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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 THE FORMER CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF; LIEUTENANT GENERAL BURATAI TUKUR (RTD) OVER GROSS ABUSE OF OFFICE

We write on the above subject matter as a leading Anti-Corruption Organization in Nigeria 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.

This Organisation wishes to commend your Commission on the recent achievement on the bust and arrest of a particular suspect and a military contractor in connection with money laundering tip off from the NFIU¹. A media Organisation, Saharareporters has published the story connecting the searched building and the money (billions of Naira and US dollars), wristwatches and other items to the former chief of Army Staff and current Nigerian Ambassador to Benin Republic, Retired General Tukur Buratai².

Before now, an online news outlet: Peoples Gazette had reported that the former Chief of Army Staff; Lieutenant General Buratai Tukur (Rtd) abused his position by lobbying and receiving government contract from the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) through his company Yasiga Nigeria Limited in violation of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act and also the Corrupt Practices Act 2000.

It was reported that in 201³, Lieutenant General Buratai (Rtd) through his company³, lobbied and received contracts from NDDC worth over N120,000,000:00 (One Hundred and Twenty Million Naira). The money were received through Yasiga Nig

¹<https://saharareporters.com/2022/06/24/nigerian-anti-corruption-agency-icpc-confirms-arrest-military-contractor-%E2%8C%98fronting-former>

² <https://saharareporters.com/2022/06/23/exclusive-anti-graft-agency-icpc-uncovers-billions-cash-meant-arms-amunition-fight-boko>

³ <https://ng-check.com/yasiga-nig-icd/829155.html>

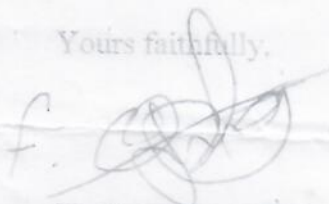
Ltd's bank account 1015538180 with UBA bank. It was also discovered that seven days after the last tranche of payment was received from the NDDC, Mr Buratai, a major general at the time, transferred N10,000,000.00 (Ten Million Naira) from Yasiga's account to his personal account.⁴ Kindly find below a copy of the bank document of Yasiga Nig. Ltd.

It is trite that a public officer in Governments of the Federal Republic of Nigeria is not allowed to own or be a director or shareholder in any private company and for Lieutenant General Buratai (Rtd) to own and control Yasiga Nig. Ltd, he has violated all extant Acts and Public Service Rules guiding public officers in Nigeria.

Similarly, the former chief of Army Staff was exposed as having properties in Dubai by the news media, Saharareporters⁵. The military officer defended the breach of code of conduct with the claims of purchasing the properties with proceeds from his little known snake farm. Just like he had admitted the ownership of the building connected with your discovery of potential money laundering case however, he defended himself by claiming that the commission conducted the search without a warrant.

Hence, we call on the Commission to diligently investigate the current case in addition to the previous allegations of acquisition of Dubai properties and contracting for the NDDC while serving as a military officer and to prosecute accordingly so as to deter others and further show that the law applies to all Nigerians irrespective of class.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Olanrewaju Suraju
Chairman

ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT NUMBER	TRANSACTION DATE	YEAR	TRANSACTION AMOUNT	TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION	TRANSACTION TYPE	BANK	OTHER DETAILS
YASIGA NIGERIA LIMITED	1015538180	4/3/2014	2014	12,950,000.00	TRF OFFICE OF SECRETARY TO ST OFFICE OF SECRETARY	C	UBA	
YASIGA NIGERIA LIMITED	1015538180	4/1/2014	2014	40,796,057.20	NIGER DELTA DEVELOPMENT BANK	C	UBA	
YASIGA NIGERIA LIMITED	1015538180	6/9/2014	2014	20,000,000.00	MT/NET. LAM/ARROW/USC	DEBIT	UBA	
YASIGA NIGERIA LIMITED	1015538180	6/10/2014	2014	73,221,057.11	MT/NET. L.S. NIGER DELTA DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION/D	C	UBA	
YASIGA NIGERIA LIMITED	1015538180	6/11/2014	2014	25,800,000.00	TRF FC. WARRIOR INTEGRATED SERVICES LTD	DEBIT	UBA	
YASIGA NIGERIA LIMITED	1015538180	6/17/2014	2014	30,000,000.00	TRF B&B/PSMA/PT/ALP/K/S/L	DEBIT	UBA	
YASIGA NIGERIA LIMITED	1015538180	6/18/2014	2014	10,000,000.00	MT/NET. CMB/LAW/100/199	DEBIT	UBA	

⁴ <https://gazettengr.com/exclusive-bank-documents-exposed-how-lt-gen-buratai-cornered-nddc-contracts-w-nigerian-army-general/>

⁵ <https://saharareporters.com/2016/06/24/revealed-buharis-chief-army-staff-general-buratai-wives-own-dubai-property>