



20th December 2021

Professor Bolaji Owasanoye SAN
Chairman

Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC)
Plot 802, Constitution Avenue
Zone A9, Central Business District
Federal Capital Territory
Abuja

Dear Sir,

**PETITION AGAINST CHIEF UMEH KALU SAN (FORMER AG AND
COMMISSIONER OF JUSTICE, ABIA STATE) AND RT. HON. CHINEDUM
ENYINNAYA ORJI (SPEAKER, ABIA STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY)**

I write in respect of the above subject matter.

Human and Environmental Development Agenda (HEDA Resource Centre), a leading Anti-Corruption Organization in Nigeria is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) and Non-partisan Human Rights and Development league. It has the mandate to protect and promote universally recognized human rights, accountability and environmental justice in Nigeria and Africa, in accordance with International standards. These objectives are pursued through research and publications, campaigns, human rights education and empowerment projects and programmes.

In a response by the Speaker of Abia State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Orji, to the public letter of Chief Umeh Kalu SAN (former Attorney-General and Commissioner of Justice, Abia State) to the Governor of Abia State, the Speaker of Abia State House of Assembly, made quite a number of allegations against the former Attorney-General and Commissioner of Justice. The allegation ranges from owning properties like Shoprite in Umuahia while in office and carted away with more than six official government vehicles and converted them to personal use.¹

In his response to the Honorable Speaker, Chief Kalu SAN out-rightly denied all the allegations made against him. He went further to make some allegations against the Honorable Speaker of the Abia State House of Assembly. These allegations include: addiction to cocaine and hard drugs, solicitation of government's contract, murder, inflation of contract to refurbish the House of Assembly complex and collected ₦33,000,000 (Thirty

¹ <https://thesouthernexaminer.com/speaker-ex-attorney-general-in-war-of-words-of-state-of-affairs-in-abia-p6794-177.htm>

Three Million Naira) for a Toyota Hilux with a competitive asking price of ₦18,000,000 (Eighteen Million Naira).²

In view of all the above weighty allegations coming from two senior citizens of Abia State with a handful of sensitive government information, we kindly request the Commission to investigate all the allegations made in the public letters and prosecute anyone found culpable in this distasteful act of corrupt practices and financial misappropriation which has deprived the citizen of Abia State from enjoying dividend of democracy.

We thank you and look forward to a diligent investigation and action on this petition as you are assured of our usual cooperation.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. Olanrewaju Suraju
Chairman

² <https://osunreporters.com/2021/12/umeh-kalu-san-to-abia-state-speaker-chinedu-orji-ikuku-you-killed-your-personal-assistant-do-cocaine-and-abuse-hard-drugs/>