

BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
IN CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES
OF THE REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE PANEL OF INVESTIGATION
OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LANDED PROPERTY
ON MONDAY, 25TH MARCH, 1979
AT THE STATE HOUSE, ABUJA
AT 11.30 A.M.

Your Excellency, the Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
The Secretary to the Government of the Federation,
Chairmen and Members of the Investigative Panel,
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the inauguration of the Panel of Investigation of Federal Government Landed Property.

**THE INAUGURATION OF THE PANEL OF INVESTIGATION
OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LANDED PROPERTY**

It is a privilege to be with you on this day. The Panel of Investigation of Federal Government Landed Property is a body set up to investigate the acquisition, disposal and management of landed property owned by the Federal Government. The Panel will be responsible for the investigation and reporting on the acquisition, disposal and management of landed property owned by the Federal Government.

The members of the Panel are drawn from various parts of the Government and the private sector. I trust that the Panel will be able to carry out its duties effectively and efficiently. I wish to express my appreciation to the members of the Panel for their willingness to undertake this important task.

The members of the Panel include:

(a) Brig.-Gen. A. R. R. (Retd.)	Chairman
(b) Chief A. N. J. J. J.	Member
(c) Mr. A. A. A.	Member
(d) Mr. W. W. W.	Member
(e) Mr. G. G. G.	Member
(f) Mr. U. U. U.	Member
(g) Mr. B. B. B.	Member
(h) Mr. C. C. C.	Member

**ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY, THE PRESIDENT
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES
CHIEF OLUSEGUN OBASANJO, GCFR
AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE PANEL OF INVESTIGATION
OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LANDED PROPERTY
ON MONDAY, 28TH JUNE, 1999
AT THE STATE HOUSE, ABUJA
AT 11.00 A.M.**

Your Excellency, the Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
The Secretary to the Government of the Federation,
Chairman and Members of the Investigation Panel,
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to this occasion to perform the official inauguration of another Panel on the Investigation of Federal Government Landed Property.

In my inaugural address, I spoke of the need for a new political order, determined to quickly implement measures that would restore confidence in governance. It is in pursuit of this goal that conscious efforts are being made to ascertain the correct situation of many government landed property all over the country. There have been allegations that are too brazen to be believed. The facts need to be known and where illegality and impropriety had taken place, the nation needs to know and restoration needs to take place.

Let me at this juncture emphasise that Government attaches very great importance to this task. I, therefore, urge you to be courageous and God-fearing as you approach this important and delicate national assignment. With the quality of your membership we have no illusion that you are up to the task.

The members of the Panel include :

(a) Brig.-Gen. O. Rotimi (rtd.)	Chairman
(b) Chief A. N. Anyamere, SAN	Member
(c) Engr Abubakar Alikura	Member
(d) Mr Wilberforce Juta	Member
(e) Mr Gershom Henshaw	Member
(f) Mr Ugo Innocent Chima	Member
(g) Prof. Bolanle Awe	Member
(h) Mr G. O. Adebajji	Secretary

(a) to identify and collate all landed property of the Federal Government or its agencies, parastatals or companies such as Nigeria Airways, Nigeria Ports Authority and Nigeria Railway Corporation, wherever located in the country as at 1st day of January, 1984 and as at 29th day of May, 1999, and to determine the state of the title of the Federal Government to such landed property.

(b) to identify all such landed property of the Federal Government, its agencies, parastatals or companies as have been or are in danger of being alienated by way of sale, lease, grant, gift, or by any other means whatsoever and to determine the propriety of such transactions.

(c) to ascertain the persons, authority or organisation responsible for such alienation and the person, persons or body to whom or to which the property were alienated as aforesaid, the reason behind the alienation, the person or body to whom such consideration was paid and the use to which it was put.

(d) to determine whether such alienations of landed property of the Federal Government, its agencies, parastatals or companies as aforesaid were in the public interest, and if not, to recommend appropriate action against public officers concerned in the transactions and ways and means of recovering public property so improperly alienated.

(e) to make any other recommendations which the Panel may deem necessary in the circumstances.

Let me also add that you are free to consult and summon anybody or group of people who could be of assistance in the discharge of your duties. On our part, government will place at your disposal necessary facilities that would ensure speedy completion of your assignment, within the six months period given to you.

Distinguished Lady and Gentlemen, I congratulate you on your appointment. I wish you God's guidance and I assure you of government's support as you embark on this very important national assignment. It is now my honour and privilege to inaugurate the Panel on the Investigation of Federal Government Landed property.

I thank you all for your attention.