

## **Nigerians React To Bankole's Fraud Case**

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Nigerians have continued to react to the case of financial fraud brought against the former Speaker of the Federal House of Representatives, Dimeji Bankole.

John Nwanchukwu, a businessman, says Bankole has succeeded in greatly disappointing Nigerian youths, who have been clamoring to take over the reins of leadership from the brigade of old politicians. According to him, Mr. Bankole has totally killed that aspiration by telling the world, through his conduct, that Nigerian youths are not yet seriously ready for leadership.

John also wonders why the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission did not come up with the allegation while Bankole was still in office, to enable members impeach him.

Ikechukwu, a medical practitioner, sees the allegations and the attempt to prosecute the former Speaker as another 'grand charade, by which the ruling class will only succeed in fooling Nigerians, as usual.' He is convinced that Bankole would only get a light sentence, if convicted.

Ikechukwu supports this view by citing the bail condition of a paltry sum of five million naira (just over 33 thousand dollars) for an official of Dimeji Bankole's status.

Like Ikechukwu, Solomon, a medical doctor, is of the view that Nigerians are constantly being fooled by 'court drama termed prosecution'. He says there will be more confidence in the fight against corruption when people are seriously prosecuted.

Solomon also feels that Dimeji Bankole, who he describes as a "proud man with too much confidence in his godfathers", may only end up with two months imprisonment, amounting to a serious abuse of the sensibilities of Nigerians.

Mary Asemota, in her own reaction, urges women to begin to question their husbands about suspicious wealth.

She laments that 'the love for gold and diamond jewellery has kept the women mute, while the men milk the country dry of its wealth.'

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