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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