



25th August 2020

The Chairman
Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission
Plot 802 Constitution Avenue,
Central Business District,
Garki,
Abuja



Dear Sir,

STATUS UPDATE ON THE INVESTIGATION OF THE PREVAILING CORRUPTION ALLEGATION IN THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL) ASABA, DELTA

We write concerning the above subject matter.

We are a non-governmental organization and non-partisan human rights and development league with the mandate to protect and promote universally recognized human rights, accountability and environmental justice in Nigeria and Africa, following international standards

As part of our work as civil society organization keen on strengthening and ensuring public awareness and participation, our organization devised a means for the public to reach our organization directly and other law enforcement agencies indirectly by availing the public the privilege for whistleblowing on cases related to corruption and human rights violation via our toll-free line. We received an anonymous call relaying allegation of corruption against the above named.

The caller who identified himself as Mr. Ameh Joseph Eche informed us of the petition dated the 21st August 2019, he wrote to the Commission demanding an investigation into the prevailing corrupt practices at the Federal College of Education (Technical) Asaba, Delta resulting in several forms of reprisal attack on him and violations of his rights. The petition is enclosed for ease of reference. We were also informed of his reminder written and dated November 3rd 2019 to seek an update on the progress of the petition. The same is also enclosed for ease of reference. Mr. Joseph informed us that upon communication with the head of the investigation team, Mr. Muhammed Lawal, he was informed that active investigation had commenced on the petition in January 2020. Mr. Joseph informed us that after a month of not receiving any feedback, he relayed with Mr. Mohammed Lawal who notified him that the investigation on the petition had been concluded and recommended for prosecution and that the suspects having been found culpable.

The provisions of the law are clear on the powers conferred on the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission to investigate and prosecute. The investigation on the matter said to have been concluded in February 2020 is yet to be instituted in a court of competent jurisdiction. We have enclosed relevant details to aid ease of reference.


We are convinced Mr. Ameh Joseph deserves the coverage and treatment of a patriotic citizen and whistleblower who did the right thing by reporting the recurring cases of corruption in the name of corrupt implementation amongst top officials of the institution and those who have eaten deep into the roots of the Federal College of Education (Technical), Asaba, Delta State, leaving the college vulnerable to ruins.

We hereby write this letter to express our interest and the public interest in ultimately ensuring the sanity of Nigeria and her institutions, and ensuring that individuals and officials implicated in abuse of office and corrupt practices are brought to justice, which is of utmost priority to our organization. This request for update is not to be considered as interloping but as one of our patriotic mandate to promote and foster accountability while ensuring transparency and participatory governance in the country. It is to this end that we write to request the current status of the investigation of the prevailing corruption in the Federal College of Education (Technical), Asaba, Delta State.

We look forward to your usual prompt response

While thanking you, accept our sincere regards.

Yours faithfully,


Olanrewaju Suraju
Chairman