

Start Your Anti-corruption Campaign with EFCC, Uboh Tells Buhari

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An anti-corruption crusader and Chief Executive Officer of Panic Alert Security System (PASS), Dr. George Uboh, has called on the president-elect, Major General Muhammadu Buhari (td), to start his anti-corruption crusade with the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC).

In a memorandum submitted to Buhari, a copy of which was obtained by THISDAY, Uboh alleged that the commission sits on hundreds of billions recovered from perpetrators of corruption but refused to remit the funds to the federal government as required by law.

He said he was compelled to write to the incumbent president, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan drawing his attention to the alleged atrocities in

the EFCC but said that Jonathan did not do anything.

Except from the letter read: "In view of your commitment to integrity, we are of the view that the first place to start your anti corruption campaign is the EFCC.

"First, such a move will boost the public's confidence in your inherent desire to fight corruption. Second, many people who had been silenced by EFCC using gestapo-style powers will come forward to testify.

"Attached herewith are the documents we sent to the president to wit open letter to the president and 51-court criminal charges against the present and former leadership of the EFCC and all aforementioned documents germane to Bayelsa/EFCC saga; we are ready, willing and able

to tender boxes of documents to prove each and every count of the 51-count criminal charges."

He cited the case of Bayelsa State where EFCC claimed in its exhibit record that the amount recovered from a former governor of the state, DSP Alameyestegha and due for remittance to the state was N4,152,344,645 and USD1,300,000. He said: "As at 18/01/2010 when EFCC remitted N3,128,230,294.83 to Bayelsa state vide EFCC recovery account NO. 002-00893-541-01-7 with CBN,

Consequently, EFCC still owed Bayelsa state N1,484,965,806 and \$1,300,000 as at the time of the remittance."

According to him, what is recorded in EFCC's exhibit book is a fraction of what was taken from DSP. Most of the cash and assets seized from DSP abroad by the EFCC never declared on the exhibit record.

He recalled in the letter that the incumbent governor of the state mandated him to recover from EFCC the outstanding money

recovered from Alameyestegha following which he wrote the commission and the commission agreed to meet him.

"At the meeting, Mr Lawrence Iwodi, EFCC Head of Asset Forfeiture agreed to refund the said balance before the beginning of 2014." Uboh explained to Buhari that EFCC using a gestapo-like style coerced the state governor to withdraw the mandate to recover the fund.

According to him, EFCC did not deny holding on to funds

belonging to Bayelsa state who threatened the state who wrote to him the mandate giver.

The letter further wish to bring to your urgent need to start corruption campaign of the EFCC.

"Although, EFCC funds belonging to state and some state g we decided to start in State, the president's

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