

THAT EU REPORT

Researchers and Governments around the world will always reference the EU Report in the future. There is no defeat against Election Riggers in Nigeria better than that. APC should stop wasting their time, EU Report is now in History Books for future referencing. NIGERIANS WON" APC charlatans went to the Office of the EU Abuja, to protest against the EU Report. Nigeria collected a whopping €39M from the EU for those shambolic Elections. Nigeria invited the EU Election Observation Mission as well. The APC forgot that Nigeria is a SOVEREIGN back then?" EU Report took a swipe at Independent Electoral Commission (INEC), the Supreme Court, Nigeria Broadcasting Corporation (NBC), Festus Keyamo, Femi Fani Kayode, Nigeria Television Authority (NTA) Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN), States and the Federal Government. No institution was spared. They were all found wanting. It took the



EU to reecho all that Peter Obi has been saying. "We must dismantle the Structures of Criminality.". It doesn't matter how Alake and hacks paid to defend this Regime received it. How Fascists received the Report is inconsequential now. It took the international community to tell Nigerians what Nigeria truly is. The EU told Nigeria the truth, the whole truth, nothing but the truth."*

EU Election Observation Mission told you what everybody knows Nigeria is. Nothing is hidden under the sun. If it's going to take an external body to show Nigeria itself in the mirror, if it's going to take the EU for Nigeria to begin the house cleaning, SO BE IT!"* The leaders in Nigeria are as wicked as they are shameless. Nigeria itself is overdue for a Radical Social Change. Call it a Revolution if you like. Nigeria political elites only get angry when international bodies are the one showing them their crass irresponsibility and hypocrisy." They pride themselves as MEN OF THE PEOPLE. But Nigerians know that isn't true; it's all lies. Leaders in Nigeria are rogues and scumbags. The EU knows, you know, I know. EU Election Observation Mission took the time to put together that report. They were professional and thorough"*. When you read the entire 92 pages, you'll find that a considerable amount of time and professionalism went into putting it all together. EOM did not say anything

new. We all know what Nigeria is. The EU reechoed what the YIAGA AFRICA and other Local Observation Agencies have said."

EU Report is indicative of what Nigeria became. But how did Nigeria come to such a passé? It can't be for greed; bigotry and winner take all. My Darling Nigeria should be worth more than those. The backlash from FG is coming because the EU is international, it's big and organized"* Nigeria is the irresponsible father that abandoned his children. Nigeria don't even know where his children are. Many Japa, others litter the streets, begging. The EU gave you a whopping €39M to conduct a credible Election. Who are you to tell them not to audit you? GROW UP!". The APC have Neocolonial Mentality and mendacity. A beggar is a beggar, it doesn't matter how you gloss over it. Nigeria is a mess because of Zero Accountability. Bigots and Crooks want the status quo to continue. However, as people of good conscience, we are in solidarity with the EU"

Download the EU Report and share it on all your social medial platforms. Let the world know WHY we fight, and WHAT we fight for! The APC cannot tell our Story. We the People still of good conscience will continue to tell our Story to the rest of the world!"*

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Palliative of N110 bn for NASS Members is both Illegal, Contemptuous and insensitive

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Out of sheer insensitivity coupled with impunity, the members of the National Assembly, regardless of political affiliation, conspired to breach the relevant provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 by padding the Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2023 to provide the so-called palliative of N70 billion for 306 newly elected members. While the masses of Nigeria are groaning under the excruciating economic pains unleashed on them by the ruling class, the National Assembly has thereby awarded N228.7 million to each of the newly elected legislators. As if that is not enough, the members of the National Assembly have further earmarked N40 billion to purchase 465 Sports Utility Vehicles (SUVs) and bulletproof cars for principal officials and members. However, contrastingly, the legislators approved the sum of N5 billion for 12 million indigent people in a country where the National Bureau of Statistics has said that "62.9 percent of people (133 million) are multi-dimensionally poor."

The callous and insensitive decisions of the members of the National Assembly constitute a flagrant contravention of Section 70 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 as amended, which stipulates as follows: "A member of the Senate or of the House of Representatives shall receive such salary and other allowances as Revenue Mobilisation Allocation and Fiscal Commission may determine." In *Monday Ubani & Anor. v Attorney-General of the Federation & Ors* (Suit No FHC/LA/CS/690/2018), the learned trial Judge, Professor Chuka Obiozor had cause to interpret the above provision of the Constitution when he held that, "The National Assembly Service Commission has no power whatsoever to fix and determine or allocate the remuneration, allowances, salaries, emoluments or monetary values to the members of the National Assembly." His Lordship observed that "Given many years of extreme poverty in the country, and the inability of several state governments to pay salaries of workers and pensions, the refusal or failure of the Revenue Mobilisation, Allocation and Fiscal Commission to review and cut the salaries and allowances of members of the National Assembly is a gross violation of the 1999 Nigerian Constitution (as amended) and the Commission's own Act." For the avoidance of doubt, the learned trial Judge held that, "The allowances of wardrobe, newspapers, kitchen travelling domestic and constituency project allowances of the members of the National Assembly are never contemplated or in the intendment of the constitution which created them and specified how they can be remunerated."

Consequently, the Court ordered the RMAFC to review the



salaries and allowances of members of the National Assembly to reflect the country's current economic realities. The epochal judgment was adopted by the Federal High Court in the similar case (Suit No FHC/LA/CS/943/2019) filed by the Socio-economic Rights Accountability Project (SERAP), Enough is Enough (EiE), and BudgIT against the National Assembly on the same subject matter and assigned to the same Judge. It is pertinent to note that both judgments of the Federal High Court have not been set aside by any higher court. Neither has the execution of the judgments been stayed or varied either by the Federal High Court or the Court of Appeal. Therefore, since the judgments are valid and subsisting, they are binding on all members of the Legislative and Executive Organs of the Federal Government. In view of the foregoing, it is crystal clear that by approving allowances in the form of palliatives for themselves without the approval of the Revenue Allocation Mobilization and Fiscal Commission, the members of the National Assembly deliberately acted illegally and contemptuously. As such actions cannot be justified in a democratic society which claims to operate under the rule of law, we are compelled to call on the leaders and members of the National Assembly to reverse the scandalous palliatives and purchase of exotic vehicles. However, if the illegal decisions are not reversed, we call on the Revenue Allocation Mobilization and Fiscal Commission to take urgent steps to prevent the National Assembly from further usurping its constitutional functions. Otherwise, we are going to commence contempt proceedings against the Chairman of the RAMFC and the leaders of both Chambers of the National Assembly.

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