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The Editor

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Sir,

**REQUEST FOR CORRECTION IN YOUR NEWS REPORT ON THE PRESS CONFERENCE ADDRESSED BY THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION DEMOCRATIC PARTY, ADP, ENGR, YABAGI YUSUF SANI IN ABUJA, TUESDAY 22ND DECEMBER, 2020**

I write to draw your attention to your report of the above-mentioned event and published on page 32 of the 23rd December, 2020 edition of your respectable newspaper.

In the said report captioned **“Insecurity: ADP Asks National Assembly to Impeach Buhari “**, your newspaper reported our National Chairman as having called on the National Assembly to commence impeachment proceedings against president Muhammadu Buhari. Beside what is a clear case of quoting out of context, the impression also given by the news report is that, the ADP National Chairman dwelt almost entirely and exclusively on the subject of, impeachment of Mr. President.

The news report is not accurately reflective of the facts of that event and we would wish that you take the following facts into consideration and accordingly do what is professionally and ethically appropriate in this circumstance:

1. At the news event in reference, the ADP National Chairman extensively addressed issues of national and global dimensions such as: the Nigerian Economy; Fiscal policies of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN); the Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB); the Oil and Gas industry; Agriculture, Covid-19 pandemic; Insecurity in the country and, sundry other issues of significance and impact in the year 2020.
2. In the text, a 28-page document, which was read by the ADP Chairman and copies given to all the Journalists present, there was nowhere was it written that, “President Muhammadu Buhari should be impeached”.
3. The mention of the word ‘impeachment’ by our Chairman was during the question-and-answer session when a Journalist asked of his opinion on the President’s refusal to honour invitation by the House of Representatives to address the citizens through their elected representatives on issues relating to security challenges as well as his reluctance to respect the motions of the two chambers of the National Assembly calling for the sacking of the Service Chiefs. The ADP Chairman’s response which we have on record went thus:

**“I was surprised that the President went back on his commitment to address the nation through the elected representatives of the people over the challenges of insecurity which I consider as the greatest threat to his administration in particular and generally, the unity and stability of the entire country. In another clime, this would have been sufficient grounds for the legislature to consider impeachment proceedings against the President”.**

From the foregone, we believe that the ADP’s press conference dealt on a wide-ranging and far-reaching issues of national importance beyond the sensational and unrewarding call on a National Assembly that is overwhelmingly dominated by the President’s ruling APC to impeach him. Certainly, the ADP knows enough than to engage in such a futile, unrealistic and sheer time-wasting endeavour of calling on a legislature that unabashedly prides itself as an apron-string of the Executive.

While thanking you in anticipation of your usual friendship towards our party, I wish to seize this opportunity to once again commend you for the wonderful and patriotic services your paper has continued to render to the nation even as such dauting times in our history.

Season’s greetings, a happy and prosperous new year.

Thanks.

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