



CG AHMED ABUBAKAR AUDI; ACE STRATEGIST ON THE SADDLE MAKING THE NSCDC WORK

NSCDC is a Para-military agency of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria that is commissioned to provide measures against threat and any form of attack or disaster against the nation and its citizenry. The corps is statutorily empowered by lay Act No. 2 of 2003 and amended by Act 6 of 4th June 2007. The Corps is empowered to institute legal proceedings by or in then and of the Attorney General of the Federation in accordance with the provisions of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria against any person or persons suspected to have committed an offence, maintain an armed squad in order to bear fire arms among others to strengthen the corps in the discharge of its statutory duties. The Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps was first introduced in May 1967

during the Nigerian Civil War within the then Federal Capital Territory of Lagos for the purpose of sensitization and protection of the civil populace.

It was then known as Lagos Civil Defence Committee. It later metamorphosed into the present day Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps in 1970. On inception, the Corps had the objective of carrying out some educational and enlightenment campaigns in and around the Federal Capital of Lagos to sensitize members of the civil populace on enemy attacks and how to save themselves from danger as most Nigerians living in and around Lagos territory then had little or no knowledge about war and its implications. Members of the Committee deemed it important to educate through electronic

and print media on how to guide themselves during air raids, bomb attacks, identify bombs and how to dive into trenches during bomb blast. In 1984, the Corps was transformed into a National security outfit and in 1988, there was a major re-structuring of the Corps that led to the establishment of Commands throughout the Federation, including Abuja, and the addition of special functions by the Federal Government.

On 28th June 2003, an Act to give statutory backing to the NSCDC passed by the National Assembly was signed into law by Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, GCFR, the former president and Commander in chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria. The NSCDC is made up of six directorates namely, Technical Service, Operations, Intelligence and Investigation, Disaster Management, Critical Infrastructure and National Assets and Administration. The past Commandant Generals of the Corps include Abiola Aturamu 2004-2005, Adewale John Abolurin 2005-2015, Abdullahi Gana Mahammadu 2015- 2021 and the current CG Dr. Ahmed Abubakar Audi since February 2021 till date.

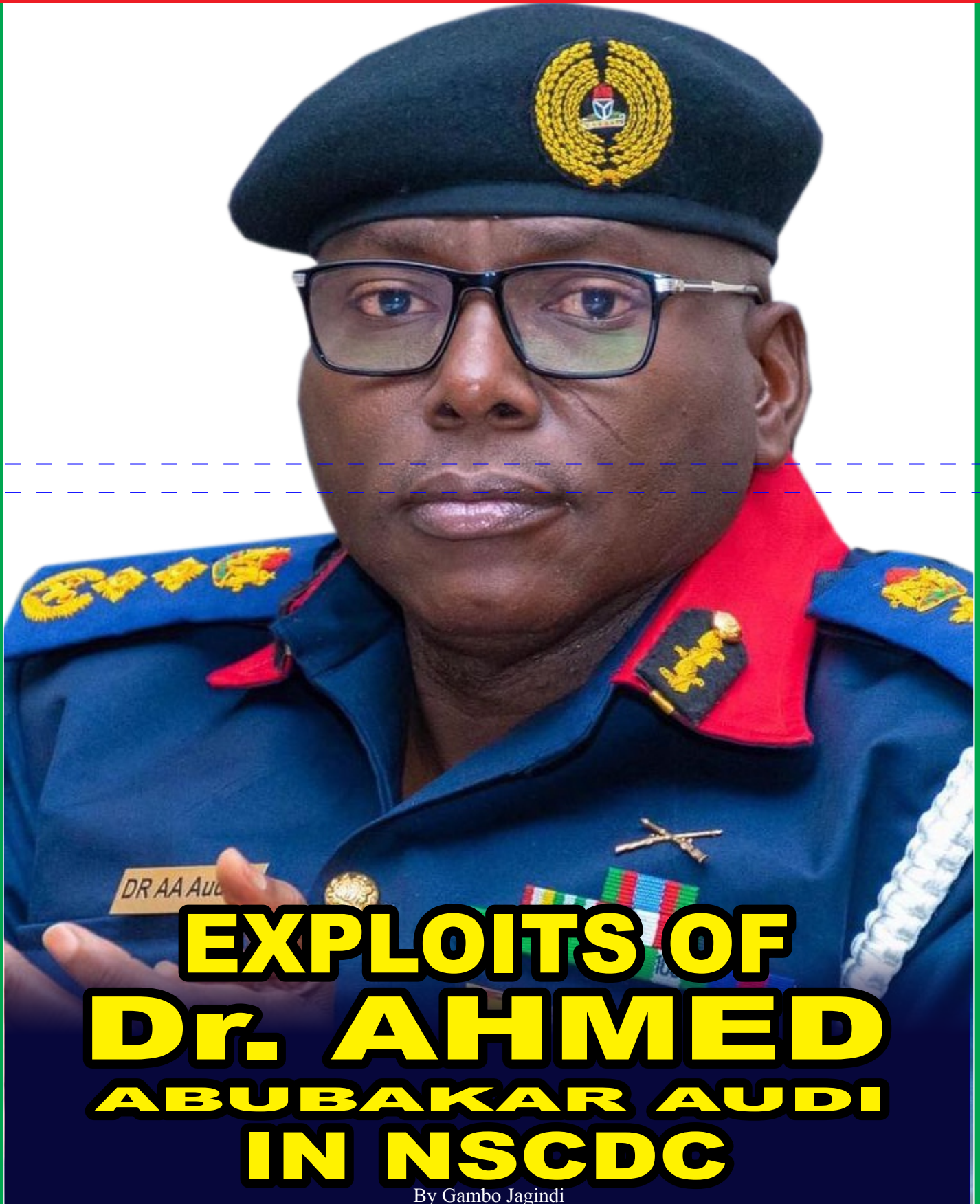
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EXPLOITS OF Dr. AHMED ABUBAKAR AUDI IN NSCDC

By Gambo Jagindi

The Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) have undergone a remarkable transformation under the visionary leadership of Dr. Ahmed Abubakar Audi, its Commandant General. Since taking the helm, Dr. Audi has demonstrated unwavering dedication, strategic thinking, and a passion for excellence, leaving an indelible mark on the

organization. With a rich history dating back to 1967, the NSCDC has evolved from a voluntary organization established during the Nigerian civil war to a formidable force in the country's security landscape. Initially tasked with assisting war victims, supporting the military, and educating the public on precautionary measures, the NSCDC has come a long way under Dr. Audi's leadership.

As the fourth Commandant General of the corps, Dr. Audi has brought a new era of excellence and professionalism to the NSCDC, cementing its position as a key player in national security. His leadership has not only transformed the organization but also inspired a new generation of security personnel. Dr. Audi's remarkable journey to the top is a testament to his erudite and accomplished background. His legacy of excellence in leadership continues to inspire and motivate the NSCDC team, ensuring a safer and more secure Nigeria for all." This trailblazer in leadership and excellence was born on September 30, 1967, in Laminga, Nasarawa Local Government, Nasarawa State. Dr. Ahmed Abubakar Audi's remarkable journey to the top is a testament to his unwavering dedication, hard work, and passion for excellence. Dr. Audi's academic excellence took him to the prestigious Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, where he earned his first degree, and later to the University of Calabar and Nasarawa State University, where he further honed his skills. Joining the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) in 1996 as a volunteer, without any financial motivation, Dr. Audi's commitment to service and excellence has been unwavering. His leadership has transformed the NSCDC, driving the corps

towards greater heights with his intellectual savvy and visionary approach. Under his watch the NSCDC has achieved tremendous success in apprehending vandals and criminals, with a total of 1,254 arrests between 2021 and December 2023 and prosecuting offenders, with 704 cases currently under prosecution and 142 convictions secured. The Corp under his leadership has destroyed illegal refineries, with a total of 218 refineries demolished.

Furthermore the NSCDC under his command has achieved numerous milestones, including: The establishment of the Civil Defence Academy in Jos, Plateau State for the purpose of enhancing personnel training and capacity building. The establishment of the NSCDC Arms Squad Training School in Nassarawa State by his leadership has boosted arms handling and combat skills. The formation of the NSCDC Female Squad as a strategy for promoting gender inclusivity and empowerment. Dr. Audi's legacy is a testament to his dedication to service, excellence, and the development of others. His leadership has inspired a new generation of security personnel, cementing his place as a trailblazer in the annals of Nigerian security history."

