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A PAPER ON CORRUPTION DURING THE JLOS INTEGRITY
COMMITTEE NATION WIDE TOUR 2016

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INTRODUCTION

- The Justice Law and Order Sector Integrity Committee (**JLOSI**C) is charged with the duty of enhancing and strengthening of integrity within the Justice Law and Order Sector.



The objectives of the JLOS Integrity Committee Annual Tour 2016

- The Annual Tour is conducted with an overall purpose of ascertaining the status of integrity within the JLOS Sector by looking at a number of parameters. Integrity is always viewed in a broad sense beyond ethical behavior to include an environment that promotes embracing standards of excellence, trustworthiness and lawfulness.



THE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF THE TOUR ARE TO: -

- Assess the level of adherence to the set ethical and integrity standards;
- Assess the quality of services delivered;
- Identify the key challenges and limitations faced by the Sector;
- Assess the general level of awareness of the public about the existence of ethical and integrity standards and complaints handling procedures;
- Identify ways in which to improve service delivery standards in the Sector; and
- Follow up on implementation of the previous JLOSIC report recommendations.



GENERAL OBJECTIVES:

The JLOSIC annual tours are aimed at assessing:-

- The level of the adherence to the set ethical and integral standards by the various institutions;
- The quality of services delivered;
- The general awareness of the public as consumers of the services to the existence of ethical and integrity standards.
- The key challenges faced by the stakeholders in the various JLOS institutions.
- The ways or means within which to improve the compliance to the ethical standards and also improve on the performance of the sector.
- The necessary recommendations of how to improve the quality of service delivery within the sector.



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- The JLOS Integrity Committee was divided into eight (8) teams each team comprising of about 8 members. The team made a country wide tour.
- A number of issues were raised during the tour among which was corruption.
- During the tour the teams established that there were cases of perceived corruption especially at Police posts where suspects were required to pay for police bond.
- Secondly cases of impropriety were raised in some courts like the Grade One Magistrates at Kiruhura and Pallisa Chief Magistrate's Court.



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- Further allegations of corruption were reported in Northern Region, for instance in Alebtong where court users claimed that before money is paid, cases are adjourned. Upon payment of money, a conviction is passed.
- In other areas like Amolatar, it was reported that Police Officers overstay in the areas and they develop vices of corruption.
- In the Southern Region, cases of corruption were reported against Police Officers who were extorting money from the public. The JLOS Integrity Committee was informed that individuals are arrested illegally and asked for money to get them police bond.
- It was alleged that suspects are charged a certain amount of money in order to drop their cases. Also complainants were charged with money to visit scenes of crime.
- In the Western Region cases of corruption by some judicial staff and police were also reported. There were corruption allegations against the Officer In-charge of Kiko Police Post. The public requested that he should be subjected to disciplinary measures.



CONCLUSION

- It was generally observed by the JLOSIC Integrity Committee that there was corruption both real and perceived which the JLOS Institutions must fight against.

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