



## TIB AND AAC: TRUE POSITION OF THINGS

Driven by emporoic aura, boosted by dictatorial instinct, persuaded by authoritarian zeal, and not curtailed by democratic and legal buffers, Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi, acting as a Lord in the Manor, threw caution to the wind, and moved with hysterical alacrity to purport to suspend me. In so doing, he not only overreached himself but unabashedly glorified his ignorance of how political parties work as well as misjudging ways party administration is executed.

Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi, is an egomaniac that I saved from being lynched in Lagos October last year when badly treated party faithful(s) that came from different parts of the country were DECIEVED into believing that the party's' NEC election was going to hold only for it to be ABORTED deliberately by the duo. Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi and Omoyele Sowore and his cronies CANCELLED it. TIB and the party have not been the same. And yet Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi remains ungrateful for saving him. Yet they have the political moral right to go about telling people that they are democrats, activists and social crusaders poised to take Nigeria back.

I do not ignore the fact that Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi is flanked about, and around by overzealous sycophants and unguided hangers-on who glory in over dramatization and hippy acts. To them, and the *band* that sat to as much as whisper my suspension, they have all embarked on "an exercise in futility". They are impostors, not known to me or the party.

The dubiety that is filled with hatred is addressed hereinto, not on account of the sender but because of AAC family for **DR. MALCOLM FABIYI IS NOT A LEADER OF THE PARTY.**

### **1. Extended Closure of the Party Secretariat**

At no time was the Party Secretariat closed, not even during weekends. In its unequipped state it still received visitors and party faithful(s). Situated outside the City Centre, with longer commuting period, it lacked basic amenities to function optimally.

There are no computers, scanners, printers, and key office machinery and other basic utilities to enable it operate properly. Its acquisition decision – choice of location, type of building and the rent in itself were negotiated, sealed and executed without my input. The Secretariat was more of an empty space. This is no secret to informed Party faithful(s) who visit the Secretariat from time to time, and other stakeholders who have met me working at the Secretariat.

On account of lack of funds to administer the Secretariat, I had to run it alone initially but had to engage a staff who I paid from my pocket. *Sing-song* of no funds from individuals housing resources were rather too deafening, and muttering word as funding for Secretariat upkeep seem more like crumbling everything. And, we all are aware that engaging and maintaining elaborate or lean clerical or administrative support staff require funds. I therefore made do with I could afford.

There was therefore no extended closure of the Secretariat or was it under lock and key as erroneously alleged. Across all parties, attention has been focused at the local and state levels where elections are to be held with increased political activities. Only skeletal services do take place at the National Secretariat of parties with greater activity taking place at Presidential Campaign Offices of candidates which are housed in separate buildings and locations outside the party's National Secretariat, most times.

I do work and receive visitors regularly with party faithful(s) at the Secretariat, and when not available I leave instruction with the one staff that I engaged, and who oversees the place to receive correspondence and screen persons before allowing them access into the Secretariat.

It should be made known to Party faithful(s) across the globe that whilst the Secretariat was in this unfitted state, select officials with large number of preferred cronies and hangers-on moved around Nigeria and toured global capitals, plying top notch hotels and spot(s), dining and wining everywhere without sparing some thoughts about state of the secretariat. Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi endorsed and superintended it.

A man cannot be sent to the farmland to work without being provided with basic farm implements to execute the task, neither can a woman be sent to the market to purchase foodstuff without monies not provided to bring the foodstuff home. If this is done, then the sender will be likened to the biblical Egyptian slave taskmaster who tasked the Jews

to hew water from stone without implements. And if the field man is unable to execute his tasks on account of this, he should not be magistered to have shirked his duty.

TIB family and AAC faithful(s) should be informed that even monies obtained and office support machinery donated were not funneled to the Secretariat, particularly items donated were commandeered, and selectively distributed to friends and cronies within TIB and AAC.

It should be made clear that the Secretariat was not funded immediately after the official launching of the party, neither were resources provided during period leading up to campaign take off, nor was support provided in any form until December 25, 2018 when a gang of hoodlums dispatched by Omoyele Sowore, without informing me, and in a daredevil manner that undermined civility broke into the Secretariat and took it over.

## **2. Failure to notify the party of Electronically Relevant Media Appearances and Publicity Offerings**

This is untrue. I did not fail to notify the party of Electronically Relevant Media Appearances and Publicity Offerings.

Have we forgotten in hurry that WhatsApp is our medium? Facebook, Twitter, Instagram our mouthpiece, and majority of all that we do are showcased through these medium(s).

Our Presidential Candidate is media personified. Conventional Media are not considered adjunct partners to work with. They were snubbed. The rapprochement to reengage with them peripherally in recent time came after intense complaints that we are losing significant opportunities by not reaching out to a critical segment of voters who are not in tune with social media.

Our *default* position when it comes to media and visibility amplification has been sequenced in this manner. Anything outside these spectrum(s) enjoys little attention: it's not a deterministic mix that we should scratch our head about. This is the disposition with our leader as it is with everybody about Media Appearances and Publicity Offerings. And this is not hidden. The chairman of the party acts alone and do not confer with me or does he act on things transmitted to him. He is silent on all things. He keeps mute.

Few media houses that reached out to me, whether it is TV, Radio, Newspapers (Cool FM, etc.,) always inform me that they had reached out to our Presidential Candidates first and that he was not responding nor acting on them. There is hardly anything that takes place that he is not aware of media-wise, remember he is chairman of the party.

It is known to the public that all activities of Take It Back Movement, TIB and Sowore Presidential Campaign initiatives with its varied events and programs and other happenings has been carried on, and out in a most bewildering manner to the consternation of many TIB and ACC members across the globe. Planning, organizing and execution of programs and activities have been executed without my knowledge and input. Everything is carried out by a small, closely knit, friends based and family knitted circle that drives and administer all things. All attempts to break in and integrate have been frustrated.

Thus media related events and activities solely have been planned exclusively by these select few without my knowledge from first day in TIB and when AAC birthed, even till date.

Omoyle Sowore, our presidential candidate or any leader of TIB do not inform or update me with their programs and itinerary. I am left in complete dark. One wonders how one would magically be apprised of activities of Omoyle Sowore and others who deliberately elected not to inform me of their movements, and programs and expect me to extract information from these numerous events and programs with which I would deploy to notify the party with relevant media appearances, and publicity offerings.

With arrangement like this in place, I had no choice than to redirect all enquiries from media practitioners about media exposure and opportunities back to Omoyle Sowore and his team in Lagos. We should not forget that Omoyle Sowore have elaborate network of media team made up of photographers, Social Media Camera Aides, Content Developers and Live Transmitters. Sahara Reporter crew and role of Directorate of Communication and Publicity made it impossible to take control (or delve in) to undertake task of playing this role. It should also be made clear that the National Secretary's' job is that of administering the National Secretariat and not that of Media Management, Social Media Coordination or structuring media appearances or publicity offerings.

We should note further that Task of Candidates' Management was usurped by Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi who acting under the canopy of a nebulous office with an "Admin" suffix vicariously displaced me and detailed his crony to manage all candidates. Why would I bother myself with business of managing Candidates including Candidates' media engagements (a manager of candidate should manage the candidates media) when *almighty* Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi had taken over this role as well? This Directorate, Data Analytics & Election Monitoring managed everything about the candidates. It wasn't my responsibility.

### **3. Payment of Party Funds directly into your private Account and Failure to account for all Fees for Nomination Forms paid to you.**

Let me impishly point it out bravely, the way Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi would have preferred that it be thrown at my face. It would read thus:

*Payment of Party Funds directly into my private Account and Failure to account for all Fees for Nomination Forms paid to me.*

Can a person be this wicked and heartless?

**This allegation is not only spurious but a cover up meticulously designed to drag me into high-wired financial malfeasance craftily executed to hoodwink everybody that has followed all that has taken place in TIB over these months. *Literally, the more you look, the less you see. I cannot be held liable for several millions that have been amassed for the presidential project for which we are still figuring out what has happened.***

We should note that established endgame gambit of Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi from first day the party was birthed was to compulsively reassert his dominance as TIB Director-General and ensure complete control of the party and its machinery. And I opposed this vehemently insisting that the party, operations-wise and administratively, should be separate and distinct from TIB.

The grubby List Origination Exercise dubbed Protem National Executive Committee List September, Last year, purporting to unreservedly implant select cronies as party officials without election, which he succeeded in doing with support from his ilk's in TIB paved way for him to accomplish this mission. With this, Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi, with imprimatur

of Omoyele Sowore (he pretends to be unaware of whatever Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi does), began brazen appointments including that of Director, Analytics and Election Monitoring et al (Can't say what this really means!). This Directorate, he saddled with responsibility of Candidates Management, Election Monitoring, INEC interface and Liaison amongst a host of other responsibilities undertaken by the party's' Secretariat.

Thus everything relating to candidates Management including receipt and confirmation of candidates payment of monies, and elections related issues were discharged by this Directorate with active supervision from Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi and his cronies.

Its needs being reemphasized that I was not involved in candidate's portal set up and its digital operationalization. Uploading, Collation, Collection, Processing, Vetting of Candidates details and Forms were not undertaken by me but were executed in Lagos by this Directorate that I had nothing to do with. And all Candidates were requested to pay their monies into AAC GTB 0425888778. This is exactly what happened. And all that did pay; for it is few that I gleaned that did pay were asked to transmit them into account above.

It should be made clear to all that it is only a candidate that came to me directly to obtain the Form. And this intervention was unique. I need restate that I have had to intervene in some critical situations when I observe embarrassment, Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi and his cohorts inflicts on the Movement and the party. This intervention is to *save face* because they exposed TIB and AAC to ridicule on several occasions, and are still doing same now.

Clearly the Adamawa case is one such.

It was a key period that I had to intervene when it became extremely necessary that I must do something, just as it was when Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi through his cronies messed up the party's Nomination Documentation Exercise that embarrassed us at INEC and led to inability of many candidates to partake in the election. **The lies they wove around me at the venue of the exercise, is still fresh in the memory of State chairmen who could not believe that cronies of Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi here in Nigeria could descend that low.** It was after this incident that it downed on everybody that these select few would stop at nothing to exit me from the party because I am opposed to his highhandedness and blind quest to control everything in TIB and AAC.

In the Adamawa case, the Adamawa State Chairman of the party introduced an aspirant who indicated interest to contest as the party's gubernatorial candidate in the state at a period when we were finding it difficult to get candidates to fly the party's flag across the country for the different electoral seats. This candidate, Alhaji Uba Lawal came from Yola, Adamawa to the Secretariat to meet with me. He stated that he desired to fly the party's flag as its gubernatorial candidate in the state but would not do so without visiting the party's National Secretariat first. Satisfied, we exchanged pleasantries. He then requested for Nomination Form of the party. I asked him to go online to do so; he declined, and narrated to me his harrowing experience over the weeks whilst trying to do this online. He told me emphatically that if not the way the Adamawa State chairman had related with him he would have gone to another party, as there were many, according to him. He said he was frustrated and was not ready to entangle himself with the online *wahala* again. I followed up on Adamawa State Chairman effort and was able to convince him. It was not easy getting candidates to root for the party this period at the gubernatorial level.

Indeed, there was dearth of candidates signifying interest to contest under our party across the Federation during this period, as many that did obtain the forms were unable to pay for them or they deliberately declined to pay. Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi repeatedly has decried the very low income generated through sales of Forms. Omoyele Sowore equally has in various forums restated this.

Conscious of this, I assisted Alhaji Uba Lawal by following him to a nearby cybercafé where we did everything (He and our Adamawa State chairman had pleaded passionately with me to assist in this regard. Note that we do not have facilities at the Secretariat).

However, when he wanted to transmit the money into the party's GTB Account he ran into a challenge. Several efforts to transfer Four Hundred thousand Naira (N400,000) to party's GTB bank account, for that was what he said he was going to pay at that moment proved unsuccessful. This happens in Nigeria regularly. It is not a new phenomenon. He now told me that he was traveling the next day being Monday, for this was happening on a Sunday evening. We weighed options. I was not ready to allow him exit at that moment not sure if ever he would return again. We went back and forth and hit up on the idea that we should try transferring the money through my account to find

out whether it was going to work. And when he did it, it worked. It was then we established that it was network problem from his bank.

He transferred Four Hundred thousand Naira (N400, 000) and same Four Hundred thousand Naira (N400, 000) was remitted to the party's' account. Alhaji Uba Lawal is still alive and flying the party's' flag in the state. The Adamawa State chairman of the party is still alive. Both can be reached. Evidence of this is available. I did establish that they had reached out to the candidate and he told them exactly what transpired yet Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi and his cronies' picks holes on effort to assist the party get a candidate - SAD.

What is wrong in persuading an aspirant who almost jettisoned the party on account of ineffective and unfriendly online candidate's management system to stick with the party even when he had lost confidence in the online platform and the party? What is wrong in helping the party to get extra Four Hundred thousand Naira (N400, 000), when many that obtained the form did not pay then or have they paid now? Why single out this out when it is in public domain that many did not pay then, and those who did part payment have not redeemed the remnant, even now? Why?

The only reason is MISCHIEF.

Has assisting the party to get extra candidate and money now a SIN? Why would mischief drive Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi to debase himself to this level? He had the leeway to crosscheck whether what he and his cohorts are alleging did happen or not? How about if I had allowed Alhaji Uba Lawal to travel back to Yola without paying that money, we may have been in a situation where the money may not have been made available. Many who collected the Forms and promised to pay, I have gleaned; have not done so till date. The banks' account is there for all to verify this.

Alhaji Uba Lawal has told them exactly what I have written here. The so-called Directorate, Analytics and Election Monitoring are aware of the truth, yet Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi, would supposedly want to kill a fly with a sledge hammer - SHAMEFUL.

***Here is the truth: Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi is peeved that I refused to allow him and his cronies to have access to the party's account - PERIOD.***

#### **4. Refusal To Update signatories to the Party Account**

This is being economical with the truth.

Following narration vividly will provide full disclosure of why I declined to update signatories to the party account.

The party opened account, African Action Congress, GTB 0425888778 September last year. It was opened by Omoyele Sowore and my humble self in GTB, Area 11, Garki, Abuja, and not I alone as erroneously being alleged. ***Omoyele Sowore, our presidential candidate has all the information on how this account was opened. H has the details.***

It was his idea and he invited me to be a signatory to it. He, it was that identified the bank, the branch, the branch manager and a host of other things relating to the account before both of us proceeded to open it. He flew in from Lagos for both of us to do this in Abuja.

Apart from this account, I also understand that a *gofundme* account amounting to huge millions was opened by select leaders – Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi, Omoyele Sowore and their cronies. When it was opened and how it was opened I do not know. I do not know those who opened the account; operate it and who are signatories to it. Information that I have about said account I gleaned from outsiders. I have also gathered that two Zenith Bank Accounts were also opened. I am not aware about those who opened them, when it was opened, who operates them and their signatories.

One of the account, I am told is Omoyele Sowore Presidential Campaign Account, the second account I do not have its exact title. I have also gleaned that there are other accounts and sources with several lines of donations where monies obtained for the purposes of prosecuting take it back with TIB and AAC project are housed. I do not know anything about these accounts and cannot be accountable for them. I have not been involved with them in any way.

I can only inform all that I am aware of this account, African Action Congress, GTB 0425888778.

I am also not the primary account holder of this account as alert of monies transmitted into this account goes directly to Omoyele Sowore. I do not know per time how much, is in the account. All monies transmitted goes directly into Omoyele Sowores' phone number and not mine. I have not, solely or unilaterally removed any money from the account as both of us are signatories to the account.

The request for update of signatories began immediately after the botched parties National Convention which was embarrassingly canceled by Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi, Omoyele Sowore and their cronies on October 6, 2018 where the party on account of the annulment was unable to hold its congress to elect leaders of the party including the National Executive Committee. So the party technically reverted to its pre-National Convention Mode because it had no substantive leadership because of the non-election. The revision thus empowered Omoyele Sowore and my humble self to continue as leaders of the party.

However, it should be noted that in a meeting held on October 6, 2018 after the National Convention mishap where Omoyele Sowore became both the Presidential Candidate of the party as well as its National chairman, (an antidemocratic outcome that soiled the Movements' image and slurs the Party's credibility besides making a mockery of our decade-long opposition to dispositions of this nature), a status quo ante was canvassed, and agreed for things relating to positions in the party pending when a special National Convention is to be held.

I was ambushed in a Hotel room in Lagos a day after the highly controversial, aborted National Convention to do this. Hasty request to alter the account signatories by asking me to effect the change without delay alerted me to be cautious, for knowing how acrimonious the National Convention turned out and very bad image it gave us, and aware that party faithful(s) and delegates were visibly upset with way things turned out, I opted to embrace wisdom not to succumb to heckling pressure from any quarter to do this.

Besides, the hushed, secretive, manner various monies that has come into the Take it Back movement project, and which I have not been informed or updated as the National Campaign Director of TIB led me into being cautious in caving into pressure to accede to update of signatories. I had told Omoyele Sowore, our presidential candidate that once the party holds its democratic special National Convention with no acts of imposition from this select leadership currently running TIB as personal property I will update it. "There was no need to be unduly in haste", I had told him. We have millions everywhere but these monies are seldom seen.

With what transpired in Lagos, the way the National Convention was aborted, the way party delegates that came from different parts of the country were shabbily treated, the

way TIB has been run so far, the way the National Secretariat of the party has not been carried along, the way the Town Hall Meetings were carried out, the way the Presidential Campaign had been executed, and several things that cannot come in to print, it neither impressed reason nor gladdens the heart for an update of signatories to be executed with so many of these unsettling sequence of events. The senses never connected to this, at all.

## **5. Running Anti-Movement and Anti-Party Activities**

I am embarrassed most times when I find persons who are not only educated but also exposed jumping into the bandwagon of embracing and deploying *buzzwords*, either because they want to showcase knowledge depth or they just want to swing along word-winds of the moment, to impress everyone.

Anti-Movement! Anti-party! Which one, first?

I am custodian of information and documents. Members and other stakeholders reach out to me regularly. They include individuals, Movement members, party members, political groups and political parties. Part of my job is to hear them out, weigh their offer and determine whether they are aligned with our philosophical leanings, manifesto etc. Their reaching out to me does not amount to anti-movement or anti-party activity, neither is my discussion with them, on the strength of this, without a conclusion being reached that is antithetical to values of AAC, lend itself to being classified as anti-party.

Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi held several discussions and meetings with varied groups and political parties. Omoyele Sowore did this. Other leaders in TIB did same. And when they indulge in, it is not anti-movement or anti-party activity but when Dr. Leonard Nzenwa is reached by other stakeholders that become anti-movement and anti-party activity.

We are acquainted that art of *politics* and *politicking* revolves around consensus building, give and take and adroitly using numbers that is on ones' side to manage power-relations in such a manner as to maximize interest(s) of groups and its various members. This end goal, to a very large extent, is achieved through negotiation, persuasion, collaboration whilst working together. We did this in TIB days. Dr. Malcolm was involved. Omoyele Sowore was involved. I was involved. Then it was not anti-movement.

In TIB, we preoccupied ourselves with task of negotiating, persuading and wooing various persons, groups to collaborate and work with us to take back Nigeria. In these meetings, grounds were examined and positions taken. We reached agreement through consensus. All of us that were involved then were not involved in anti-movement activities, but now one of them, because he is telling the *cabalistic few* dominating everybody the bitter truth, he is.

I hold the electoral position that in Nigerian Politics an upstart political party with little resources needs to work collaboratively with various ideological compatible groups and parties to win election. APC is a behemoth of various groups and parties. PDP is composed of various political entities. This is reality of Nigerian political history. It is same with American political history. Thinking and acting otherwise demonstrate high political immaturity.

We also heard how various groups endorsed our presidential candidate in AAC. Were meetings not held and discussions not entered into? Why were engagements leading up to sealing of these relationships not called anti-party? Guess, because Dr. Leonard Nzenwa was not involved. If he is involved it would be called anti-party. I am aware of meetings involving these select few including our presidential candidate in Abuja, Lagos and elsewhere with non-AAC members and other groups and political parties negotiating and discussion, yet these are not anti-party activities.

Only recently Accord Party endorsed our presidential candidate. Were meetings, and elaborate, extended discussions not held before this happened? Is it not intriguing that this engagement was not labeled anti-party-party.

Regarding purported act to impugn character of our presidential candidate and charge of authoring a litany of allegations, it is important that it be restated for the umpteenth time that information of all kinds are transmitted to me. Greater chunk of them unsolicited come from members who are deeply concerned and bitter with what is going on in TIB and AAC, and because they are not brave enough to voice them out they reach out to me. Many too, are gleaned in course of my duty from assortment of sources.

The information that I harbor regarding the party, its members, functionaries, and even opposition party are overwhelming. Let it be known that I am uniquely positioned as

National Secretary of the party to know everything taking place. We tend, as leaders, to always see ourselves as above board, as infallibles. And many of the leaders in our midst see themselves in this light. Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi is without fault and cannot be queried or challenged. Omoyele Sowore, our presidential candidate has become a "god" that must not be brought to account. Everything he says and does is alright for everybody. We seem to have become *zombies* that need not interrogate anything from time to time. We seem to have become this ape-ish and everybody have maintained "docking mode". Nobody wants to come out to speak but many do find me reachable to confide to. And when they do I will not betray them.

Many of the things that these select few are alleging are in the open – the public are aware of them all. And it predates this period.

Here are just a few to draw home this point. Who is not aware that our presidential candidate is keeping a permanent room in a top, expensive hotel in Lagos Nigeria since he indicated interest to take a shot at Aso Rock? Who is not aware that a major crisis was averted when our presidential candidate visited the Ooni of Ife in his palace? Who is not aware that leadership of TIB elected to shun working with PACT and the young presidential Candidates rather preferring to go it alone? Who is not aware that our presidential candidate was entangled in a legal battle with Mountain of Fire Ministries? Who is not aware that Omoyele Sowore and Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi and his cronies canceled the election at the party's 'National Convention to elect its NEC? These are all in the public domain.

When a system is structured in a manner that sufficient room are not provided for people to ventilate their irritation, like ours, but they are ostracized or crucified, such a system mirrors a hypocritical entity with a double face, where on one hand, so to speak, all activities undertaken inside are expected not to be questioned, or individuals undertaking them are not to be queried, and on another hand, everything that is done outside the system are vicariously criticized and damned. That is what TIB and AAC has turned to now. And we are not cowards. We must speak out and damn the consequence. This is the lot that I have chosen as a leader.

When a system is structured in a manner that it elevates sycophancy as an art, and rewards timidity and cowardice as a noble skill amongst its people while its leaders are celebrated and adjudged as iconic purveyor of social and democratic change through

consistent scathing criticism and protest against other institutions, that system, as currently obtains in TIB and AAC, inhere hubris of a double-face. These select few enjoy it this way and anybody that raises a query is vilified. What I have written here I will pointedly confront Omoyele Sowore and Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi, face to face. Not through Social Media.

I did not, therefore, author any document. I only transmitted information that was transmitted to me by unhappy members to a close confidant of our presidential candidate knowing very well that he would someday retransmit it to him. Everything flies now, literally speaking.

## **6. Non-Participation in Movement and Party Activities**

This again is inaccurate. And to charge that it's been in the last 12 weeks is laughable.

If participating in Movement and Party is determined solely by finger print in devices via Social Media presence in Facebook, WhatsApp, twitter, instagram, etc., then Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi and the clique that sat on my purported suspension got it all wrong. Sweeping presence in these medium do not translate in active participation in Movement or Party activities.

Haven said this, has it not bothered us all to note that everything, I mean all significant decisions in TIB and AAC, are incubated, crafted, implemented and supervised from USA and a room in a hotel in Lagos by a very select few that has constituted themselves into a cabal with full knowledge of our presidential candidate who has remained a staunch supporter and an arrowhead, yet we beat our chest that we are not same with same cabal in Aso Rock that has held Mr. Buhari hostage over the last three years. Aren't we aware that everything revolves around Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi and his cohorts? Every other idea is shot down. Initiatives from those who share no affiliation with this select few are disdained.

This notwithstanding, we pride ourselves in digitization with, scanty attention to physical bearings that bonds the cyberspace. We have had countless number of meetings online over the months with no credible and proven effort to concretely connect with ground activities. It's been our *fad* to immerse ourselves in cozy shells to churn out strategic documents, deluding ourselves that these are proven solutions to

political issues of our time and electoral matters that concerns us. There had been great disconnect between what is on ground and what we profess on paper.

Over the month, that is before they came after me, I had moved that we have physical meetings against online ones. But funding was adduced for its lack of implementation. I had maintained that our brand of politics in Nigerian is local, and Nigeria has not reached the literate level and sophistication height of advanced western countries but it was ignored.

Successful Nigerian politicians or political administrators are not Social Media lions. They are the calm, quite, urbane, practical, and back room, so to speak, fixers that connect the dots in an uncanny manner to post sterling results.

We should be apprised that there is a meeting-outcome rule which upholds 80/20 per cent success rate wherein every meeting is assessed on how well resolutions from such meetings are successfully implemented. If meeting-outcomes are not productive as is the case with us, that is, if there is a negative correlation between meeting and its resolution consistently over extended period, continuation of that meeting is deemed unproductive and unnecessary. Even at this, I have, continuously engaged, and related closely with the states and their chairmen, in the best way that I can. When you put this alongside the perennial network issue in Nigeria, the picture becomes clearer.

How do you expect a person to participate in internal Movement and party's activities when you are removed from the WhatsApp Groups at will? Have we forgotten that our meetings are in the cyberspace? How do you expect that I participate when I am continuously ambushed in meetings by carefully arranged, combative and hostile attendees, most of whom have no business attending such meetings, who nevertheless are introduced to boost numbers of recruited cronies that are strategically positioned to attack me in such meetings? Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi have you forgotten what transpired in Lagos days before the National Convention which you and Omoyele Sowore aborted thereby diminishing our profile as authentic, credible alternative? How does one attend meetings when I send out communication(s) the select few will unleash armada of cronies to bout me with same communication sent out unheeded? How?

Again if as the National Campaign Director, TIB and National Secretary of AAC and I am not intimidated, consulted, updated and carried along in many activities, programs,

engagements, not recently, even in the TIB days, how would Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi and Omoyele Sowore, who are aware of this because, I bitterly complained innumerable times to them about this, expect me to function seamlessly? Is it not in public domain, and even in our midst “that we, the owners and them, supposedly intruders” have taken over our internal narrative and discussion.

The truth is that Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi conscientiously knows how we got to this *pass*, but why he has chosen to toe this mischief line is what I am yet to put a finger on. He sure knows what he is doing. Somebody confided in me, that he told him, that “it is all about politics”.

## **7. Setting up Parallel Structures in Several States**

This is false.

There is an African proverb, specifically from Igbo speaking area of Nigeria that says that a professional human head cutter or ritualist, looks out guardedly for any one holding a cutlass, whether the person intend using it on him or not, is immaterial. All he, driven by fear, is after, is to ensure that no one with a cutlass or machete will be around him or stand at his back. The fear-stricken headhunter is always alert not to be caught off guard because he is aware of his dealing(s).

This explains what Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi and his cohorts are acting out. Let me adumbrate.

In the quest to pocket TIB and the AAC and make it his personal property, the select few, led by Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi have hysterically gone on overdrive, buying over everybody - putting people on allowances, quartering many in hotels, offering monetary overtures to those that hitherto had stood against him but recanting now on account of the perks being lavished on them, etc. His attack on my person is one of the many antics to frustrate me out of the party. ***The mission was to use and dump me but it is not working out the way they had planned hence the move to purport to suspend me so that they will find more reason to come for the overkill immediately after the election and eject me out from the party completely.***

And these charges are not unconnected with this mission.

All should note that everybody that is currently chairing the States joined TIB and AAC like every one of us. And are all leaders in their own right. When I became National

Campaign Director, I discovered different claimant as coordinator of many States. It was very rampant and not restricted to one State. I tried all I could to resolve these lingering issue. I sadly discovered that some of the chairmen, even as ineffective as they are, were recommended by certain friends of these select few. You are either from them or you work for them, if you are not in this category you are booted out.

I spent a great deal of time working to fix this challenge. Soon I began to achieve positive result to stabilize many of these states. However, during the State Congresses, this ugly phenomenon sprang up again. Still, this was managed successfully.

A good case is that of Rivers State. A friend of the Presidential Candidate was made Coordinator of TIB in the State. A young capable man was denied the position. Even with non-performance of our presidential candidate friend I was asked to allow him to continue.

When we eventually harmonized, the same non-performing person, who is seldom seen or heard was elevated and made South-South Zonal Coordinator. I asked the young man to man Rivers State that had been dormant, and who certain powers had forbidden from being the party's chairman in the State. But still same friend that was elevated as South-South Coordinator absconded. The powers that be imposed another person that is a confirmed PDP stalwart in the State and who is a friend to one of them in USA. The young man won the State Congress. The same person has turned out to be one of the most effective State chairmen of the party.

We should therefore note that that there was no erection of parallel structure. What did occur was realignment and harmonization intended to reboot the system. And it was within my power as the National Secretary to do this. TIB and AAC do not have parallel structures across the State, if they do; it is the creation of Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi and his cronies with our presidential candidate backing him at every turn. Ogun State is a very shameful example. What they did in that State and how they treated the chairman of the party in the State and how they plotted to substitute Madam Eniola Otasanya Martins, who I stood behind, is very fresh in our memory. If not that I was resolute and adamant they would have removed the woman. Has the attack on her stopped, NO!

It should be noted that our Presidential candidate, Omoyele Sowore have continually used non-party members, specifically from APC in the course of his Town hall Meetings

and Presidential Campaign across the country, yet this is not anti-party. This cannot be disputed. It cannot.

### **8. Unreported Representation of Party in Major Events**

There is evidently a delusional relapse which has endured, and which unwittingly has led into an arrival to a conclusion that leaders of TIB are also leaders of the party.

This is not correct.

Functionaries of TIB, who craftily were implanted to work as AAC officials, purporting to discharge work of party's' NEC are technically, and legally not AAC Leaders. This should be made clear.

Even Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi is not a leader of the party. He is the DG of Take It Back, TIB, and not DG of AAC. The party credible leaders are Omoyele Sowore, who is the chairman and Dr. Leonard Nzenwa, National Secretary respectively. Anything other than this is not correct.

And because of what happened at the National Convention where the party failed to elect its NEC, and to have its National Leaders, no one can claim to be the leaders of the party other than Omoyele Sowore, who DOUBLES as chairman as well its presidential candidate and Dr. Leonard Nzenwa, National Secretary respectively.

But our presidential candidate is seldom seen, except in the public domain; as he is globetrotting and country-trothing for one to meet with him. He flies into Abuja without informing me. He seldom responds to strategic issue requiring promptness except in few occasions when it will directly serve his purpose. Numerous examples abound. He would seat and take decisions on party matters without intimating me. On many of these occasions, I get embarrassed, yet he is my other leader in the party and it is him I should report to.

Let me inform all that reports of major events attended are available but who should this be transmitted to? Is it to Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi who is not a leader of the party or the phantom NEC? No, it is Omoyele Sowore. Has he had time to respond to or acknowledge other pressing ones transmitted to him before in the past?

### **9. Refusal to Share National Voter Register information with the Party**

This again is inaccurate.

It is important that we be notified that our activities largely stems from INEC. And the Commission standard rule is to invite the party's Chairman and National Secretary always except where it cannot accommodate both. In AAC case, both of us have always been invited to all engagements. In some cases, the chairman is involved alone. In some cases, the secretary is invited alone. I have it on good authority from INEC officials that the chairman has always been invited on all programs. And these invitations are extended via SMS. Our presidential candidate cannot do without his phones. He is always with them. I also have it on good authority that some persons from the party had gone to INEC to request them to stop inviting me from attending programs many months before now.

It is important that this background is provided so that one can appreciate context under which the following narration is done.

Deliberate attempt to continually under-present, under-communicate and falsely misinform everybody when not apprised of exact happenings or true situation of things have become pastime of certain individuals within the fold.

On January 7, 2019, I attended INEC Quarterly Consultative Meeting with Political Parties in Abuja. I flew into Abuja for the event. I received the invitation to attend via SMS. INEC officials told me that both the chairmen and secretaries of the parties were invited for the program as it is customary with INEC.

After INEC chairman had finished delivering his remark, the National Voter Register Information was distributed to the political parties and I collected for the party. At a point the event hall was thrown into confusion as contending political factions began to exchange banter. I felt uncomfortable with the situation in the hall and had to exit.

I was headed to another appointment when the presidential candidate called me to inform me that he attended the program and was told that I had been given the Register (ostensibly he had come in late into the hall). I answered in the affirmative, to which he queried why I should have collected it. I reminded him that I was the secretary of the party and had the right to collect as other secretaries of other parties did. We ended our hot chat abruptly.

Shortly I was called by an INEC official who serenaded me with tale of how our presidential candidate conducted himself at the venue when I had left. He was said to have busted into a rage and without any decorum snatched a copy of the Registry from official of INEC. And when the INEC official moved to restrain him and collect it back, his aides and guards muscled them out. It was a bad scene. This seemed unbecoming of our presidential candidate.

I was very angry when I got the information. So he had forcefully collected another National Registry as he could not wait for me? I resolved that since he did this let him go ahead and get it across to the States as he wants to play roles of *presidential candidate, party chairman and secretary* all in one. I had sent a message to states chairmen in alphabetical order intimating them that I was working to send the registry to them after mass producing them, and sending them across via a logistic company. But I had to call it off.

### **Final Note**

Have we spared some thought as to how the National Secretariat and National Secretary have been functioning without resources after the birth of the party till date? The party is a formal organization, not a one man business. While these select few flew in and outside the country, spending so much money with resources from donations, etc., on other things, not as much as a pinch gets to the National Secretariat, yet Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi of this world and his ilk's would expect me excel. To deliver as determined by him!

While, we are, so to speak was crippled by non-funding issue and I, trying to figure out ways to fund and manage the Secretariat, as it is believed by these same select officials that I needed to undertake funding and administration of the Secretariat with my private resources, I was startled on September 2018, when select TIB leadership released a list wherein a Deputy National Chairman ("Admin") office was created.

Its creation was outcome of weeks of intense engagement characterized by heated and vehement disagreement over the controversial list that had predominance of people from a part of the country and positioning of friends and cronies across several positions and portfolio. I objected to this list, because I did everything I could to stop its release but I was blackmailed by same select leadership of working to constitute a clog in the

wheel of progress of the party before it was released. Active members who had contributed more and had put in enormous resources were overlooked.

While conceding that a team that will act as TIB Functionaries to support AAC activities to carry on until a democratic National Convention were to be put in place, as I and Sowore could not carry on the whole task of managing the party, I never endorsed its christening as NEC of the party nor executing function of NEC of the party because they are not. But our Presidential Candidate and Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi preferred it that way.

This list which was stoutly condemned almost crippled TIB and AAC if not for intervention by my humble self and other well-meaning members who appealed to members to remain calm. Same list was dictatorial taken and shoved through as the party's leadership list. Dr. Malcolm Fabiyi, resident abroad, and in concert with his cronies, with this, now asserted themselves as leaders and went on, illegally to undertake task of administering the party and embarked on brazen appointments including forcefully taking over administrative core function of candidates and election management, etc.

This deft move was indeed made by him to stamp his authority and take full control of AAC after my longstanding refusal to allow him to do this over several months before now.

***All these largely informed why I opted to take a measured sidestep to observe his mercurial maneuver and allow peace to reign in the interim. My quietness was wisdom, at least for the sake of the candidates who have not in any way wronged me and for our hardworking chairmen across the federation who have put in everything, and yet most of them are treated unfairly and disdained. It's been gnashing of teeth for most of the.***

**...and yet the Last Line**

If seriously we want take back Nigeria, we should take back our CONSCIENCE first. If we do this with GOOD CONSCIENCE then we will be better positioned to take Nigerian back.

Above statement should alert us on the need for a purge within.

The leadership in TIB, which raucously has sought to emasculate AAC, is total failure.

It is redeemable if they will acknowledge that they have worn same left leg shoe on the right side.

TIB is not one man, group or friends property neither is AAC. So no one can drive his rules laws down on our throats.

Yours-in-Service,

A large, dark, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Dr. Leonard Nzerwa', is written over the typed name and partially over the text below.

**Dr. Leonard Nzerwa**

**National Campaign Director, Take It Back Movement, TIB**

**National Secretary, African Action Congress, AAC**