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GROSS MISCONDUCT IN CODE OF CONDUCT BUREAU?

The Code of conduct Bureau was set up by the then Military Administration of Gen. Babangida and was gazetted into law by the follow up administration of Gen. Abdulsalami Abubakar to checkmate the abuse of office by Public officers and politicians who take advantage of their positions or offices to defraud the country by amassing unlawful wealth at the expense of the people of Nigeria. But over the years and since the advent of politics the Bureau does not appear to be meeting up with its mandate as only few persons so far have felt the wrath of its activities in a fantastically corrupt system like in Nigeria where we have seen top government officials and politicians amassing choice properties across the world and stealing in billions. Despite the fact that it is compulsory for every public officer in positions of responsibility to declare his /her assets with the Code of conduct Bureau it thus appear that this is not the case and the Bureau too is not making any effort to ensure that the politicians and public servant comply. No wonder every day we read about Public Officers who have massively enriched themselves by virtue of the offices they occupy to the detriment of the suffering Nigerian masses. This is the dilemma we find ourselves as a nation and so many of these corrupt Public Officer escape with the loot which has been stolen from our collective patrimony without prosecution. But it becomes a serious matter when those charged with the responsibility of checkmating the abuse of office becomes themselves the abusers of the office. Our cover story is on the gross misconduct that is prevailing in the Code of Conduct Bureau captioned 'CODE OF CONDUCT IN MISCONDUCT POT'. A former Board member of the Bureau opened up can of worms. You cannot believe it that these worms are living in the pot of the Bureau. Wait until you have finished reading. My take is that the appropriate section of the constitution that makes it mandatory for all public officers and politicians should be enforced and every defaulter no matter how highly placed should be prosecuted. This is one of the ways to discourage large scale stealing and looting of our Public treasury. I also believe that credible and God fearing persons should be given the opportunity to lead the Bureau as Chairman and Board Members instead of the present crops of jostlers who appears to have been perfected in the compromising the integrity of the Bureau. The Fifth Legislature of the ECOWAS Parliament had their last 2nd Ordinary Session in Abuja in December 2023 and came out with far reaching decision that is expected to improve the fortunes of the next 6th Legislature which is expected to be inaugurated in March this year. Major highlights of the Session are packaged here for your reading pleasure. Your regulars are here also for you. We promised to bring you more exciting packages of Development Monitor this year, We wish all our clients, customers, readers and subscribers a fruitful 2024. God bless you all.



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