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WE PROMISED, WE DELIVERED: SOWORE 2019 CAMPAIGN RELEASES STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

A tale of transparency>>>

A detailed, comprehensive Statement of Accounts was released by the Sowore 2019 Campaign Organisation - testament to our integrity and transparency.
FROM THE CONVENER

The work continues

Since the elections ended in late February, I have watched with interest as the political dust settled and the pieces fell where they may. I watched as party leaders – young and old – turned their backs on Nigeria in the aftermath of defeat; all the agitation for a better Nigeria was abandoned at the altar of selfish interest and self-promotion. I watched as APC and PDP, the cabals who turned Nigeria into their playground and private cash dispenser, continued to oppress using the only tools they know: bribery, corruption and thuggery.

The Take it Back Movement is the only campaign organisation that has remained consistent through it all: speaking up against civil injustices and embodying the change we would like to see through societal interventions. I returned a few weeks ago to continue with this fight for Nigeria's advancement.

I decided to run for president because I believed Nigeria deserved a change from inside out, not only clamouring for change from outside of the establishment. That decision was not the start of my political career. President or not, I have always and will always stand against injustice and oppression. I did it as a student union leader against military forces. I stood up against cult activities in university which led to my attack. I have used my platform, Sahara Reporters, as a voice of truth and shone light on the criminal activities of our politicians even when it would have been more prudent to stay quiet. I fought global oil corporations and saw legal action brought against them when they poisoned our waters and killed our ecosystem. I have marched for freedom; I have stood in the gap time and again.

The clever machinations or calculations by the oppressors to continue to fight the Nigerian people will not stop the vision: true progress for Nigeria.

The oppression from the top may continue for another four years, but the battle for liberation will continue until victory is ours.

Omotola Sowore
TAKE IT BACK HOLDS FIRST GLOBAL MEETING FOLLOWING RELEASE OF STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

We decided to start as we mean to continue – transparency first; keeping our promises. We released the official Sowore 2019 Statement of Accounts less than 2 months after the elections, a feat that was lauded both in its timeliness and accuracy.

We had to do more than that, however. It was time to answer questions and offer guidelines on the next steps for Take it Back and the AAC party. On Saturday, 13th April, 2019, a global tele-conference was held, headed by the convener of the Movement, Omoyele Sowore, and the Director General, Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi. Over a two-hour period, members called in and asked their questions directly to the two movement heads and their questions were answered in full.

It was made clear that there would be adjustments and considerations made to ensure that every member of the party – those in Nigeria and abroad – would be welcome and their voices heard in the one party geared towards Nigeria’s transformation. The role of TiB in pushing the party narrative forward – both as a platform for pressurising the government and carrying out interventions – was also made clear. Finally, both Sowore and Fabiyi stressed that the work for liberating Nigeria had just started and they would not be relenting in working towards that goal.

The meeting was deemed a success by those who attended and the recording link was made available on all TiB/AAC WhatsApp groups.

Thank you for your continued support. The struggle continues!
TIB JOINS MUSHIN CONSTITUENCY 2 RESIDENTS IN PROTEST AGAINST ESTIMATED CHARGES AND OUTRAGEOUS ELECTRICITY BILLS

We have resolved to continue to act as a pressure group against any acts of injustice meted out to the Nigerian people – either by the present government or their predecessors, the PDP.

To this end, it was impossible to ignore the hardships that the Mushin residents of Lagos state had endured at the hands of their electricity suppliers who have continuously extorted from the community.

The Take it Back Movement joined and led hundreds of residents of Mushin Constituency II in protest against estimated charges and outrageous, unfair and criminal bills. The protest made the front page of the Punch newspaper and was published by Sahara Reporters and other news media outlets. The protest had a set of specific demands:

- An end to unrealistic electric bills.
- An end to estimated charges.
- An establishment of metered billing.
- Adequate power supply.
- Drop all pending court charges against community leaders against as relates to outlandish electricity bills.

As the protest ended, there was a mass congress to discuss the next line of action. The Congress resolved:
1. To take the battle directly to the government.
2. Demand that government drops all charges against victimized community leaders.

Our decision to join in their struggled led to the TiB gaining ground in the Mushin area and beyond:

1. The PRO and the secretary of the Mushin Constituency 2 communicated their intention to join the Take it Back Movement. This will yield great dividends as we continue to assert ourselves in the political landscape in Nigeria.
2. Some leaders of the Ijora community reached out to us on the same matter and we have lent our voice to the struggle there also.
3. The Ijora community further organised with sixteen other local government areas on the issue.
4. The task is to use this important struggle to unite everyone in a singular demand.
5. Managing this struggle effectively will establish the Take it Back Movement as a force to be reckoned with in national, state-wide and regional politics.

We’re here to stay. Nigeria MUST progress.
TAKE IT BACK PARTNERS WITH ONE2ONE TO BRING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO VULNERABLE NIGERIANS

The work continues: the Take it Back Movement continues to stand in the gap for the most vulnerable Nigerians using SPICER HEAT as a guideline for carrying out intervention initiatives.

Our most recent triumph in this effort is the collaboration between TiB and One2One, Africa’s premiere e-healthcare provider. Their revolutionary app combines technology and medical experts to take healthcare to the most remote parts of the country. With a smart device, a patient can hold a consultation with a doctor who can diagnose the ailments and offer a prescription without the overheads of travel, accommodation or safety worries.

Our first port of call will be a Benue IDP camp where we will be working with the Take it Back team on ground to facilitate the project. Once proven successful, it is planned that the team will carry out the exercise in as many locations as resources will allow.

Change begins here.