VAMPIRE THE GREAT, IMO JUDICIARY AND THE SOCIETY.  
  
A lot have been written on the dramatic escape from the Owerri High  
Court Premises, of the popular but notorious kidnapper and Armed  
Robbery kingpin, Henry Chibueze, also known as VAMPIRE.  
For the records, VAMPIRE was arrested and paraded in July 2015 by  
operatives of the Department of State Security (DSS) over his  
involvement in series of armed robbery operations, kidnapping and  
murder cases. It is also on record that I did a very controversial  
article on the matter, wherein I disagreed with His Excellency  
Governor Rochas Okorocha on certain issues, purportedly involving the  
said VAMPIRE. ( PLEASE GOGGLE ---- THE GUARDIAN NEWSPAPER REPORT, SIR  
EMENIKE IHEKWABA AND HENRY CHIBUEZE (VAMPIRE)).  
        It was equally confirmed that Henry Chibueze Vampire had led over 200  
successful kidnap operations across the country and beyond. Also,  
Vampire has been alleged to have executed over 200 armed robbery  
operations across the country and beyond. Not relenting, Vampire is  
reportedly involved in over 200 murder cases across the country and  
beyond.  
        The above allegations against Vampire Henry Chibueze, a native of  
Nwangele Local Government Area of Imo State, naturally makes him a  
High Profile suspect that must NOT be handled with juvenile gloves.  
But unfortunately, the Imo State judiciary, the Police in Imo, Prisons  
Arms Squad, the Army and indeed the larger society handled him with  
kid gloves; and as a clever and smart guy, He exploited the Lacuna  
created in the handling of his court case and made a great escape, to  
the shock of the whole world.  
The question any rational reader would ask is; what is Citizen Ikenna  
Samuelson Iwuoha driving at?  
(1)    It is an acknowledged and indeed notorious fact that Henry  
Chibueze Vampire reportedly operated a kidnap gang even while at the  
Owerri Federal Prisons.  
(2)    It is an acknowledged and indeed notorious fact that Henry  
Chibueze Vampire reportedly killed his girlfriend (Sandra Ijedinma) on  
the 16th of February 2013 and all members of her family, on the excuse  
that she diverted his N45,000.000 million kidnap ransom kept in her  
custody.  
(3)    It is an acknowledge and indeed notorious fact that Henry Chibueze  
Vampire, having reportedly participated in many high profile crimes,  
has in excess of over N2.5 billion liquid cash, both at his disposal  
and in custody of his boys scattered all over the nation.  
(4)    It is an acknowledged and indeed notorious fact that Henry  
Chibueze Vampire has under his command and control, well armed boys as  
team members, across the country.  
(5)    And so on and so forth.  
  
Yet, despite his so called arrest by the DSS, arraignment in Court,  
remand at the Owerri Federal Prisons and Constant appearances in  
Court, security was reportedly relaxed around him.  
        Let me at this point condemn the lackadaisical attitude and approach  
of the Imo State Judiciary led by Hon. Chief Justice Paschal Nnadi, as  
the Chief Judge. Ever since Justice Paschal Nnadi became the Chief  
Judge of Imo State two years ago, the Judiciary has gone on strike on  
three consecutive times. The first strike lasted for almost three  
months. The second strike lasted for over two months. The third strike  
lasted for over three months.  
These strikes clearly affected trials of inmates of Owerri Federal  
Prisons, in that cases that would have ordinarily taken 6 months to  
adjudicate, would now take years to look into. Honestly, this judicial  
imbroglio signifies incompetence in the hands of the current  
leadership at the Judiciary led by Hon. Justice Paschal Nnadi. Even  
when the courts are in session; corruption, long adjournments,  
truancy, absenteeism and perhaps deliberate manipulation of the  
Judicial process, have been adopted to suffocate and indeed frustrate  
justice from having its way. The resultant effect is that cases that  
would ordinarily take 8 months to adjudicate, now take years before  
they are concluded.  
These Lacunae in the judicial process are what the likes of Henry  
Chibueze Vampire exploited to their advantage. Let me be clear here;  
the Lacunae as adumbrated above are what Henry Chibueze Vampire  
exploited to his advantage and openly executed his freedom to the  
Chagrin and astonishment of on-lookers on Friday the 27th of January  
2017 at the premises of Imo State High Court, Owerri. Of course, this  
is in addition to the security lapses at the Owerri High Court.  
        Our Security agencies should bow their heads in shame for the lapses  
they created, which made VAMPIRE to execute his escape. Rather than  
find ways to contain the challenge of Vampire’s dramatic escape, these  
shameless security agencies are now trying to exonerate themselves.  
For example, as soon as Vampire escaped from the premises of the Court  
in Owerri, I was quickly informed. I was the first person to break the  
news on the Internet (see attached). Shortly after the release of the  
breaking news, a very Senior DSS Official in the State called me to  
register his displeasure with the information I released on the  
Internet. He however defended the DSS, claiming that they had done  
their best by arresting and parading Vampire to the public in 2015, charging  
him to Court and securing a remand for him at the Owerri Prisons,  
insisting that DSS should not be held responsible for the escape.  
Honestly, I see this as a defeatist approach.  
        In June 2016, I wrote an article entitled “IMO JUDICIARY, THE POLICE  
AND AWAITING TRIAL INMATES IN OWERRI PRISONS” (see attached). In the  
said article, I gave reasons why trials of inmates were and are still  
delayed. I also proffered solutions. If Hon. Justice Paschal Nnadi had  
acted on my proffered solutions, perhaps Henry Chibueze Vampire would  
not have brazenly executed his freedom. Perhaps, his case at the court  
would have come to a conclusion before now. Either he would have been  
discharged and acquitted or convicted. Honestly, Vampire has again  
proved he is a warrior. He has proved that there is no effective  
security network in Imo State. O yes, Vampire has thrown the entire  
security agencies in Imo State and indeed Nigeria in disarray. Just  
imagine. At the Owerri High Court; there is an Armoured Vehicle manned  
by Armed to the teeth Soldiers, Armed Police men, Armed Civil Defence  
Men, Armed Prisons Arms Squad, Armed Mobile Police men, Armed DSS  
officials etc; yet Vampire executed his freedom through his obviously  
well coordinated armed boys, who stormed the court premises in  
commando style. I am tempted to admire his courage. I am tempted to  
see him as a great man. Obviously, he is an Al-Capone.  
  
A proof that Vampire is an Al-Capone was when DSS arrested and paraded  
him before newsmen in July 2015 at their Owerri Office. When he was  
given the opportunity to speak to the press, Vampire not only  
confirmed his exploits in the underworld business, he reeled out the  
number of people he had kidnapped and killed. He confirmed his Armed  
robbery operations. He added that since he had been arrested, he only  
needed to go to prison to “cool off” a little bit for one or two years;  
after which he would secure his freedom through his own means. DSS  
should check their records. The reading public can now confirm that  
Vampire only spent a year and five months in prisons custody before  
securing his freedom his own way. This is a mark of greatness.  
  
        Please permit me to digress a little bit here; I am therefore calling  
in our corrupt traditional rulers to come together and crown Vampire,  
the EBUBEDIKE I OF IGBOLAND. Our compromised Men of God should quickly  
induct Vampire into the order of knighthood. Our Universities should  
as a matter of urgency offer Vampire an honorary Doctorate Degree. Also  
, now that it has been confirmed that the presidency is fighting crime  
and corruption with both ‘’insecticides and deodorants’’, depending on  
who is involved (apologies to Senator Shehu Sani), I call on President  
Muhammadu Buhari to without further delay offer Chief Sir Dr. Vampire  
Henry Chibueze (Ebubedike 1 of Igboland) a National Honour…………………  
(This is not a laughing matter).  
  
It is very unfortunate. Our society has decayed to an abysmal level.  
Vampire is a product of our corrupt, decayed and rotten society. We  
have Vampire Henry Chibueze is every sector of the economy in this  
country. We have Vampire Henry Chibueze in the Political class. We  
have Vampire Henry Chibueze in our so called churches and Mosques. We  
have Vampire Henry Chibueze in the Presidency in the persons of the  
Secretary of the Government of the Federation (SGF), Mr. Lawal  
Babachir, and the Chief of Staff Mr. Abba Kyari, according to reports.  
Please forgive me for being cynical here. The point I am making is  
that our son and brother, Vampire Henry Chibueze would have been a  
responsible and well mannered man if the leadership of this country  
(from 1960 till date) had done the right thing, by laying solid and  
enduring foundations in all sectors of our economy.  Vampire could  
have been a good citizen if our leaders had fought poverty and  
unemployment effectively in the system. Vampire could have been a good  
Man if our Men of God had done their work of bringing salvation and  
word of God to the people. Rather what we have is prosperity  
preaching. And so on and so forth.  
        Let me at this point dismiss the insinuation in some quarters that  
the powers that be in the State may have a hand in Vampire’s bold  
escape. This is not true. Governor Rochas Okorocha is an adult, and as  
such, is aware of the security implications and consequences of  
setting Vampire free in a commando style. But if he is careless,  
mannerless, unreasonable and perhaps stupid to do so; then history  
will not be fair to him. Like I said earlier, Governor Okorocha could  
not have done it.  In short, he did not do it. Also, let me use this  
opportunity to caution some leaders in the state to desist from  
sending false information to my various Email Addresses, wherein they  
explained or described the relationship between Governor Okorocha and  
the notorious Vampire. If the information is not false, why can’t  
these so called leaders be bold enough to come out on their own and  
expose such relationship? Any further of such stupid, hopeless and  
nonsensical message in the inbox of my various email addresses will  
push me to make public such messages and the people behind them.  
People should learn to respect themselves.  
  
LESSONS  
The escape of Henry Chibueze Vampire from the Owerri High Court  
Premises is a big lesson to both the State and Federal Government. It  
is high time the independence of the Judiciary is respected. It is  
high time our magistrates and judges are given free hands and allowed  
to do their jobs without interference. Unnecessary adjournment of  
cases should be discouraged.  
        Also, government at all levels should ensure that security in our  
various courts in the land is beefed up to forestall a re-occurrence  
of a similar episode of “VAMPIRE ESCAPE”.  
        Let me use this platform to caution our judges and magistrates.  
Accusing them of corruption, truancy, absenteeism and deliberate  
manipulation of judicial process is an understatement. They are indeed  
guilty of these allegations. Specifically, the Chief Judge of Imo  
State, Hon. Justice Paschal Nnadi should sit up and face his job  
squarely. His constant and habitual attitude of being absent in his court (HIGH  
COURT 1) will no longer be tolerated. I do not mean any insult here;  
but the truth must be told. Honestly, I have refrained from making  
public some “activities” going on in the Imo State Judiciary under the  
leadership of Hon. Justice Paschal Nnadi, due to my love for the State  
and also in a bid to protect some interests. Hon. Justice Paschal  
Nnadi should sit up. Let me not say more than this. At least for now.  
I have written a lot on the plights of awaiting trial inmates in  
Owerri Prisons. Please google my article entitled “CHALLENGES FACING  
PRISON INMATES IN NIGERIA”, for detail.  
I will not conclude this piece without calling on Governor Okorocha to  
find ways of decongesting the Owerri Federal Prisons. 70% of awaiting  
trial inmates are innocent of the allegations against them. One clear  
way of determining their innocence is to ensure that their cases in  
our various courts are speedily adjudicated, and also through the  
offering of amnesty.  
        Let us be our brother’s keeper. Innocent prison inmates are our  
brothers and sisters.  
  
I rest my pen.  
  
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