

The **World Evangelical Alliance**, partnering with the Nigerian NGO **SERAP** has focused its UPR report on the issue of corruption. Nigeria, as a leading nation in Africa and with its strong economic potential, should be a model State in terms of fulfilment of human rights.

During the 2009 UPR review, Nigeria committed to pursue its fight against corruption so that all its citizens can enjoy peace, health and security. Those recommendations were accepted by Nigeria. However our report concludes that these commitments have not been met.

Also after the second UPR round the Nigeria government has only increased doubts with regard to its stand against corruption. Recent accusations that as much as \$ 20 bn of oil revenue over a 19 month period from January 2012 until July 2013 has gone missing, have been met with indifference. The whistleblower, an internationally recognized financial expert, oddly enough was ousted shortly after.

The Attorney of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Mr. Mohammed Adoke only last month defended the non-remittal by the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation of the missing \$20 billion oil money arguing that the NNPC Act required NNPC to remit only to the federation account, its net earnings after deducting cost of its operations.

But the advice by Mr Adoke seems patently inconsistent with the letter and spirit of Section 162 of the Constitution, which is to establish a dedicated account into which **all public revenue** by the Federal Government shall be paid, as well as to remove any arbitrary and non-transparent and non-accountable spending of public revenue.

If this is the state of Nigeria it comes as no surprise that stability and nationhood is sadly lacking. Lavish resources turn into a curse and set a bad example. Human Rights are being trampled upon and ordinary citizens have no security. To call to mind just one recent tragedy: the wholesale slaughter of more than 100 villagers in Kaduna state last Friday, March 14. What could be a country that set an example in Human Rights turns into a human tragedy.

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