

FORUM OF AGGRIEVED CONSTITUENTS OF KOGI CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT

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AKWOJI QTRS, NAGAZI-UVETE
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KOGI STATE

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7th March, 2025

HUSSAINA TRUSA

THE CHAIRMAN,

Code of Conduct Bureau,

Federal Secretariat,

Abuja.

10/31/2025

Dear Sir,

PETITION AGAINST THE UNDERLISTED OFFICERS OF THE SENATE UPON THEIR CRASS ABUSE OF POWER AND VIOLATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

We are constituents of Kogi Central Senatorial District of Kogi State and wish to painfully present this petition to your Bureau concerning the following persons;

- 1) **Sen. Godswill Akpabio (Senate President)**
- 2) **Sen. Opeyemi Bamidele (Senate Leader)**
- 3) **Sen. Neda Imasuen (Chairman, Senate Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions)**

Mr. Chairman, we will like to draw your attention to the provisions of **paragraph 9 of the Fifth Schedule of the 1999 constitution of Nigeria in respect of the Code of Conduct for public officers** which provides that a public officer shall not do or direct to be done, in abuse of his office, any arbitrary act prejudicial to the rights of any other person knowing that such act is unlawful or contrary to any government policy.

On 4th March, 2025, the Senator representing our Senatorial District, Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan secured an interim order of injunction from the Federal High Court restraining the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Code of Conduct, Sen. Neda Imasuen from proceeding with the purported investigation against the **Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan** for alleged misconduct sequel to the events that occurred at the plenary of the Senate on the 20th day of February, 2025, pending the hearing of a Motion on Notice for Interlocutory Injunction. Despite being served with the said Court Order,

Sen. Neda Imasuen disregarded the said Court Order claiming that the Court cannot interfere with the functions of the Senate knowing that, such is not correct in view of the provisions of **Section 4(8) of the 1999 Constitution of Nigeria**, which provides that the exercise of legislative powers of the National Assembly **SHALL** be subject to jurisdiction of the Courts of law and judicial tribunals established by law. The said **Sen. Neda Imasuen** then proceeded to conduct the proceedings of the Ethics Committee contrary to an extant order of Court served on parties to **Suit No: FHC/ABJ/CS/384/2025; Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan v. Clerk of the National Assembly.**

In abusing his powers, Sen. Imasuen who invited Sen. Akpoti-Uduaghan for a hearing on 11th March, 2025, ended up conducting the hearing on 5th March 2025 without the presence of the said Senator. The Committee quickly sent a fresh invitation letter on the same 5th of March, 2025. Sen. Imasuen's Ethics Committee hurriedly prepared a Report contrary to a valid Court order served on him and presented same on the floor of the Senate on 6th March, 2025. The Sen. Imasuen led Committee recommended that the said Senator be suspended for six months even when the Rules of the Senate prescribe only 14 Legislatives vide **order 67(4)** of the Senate Rules.

During the consideration of this unlawful Report, **Sen. Akpabio** who is the Senate President presided over the adoption of the Report despite knowing about the said restraining order of Court and the Senate Rules which do not permit for such period of suspension to be imposed on a serving Senator. **Senator Opeyemi Bamidele** who is the Senate leader urged the Senate to adopt the said Report even when he knew about the said restraining order of Court and the Rules of the Senate. The same Sen. Bamidele is a member of the body of Benchers charged with calling young lawyers to the Bar.

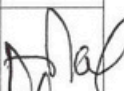
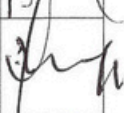


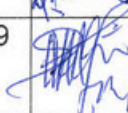

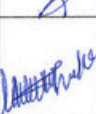


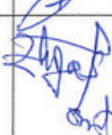

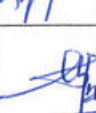

The conduct of the above listed Senators apart from been abusive of their office, deeply breaches their oath of office, which enjoins them to perform their functions honestly to the best of their ability and in accordance with the constitution of Nigeria, the laws of Nigeria and the Rules of the Senate.

Their wilfully abusive actions are arbitrary and knowingly prejudicial to the right of Kogi Central Constituents of Kogi State to have their elected Senator represent their collective interests in the Senate. Their said actions have led to the **unlawful suspension** of **Senator Akpoti-Uduaghan** from the Senate for a period of 6 months with consequential loss of right to attend Senate sessions or enter the premises; suspension of her financial entitlement and perks of office; withdrawal of security details and purported directive not to parade herself as a Senator

amongst others. The above named Senators are therefore in deep contravention of **paragraph 9 of the Fifth Schedule (part 1) of the 1999 Constitution of Nigeria.**

This petition is hereby presented against them pursuant to **paragraph 12 of the Fifth Schedule (Part 1) of the 1999 Constitution of Nigeria.**

KOGI CENTRAL

S/N	NAME	VIN	STATE	L.G.A	WARD	POLL UNIT	DOB	PHONE NO.	SIGN
1	Abdulrahaman Badamasuiy	5D289C2 96035714	Kogi	Adavi	Nagazi/ Farm Centre	028	21/7/1964	08031113015	
2	Jimoh Abubakar Yahaya	09F5B190 25295187 121	Kogi	Okene	Bariki	042	27/5/1964	09132028386	
3	Jacob Ogirima Anebe	71BC3D8 2BF29613 2118	Kogi	Okehi	Ohueta	005	29/6/1971	08036078872	
4	Alaba Ilyasu SAlihu	648910BF O8D334	Kogi	Okene	Otutu	005	16/1/1970	08036472929	
5	Yusuf Salihu O.	71BC1302 7C295951 373	Kogi	Adavi	Uhucheba	004	25/5/1974	08034619779	
6	Ajare Tijani	90F5B041 B2295257 736	Kogi	Okene	Bariki	022	24/11/1964	08038947840	
7	Jude Sulle	71BC0608 CB295966 547	Kogi	Adavi	Uhucheba	007	18/8/1972	08067567779	
8	Abdukadiri Ahmed	90F5030D DE648956	Kogi	Adavi	Karaworo	012	2/04/1980	08034786810	
9	Siyaka Musa Adeiza	90F5B161 A2295690 356	Kogi	Okehi	Eika Ohizenyi	010	23/10/1982	08169402676	
10	Zubair Ilyas Onootu	90F5B094 04295348 1	Kogi	Okene	Okene Eba/ Agass/Ah ache	010	24/12/1973	08036530355	
11	Jimoh Sefiat Ozavize	FA583FC 2A153521 5153	Kogi	Okene	Otutu	013	25/4/1988	08039097176	
12	Kadiri Ibrahim	90F5B209 24295787 891	Kogi	Ajaokuta	Ebiya South	001	12/2/1965	07056527788	
13	Muhammeed Abdullahi	F5B23345 75523933 464	Kogi	Okene	Idoji	002	09/5/1984	07031811094	

ADAVI L.G.A

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1	Abubakar Aliyu Echengwu	71BC3D 82BF29 6132118	Kogi	Adavi	Nagazi/Farm Centre	07	5/3/1971	08036057922	
2	Sheidu Ovurevu Abara	EDDA2 DE8E72 9596348 2	Kogi	Adavi	Kuroko 1	07	29/1/1974	08036862342	
3	Abanyita Yahaya	71BC05 F52C29 6936524	Kogi	Adavi	Inioziomi/Paku/Osisi	01	8/4/1965	08036587884	
4	Sambai Ilyasu Ibrahim	71BC3D 832C29 603334	Kogi	Adavi	Uhucheba	12	5/5/1990	08069615718	
5	Jimoh Ovisi Idris	71BC12 E7E129 5950405	Kogi	Adavi	Ige/Iruvochinomi	06	12/10/1982	08068029778	
6	Abdulganiyu Haruna	71BC06 0B8628 B05494 5	Kogi	Adavi	Ogaminana Central	016	4/1/1985	0703817015	
7	Ilyasu Ovavu	71BC06 0944295 957907	Kogi	Adavi	Kuroko 2	014	10/4/1980	08036463359	
8	Salawu Okuremi Siyaka	71BC05 DC9A29 6210527	Kogi	Adavi	Okunchi	009	13/5/1980	07066295963	
9	Omuya Ozavize Christiana	INC2200 0000093 33015	Kogi	Adavi	Adavi Eba	006	24/12/1979	07062157750	
10	John Adebisi	71BC06 0902223 3596651 0	Kogi	Adavi	Karaworo/Ebogogo/Iresuha	008	01/10/1979	08038843324	
11	Salami Abdulrahman Okikiri	90F5B1 CD5540 1435658	Kogi	Adavi	Idanuha	011	31/5/1967	08060299185	

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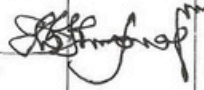








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1	Yakubu Azamare Suberu	90F5B055 DD29571 3621	Kogi	Okene	Bariki	008	28/03/1970	08033323572	
2	Audu Momohjimoh Onimisi	90F5B092 98295191 961	Kogi	Okene	Idoji	012	05/01/1961	08038071616	 8/3/25
3	Hon. Ahmed Usman	90F5B07 CBA2951 91448	Kogi	Okene	Orietesu	009	03/8/1970	08065740787	 8/3/25
4	Hassan Mutalib Oyereyi	IMC22000 00020567 393	Kogi	Okene	Agassa	011	2/10/1987	08168921105	 8/3/2025
5	Megida Lukeman Sadiq	90F5B043 DF295604 504	Kogi	Okene	Onyukoko	014	10/10/1985	08100042771	 08-03-25
6	Mashud Hasiya Ohuwa	90F5B097 97295368 365	Kogi	Okene	Abuga/Oz uja	027	10/02/1988	07040477215	 08-3-2025
7	Muhammed Audu Ozovehe	62472087 419	Kogi	Okene	Otutu	013	24/12/1963	08060438911	 08-3-2025
8	Sadiq Risikatu	90F5B18F 3E295270 251	Kogi	Okene	Obehira Eba	009	4/4/1970	070394260	 8/3/25
9	Audu Sezuo Habib	90F5B09 E4429552 2889	Kogi	Okene	Upogoro/ Odenku	003	1/1/1984	07035927774	 8/3/25
10	Ibrahim Adava Aliyu	87428628 883	Kogi	Okene	Lafia/ Obesa	001	1/1/1955	08036296230	 8/3/25
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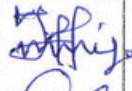
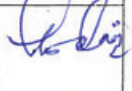

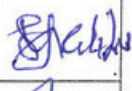








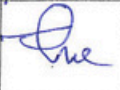
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1	Abubakar Momoh Yusuf	90F5AF E13329 5606923	Kogi	Okehi	Okaito/U sungwe	009	11/1/1963	08072564200	<i>[Signature]</i>
2	Ataba Hassan Anakobe	90F5B1 C3A629 5707586	Kogi	Okehi	Ohueta	001	27/01/1982	08033787601	<i>[Signature]</i> 8/3/25
3	Sani Ireyi Edward	90F5B0 5485295 186818	Kogi	Okehi	Oboroke-Eba	001	30/09/1960	08032920545	<i>[Signature]</i>
4	Seriki Adams Okuniyi	90F5B0 78C229 5600405	Kogi	Okehi	Obeiba 2	001	27/08/1957	08039142533	<i>[Signature]</i> 8/02/25
5	Sanni Adinoyi Aminu	90F5B2 1504295 361834	Kogi	Okehi	Oboroke Uvete 2	007	24/01/1980	08061137400	<i>[Signature]</i> 8/3/25
6	Ibrahim Muritala Omuya	90F5521 0062955 38126	Kogi	Okehi Okehi	Ikuehi	020	07/07/1982	08051577764	<i>[Signature]</i> 8/3/20
7	Ibrahim Musa	90F5B1 86BB29 5257494	Kogi	Okehi	Obeiba 1	002	13/03/1984	08167577142	<i>[Signature]</i> 08/03/25
8	Anthony Momoh Akuvada	90F5AD 1F9D29 5186074	Kogi	Okehi	Eika Ohizenyi	014	05/02/1960	08033856056	<i>[Signature]</i> 8/3/25
9	Lamisi Rashidat Oyiza	90F5H7 DBF851 8530014	Kogi	Okehi	Uboro/O mavi/Ohu epe	005	04/11/2002	08118087300	<i>[Signature]</i>
10	Abdulmos hood Otori Sanni	90F5AF 011A295 361057	Kogi	Okehi	Obanged e/Uhuodo	023	25/03/1984	08037461084	<i>[Signature]</i> 08/03/25
11	Aliu Otaru Tijani	90F5AF AF9640 1630475	Kogi	Okehi	Oboroke Uvete 1	013	15/05/1976	08153144417	<i>[Signature]</i> 08/03/25

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1	Onoba Tayo Jane	90F5B1 421429 527090 3	Kogi	Ogori/ Mangogo	Ileteju	001	31/1/1966	08036096341	
2	Johnson Orire Mangogo	90F5B1 F3EF40 163551 2	Kogi	Ogori/ Mangogo	Ugugu	008	15/8/1968	08039695043	
3	Ajikanbi Kemi Hellen	90F5AF D9B72 954457 90	Kogi	Ogori/ Mangogo	Okigbo	002	1/10/1979	07039719060	
4	Sadiq Bose Eunice	90F5B0 372929 536826 4	Kogi	Ogori/ Mangogo	Oturu- Opou	005	10/03/1973	08169566895	
5	Asojeo Barki Yusuf	90F580 425820 823068 5A	Kogi	Ogori/ Mangogo	Oshona ne	001	19/8/1975	08036667518	
6	Julius Ann Omotobora	90F5B1 BC005 247234 31	Kogi	Ogori/ Mangogo	Aiyero mi	004	21/10/1983	08036541473	
7	Ojumola Kemi Mary	90F5B0 3A0829 591009 1	Kogi	Ogori/ Mangogo	Okesi	002	23/1/1986	08065697585	
8	Stephen Tope	90F5BI CE592 960367 72	Kogi	Ogori/ Mangogo	Obatigb en	004	9/7/1977	08160735534	
9	Jonathan Aina Serah	90F5B1 350529 664405 8	Kogi	Ogori/ Mangogo	Ibinoyin	004	12/3/1960	07039629498	
10	Amurawaiye Segun	A60839 596	Kogi	Ogori/ Mangogo	Eni	009	18/6/1970	07036489944	

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1	Abdulrahman Faruq Musa	90F5B2 0A0229 5191104	Kogi	Ajaokuta	Ajaokuta	003	2/4/1984	08085929266	
2	Hon. Audu Siyaka Uhanaye	90F5B2 1874295 174256	Kogi	Ajaokuta	Ebiya South	003	13/6/1975	07054323639	
3	Siyaka Ibrahim Bala	90F5B1 F8FE29 5182148	Kogi	Ajaokuta	Janaja/ Township	003	13/2/1978	08030607956	
4	Isah Abubakar Achuja	90F3B2 3E7429 5185147	Kogi	Ajaokuta	Ogigiri	001	3/2/1975	08078871685	
5	Salihu Yakubu	90F5B0 2618295 444837	Kogi	Ajaokuta	Upaja/ Ichuwa	001	3/6/1966	08078019702	
6	Mohammed Usman	90F5B1 5A8329 5625261	Kogi	Ajaokuta	Badoko	004	12/11/1986	08075257008	
7	Siyaka Ogereva Usman	90F5B0 574D29 5260953	Kogi	Ajaokuta	Unosi/ Omgbo	003	25/8/1966	08051673823	
8	Haruna Bashiru	90F5B1 3769496 931578	Kogi	Ajaokuta	Ukpe	033	22/05/1990	08050592129	
9	Akwohenwu Jamiu	90F5B2 87EB29 5437397	Kogi	Ajaokuta	Odonu/ Onosi	002	01/06/1988	08054059475	
10	Sanni Mohammed	90FB19 8929535 6061	Kogi	Ajaokuta	Adogwu- Apamira	006	1/2/1992	08116574041	
11	Akaba Mumuni Ojo	90F5B2 7B0129 5273669	Kogi	Ajaokuta	Ebiya North	002	1/6/1986	08052508454	
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IN THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT OF NIGERIA
IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT ABUJA

SUIT NO. FHC/ABJ/CS/384/2025

BETWEEN

SENATOR NATASHA AKPOTI-UDUAGHAN.....PLAINTIFF/APPLICANT

AND

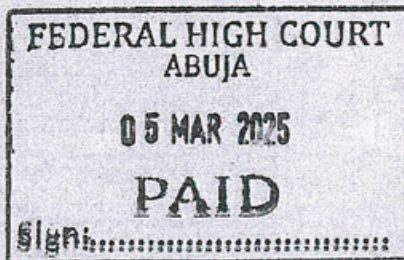
- 1. CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**
- 2. THE SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC
OF NIGERIA**
- 3. THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**
- 4. CHAIRMAN SENATE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS,
PRIVILEGES & CODE OF CONDUCT
SENATOR NEDA IMASUEM**

DEFENDANTS

ENROLLED ORDER

UPON THIS Motion Exparte dated 28th February, 2025 but filed on the 3rd day of March, 2025 coming before this Honourable Court on the 4th day of March, 2025 and praying for the following reliefs: -

- i. **AN ORDER OF THIS HONOURABLE COURT** granting leave to the Plaintiff/Applicant to serve the 2nd - 4th Defendant/Respondents with the Originating Summons and all other accompanying Processes in this Suit by substituted means to wit: by serving same through the 1st Defendant; Clerk of the National Assembly or Pasting same on the Premises of the National Assembly or by publishing same on two national dailies.



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- ii. **AN ORDER OF THIS HONOURABLE COURT** granting an Interim Injunction restraining the 2nd Defendant/Defendant's Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Code of Conduct headed by the 4th Defendant from proceeding with the purported investigation against the Plaintiff/Applicant for alleged misconduct sequel to the events that occurred at the plenary of the 2nd Defendant on the 20th day of February, 2025, pursuant to the referral by the 2nd Defendant on 25th February, 2025 pending the hearing and determination of the Motion on Notice for interlocutory injunction.
- iii. **AN ORDER OF THIS HONOURABLE COURT** directing the 1st -4th Defendants to come and show cause; why an order of interlocutory injunction should not be granted against them restraining them from proceeding with purported investigation against the Plaintiff for alleged misconduct without affording her privileges as stipulated in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (As Amended), the Senate Standing Order 2023 and the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act.
- iv. **AN ORDER OF THIS HONOURABLE COURT** declaring that any action taken during the pendency of this Suit is null, void and of no effect whatsoever.
- v. **AN ORDER OF THIS HONOURABLE COURT** deeming the afore-referenced

mode of substituted service, as good and sufficient service.

- vi. **AND FOR SUCH FURTHER ORDER(S)** as the Court may deem appropriate to make in the circumstances.

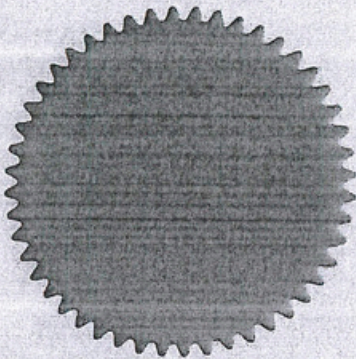
UPON READING the twenty-five (25) paragraphed Affidavit in support of the Motion Exparte and Affidavit of Urgency both deposed to by Senator Natasha Akpoti - Uduaghan, Adult, Female, Christian, Nigerian citizen of Kogi Central Senatorial District and Written Address all filed at the Registry of this Court.

AFTER HEARING Sanusi Musa SAN, M. J. Numa SAN, Y. M. Zakari Esq., B. J. Tabai Esq., Tijanni Jimol Esq., and Miss M. C. Bekee Esq. Counsel for the Applicant arguing the application and urging the Court to grant the reliefs sought.

AND THE COURT having delivered its Bench Ruling in open Court, its reasonings and conclusions are as contained in the body of the Bench Ruling.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

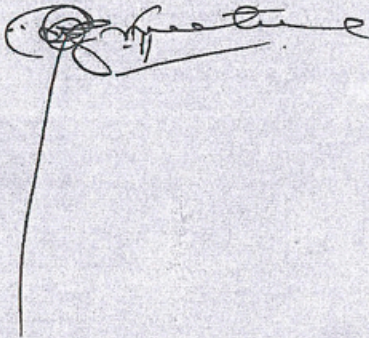
- 1. AN ORDER OF THIS HONOURABLE COURT** is made granting leave to the Plaintiff/Applicant to serve the 2nd - 4th Defendants/Respondents the Originating Summons and all other accompanying Processes in this Suit by substituted means to wit: by serving same through the 1st Defendant (Clerk of the National Assembly) or pasting same on the Premises of the National Assembly and publishing same in two National dailies.



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HON JUSTICE OBORA ATUEGWU EGWUATU
PRESIDING JUDGE

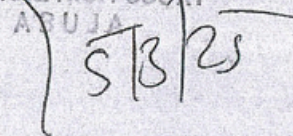
2. AN ORDER OF INTERIM INJUNCTION OF THIS HONOURABLE COURT is made restraining the 2nd Defendant/ Defendant's Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Code of Conduct headed by the 4th Defendant from proceeding with the purported investigation against the Plaintiff/Applicant for alleged misconduct sequel to the events that occurred at the plenary of the 2nd Defendant on the 20th day of February, 2025, pursuant to the referral by the 2nd Defendant on the 25th of February, 2025 pending the hearing and determination of the Motion on Notice for interlocutory injunction.

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3. AN ORDER OF THIS HONOURABLE COURT is made directing the 1st -4th Defendants to come and show cause within 72 hours upon the service of this order on them why an order of interlocutory injunction should not be granted against them, restraining them from proceeding with the purported investigation against the Plaintiff for alleged misconduct without affording her privileges as stipulated in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (As Amended), the Senate Standing Order 2023 and the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act.

4. AN ORDER OF THIS HONOURABLE COURT is made declaring that any action taken during the pendency of this Suit is null, void and of no effect whatsoever.

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5. AN ORDER OF THIS HONOURABLE COURT is made deeming the afore-referenced mode of substituted service, as good and sufficient service.


HON JUSTICE OBIORA ATUEGWU EGWUATU
PRESIDING JUDGE

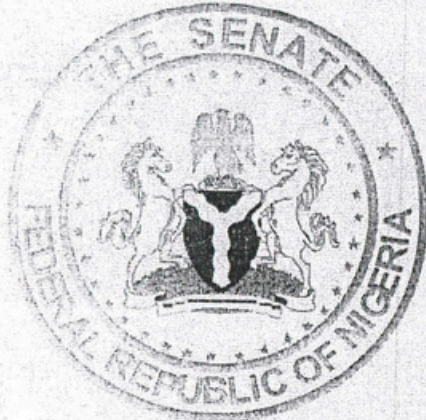
This matter is adjourned to the 10th day of March, 2025 for the Respondents to show cause.

ISSUED AT ABUJA under the seal of the Court and the hand of the presiding Judge this 4th day of March, 2025.


VICTORIA AKARE MATIYAK
REGISTRAR

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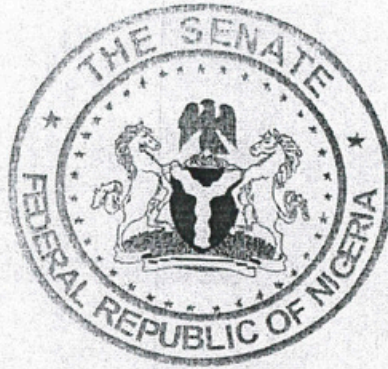


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Presented by Dist. Sen. Neda B. Imasuen
March, 2025

Senate Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions



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1.0 Introduction

The Senate may recall that on Tuesday, 25th February, 2025 Distinguished Senator Adeyemi Raphael Adaramodu (Ekiti South) rose on **Order 1(b)**, Standing Orders of the Senate 2023 as amended, and drew the attention of the Senate to the incident of Thursday, 20th February, 2025, when Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan while protesting the reallocation of her seat in the Senate Chamber; and he felt that the outbursts by Senator Akpoti-Uduaghan and the outcry by some sections of the public were uncalled for over the matter, and urged the Senate to be guided by the Standing Orders in all things.

Accordingly, the Senate referred the motion to the Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions for detailed investigation and further legislative action. The motion was referred to the Committee vide the Senate Votes and Proceedings NO. 60 of Tuesday, 25th February, 2025.

2.0 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

1.	Senator Neda B. Imasuen	Chairman
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31.	Senator Joel Onowakpo Thomas	Member
32.	Senator Nwaebonyi Onyeka	Member
	Christian N. Onwusonye	Clerk to the Committee

3.0 COMMITTEE ACTION

Following the Senate resolution and referral, the Committee met and resolved that in addressing this matter, it would consider the following instruments:

- a) The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended);
- b) Senate Standing Orders 2023 (as amended); and
- c) The principle of equity, fairness and justice.

The Committee also resolved to invite:

1. The complainant, **Distinguished Senator Adeyemi Raphael Adaramodu;**
2. The respondent: **Distinguished Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan**

4.0 TESTIMONIES/SUBMISSIONS

The Committee listened to the Oral and received documentary testimonies from the complainant, the eye witnesses accounts of those present at the plenary.

4.1 THE COMPLAINANT, **DISTINGUISHED SENATOR ADEYEMI RAPHAEL ADARAMODU;**

Testifying before the Committee, Distinguished Senator Adeyemi Raphael Adaramodu stated as follows:

1. That he is the spokesperson and image maker of the Nigerian Senate;
2. That he was saddened and shocked with the flagrant disregard of Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan of the rules of the Senate proceedings as enshrined in the Standing Orders of Senate 2023 as amended;
3. That contrary to Section 6 (1) (2) of the Standing Orders of the Senate as amended, Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan refused the lawful instructions of the presiding officer to move to her newly assigned seat before raising her Order 10 to the Senate even though the rule states that

a Senator must speak from his/her assigned seat. That all efforts to get Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan to move to her newly assigned seat fell on deaf ears as Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan continued shouting on top of her voice and pointing her fingers at the presiding officer, insisting on staying on her old seat, thereby disrespecting the Senate and the presiding officers against the rules of the Senate. This action lowered the prestige, integrity and the esteem of the entire Senate as her actions were deemed disdainful, disgraceful and unparliamentary.

4. That as the image maker of the Senate, he received calls both internationally and locally on the issue and it became very cumbersome for him to explain the disdainful conduct of Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan of what is happening in the Senate to the various concerned callers;
5. That there was almost a breakdown of law and order in the Chamber caused by Distinguished Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan who vehemently rejected her new allocated seat in the Chamber;
6. Senator Adaramodu further stated that the Standing Orders of the Senate is a statute that outlines and harmonizes behavior of the Senators conduct of Senate business in the Chamber;
That it was a daunting task for him to explain the conduct of Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan that almost caused a break-down of law and order in the chamber.
7. That Order 6 (1) and (2) of the Senate Standing Orders 2023 as Amended stated how a Senator shall be allocated or reallocated a seat in the Chamber;
8. That the essence of the seating arrangement as captured in the Standing Order is to maintain decorum in the Chamber and it is only the President of the Senate that has the power to allocate or to reallocate seats to Senators;
9. That the refusal of Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan to take her newly allocated seat tantamount to a rebellion against the Senate Standing Order which regulates the conduct and decorum of Senators in the Chamber;
10. That for not sitting on her proper seat denied her the privilege of speaking on a point of Order that she wanted to raise on that day because the Standing Orders of the Senate 2023 as Amended expressly stated that "A Senator may only speak from the seat allocated to him/her provided that the President of the Senate may change the allocation from time to time";
11. That the Senate President directed her to go to her new seat and she would be recognized from there before she could speak but she vehemently

refused in the presence of the entire Senate and the Senate presiding officers, visitors in the gallery. Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan continued to shout that she was not afraid of the Senate President or anybody;

12. That it was due to the bad image that Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan created in the eyes of the public that compelled Senator Adaramodu to move the point of order, calling on the Senate to revisit the incident with a view to instilling discipline in the conduct of Senate affairs. Senator Adaramodu relied on the combined order 1 (b), 41 and 51 of the Senate Standing Orders and his prayers were unanimously adopted by more than two-third of the Senate and his motion was referred to the Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions for further legislative action;
13. That Senator Adaramodu stood by the motion he laid on the floor of the Senate in this regard.

**4.2 TESTIMONY BY THE CHAIRMAN, RULES AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE,
Distinguished Senator Titus Tartenger Zam**

Distinguished Senator Zam stated as follows:

1. That contrary to claims of deliberate suppression, the motion followed standard legislative procedure;
2. That on 7th February, 2024 when Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan raised a point of Order pursuant to Order 41 and 51, seeking investigation into corruption and inefficiency at Ahjaokuta Steel Company and NIOMCO, she requested immediate presentation of her motion, but due to a scheduled security briefing involving Service Chiefs, the National Security Adviser (NSA), the Ministers of Defence, Police Affairs, and Interior, as well as Inspector General of Police, the Senate deferred the motion to the next legislative day by the security briefing continue until 13th February, 2024; and the motion was eventually debated and resolved on 27th February, 2024;
3. That the allegation of Senator Natasha Uduaghan that her motion was debated because the Deputy President of the Senate presided that day was not true; that motions appearing in the Order Paper undergo approval by the Senate President and her motion had been approved by the Senate President for consideration under Orders 41 and 51 on 7th February, 2024;
4. That scheduling of motions follows procedural rules and is subject to time constraints during Plenary Session;

5. That motions and legislative measures appearing on the Order Paper are not automatically deliberated upon on the same day; that legislative priorities and time constraints influence the deliberation of motions;
6. The Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan's motion was deferred on multiple occasions before it was finally debated because such occurrences are common in parliamentary proceedings and do not reflect bias or attempt to suppress any Senator's legislative contributions;
7. That since assuming office as Senator for Kogi Central, Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan has sponsored three (3) bills – one of which is at the Committee stage, while the other two have passed the first reading; and she also moved a motion on the passing of the Ohinoyi of Ebiraland, Dr. Abdulrahman Ado Ibrahim;
8. That the Rules and Business Committee plays a key role in structuring the legislative agenda and assures the public that due process was followed in the handling of Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan's motion; and
9. That the Senate remain committed to transparency, accountability, and fairness in legislative proceedings.

4.3 TESTIMONIES OF SOME CHAMBER STAFF

Muktar Usman Daudawa (DDSAA Senate Chamber)

Muktar Usman Daudawa testified as follow:

1. That on Wednesday, 19th February, 2025, after adjournment of the Senate Session, he was informed by the Chief Whip of the Senate, Senator Mohammed Tahir Monguno that the leadership had directed him to effect some adjustments of seats on the minority side due to movement of two (2) Senators, name: Senator Onyebuchi F. E. and Senator Ned Nwoko Munir to the majority party;
2. That the Chief Whip reminded him to effect the readjustment in line with the ranking as it has been the tradition of the Senate;
3. That the readjustment affected about ten (10) Senators, Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan inclusive; and the reallocation was approved by the Chief

Whip and some chamber staff were instructed to guide the affected Senators to their new seats the following seating day;

4. That all the Senators were guided to their new seats and they complied but Senator Natasha was shown to her new seat but she refused and insisted that she would not go anywhere and removed the name tag on her old seat and sat down and shouting and all efforts by other Senators to calm her proved abortive;
5. That she was advised by Chief Whip to go to her new seat to enable her speak on a point of order but she insisted on raising a point of order on her old seat but was equally advised by the President of the Senate to move to her new seat to be recognized to speak, but she refused and was consequently ruled out of order; that she started shouting in the Chamber which was unparliamentary; all entreaties by some Distinguished Senators to make her remain calm fell on deaf ears, and she left the Chamber on her own when the session was in progress.

4.4. The testimonies of Muktar Usman Daudawa were corroborated by Sandra Davou, Maikawuwa Abari Karshi, Mercy Rasheed Salimanu and Udeme Igbenedion.

4.5. TESTIMONIES OF BRIG GEN. ETIDO E. EKPO (SERJEANT-AT-ARM)

In his written submission to the Committee, Brig Gen. Etido E. Ekpo testified as follows:

1. That Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan after being sworn in as a Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, began to display unbridled and uncouth behavior amongst her Distinguished Colleagues, thereby creating constant conflict and disharmony;
2. That from his investigation, Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan had openly engaged in verbal altercations with Senator Godiya Akwashiki and Senator Patrick Ndubueze in which the President of the Senate and the entire leadership intervened in the interest of peace and harmony; and
3. That by her unethical conduct and verbal attacks, Senator Natasha Uduaghan has succeeded in creating frosty and unfriendly relationship with a number of her colleagues both in the Chamber, Committee/Meeting rooms as well as the precincts of the National Assembly.

5.0 **THE RESPONDENT, DISTINGUISHED SENATOR NATASHA AKPOTI-UDUAGHAN**
Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan despite notice to appear neglected, refused and opted not to show up at the Committee hearing.

6.0 OBSERVATIONS/FINDINGS

After carefully examining the documents available and hearing out the matter, the Committee observed as follows:

1. That Senator Natasha Uduaghan has violated Order 6 (1) and (2) of the Senate Standing Orders 2023 as Amended by vehemently refusing to relocate to her newly allocated seat in the Senate Chamber and insisting to raise a point of order from a seat not allocated to her, thereby causing commotion and disruption of the Senate proceedings violating Order 66(2) of the Senate Standing Orders by refusing to leave the chamber when ordered to do so by the presiding officer.
2. That her behavior on the 20th of February 2025 was unethical and unbecoming of a Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria by refusing to uphold the moral sanctity of the Senate and the hollowed chamber;
3. That her refusal to appear before the Committee to explain herself despite being served with the notice of the Hearing published in the Senate Order paper and read out to Senate indicating time and place of the Committee meeting was disdain and disrespectful to the Committee and the Senate as a whole;
4. That her allegations that the President of the Senate is frustrating her legislative functions by not allowing her motions and bills to be considered in the Chamber is frivolous because the President of the Senate approved her motion on the investigation of alleged corruption and inefficiency at Ajaokuta Steel Company Limited and National Iron Mining Company (NIOMCO) for consideration and it was considered accordingly; and equally she had sponsored three (3) Bills that are at various stages of legislative processes.

7.0 ON THE PETITION LAID ON THE FLOOR BY SENATOR NATASHA AKPOTI-UDUAGHAN ON MARCH 5TH, 2025 ACCUSING THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT, THE COMMITTEE OBSERVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That based on **Order 40 (4)** of the Senate Standing Orders 2023 as amended, which states clearly that no Senator may present to the Senate a petition signed by him or herself, the petition submitted by Distinguished Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan ran contrary to this order, as she signed her own petition;

2. That under Order 40 (7) of the Senate Standing Orders 2023 as amended which states that "Senate should not receive or deliberate on any matter to which actions are pending in any court of law";
The Petition of Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan being a matter before a law court of competent jurisdiction, the Committee, therefore cannot deliberate on the petition;
3. The Committee noted that Distinguished Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan went to court to seek an interim order preventing the Senate and its Committee from exercising its constitutional duties as enshrined in Section 88 (1) of the Nigerian Constitution 1999 as amended, the Committee felt duty bound to exercise its constitutional functions.
It is noted that legislative investigation is part of law-making. It is adjunct of the legislative process, accordingly, any investigation carried in the exercise of those powers are constitutional and competent;
4. It is interesting to note that while on the one hand, Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan sought in breach to restrain the Senate from doing its constitutional duties under Sec. 88 (1), of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 as amended, she also brought a petition to the Senate arguing, that her petition on Sexual Harassment has merit which must be accepted and acted upon by the Senate. Accordingly, the petition was referred to the Senate Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions for action. The Distinguished Senator cannot on the one hand seek to prevent the Senate from doing its duties on a petition based on a motion brought against her and on the other hand insist that her petition on Sexual Harassment to the Senate be acted upon through the Ethics Committee. He who comes to equity must come with clean hands. It is important to note that the motion of Senator Adaramodu seeking investigation on the conduct of Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan was referred to the Senate Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions when there was no case pending in court on the issue of seat allocation.

8.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

After due consideration of the matter as revealed by Senator Adeyemi Raphael Adaramodu, Senator Titus Tartenger Zam, Chamber staff and the Sergeant-At-Arm, the Committee recommends as follows:

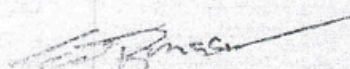
1. That the Senate do suspend Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan for Six (6) months for her total violation of the Senate Standing rules 2023 as Amended for bringing the Presiding officer and the entire Senate in general to public opprobrium;

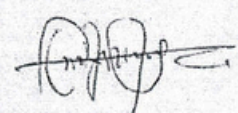
2. That for the Senate to consider lifting the suspension, or reducing the tenure of suspension Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan shall submit a written apology to the Senate before the reconsideration by the Senate;
3. That the Senate do suspend Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan with effect from (6th March, 2025) from all legislative activities forthwith;
4. That her office be locked up for the duration of her suspension and hand over all Senate properties in her possession to the Clerk of the National Assembly;
5. That for the duration of her suspension she cannot come or be seen within the vicinity of the National Assembly including her staff;
6. That her salaries and allowances including those of her Legislative Aides be suspended and withdrawal of all Security details for the duration of her suspension and;
7. That for the period of her suspension she be barred from representing herself to the public locally and internationally as a Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

9.0 CONCLUSION

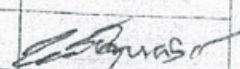
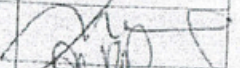


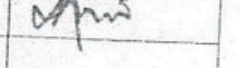


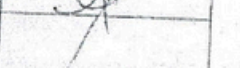


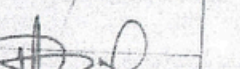

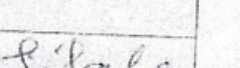


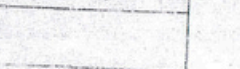


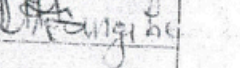
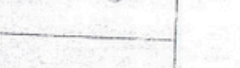


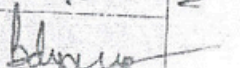


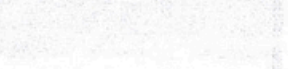
Mr. President, my most Distinguished and respected Colleagues, on behalf of the Senate Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions, we appreciate the Senate President and our Distinguished Colleagues for the opportunity granted us to serve Nigerians through the Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions.

Respectfully submitted for consideration and approval.


Dist. Senator Neda B. Imasuen
Chairman


Christian N. Onwusonye
Clerk to the Committee

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28th February, 2025

Dist. Sen. Natasha Akpoti-Udughan,
National Assembly,
Abuja.

INVITATION TO THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS, CODE OF CONDUCT AND PUBLIC PETITIONS ON A MOTION ON SENATOR NATASHA AKPOTI-UDUGHAN – INCIDENT OF THE ALLEGED DISORDER IN THE SENATE OVER THE REALLOCATION OF YOUR SEAT MOVED BY SENATOR ADEYEMI RAPHAEL ADARAMODU

Distinguished, I am directed to invite you to the Public Hearing of the Senate Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions in respect of the Motion moved on the floor of the Senate on Tuesday, 25th February, 2025 by Distinguished Senator Adeyemi Raphael Adaramodu on the Incident of the Alleged Disorder caused by Senator Natasha Akpoti-Udughan during Senate Plenary on Thursday, 20th February, 2025, over the Reallocation of your seat. The motion was referred to the Committee for further legislative action.

The Public Hearing is scheduled to hold as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 11th March, 2025;
Time: 2.00 p.m. prompt;
Venue: Meeting Room 120, Senate New Building, National Assembly, Abuja.

Please, you are required to appear before the Committee in person (No Proxy).

Note also, that you are required to submit Fifteen (15) copies of your written submissions (if any) to the Committee Secretariat at Room -115 (basement), Senate New Building, on or before the hearing date.

Distinguished, accept the assurances of the Committee's highest esteem, please.

Thanks and remain blessed.

Christian N. Onwusonye
Clerk to the Committee
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5th March, 2025

Dist. Sen. Natasha Akpoli-Uduaghan,
National Assembly,
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RE: INVITATION TO THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS, CODE OF CONDUCT AND PUBLIC PETITIONS ON A MOTION ON SENATOR NATASHA AKPOTI-UDUAGHAN – INCIDENT OF DISORDER IN THE SENATE OVER THE REALLOCATION OF YOUR SEAT MOVED BY SENATOR ADEYEMI RAPHAEL ADARAMODU

Distinguished, I am directed to inform you that the Public Hearing of the Senate Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct and Public Petitions in respect of the above subject has been rescheduled to hold as follows:

Date: Wednesday, 5th March, 2025;
Time: 2.00 p.m. prompt;
Venue: Meeting Room 120, New Senate Building, National Assembly, Abuja.

Please Distinguished, the rescheduling of the date of the Public Hearing does not invalidate the other contents of the letter earlier sent to you on the same matter as above.

The Committee regrets any inconvenience the sudden change of date may have caused.

Accept the assurances of the Committee's highest esteem, please.

Thanks and remain blessed.

Christian N. Onwusonye
Clerk to the Committee
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