged into criminal behaviours, could try their hands in various cyber-related applications for the use of the entire world.

First Lady of Nigeria, Senator Oluremi Tinubu also lent her voice and wisdom to the initiatives.

“Cybercrime is not a crime against individuals and businesses. It is an assault on our collective integrity, economic stability and the future of our youth,”



First Lady, Oluremi Tinubu delivering a speech at the unveiling of the EFCC Cybercrime Rapid Response Service

“It is therefore crucial that we address these challenges head on and explore not only the harmful consequences of cybercrimes but also the sustainable alternatives that can redirect our youths towards productive and positive endeavours. With young people accounting for more than 60 per cent of our population, the involvement of youths in cybercrime is a threat to the nation’s quest for economic stability”, she said.

Prevention Activities Through SCUML

Given the severity of the crime of money laundering and terrorists financing which earned the country a Grey- listing by Financial Action Task Force, FATF in February 2023, the Commission continues to supervise and enforce the compliance of Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions (DNFBPs) to the provisions

of the Money Laundering (Prevention and Prohibition) Act, 2022 and other applicable laws and regulations. This ongoing supervision driven by the Special Control Unit against Money Laundering, SCUML ensures adherence to legal requirements and strengthens efforts to combat money laundering and related crimes.

EFCC's Public Complaints Desk

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has established Public Complaints Desks in all its Zonal directorates, including the Corporate Headquarters. This initiative is to facilitate public access to the Commission on issues of complaints.

The New EFCC Academy and Cybercrime Research Centre

The EFCC in the years under review set in motion, a groundwork for the establishment of Cybercrime Research Centre in the Commission’s New Academy in Giri, Gwagwalada Area Council of the FCT. The initiative takes strong roots in Olukoyede’s desire to entrench financial integrity in Nigeria’s cyberspace as much as in his resolve to redirect the youth onto the path of ethical values.

As a hub for advanced research, training, and capacity building in the fight against cybercrimes, the Centre will focus attention on three key areas: Advanced Fraud Detection and Prevention; Youth Empowerment and Capacity Building.



Preventing Fraud with FRAC

The establishment of the Department of Fraud Risk Assessment and Control, FRAC by Ola Olukoyede has offered new, stronger and more fruitful means of tackling corruption through preventive frameworks. The success story of FRAC is a dream realised for the EFCC boss, having made public sector anti-corruption fight central in his policy objectives.

The new department is saddled with the responsibility of identifying gaps and vulnerabilities that promote fraud in MDAs, assess and analyse the identified gaps, evaluate the potential risk or hazards that could cause harm, damage, or negative outcomes in Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) of Government, set threshold to mitigate the identified gaps and ensure that MDAs take proactive steps to prevent the occurrence of the identified risk through an effective project management mechanism.

It examines the systemic challenges that allow corruption to fester in the country and now implements aspects of the Commission's Corruption Prevention Strategies that deal with risk-based approaches in anti-corruption fight and drives new corruption preventive measures of the Commission, tailored for budget monitoring and implementation in MDAs.

Prioritizing prevention required a shift in paradigm, new dynamism and mechanisms in the tools of the anti-corruption fight. According to Olukoyede, "We decided to go by the way of prevention and I set up a Directorate of Fraud Risk Assessment and Control (FRAC). With this department, we are going into MDAs and monitor real time the implementation of budgets. As money is being released, we will be tracking it. The major thrust is to use the instrument of prevention to tackle corruption in the country.

"The EFCC has done well over the years in the areas of investigation and prosecution, but upon my assumption of office, I decided rather to look at the sources and causes of these problems. We will not just enforce but also look at prevention, since it is also within our mandate. So we decided to set up the new department, Fraud Risk Assessment and Control", he said.

He also readily points out that it costs less to prevent economic and financial crimes than to enforce laws against them. "We



are not saying that the Commission will jettison its enforcement roles, we are saying that we will build more strength and achieve better results by preventing corruption from taking root. The prevention framework is globally-acclaimed and we are embracing it," he said.

The department conducts periodic Corruption Risk Assessments (CRA) for MDAs; identifies gaps in legislative instruments requiring strategic intervention and issue advisories to address the gaps; promote adherence to due process and extant laws in government procurement processes; ensure MDAs abide by budgetary provisions and utilize allocated funds efficiently for designated projects; re-evaluate anti-corruption controls in MDAs to ensure their effectiveness in curtailing fraud; develop Fraud Risk Mitigation Plans for all MDAs in Nigeria and encourage a risk-based approach for monitoring and evaluating set standards or thresholds.

It dedicates attention to the budgets of the three arms of government with real time monitoring and tracking and set the ball rolling with requests to the Presidency, National Assembly and the Judicial Service Commission to provide the EFCC with their anti-fraud and anti-corruption frameworks for evaluation. The demands were promptly extended to MDAs of the federal government.

INTERNATIONAL ENDORSEMENT



Former FBI Director, Christopher Wray in a handshake with Muhammad Hammajoda, Secretary to the Commission

Record-setting FBI Visit

July 14, 2024 witnessed a record-setting official visit of the former Director of the US Federal Bureau of Investigation, FBI, Christopher Wray to the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

Wray came to the Commission to personally broker a new strategic alliance between the EFCC and FBI towards tackling internet fraud and the waves of emerging and old crime trends that are of mutual interest to Nigeria and the United States.

The visit was the first of its kind in the 22 years history of the EFCC. The FBI delegation featured other top executives that included: Charles Smith Jnr, Sydney Schaur, Joshua James Moldt, William Michael Miller, Vanessa M. Tibbits, William B. Stevens, Leigha Ramson, Sofie Admire Sosenzweig and Dr. Jim Oscar.

In his remarks at the occasion, Wray expressed delight at the bond that has existed over the years between the EFCC and FBI and called for its upscaling in the face of common crime threats that confront Nigeria and the US.

"Thank you for your hospitality and in particular for the partnership that exists between the FBI and the EFCC across a wide range of threats that we face together. We have had a relationship over the years and this is a reflection of how stronger than ever we are looking forward to taking our partnership to higher and higher levels in tackling threats that affect the people of Nigeria and the people of the United States. We have had close partnerships in shared values and focus and I want to say thank you for the wonderful partnership," he said.

In his response, Olukoyede expressed appreciation to the FBI for its assistance to the EFCC in the areas of personnel and institutional capacity building and expressed optimism that the collaboration between the two agencies would be taken a notch higher.

"We value the partnership between the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, FBI. Over the years, this partnership has existed and it is for mutual benefits. We have to acknowledge that we have benefitted from your manpower and capacity development programmes, which have added value to the capacity of our operatives and our Academy. We also want to thank you for the technical support that you have provided over the years for the EFCC and by extension, Nigeria," he said.

While suing for enhanced collaboration and strategic partnership, Olukoyede noted that doing so was in the mutual interest of Nigeria and the US, especially as criminality has become borderless.

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it is extremely important for law enforcement agencies across the world to come together to collaborate. Law enforcement agencies must collaborate more. Our activities must be borderless so that we will be able to challenge the activities of the bad guys”, he said.

Assuring Wray and his team of the Commission’s commitment to collaboration with the US agency, Olukoyede said, “we are willing to continue and develop ideas that would be of mutual benefit to both agencies and ensure that the issue of cybercrime will take utmost priority in our scale of preference and also ensure that sextortion that has become a major challenge to us is taken very seriously”.

The EFCC boss also used the meeting to spotlight the new direction of the Commission under his leadership, pointing out that tackling public corruption was at the centre of his policy directives.

“One of our major problems in Nigeria is public corruption. Upon my assumption of office I shared my three major policy directives with the entire nation. I promised to use the instrumentality of the anti-corruption fight to stimulate the economy, in other words to ensure that businesses that are registered in Nigeria play by the rules. And we have shown in some of our activities that we were looking into a lot of government agencies as to how they carry out their activities particularly in the area of contract and procurement.

“We also promised the nation that we are going to follow the rule of law. I believe in results but I also believe that the way you achieve the result matters. I promised the nation that we are going to do it right.

“Thirdly is to use the activities of the EFCC to improve



Former FBI Director, Christopher Wray inspecting a guard of honour by officers of the EFCC

the international image of Nigeria and that is why we are vigorously pursuing the issue of cyber criminals because some of the activities of these folks have dented Nigeria’s image in the global space”, he said.

He noted that achieving the shift in paradigm demanded new dynamism and mechanisms in the tools of the anti-corruption fight.

“The major thrust is to use the instrument of prevention to tackle corruption in the country. The EFCC has done well over the years in the areas of investigation and prosecution, but upon my assumption of office, I decided rather to look at the sources and causes of these problems. We will not just enforce but also look at prevention, since it is also within our mandate. So we decided to set up a new department, called Fraud Risk Assessment and Control”, he said.

Olukoyede at the event commended President Bola Ahmed Tinubu for mustering strong political will to fight corrupt practices. “The President’s commitment is strong against corruption and this has been of immense motivation for us”, he said.

Establishment of Three New Directorates

Three New directorates are set to emerge in Ekiti, Katsina and Anambra, bringing the Commission’s zonal directorates in the Commission to 17. The new addition brings the Commission closer to the people and facilitate speedy intervention by the EFCC in dealing with financial crime situations.

EFCC Radio, 97.3fm

EFCC Radio, 97.3: “Voice against Economic and Financial Crimes” was launched on May 16, 2024. The radio station came on board as an organ of mobilization that has leveraged communication and public engagement by the Commission in the fight against graft. According to Olukoyede, “The radio station offers us stronger weapons for breaking half-truths, lies, insinuations and other distortions of the work we do. Indeed, with our own radio station, we are in a better position to tell our stories, factually, ungarnished and unspun.



The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, RCMP



Robert Aboumitri of Canadian High Commission, Nasser Salihou of RCMP and EFCC Chairman, Ola Olukoyede

On September 6, 2024, the EFCC boss hosted the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). At the occasion, the EFCC boss handed over to the RCMP the sum of \$180,300 and 53 vehicles, being assets recovered for Canadian victims of Nigerian fraudsters. One Hundred and Sixty-four Thousand, Three Hundred US Dollar (\$164,000) of the recovered monetary assets was for a victim, identified as Elena Bogomas, while \$16,300 (Sixteen Thousand, Three Hundred US Dollar) belonged to a victim, known as Sandra Butler. The recovered 53 vehicles were stolen over a period of time in Canada, freighted to Nigeria and moved to multiple locations in Nigeria by foreign-based Nigerian criminal elements in league with their local fronts.

At the handover was Robert Aboumitri, First Secretary, Deputy High Commission of Canada and Nasser Salihou,

Liaison Officer and Programme Manager, RCMP. In evaluating the transnational operation that bust the fraud and theft, Salihou averred that the success testified to the EFCC's diligence and professionalism. "This is a testimony of your professionalism and your commitment to combat crime." He further declared that the EFCC is what all other anti-graft agencies in the world wished to be. "With your permission Mr. Chairman, I wish to say that all other countries will be jealous of you. This also shows that you are our key partner in West Africa in combating crimes. We value this partnership and we will like to take it to the highest level possible," he said. On his part, Aboumitri said that the Commission was the best partner the RCMP found in Nigeria: "We have found out that in Nigeria one of our best partners is, has been and hoping it will continue to be is the EFCC. We never knocked at EFCC's door without them answering. It has been a great partnership and the culmination of the partnership is the result that we are seeing," he said.

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His Excellency, the Ambassador of Spain



Spanish Ambassador to Nigeria, His Excellency, Juan Ignacio Sell and EFCC Chairman, Ola Olukoyede

On September 20, 2024, Olukoyede handed over €5100 (Five Thousand, One Hundred Euros) proceeds of crime to the Spanish Ambassador to Nigeria, His Excellency, Juan Ignacio Sell, being the sum recovered by the EFCC in collaboration with the Spanish Police from a Nigerian romance fraudster for a Spanish victim, Heinz Burchard Einhaus Uchtmann. In Sell's delegation were Spanish Police Attache from the Spanish Embassy in Nigeria.



POLICY REFORMS

In order to maximally drive the mandate of the Commission, the Executive Chairman, Mr. Ola Olukoyede has approved a number of new policies geared towards maximising the core values of the EFCC.

These Policies are:

Gifts & Hospitality Policy

Defines what is acceptable as “gifts” by all cadres of officers of the Commission and prohibits so-called gifts that could potentially compromise integrity, impartiality or public trust. It further prescribes sanctions for those who wilfully deviate from the set standards.

Integral to the policy as well are guidelines for the acceptance of gifts, pledges, hospitality and other forms of benefits, by officers of the Commission. The overarching objective is to promote ethical standards for all officers, ensure the highest levels of transparency and integrity, mitigate work-related conflict of interest and provide an audit trail of the process of acceptance and giving of gifts.

Under the Policy, no staff of the Commission may accept a cash gift that is more than N50, 000 without formal disclosure to the Commission.

Policy on Sting Operation

This Policy Seeks to standardize the procedures for sting operations across all formations of the Commission. It cover the definition of sting operation, the appropriate time for such operations, the competence and experience of officers to lead such operations, Intelligence handling and surveillance etiquette, security consideration and team safety frameworks, among others

Exhibit Room Security Policy

This Policy tackles integrity and professionalism of the Commission’s Exhibit Room procedures and practices. It determines the competence of officers to be charged with the responsibility and the size of the team. It also provides for the security of the exhibit room, including access protocol for non-exhibit staff, among others.

New Immigration/ Visa Fraud Section

In line with its enforcement and prevention mandate, the Commission under Olukoyede in the past one year set up Visa and Immigration Fraud Section in all its Zonal Directorates and headquarters to tackle visa and immigration fraud in the country.

Setting up the Unit became compelling as a result of the stream of fraud taking place on immigration matters in the country and the need to protect Nigerians from the antics of immigration fraudsters. Till date, more than 950 cases are being investigated across the 14 Zonal Directorates of the Commission.

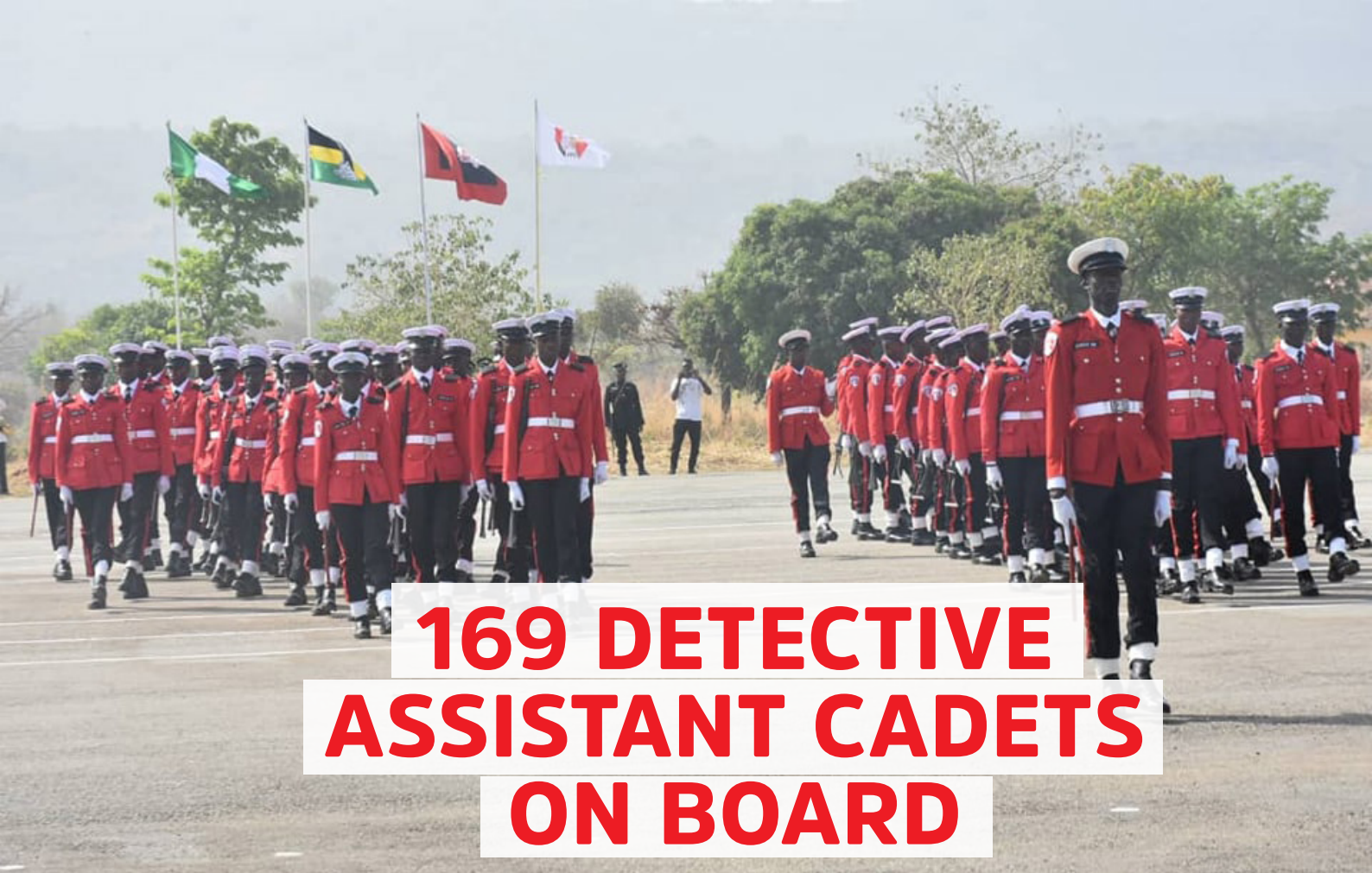
Explaining the basis for the setting up of the Section, Executive Chairman of the Commission, Ola Olukoyede frowned at the rising cases of criminality regarding visa processing and immigration issues.

“As a Commission, we cannot fold our arms and allow the rest of the world keep disparaging us owing to visa and immigration fraud. This is why the Visa and Immigration Fraud Section



is established. The Section is operational at the headquarters and all the Zonal Directorates”, he said.

Highlights of activities of this Section include petitions relating to fraudulent activities of visa vendors, passport scam and related fraud.



169 DETECTIVE ASSISTANT CADETS ON BOARD

One hundred and sixty-nine, 169 Detective Assistant Cadets, Course 5 of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC passed out on Friday, February 14, 2025, at Nigeria Police Mobile Training College, Ende Hills, Nasarawa State with the Executive Chairman of the Commission, Ola Olukoyede charging the cadets to imbibe the culture of integrity and discipline in the discharge of their duties.

Olukoyede who noted that the cadets were not only groomed in law enforcement, but in ethics, discipline and leadership also charged them to uphold EFCC's core values of integrity, courage, professionalism and collaboration.

"You have been trained not just in law enforcement but also in ethics, discipline, leadership and the need to uphold the Commission's core values of integrity, courage, professionalism and collaboration. These are the principles that will guide you as you embark on your journey as officers of the Commission.

"As new officers of the EFCC, you are now a critical part of our mission to eradicate economic and financial crimes through prevention, enforcement and coordination. A lot of trust is placed on you as

cadets of the Commission. Your family, the EFCC and the entire citizens of Nigeria look up to you to uphold the highest standards of ethics and integrity. You must give no room for compromise, nor tolerance for misconduct," he said.

Eleven cadets distinguished themselves in different areas of study and operational activities and were honoured with awards. Agwuncha Ugochukwu Lotanna was awarded Best Overall Cadet, with the First and Second Runner-up awards going to Anani One Melche and Adutu Joy Uyo. Uyo also emerged the Best in Legal Studies.

Muhammad Kabir Sanusi was awarded the Executive Chairman Award in Command and Leadership. He also emerged the Best Cadet in Drill and was also the parade Commander. Lawal Lawrence emerged the Best in Operational Studies. Oguzi Promise Yefia emerged the Best Cadet in General Studies, while Abbah Favour Billy emerged the Best in ICT. Joshua Princewill emerged the Best Marksman and Oviangbede Precious emerged the Best Markswoman.



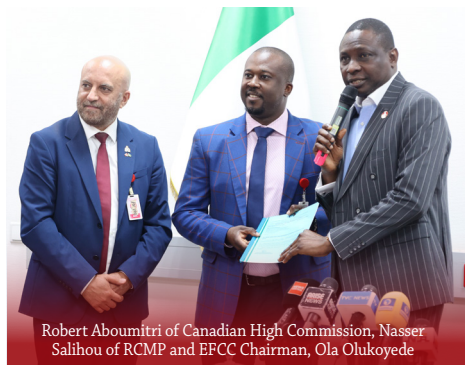
INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS



Lieutenant General Regis Colombet, Director of Security and Defence cooperation, France and EFCC Chairman, Ola Olukoyede



Chinese Ambassador to Nigeria, Yu Dunhai and EFCC Chairman, Ola Olukoyede



Robert Aboumitri of Canadian High Commission, Nasser Salihou of RCMP and EFCC Chairman, Ola Olukoyede



Former FBI Director Christopher Wray and EFCC Chairman, Ola Olukoyede



US Ambassador to Nigeria, Richard Mills and EFCC Chairman, Ola Olukoyede, during the envoy's visit to strengthen collaboration with the Commission



Director General of the National Crime Agency, NCA, United Kingdom, Mr Graeme Biggar and EFCC Chairman, Ola Olukoyede



American delegation in group photograph with EFCC Management



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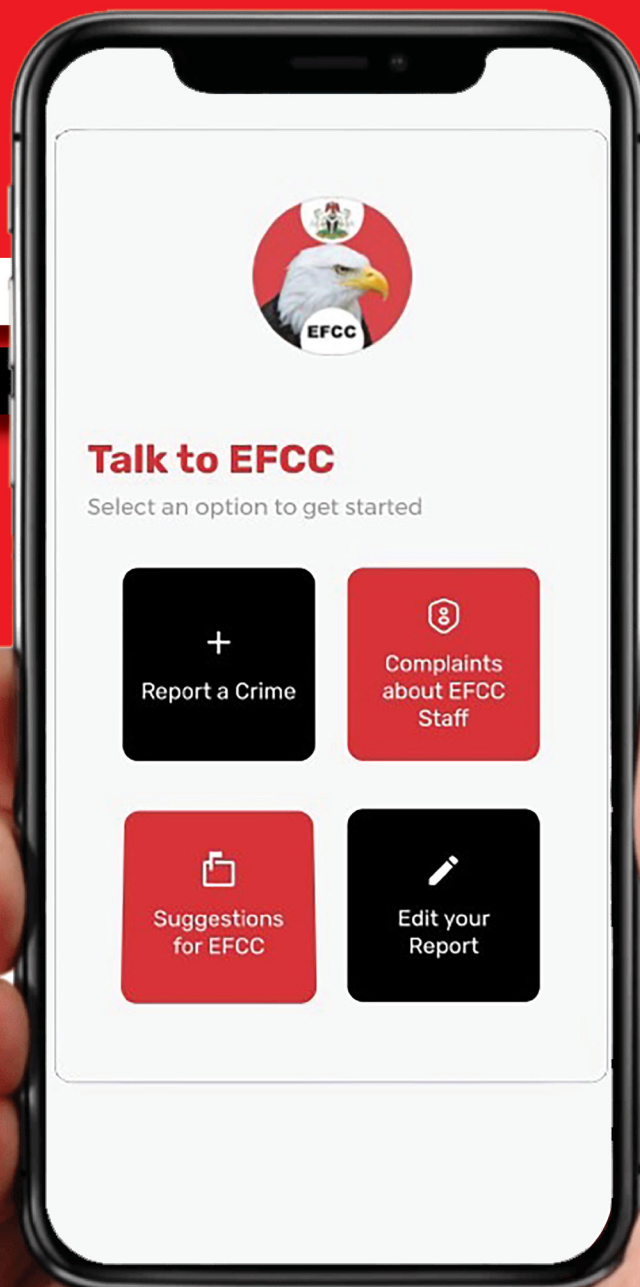


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