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8th June 2015

The Inspector-General of Police Nigeria Police Force Louis Edet House, Abuja

Sir

REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION INTO A CASE OF CONSPIRACY, FRAUD AND UNLAWFUL SWEARING IN OF MR. AKINRUNTAN ABAYOMI AND MR. COKER ADENIYI MALACHI AS HONOURABLE MEMBER REPRESENTING ILAJE CONSTITUENCY I AND II BY THE CLERK AND SPEAKER OF THE ONDO STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

We are the solicitors to Pastor Leke Akingboye and Honourable Gbenga Edema "Our Clients", who are the All Progressives Congress (APC) candidates for Ilaje constituencies I and II in the 11th April 2015, House of Assembly elections held by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) and on whose instructions we write you this letter.

You would recall that on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015, the Resident Electoral Commissioner (REC) of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Ondo State, Mr Segun Agbaje announced to the whole world that the House of Assembly elections in Ilaje Constituency I and II were fraught with irregularities, thuggery and ballot snatching; the Returning officers for the two constituencies were harassed, intimidated and forced to make a return at gun point and as such he declared that the elections were inconclusive.

On 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015 when the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) gave out Certificates of Return to the House of Assembly members-elect from Ondo State, 24 members elect were given certificates leaving out the 2 members -elect from Ilaje constituency I and II. This was widely reported in the news media.

On 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015, the Clerk of Ondo State House of Assembly administered oath of office on Mr. Akinruntan Abayomi and Mr. Coker Adeniyi Malachi as Honourable members representing Ilaje Constituency I and II respectively, inspite of the obvious and notorious fact that they were not given Certificates of Returns as duly elected by INEC. Attached herewith and marked "Annexure 1" is a copy of the Votes and Proceedings of the Ondo State House of Assembly for 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2015.

We were further informed by our clients that for a member-elect to be sworn-in as a member of any Parliament in Nigeria whether at the National Assembly or State Houses of Assembly, the presentation of the Certificate of Return is a condition precedent and the function of ensuring its authenticity and full compliance with Electoral Act is vested in the clerk of the House of Assembly in question and the Ondo State House of Assembly is not an exception. Kindly see "item 3" of the votes and proceedings, that is, Annexure I.

Based on the above facts our clients directed us to seek Clarification from INEC on whether the Certificates of Return for the two Ilaje State Constituencies have been given to Mr. Akinruntan Abayomi and Mr. Coker Adeniyi Malachi as at 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015. INEC replied our letter on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June stating categorically that no Certificate of Return was issued in respect of the said constituencies. Copy of the reply from the INEC is hereby attached and marked "Annexure 2"

It is instructive to note, that Section 75 of the Electoral Act 2010 (as amended) makes the issuance of a Certificate of Return mandatory to any person who has won an election in Nigeria before he/she could be sworn in to function in the office mentioned in the said Certificate of Return. Furthermore, Section 99, constitution, Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) provides thus:

"Any person who sits or votes in a House of Assembly of a State knowing or having reasonable grounds for knowing that he is not entitled to do so shall be guilty of an offence and shall upon conviction be liable to a term of imprisonment......"

It is the position of our clients that Clerk of the Ondo State House of Assembly ought not to have caused Mr. Akinruntan Abayomi and Mr. Coker Adeniyi Malachi to be sworn in when they did not present Certificates of return to him on the  $1^{\rm st}$  of June 2015.

It is worthy of note that one of our clients, Hon. Gbenga Edema had on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2015 petitioned your office to investigate this same Clerk and the Leadership of the Ondo State House of Assembly over their penchant for forgery and falsification of public documents in the Ondo State House of Assembly. For ease of reference, we hereby attach a copy of the said letter and is marked "Annexure 3"

By this letter, we humbly invite you to without delay set up a very powerful investigation team to:

- 1. Look into this case of fraud and conspiracy to defraud the Government and people of Ondo State by unlawfully swearing in persons who did not possess certificates of return to earn salaries and allowances not due them. Mr. Akinruntan Abayomi and Mr. Coker Adeniyi Malachi have been impersonating Honourable Members of the Ondo State House of Assembly when they do not possess a certificate of return.
- 2. Investigate the allegations of fraud earlier reported to your office vide our client's letter of  $4^{th}$  May 2015; and
- 3. Bring to justice all persons who participated in all the unlawful acts enumerated above.

It is only by doing this that the anti-corruption crusade of this present Government would become meaningful and effectual.

We count on you to do justice to this petition of our clients.

Have the assurances of or highest esteem.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Charles Titiloye Esq.

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ONDO STATE OF NIGERIA
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
(FOURTH REPUBLIC)
EIGTH ASSEMBLY
2015/2016 SESSION
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
MONDAY, 1ST JUNE, 2015

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#### ATTENDANCE OF HONOURABLE MEMBERS

S/N	1 12 11 11 12	CONSTITUENCY	POST HELD	ATTENDANC
1.	Rt. Hon. (Barr.) Princess Akindele Jumoke Yetunde	Okitipupa II	Speaker	Present
2.	Rt. Hon. (Barr.) Olotu Fatai	Akoko North-East	Deputy Speaker	Present
3.	Hon. Kaseem M. Suleiman	Akoko South –West I	Member	Present
4.	Hon. Akinsoyinu Olugbenga Ifedayo	Ondo West II	Member	Present
5.	Hon. Arowele Samuel	Owo 1	Member	Present
6.	Hon. Akinrutan Abayomi	Ilaje I	Member	Present
7.	Hon. Adesanya Kemisola Adenike	Akure South I	Member	Present
8.	Hon. Oleyelogun Bamidele David	Ifedore	Member	Present
9.	Hon. Maito Sulaiman Jamiu	Akoko North-West I	Member	Present
10.	Hon. Obadiah Vincent S.	Ese odo	Member	Present
11.	Hon. Akintimehin Isaiah Tuyi	Idanre	Member	Present
2.	Hon. Olamide Abayomi George	Akure North	Member	Present
3.	Hon. Ebiwonjumi Sola	Okitipupa I	Member	
4.	Hon. Adeniyi Adeniji Femi	Ondo West I	Member	Present
5.	Hon. Iroju Ogundeji	Odigbo I	Member	Present Present
6.	Hon. Akindiose Olusiji Alphonsus	Ondo East	Member	
7.	Hon. Araoyinbo O. Joseph	Akoko North –West II	Member	Present
8.	Hon. Towase Kuti O.	Akoko South-East	Member	Present
Э.	Hon. Mukaila Ayinde Musa	Owo II		Present
0.	Hon. Coker Adeniyi Malachi		Member	Present
1.	Hon. Fajolu Abimbola Olutope	Ilaje II	Member	Present :
2.	Hon. Ajimotokin Olusegun Philip	Ile-Oluji/Okeigbo	Member	Present
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	Hon. Felemugudu Bankole O.	Akoko South-West II	Member	Present
5.	Hon. Oluyede O. Feyide	Ose	Member	Present
-	Hon. David Sunday Olajide	Akure South II	Member	Present
	Hon. Fasogbon M. Akinyele	Odigbo II	Member	Present

2. The Clerk of the House took his seat and called on the Member-Local Adeniyi Adeniji Femi, representing Ondo West State Constituency II to lead the House in prayers.

Member-elect Adeniyi Adeniji Femi led prayers at 12.26p.m.

3. CONFIRMATION OF WRIT OF RETURNS AND ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS-ELECT.

The Clerk of the House took the roll call of Members-Elect and confirmed their Writ of Returns.

The Clerk of the House read the Proclamation for the Inauguration of the First Session of the 8<sup>th</sup> Assembly as sent by His Excellency, the State Governor, Dr. Rahman Olusegun Mimiko.

### 5. ELECTION OF MR. SPEAKER

The Clerk called for nominations for the office of the Speaker

- (a) I, Member-elect, Olamide Abayomi George, representing Akure North State Constituency hereby move that Member-elect, Akindele Jumoke Yetunde representing Okitipupa State Constituency II be elected as the Speaker.
- (b) After that, the Clerk called for a seconder of the motion on the nomination. The motion was so seconded by Member-elect, Araoyinbo. O. Joseph, representing Akoko North West II State Constituency.
- (c) Thereafter, the nominee informed the House of his readiness to serve in that capacity.
- (d) The Clerk later called for counter motion or further nomination(s) if any. There was none.
- (e) Consequently, Mr. Clerk declared nomination closed.
- (f) In the absence of any counter motion or further nomination, Mr. Clerk declared Member-elect, Right Honourable (Barr.) Princess Akindele Jumoke Yetunde as the Speaker-elect.

### 6. ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER

The Clerk called for nominations for the office of the Deputy Speaker

- (a) I, Member-elect, Coker Adeniyi Malachi, representing Ilaje State Constituency II, hereby move that Member-elect, Olotu Fatai representing Akoko North-East State Constituency be elected as the Deputy Speaker.
- (b) After that, the Clerk called for a seconder of the motion on the nomination. The motion was so seconded, by Member-elect, Oleyelogun Bamidele David, representing Ifedore State Constituency.
- (c) The nominee informed the House of his readiness to serve in that capacity.
- (d) The Clerk later called for counter motion or further nomination(s) if any. There was none.
- (e) Consequently, Mr. Clerk declared nomination closed.
- (f) In the absence of any counter motion or further nomination, Mr. Clerk declared Member-elect, Honourable (Barr.) Olotu Fatai as the Deputy Speaker-elect.

# 7. SWEARING-IN AND SUBSCRIBING TO THE OATH OF OFFICE AND THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE BY THE DEPUTY SPEAKER-ELECT.

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The Deputy Speaker-elect, Hon. (Barr.) Olotu Fatai, swore and subscribed to the Oath of Office and Oath of Allegiance accordingly.

8. SWEARING-IN AND SUBSCRIBING TO THE OATH OF OFFICE AND OATH OF ALLEGAINCE BY THE SPEAKER-ELECT.

The Speaker-elect, Rt. Hon. (Barr.) Princess Akindele Jumoke Yetunde, swore and subscribed to the Oath of Office and Oath of Allegaince accordingly.

## 9. SWEARING-IN AND SUBSCRIBING TO THE OATH OF ALLEGAIN E AND THE OATH OF MEMBERSHIP BY ALL OTHER MEMBERS-ELECT.

The Rt. Honourable Speaker administered the Oath of Allegaince and the Oath of Membership on all Members-Elect accordingly.

#### 10. MR. SPEAKER'S INAUGURAL SPEECH.

The Speaker made an Inaugural Speech.

#### 11. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

(i) Motion made and question proposed: that Pursuant to Section 101 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended), which states, that a House of Assembly shall regulate its own procedure;

**BE IT THEREFORE Resolved** that this Assembly shall continue to operate under the STANDING ORDER as adopted by the previous Assembly of this House until otherwise **Resolved**; (Honourable Akinsoyinu Olugbenga Ifedayo) *Question put and agreed to.* 

(ii) **Motion made and question proposed:** that the Honourable Members in the House take a suitable composite photograph that will be prepared and properly preserved and displayed as property of the House of Assembly and that suitable prints be furnished to Members of the said House and that the cost be borne by the House of Assembly. (Rt. Honourable (Barr.) Olotu Fatai)

Question put and agreed to.

#### 12. VOTE OF THANKS

The Right Honourable Speaker called on Honourable Fasogbon M. Akinyele, Honourable Member representing Odigbo State Constituency I to give the Vote of thanks.

This was done accordingly.

### 13. ANNOUNCEMENT(S).

#### 14. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion made and question proposed:** that at its rising this day Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2015, this House shall adjourn till Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2015 for Plenary Sitting at 10.00a.m.

(Honourable Olamide Abayomi George). Question put and agreed to.

House rose accordingly at 1.27p.m.

Rt. Honourable (Barr.) Princess Akindele Jumoke Y. Speaker, Ondo State House of Assembly



# INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION

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5<sup>th</sup> June, 2015

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RE: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF RETURNS WITH RESPECT TO ILAJE STATE CONSTITUCIES I AND II

I have been directed to refer to yours dated 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 on the above subject matter and to give the Commission response that Certificate of Returns are yet to issued to the Ilaje State Constituencies I and II.

Thank you.

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.for: Resident Electoral Commissioner.

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Member Representing Ilaje Constituency II and Chairman, House Committee on Ondo State Oil Producing Areas Development Commission (OSOPADEC)



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4th May 2015

The Inspector-General of Police Nigeria Police Force Louis Edet House, Abuja

Sir

REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE THE ACT OF FORGERY AND FALSIFICATION OF PUBLIC RECORDS BY THE CLERK AND PRICIPAL OFFICERS OF THE ONDO STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

I am Honourable Barrister Olugbenga Edema, a member of the Ondo State House of Assembly.

You would recall that on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015, some 23 members of the Ondo State House of Assembly purportedly convoked a plenary sitting of the House with a view to impeaching the Deputy Governor, Alhaji Alli Olanusi. This was widely reported in all the news media.

All the processes leading to this act of impeachment were concealed from me and my colleague, Honourable Folajimi Vincente being members of the All Progressives Party, the opposition party in the House.

As a result of the fact that the notice of the plenary sitting was not circulated contrary to the Standing Order and rules of custom of the Ondo state House of Assembly, there were insinuations that we would approach the Court to set aside the unlawful act. This necessitated the need to 'perfect' papers to give the impression that we were served with the notice of the unusual Monday plenary session which sitting was contrary to our Standing Orders and Rules of custom.

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at about 15: 30 hours, the Clerk of the House, Mr. Bode Michael Adeyelu on the instructions of the Right Honourable Speaker, Ms. Jumoke Akindele, the Majority Leader, Honourable Ifedayo Olugbenga Akinsoyinu and the Parliamentary Secretary, Honourable Bamidele David Dleyelogun invited a casual staff attached to my office to the office of the clerk of the House to sign to have received a document titled notice of impeachment and they specifically instructed her to sign that she received the notice of the said neeting on my behalf on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at about 08:30 hours, the same

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hour and date the House carried out the purported impeachment of Alhaji Alli Olanusi as Deputy Governor.

It would interest you sir, that this is not the first time these principal officers with the active connivance of the Clerk would undertake this kind of illegal act. At about March 2014 after the demise of the Late Right Honourable Adesina, the then Speaker of the House, these persons fabricated a House resolution purported to have authorise the borrowing of about \$\frac{1}{2}\$.4b for the benefit of the Wealth Creation Agency (WECA) an agency being headed by Governor Olusegun Mimiko's niece. This resolution was never debated let alone approved by the Ondo state House of Assembly as stipulated by the Constitution or the rules of customs of the Ondo State House of Assembly.

All the Ondo State Oil Producing Areas Development Commission (OSOPADEC) budget for the past four years had never been debated at the House of Assembly nor passed by it. All we hear is that the budget had been passed; when it was debated and passed, only these principal officers and the clerk can explain.

I am by this letter urging you sir to order full investigations into the processes leading to the impeachment of Alhaji Alli Olanusi including this spurious letter called notice of impeachment which was meant for my attention having not been circulated before Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015 as well as other incidences of fabrication and falsification of public documents as they relate to the WECA loan, the OSOPADEC budget for the year 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 which has become the character of the Ondo State House of Assembly. The verbatim recording of the proceedings of all the plenary sessions of the House of Assembly would shed more light on these acts of illegality being perpetuated by these characters.

While the investigation is going, we urge that the security apparatus attached to Alhaji Alli Olanusi as the Deputy Governor of Ondo State be maintained as no valid impeachment process had been carried out by the Ondo State House of Assembly.

I count on you to do substantive justice on these grave matters which I have brought to your attention.

I shall be ready to make myself available to testify before you if and when called upon to do so.

Have the assurances of my highest esteem

Yours faithfully,

Hon. Barr. Gbenga Edema

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