



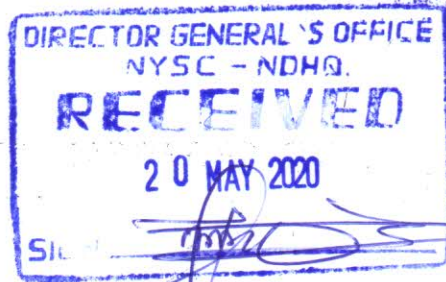
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The Director-General
National Youth Service Commission (NYSC)
Directorate Headquarters
Abuja.



Dear Sir

Re: Alleged Forged Certificate of Exemption.

We write as an organization that is concerned about the integrity of persons and institutions. We feel that when our public institutions are maligned, we have a responsibility to ensure that they are protected from false information, by providing factual information.

The Director-General (DG) may be aware that there are fake documents everywhere. The NYSC which you superintend has not been spared this 'Oluwole' scourge. There are many cases of forged NYSC discharge and exemption certificates across the country.

We must stamp out forgery everywhere. But we must stamp out forgery in the NYSC quickly because the NYSC was established to inculcate national values in our youths and to help nation-building.

But we cannot stamp out this evil if allegations of possession of fake NYSC documents are made against politicians and the NYSC sits astride and keeps quiet, and waits for a committee of inquiry or court to force it to show moral outrage, to speak up. One of the values the NYSC was established to teach the youths is forthrightness : direct, outspoken truthfulness !

Recently, the social media has been inundated with allegations of forgery of an NYSC certificate of exemption by the new Deputy Governor of Bayelsa state. Two certificates are making the rounds. One certificate was issued in 1998. The other certificate was issued in 2019. Both bear the same reference number: 139708. The names on the certificates are slightly different. Both certificates carry the signature of the same Director-General.

The Bayelsa Deputy Governor has said he didn't forge any certificates. The NYSC neither helps him nor helps the public by keeping quiet. When the Adeosun Saga was consuming the attention of the public, the NYSC kept silent for many months.

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It in this regard that we kindly request that in the interest of the country, the NYSC should clear the air on the Lawrence Ewhrudjakpo controversy. He said his name was wrongly spelt in the 1998 certificate. And he wrote the NYSC in 2019 to correct it.

We would like to know if you signed a new NYSC exemption certificate with ref no: 139708 in 2019 for Lawrence Ewhrudjakpa, the Bayelsa Deputy governor.

We have attached copies of the implicated certificates to help you clear up the confusion.

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,



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For: Executive Director