

'Buhari the Worst Leader Ever in Nigeria' ...Col. Dangiwa Umar (Rtd.)

A former military governor of Old Kaduna State, Abubakar Dangiwa Umar has described the administration of ex-President, Muhammadu Buhari as the most corrupt government Nigeria. Umar made this claim in an interview with Sunday Sun. According to Umar, Buhari while in government ruled over the most corrupt administration in the history of this country. The former military governor stated that the current Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) probe shows the level of fraud perpetrated under Buhari. He further stated that the President's cabal fraudulently enriched itself through forex round-tripping and Anchor Borrowers fraud during his leadership. According to Umar, the president was aware of how some President Cabal made themselves rich fraudulently. **Speaking on the issue of corruption during Buhari's administration, Umar said,** "Well, it was former British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill who jokingly said: "History will be kind to me because I intend to write it." When he wrote that history, he did not engage in self-adulation and spurious claims. Many believed that Churchill was unkind to himself. "President Buhari had the opportunity to declare his assets publicly before and after his Presidency as he promised to do while campaigning for the office. He failed to do so. His assets declaration to the Katsina farmers is meaningless and doesn't meet the legal requirements and expectations of the general public. It also does not matter if he left the Presidency poorer. "Truth is that he presided over the most corrupt administration in the history of this country. His appointment as AU chairman of anti-corruption, if true, and whatever it means, appears misplaced and amounts to dressing him in borrowed robes. "The former president must begin to understand that the measure of a leader's piety and integrity is in deeds and conduct and not in his claims and rhetoric. "It is these kinds of claims in the past which led to the mistaken apotheosis of General Buhari and the building of the myth of his unequalled competence and other leadership traits which unfortunately have not come to the fore. "As is the norm here, he is not expected to be called to account, but he has to prepare to account to God Almighty. He will be called to render an account to Him on how he governed. "God already knows what he, his immediate and extended family are worth, both before and after his Presidency. There is the day of judgment and all of us will be present. In the assessment of President Buhari's fight against corruption, I call on the respected Bishop Matthew Hassan Kukah and Chief Femi Falana as witnesses. Bishop Kukah opined that "Buhari's government amplified corruption morally and financially," while Chief Femi Falana said "Corruption waxed stronger under Buhari. "These views are shared by most Nigerians. The moral corruption Bishop Kukah must be referring to is President Buhari's elevation of personal interest over national interest.



Consider, for example, the siting of over 20 major Federal Government projects in the President's hometown, Daura. Senior members, including ministers and military Service Chiefs, engaged in very embarrassing and unethical acts to appease and ingratiate themselves with the president by gifting him projects from their ministries, departments, agencies and services.

"These were accepted with gratitude. Someone correctly observed that Daura is sinking under the weight of democratic dividends. It was at the height of ethical and moral corruption that the president accepted a gift of an Air Force Reference Hospital from his Chief of Air Staff when Daura did not even have a landing strip. "The rail line from Kano to Maradi was only approved because it passes through Daura and not for any socio-economic value. It ranks lowest in

the nation's infrastructural priorities. Less so that it is being financed with a \$1.9 billion Chinese loan. "This project must be discontinued. Work so far done should remain a monument of corruption. The two federal roads leading to Daura from Kano and Katsina are being dualized, while all roads leading to the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, are yet to be completed. "The Lagos-Ibadan expressway connecting the North with the two South Western ports is still under construction. Construction of the East-West Coastal highway has been abandoned. "The second Niger Bridge remains uncompleted even though it was commissioned by the Buhari administration. General Buhari's decision to relocate to Daura from Kaduna must be on account of Daura being more urbanized and secure than Kaduna. "Not a few Nigerians were shocked when an Army University was cited in Biu, the local government headquarters of General Buhari's Chief of Army Staff. The officer was simply emulating or to use military parlance, taking dressing from his C-in-C. The question is, why does the Nigerian Army need a university when the Nigerian Defence Academy is a degree-awarding institution and its rank and file are being accommodated in civil institutions? Buhari's high level of nepotism ensured that appointments, particularly in the sensitive area of security, were skewed in favour of his section of the country, leading to unprecedented polarization, discontent and separatist agitation.

Speaking on the level of corruption perpetrated under the Buhari administration, the ex-military Governor said, "The ongoing Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) probe will lay bare the monumental financial fraud that happened under Buhari's watch. "It will reveal how the President's cabal fraudulently enriched itself through forex round-tripping and Anchor Borrowers fraud. The claim that the president was unaware is false. "He was made aware by the DSS and advised to cause the arrest and investigation of the CBN governor. He was prevailed upon by beneficiaries not to take any action which would expose them. One will not be wrong in saying that Nigeria has become a truly fantastically corrupt nation in the last eight years."