



22nd October 2019

**The Chairman
Code of Conduct Bureau
5th Floor, Federal Secretariat
Church Gate Tower
Central
Abuja**



Dear Sir,

**DEMAND FOR IMMEDIATE PROSECUTION OVER FALSE DECLARATION OF
ASSETS BY ABDULRASHEED MAINA**

The above subject matter refers and it is anchored on the report published by the Nation Online on the 13th October 2019¹, titled, "***Niger Republic alerts FG of \$1.7m cash in Maina's Niamey home***"

According to the above report, Niger Republic hinted the federal government on \$1.7m cash found in an apartment in its capital Niamey believed to be owned by a former Chairman of the Pension Reform Task Team, Abdulrasheed Maina. According to the report, twenty-nine assets worth N1billion also suspected to be owned by him have already been seized. The Nigerien Government alerted the Federal Government of the strange discovery of the cash, following which Abuja directed the National Intelligence Agency (NIA) to investigate.

It was reported that the discovery of the cash in Niamey coincided with the alleged disappearance of \$1.7million cash from Maina's safe house. Also conveyed in the report, the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) traced an additional 29 assets in the country, worth N1,054,000,000 to Maina. Some foreign assets have been located in the United Arab Emirates and other jurisdictions. The anti-graft commission has filed an application before a High Court to place all the 29 assets under forfeiture. In the report, it is conveyed that the agency wants to invoke the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) to seize Maina's choice properties in the UAE and other countries. As conveyed in the report, on December 9, 2017, the EFCC Acting Chairman Mr. Ibrahim Magu said seven properties had been seized from Maina.

¹ <https://thenationonlineng.net/niger-republic-alerts-fg-of-1-7m-cash-in-mainas-niamey-home/>

The properties are a two-storey commercial building located on Ibrahim Taiwo Road, a bungalow located on Katuru Road, and four separate properties located on Kano Road in Kawo New Extension, Kaduna. The other property which is still under construction is a set of four one-story blocks of flats located at No. 5, Sokoto Road adjacent to the Zamfara State Governor's Lodge, Kaduna.

The rest include No. 12, 11th Road, Kado Estate, Abuja; No. A5 Omenai H.O (B Close) Kado Estate; No. 9, Eneli TCM Close, (A Close) Kado Estate; No. 8, Kolo S Close (A Close) Kado Estate; Luxury apartments (eight blocks of flats; six units of three bedrooms; two units of two bedrooms) located at Plot 965, Cadastral C2, Life Camp, Abuja and a sprawling edifice located at No. 10 Hamisu Musa Road, Jabi, Abuja.

Attached to this petition is a list of properties alleged owned by Mr. Abdulrasheed Maina;

1. Plot MF19, Cadastral Zone, Abuja
2. Plot 18 Road F, Malali North East Residential Layout, Kaduna
3. Flat 42C, SMC Quarters, Unguwan Dosa, Kaduna
4. Plot No. 965, Gwarinpa 1 District, Cadastral Zone, Abuja
5. Duplex located at No. 16A Katuru Road, Kaduna
6. 52B, SMC Quarters, Unguwan Dosa Lot 016, Kaduna (3 Bedroom Flat)
7. Tola Street, Badarawa, Kaduna (3 Bedroom Flat) and undeveloped land
8. Plot Y12, Kano Street, Kawo, New Extension, Kaduna
9. No. 21, 52 Crescent Kubwa Phase IV Estate, Abuja (Duplex)
10. House 8, 211 road A Close, Abuja (2 Bedroom Flat)
11. Farm at Dorawa, Karshi Development Area, Karu LGA, Nasarawa State
12. Plot 3A Sambo Road Unguwan Rimi, Kaduna
13. 16B/BG Gombe Road Biu, Borno
14. Plot MF-Z7A, New Pasali Layout, Kuye, Abuja
15. Plot 1B Ajayi Road, Unguwan Rimi, Kaduna
16. Block 23, Flat 2 located at Life Camp, Abuja
17. No 62, A/C Maternity Ward, Damaturu Road, Biu, Borno
18. Plot of C of O Bo/426 beacon B5086, B5087, B5105, B5104, B5099, Cadastral Zone, B05 Utako, Abuja
19. Plot 37, Kinshasa Road, Maiduguri
20. No. 16, Dabai Road, Off, Mangoro Road, Sokoto
21. No. 13, Korau Road, Nasarawa District, Kano
22. Plot 965 Cadastral Zone C02, Gwarinpa, Abuja

Amongst these are also properties overseas allegedly owned by Mr. Abdulrasheed Maina;

1. 1124 Devane Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601 with an estimated value of \$217,600 to \$259,000
2. 124-Wheeler Drive, Frankfort, KY with the value of \$317,000
3. 105 Chapman Drive, Frankfurt, this property is said to worth \$317,000
4. 744-1/2 N Verdugo Rd, Glen Dale, CA 91206 and this is valued at \$1, 230, 820

Enclosed to this petition are the documents containing explicit details of the properties both home and abroad.

Based on the above relayed and in accordance with Section 15 of the **Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act, Chapter 58 LFN 1990**,

"(1) Every public officer shall, within fifteen months after the coming into force of this Act or immediately after taking office and thereafter-

(a) at the end of every four years;

(b) at the end of his term of office; and

(c) in the case of a serving officer, within thirty days of the receipt of the form from the Bureau or at such other intervals as the Bureau may specify, submit to the Bureau a written declaration in the form prescribed in the First Schedule to this Act or, in such form as the Bureau may, from time to time, specify, of all his properties, assets and liabilities and those of his spouse or unmarried children under the age of twenty-one years.

(2) Any statement in any declaration that is found to be false by any authority or person authorized in that behalf to verify it, shall be deemed to be a breach of this Act.

(3) Any property or assets acquired by a public officer after any declaration required by subsection (1) of this section and which is not fairly attributable to income, gifts or loan approved by this Act, shall be deemed to have been acquired in breach of this Act unless the contrary is proved".

Based on the above, we most humbly believe he ran afoul of the law and in essence need to call in the Bureau. In the circumstances of Section 23 (1) & (2) of the Code of Conduct for Public Officers of the 1999 Constitution which provides that the tribunal has the powers to impose punishment

"(1) Where the Tribunal finds a public officer guilty of contravening any of the provisions of this Act, it shall impose upon that officer any of the punishments specified under subsection (2) of this section.

(2) The punishment which the Tribunal may impose shall include any of the following:

(a) vacation of office or any elective or nominated office, as the case may be;

*elective or not) for a period not exceeding ten years; and
(c) seizure and forfeiture to the State of any property acquired
in abuse or corruption of office*

*3) The punishments mentioned in subsection (2) of this
section shall be without prejudice to the penalties that may
be imposed by any law where the breach of conduct is also a
criminal offense under the Criminal Code or any other
enactment or law"*

Based on the above-stated provisions, we hereby demand that as a result of this breach, Mr. Abdulrasheed Maina be prosecuted immediately for violating Section 15 of the Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act for false declaration of assets.

Our demand is hinged on our resilient and persistent demand for democracy, accountability, transparency and ultimately the preservation of the rule of law.

We appreciate your prompt action in this regard.

While thanking you, do accept our sincere regards.

Yours faithfully,



Olanrewaju Suraju
Chairman

