

Governor Fayose's Response to the Ekiti State House of Assembly's Impeachment Notice



*Office Of The Executive Governor*

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The Rt. Honorable Speaker:  
Ekiti State House of Assembly  
Ado-Ekiti

**PLEASE FIND BELLOW MY RESPONSE TO ALLEGATIONS BROUGHT TO MY NOTICE.**

**On Allegations one (1) and two (2)**

I am aware that under the constitution of Nigeria the code of conduct tribunal is the only body empowered to try public officers for the infraction of the law on the running of foreign account and in my case I have no such case before the tribunal nor was I ever found guilty of such contravention by the tribunal.

However for the records, on allegation one (1) I don't have any current operational account in the Bank of America, United States of America.

The VISA Credit NO----- 45397806

And

NO-----28083056

Are not known to me as stated in the paragraph one (1) of the notice.

**On allegation two (2)** - The account Nos ---- 50633925 and 60642924 mentioned are no longer operational as claimed and

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were declared on my assumption of office. Please note that account No--- 80809594 is not known to me.

**3. Illegal diversion of Local Government Funds contrary to Section 162 of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999.**

**Answer:**

This allegation is spurious and contains no iota of truth. I did not divert the sum of 11.7 billion Naira out of 17.8 billion Naira received from the federation account from January 2004-June 2006 from the State account. The notice failed to mention which account was diverted. All allocations from the Federation account comes straight into the Local Government Joint Account, and as the Governor of the State, I oversee the disbursement of the funds with the stipulated guideline of the accounting procedure. In a small State as ours no governor or individual can divert 11.7 billion Naira without serious negative repercussions on the financial running of the state. Government is equally not running by the Governor alone. Details of Local Government Spending and transactions are with the Accountant General's office and will be produced upon request.

**4. Receipt of the Illegal Gifts contrary to paragraph 6 of the Code of Conduct to Wit.**

**Answer:**

This allegation is false and baseless. I did not receive the sum of 37,000 British Pound sterling from anyone or Biological Concept who are handlers of the poultry project of Ekiti State. My personal Assistant has denied collecting the said money on my behalf in his statement of July 24, 2006 to EFCC.



5. Receipt of the Illegal Gifts contrary to paragraph 6 of the Code of Conduct to wit

Answer:

This allegation is also false and I did not receive any illegal gift of the house lying situate at No, 10 Kobiowu Crescent Ibadan as gift arising from the proceeds of the Ekiti State Poultry Project.

6. Receipt of Illegal Gifts of Houses contrary to paragraph 6 of the Code of Conduct of wit:

Answer:

- (i) This allegation is also false. I did not receive the property lying at No 23 Ring Road Restaurant Street Ibadan, valued at 20million Naira as a gift. It is not true that I received any gift from the proceeds of the Governor's Office contract awarded to Abiodun Fari-Arole, by extension, Grids Associates Nigeria Ltd. The said property was built from proceeds on my legitimate earnings. I wish to state that I was not a pauper before becoming the Governor of Ekiti State in May 2003, as all these allegations are orchestrated to bring me and my government down
- (ii) The property lying and being at Are Road, Afao-Ekiti, Ekiti State valued about 25million Naira in my country home belong to me. I started building the house before I became governor of Ekiti State in 2003, and was given to Mr. Abiodun Fari-Arole for completion. He was paid for his services by cash and not paid from the proceeds of contracts of Fountain Hotel. The said property is not a gift to me I have never received any gift or gratification from Grids Associate or Abiodun Fari-Arole. The fact that Fari is an Ekiti contractor does not prevent me not to

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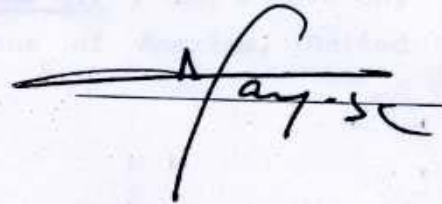
(iii) I did not collect 42million Naira directly or indirectly through Mr. Ayobola Abiola from Mr. Abiodun Fari-Arole of Grids Associate as illegal gift being proceeds from the contract of Fountain Hotel and Governor's office. Abiodun Fari-Arole lives in Ekiti and sees me daily and needs not go through any third party to deal with me if at all he uses to. Ayobola Abiola does not represent my interest at all. Our relationship is strictly official as he serves as a Banker to the State Government and nothing more. Though I have known him as a casual friend for a while before becoming a governor.

**7. Illegal transfer of the sum of \$100,000 to the United State of America contrary to the Money Laundering Act 2004.**

**Answer:**

In reply to Paragraph 7, I state categorically, that the allegation is false. I did not transfer the sum of \$100,000 to the United States of America on the 20<sup>th</sup> August 2004 through Account No--- 45703770 of Citi Bank or at any time.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006





**Deputy Governor Mrs. Olujimi's Response to the Ekiti State House of Assembly's Impeachment Notice**



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5<sup>th</sup> October, 2006  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Our Ref: \_\_\_\_\_

The Speaker  
Ekiti State House of Assembly  
Ado-Ekiti.

Dear Sir,

**RE: IMPEACHMENT NOTICE**

I hereby file in a reply to your impeachment notice dated 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 but which was received on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October.

Please find my reply below:

**Allegation 1**

Receipt of illegal gift contrary to paragraph 6 of the Code of Conduct for Public Officers

to wit:

Receipt of the sum of \$50,000 from the Secretary of the Managing Director of Biological Concepts Ltd. Knowing same to be from the proceeds of the Poultry Project embarked upon by the State Government.

**Answer:**

This allegation is false sir. Let me state that I had known Mr. James for some time before the incident as my friend and bosom friend of His Excellency the Governor of Ekiti State who is my boss. As at the date in question, I was a member of the Federal House of Representatives at Abuja.

- Mr. James had called me that day over a personal and private business of his and had asked that since I was travelling to meet my family in Lagos enroute Ibadan to please help him by getting to his office to pick the money to his friend in Lagos.
- I eventually did, and met a dark, pregnant lady who I know to be his secretary but who was not very used to me.
- She confirmed her boss's instruction to do same but maintained that she needed proof that she had done the right thing.
- I told her it was not my duty to write a note for such and that she should do same.
- The writing on the note that was eventually found at Mr. James' office is that of the Secretary.
- I signed knowing all the implications of signing for a bribe or an inducement and knowing that Mr. James had no reason to induce or bribe me.
- I do not and cannot in any way know that the cash was drawn from the Biological Concept accounts as I accepted cash only.
- I was asked to give the money to his friend Mr. Osinowo for a project.
- It cannot have been a bribe because I would not in any way have signed for one – for myself or on behalf of any one, knowing the implications there in.
- It was a simple errand which was duly acknowledged by Mr. James.
- Mr. James has at different times given me letters to absolve me of any complicity or knowledge of a crime or implications of bribery.
- The photocopies of the letters are attached.
- Mr. James had no reason to bribe me as I was not in any way connected with the poultry project. When it was conceived, neither file nor communication



ever passed through me while I was an aide to the Governor. When it was being executed, I had moved to the Federal House of Representatives.

- I also have no influence in anyway on the project or on the Governor as it was handled by the former Deputy Governor Mr. Abiodun Aluko who was not my boss but a superior officer that I had very little interaction with.

**Allegation 2**

Failure to comply with the Decree establishing the National Youth Service Corps Scheme, which mandates all holders of certificates equivalent to a Bachelor's Degree to observe a one year compulsory Youth Service Programme.

**Answer:**

This allegation is also false sir. Section 177 of the constitution is very clear on this issue sir. It states inter alia:

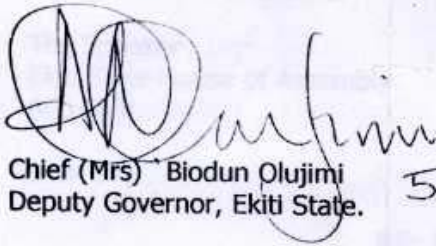
A person shall be qualified for election to the office of Governor (or Deputy Governor) of a State if -

- he is a citizen of Nigeria by birth.
- he has attained the age of thirty-five years.
- he is a member of a political party and is sponsored by that political party.
- he has been educated up to at least School Certificate level or its equivalent.
- I obtained a diploma at the (NUJ) The Nigeria Institute of Journalism in 1976 and as at then the institution was not included in the NYSC participation, I would have otherwise loved to serve my fatherland as requested of me.

I submit that I am qualified based on the constitutional requirement and provision and that does not in any way require qualification(s) that make participation mandatory.

In all sir, let me state that this issues are already part of a court process that has been filed.

I thank you for the opportunity to explain the issues.



Chief (Mrs) Biodun Olujimi  
Deputy Governor, Ekiti State.

5/10/06