

WHO IS THIS MAN?

The American Courts are about to tell Nigeria the truth about Bola Ahmed Tinubu

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I am the eldest son of Chief Godfrey Kio Jaja Amachree QC — Nigeria's first Solicitor-General, Acting Attorney-General, first Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Justice, Senior Crown Counsel to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and Attorney-General of the British Cameroons. I grew up in the law. My father's closest friends were Queen's Counsel, judges, and diplomats. I studied law myself — in England and in Sweden, where I reside. I do not put pen to paper lightly. And I do not use the word alleged when the documentary evidence no longer supports it.

I have read the United States court documents in the matter of the United States government versus the financial interests of Bola Ahmed Tinubu. I have read them carefully, as a man trained in the law on two continents, carrying the name of one of Nigeria's greatest legal minds. And I am here to tell my fellow Nigerians what those documents say — plainly, without the fog of political protection that has surrounded this man for three decades.

In 1993, Bola Ahmed Tinubu forfeited \$460,000 to the American government after authorities linked the funds to proceeds of narcotics trafficking. This was not a misunderstanding. This was not a clerical error. A DOJ affidavit by IRS Special Agent Kevin Moss confirmed that Tinubu's US bank accounts — holding over \$1.4 million — were under investigation for suspected heroin trafficking connections and money laundering activities, and explicitly named the FBI, DEA, and IRS as agencies involved in the probe. The drug in question was heroin. The city was Chicago. The network was real. The IRS Special Agent's affidavit outlined the drug trafficking activities of one Abiodun Agbele, who was arrested while selling white heroin to an undercover agent. Agbele identified a man named Akande — linked to Tinubu — as his uncle, and claimed that Akande had helped him secure an apartment in Hammond, Indiana. Further DEA investigations revealed that Agbele had sold heroin to multiple individuals on several occasions. These are American federal documents. Sworn affidavits. Court filings. Not rumour. Not opposition propaganda. Not the imaginings of a diaspora agitator. Legal instruments produced by the Department of Justice of the United States of America.

Now, in February 2026, the mask is being removed — not by me, but by the American judiciary itself. Judge Beryl A. Howell of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia rebuked the FBI and the Drug Enforcement Administration for employing delay tactics to frustrate the release of President Tinubu's records. Her court described the agencies' non-disclosure posture as presenting arguments that were "neither logical nor plausible," and noted the existence of incessant postponements that had caused the case to linger for over three years. Judge Howell ordered the FBI to file sworn statements explaining its repeated failure to meet court deadlines, and directed the bureau to release all non-exempt records related to Tinubu. The FBI was

additionally instructed to submit a detailed timetable showing how it plans to release the second batch of 500 pages by March 13, and complete full disclosure by June 1, 2026. The court further ordered both the FBI and DEA to submit joint status reports every 14 days starting February 27 until all responsive records are processed and released. This is not a witch hunt. This is a federal judge — appointed for life, answerable to no Nigerian politician — demanding accountability from America's own intelligence agencies on behalf of the public's right to know.

The court's judgment was unambiguous: "The FBI and DEA have both officially confirmed investigations of Tinubu relating to the drug trafficking ring. Any privacy interests implicated by the FOIA requests to the FBI and DEA for records about Tinubu are overcome by the public interest in release of such information."

Let those words sit with you, Nigeria. Overcome by the public interest. An American federal court has ruled that Nigerians — and the world — have the right to know who their president truly is. I am told that in

raising these questions, I have insulted the Tinubu administration. I have been subjected to abuse on social media. I have been told things about my father — my father, Chief Godfrey Kio Jaja Amachree QC, pioneer of Nigerian jurisprudence, servant of the Crown and of the United Nations — that are too vile to repeat. Grown men, hiding behind anonymous accounts, insulting a dead lion to wound his son.

They have miscalculated. I survived Eton. I survived

the boardrooms of Wall Street. I have navigated the legal and political corridors of three continents. A keyboard bully from Abuja cannot break what decades of real opposition could not. Every insult they send strengthens my resolve. Every threat deepens my investigation. They have not silenced me. They have sharpened me. I am not a politician. I am not running for president. I am a citizen — a very particular citizen, carrying a very particular name, with a very particular obligation to the truth that my father embodied. I am asking questions that every Nigerian deserves answered: Who is this man? What did he agree to? What did he forfeit, and why? What understanding was reached with the authorities that allowed a man with this background to ascend to the presidency of Africa's most populous nation? These are not radical questions. In any functioning democracy, they would be the first questions asked. Nigeria is watching. The world is watching. And on June 1, 2026, the United States government — compelled by its own courts — will begin to provide answers that Aso Rock cannot suppress, spin, or silence. My father taught me that the law, when properly applied, is the greatest equalizer known to civilization. He was right then. He is right now.

God bless Nigeria. God bless the truth.

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