

REPS SPEAKER MAGAZINE MAIDEN EDITION SCANDAL

A publication of the office of the Speaker, House of Representatives, Rt. Hon. Yakubu Dogara, **REPS SPEAKER** is a magazine initiated by the Deputy Chief Of Staff (DCOS) of the Speaker Hon. CID Maduaguan. The said DCOS has been developing means that he could hijack the activities of the Speaker's media team to his office due to the inadequacies noticed in the Dogara's Media Adviser, Turaki Hassan, whom majority hold the notion that he is incapacitated to captain the media affairs.

Upon proposing the idea to the Speaker by the DCOS, Dogara instantly rejected it, thereby raising caution that he did not want a situation where people would complain of extortion. The DCOS nagged to the later, by frequenting the Speaker on the issue, with much assurance that nothing bad would ever emanate as a result.

His persistent pressure made Mr. Dogara to eventually approved the proposal of publishing the magazine, but prewarned that "should that not precipitate any complain from any one please". Hon. CID accepted with much assurance that "Noted, and no problem".

Having made it to the magazine proposal, the DCOS then connived with the deficient Media Adviser so as to give the impression that the project belonged to the designate.

They wrote members and other prominent personalities whom they know hold Dogara in high esteem, including the Sokoto State Governor, requesting for them to place adverts in **REPS SPEAKER** felicitating with the Speaker on his First year in office. On the course, the Director General of the National Assembly owned Institute, NILS, Dr. Ladi Hamalai, promised that she would take care of the cost of publication, from the *ink-dot* to the back page of the magazine. That courtesy relieved the team and any other person of the burden of whom to sponsor the publication.

But despite that, the DCOS, together with the Media Adviser, went ahead to collecting the sum of N250,000 from each member that placed an advert in the magazine. They did it with neither the consent of the Speaker, nor that of his Chief Of Staff. That signals the questionability of the transaction. It was even to the extent that some Lawmakers were intimidated with the name of the Speaker, that if they refuse to patronise the Speaker's magazine, they (DCOS and Adviser) would inform the Speaker of those defaulters. This intimidation made some of the Hon. members to revolt and refuse to pay a diem.

Calculatively, morethan Fifteen adverts were placed and monies of not less than Twelve were collected without being receipted. Recall that the Office of the Hon. Speaker is never a Revenue-generated office.

- Later, precisely after the lauching of the magazine, the DCOS and the Adviser realised that their misdeed was likely going to be leaked. They therefore bribed all members of the Speaker's media team with some stipends from that ill-collection. And that was the trumpet of their misconduct, as some media team members, Two out of Five precisely, wrote the Chief Of Staff of the Speaker, returning the monies they were given and termed it Questionable.

On hearing that, some of the National dailies were preivilaged to having the information. They therefore intended to decorate their pages with the scandalous story.

Daily Trust, precisely, wrote this caption: "DOGARA'S DCOS, MEDIA ADVISER IN CASH SCANDAL". Unfortunately for the reporter, the DCOS knows his superior, so that story was killed along the chain, in both kind and cash.

The Dogara's DCOS and Media Adviser have been on top of the case, as they fear that should there the Speaker knows, their days in his office are numbered, knowing very well how he detastes atrocities like that. On the other part, Hon. members are still complaining about the extortion.

Please find below, phone numbers of the Chief Of Staff, as the addressee of those letters returning the bribe, the DCOS', as the one directly involved in the scandal, and Hon. Namdas' number, as the House of Reps spokesperson for balances that you may wish to make:

- 0803 353 5726- Chief Of Staff
- 0803 310 9855- DCOS (accused)
- 070-347-24818- Hon. Namdas

Whilst I expect that you treat the story deligently, find some attachments conveying copies of the letters.