

Name: Alert ID: TMML2024035038422 The All Progressives Congress (APC) has made a list of several corruption allegations it says will frustrate Senate President Bukola Saraki's presidential ambition in 2019. According to Vanguard, the ruling party said that the Senate President will not pass the integrity and anti-corruption test. This was made known to newsmen by the APC spokesman, Yekini Nabena, in a statement which he issued on Monday, August 20, 2018, according to Daily Post. Saraki, in an interview with Bloomberg on Tuesday, August 15, 2018, said that he's considering the possibility of running for the office of president against President Buhari in the 2019 presidential election. See the 7 corruption allegations reproduced below:

1. N1b allegedly looted from Société Générale Bank "In a recent interview with the international news organization, Bloomberg, the Senate President, Dr. Bukola Saraki unsurprisingly declared his intention to contest the 2019 Presidency under the platform of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP). "Against the backdrop of the litany of corruption allegations trailing the Senate President, Saraki's declaration, brings to the fore our earlier call to anti-graft agencies to check the use of stolen public funds to finance elections in this country. We reiterate our position that the Nigerian electorate must have the opportunity to choose from candidates that can pass the integrity and anti-corruption test. "Let us refresh our memory on some of Saraki's corruption allegations: Allegations of fraud which led to the collapse of the Saraki family-owned Société Générale Bank (Bukola Saraki who was Director of the defunct bank was indicted over N1bn alleged to have been looted from the bank's treasury)." 2. Mis-appropriation of Kwara State funds "Misappropriation of Kwara State funds, disregard of government due process and conversion of State government assets into his and cronies when he served as two-term governor of Kwara State. "History of betrayals, treachery and sabotage – Family, political party (PDP, APC), Senate, government." 3. N11b financial scandal at the defunct Intercontinental Bank The APC spokesman said "Saraki was questioned by the Nigeria Police Special Fraud Unit over an N11 billion financial scandal at the defunct Intercontinental Bank." 4. Hidden Panama funds. According to Nabena, the Senate President's desire to acquire for property is 'Gluttonous'. "Gluttonous property acquisitions and hidden multi-billion dollar assets spread across the world as disclosed by the Panama Papers revelations." 5. Shonga Agricultural Project. Nabena also mentioned a "multi-million dollar white elephant Shonga Agricultural Project in Kwara State when Saraki served as two-term governor." 6. Falsification of Senate Order The APC spokesman accused Saraki of "Falsification of Senate standing order" "Saraki's link to the N298m armoured Range Rover SUV seized by the Nigeria Customs Service." 7. \$19.5b Paris Club Loan refund scandal "Saraki is link to \$19.5b Paris Club Loan refund scandal, he oversaw budget padding in the National Assembly among other numerous corruption scandals," Nabena added. APC warns Nigerians The party also warned Nigerians to be wary of Saraki, who it says will always put himself over National interest. "Nigerians should be wary of a man whose personal ambition will always supersede the interest of the majority and national interest as currently displayed in the National Assembly. "While Saraki refuses to reconvene the National Assembly, the 2019 election budget of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) is dangerously delayed, an action deliberately taken to sabotage INEC's ability to conduct free, fair, transparent and credible elections in 2019. "While Saraki refuses to step down as Senate President as rightly and severally demanded by the APC-dominated Senate, he is bent on foisting a PDP-minority rule (Senate President and Deputy Senate President) in the Upper Legislative House," the statement added. Saraki's way Nabena, in the statement, also said Saraki only knows how to play politics that will benefit him alone. He said "The only politics that Bukola Saraki plays is self, himself only and only himself. The interest and welfare of the people of Nigeria do not mean anything to him. Now it is the Presidency Saraki wants. "And we ask with what antecedents is he doing this? Conspiracy, blackmail, treachery and vaulting ambition which overleaps itself and falls on the other, as rightly captured by William Shakespeare. Bukola Saraki will rather rule in hell than serve in paradise. ALSO READ: 3 Things Saraki says he'll do when he becomes president "Ahead of 2019 elections, Nigerians must ensure that we never again entrust the leadership of this great country to thieves whose sole aim is treasury looting and returning us to the dark ages where impunity and institutionalized corruption was the order of the day." Meanwhile, the All Progressives Congress (APC) National Leader, Bola Tinubu has said that Saraki and the Sokoto State Governor, Aminu Waziri Tambuwal left the APC because the party could not offer them what they wanted. Tinubu said those who defected wanted automatic tickets and also to share Nigeria's money, which the ruling party could not guarantee.