



3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

**President  
Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN)  
Plot 16, Idowu Taylor Street  
Victoria Island, Lagos**

*Received  
26/8/22*

Dear Sir/Ma,

**COMPLAINT AGAINST JONAH OGUNNIYI OTUNLA, OFR; THE FORMER  
ACCOUNTANT GENERAL OF THE FEDERATION OVER EMBEZZLEMENT AND  
STEALING OF ABOUT N6.3 BILLION**

We write on the above subject matter as a leading Anti-Corruption Organization and Non-partisan Human Rights and Development league with the mandate to protect and promote universally recognized human rights, public accountability, transparency and environmental justice in Nigeria and Africa, in accordance with International best standards.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2022, it was reported that a former Accountant-General of the Federation; Jonah Ogunniyi Otunla, OFR refunded N6,392,000,000.00 to the coffer of the Federal Government to avoid being prosecuted. It was reported that Mr Otunla instituted an action in Court against the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) and the Independent Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), seeking amongst others, an order stopping the anti-graft agencies from prosecuting him base on assurance given to him by former EFCC Chairman; Ibrahim Magu that if he refunds the stolen money, he will not be prosecuted for any crime.<sup>1</sup>

It is noteworthy that the refund of N6,392,000,000.00 by the Former Accountant-General of the Federation was possible because he had embezzled, misappropriated and stolen public funds and we believe that is also an admission of guilt.

By virtue of paragraph 12.0 of the Code of Conduct, a Chartered Accountant is required at all time to comply with the Fundamental Principles of the Institute. These fundamental principles are: integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behavior. It is apparent Mr Otunla OFR has breached all the above stated fundamental principles and ethical standard of the Institute.

We therefore kindly call on the institute to refer our complaint to the Accountants' Disciplinary Tribunal for proper investigation and maximum sanctions be imposed on Mr Otunla OFR so as to deter other members of the noble profession and Institute from subjecting the profession to disrepute and further embarrassing the Institute and the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

We thank you and while looking forward to a diligent investigation and action on this petition, be assured of our usual cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr. Olanrewaju Suraju  
Chairman**

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ourheritagereporters.com/oyo-born-ex-accountant-general-otunla-ofr-refunds-n6-3b-to-fg-to-avoid-prosecution/>