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Professor Mohammed Isaa Chairman, Code of Conduct Bureau 80, Pine Street, Federal Secretariat Complex, Anex III Shehu Shagari Way, Maitama Federal Capital Territory Abuja



Dear Sir,

## PETITION AGAINST THE FORMR 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

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 2014, Lieutenant General Buratai (Rtd) through his company 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 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. 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

<sup>1</sup> https://ng-check.com/yasiga-nig-\_d/829155.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://gazettengr.com/exclusive\_pank-documents-expose-now-tukur-buratai-cornered-nddc-contracts-as-nigerian-army-general/

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, Saharareporters<sup>3</sup>. 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 the discovery of potential money laundering case. However, he defended himself by claiming that ICPC conducted the search without a warrant.

We hereby call on the Bureau 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 currently an Ambassador against his assets declarations 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

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