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POWER DID NOT BUILD HIM — THE MARTIN AGBASO RECORD

# EVIDENCE DOCKET

## *Volume I · Overview · Before Public Power*

The 15 records relied on in the Volume I overview, each with its evidence class and a link to the passage that supports it, followed by 8 exhibits reproduced or extracted from the sources, with their addresses and scan codes.

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SECTION A

# How to Read This Docket

This docket supports the Volume I overview of *Power Did Not Build Him — The Martin Agbaso Record*, published in The Eastern Updates from September 28, 2026. Section B lists every record relied on, with its permanent number, its evidence class and the exhibit passage that supports it; each exhibit number in the index is a link to that passage. Section C reproduces the exhibits. Record numbers (V1-01 to V1-37) and exhibit numbers (E-01 to E-25) are the same in the article, the plates and every docket. E-19 and E-23 are retired and are not reused.

This docket holds only the exhibits and passages this installment relies on. The complete Volume I docket, with the candidate's full statement and every other exhibit, is at https://theeasternupdates.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/power-did-not-build-him-volume-1-evidence-docket.pdf.

## EVIDENCE CLASSES

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| DOCUMENTED | Established by a primary record: a statute, a regulator's or government publication, an institution's account of itself, or an original document. The label covers only what that record shows. A published interview documents that a statement was made; a photograph documents what it visibly shows. |
| REPORTED | A claim carried by a news report, a profile or a named witness, including the author, that no primary record yet confirms. News reports are Reported even when their subject is uncontroversial. |
| INFERENCE | A conclusion drawn from documented or reported facts, with the reasoning set out in the installment. |
| OPEN | A question the available evidence cannot answer, with the record that would answer it. |

## EXHIBIT TYPES

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| **Original** | A document or photograph reproduced whole, as supplied for publication. |
| **Extract** | Passages quoted verbatim from the source, with its address. Omissions are marked [. . .]; the source's own spelling is kept. Statutory extracts carry pinpoint section references. |
| **Editorial note** | Shaded passages written by the editors, never quotation. They explain where a passage could not be reproduced. |
| **Author's statement** | The author's own account as a named witness, dated and set apart from documentary exhibits. |
| **Research note** | A dated record of searches performed and their limits. |

Each exhibit states what the record establishes or what the source reports, followed by its limits: what it cannot show.

## METHOD

Web sources were retrieved on September 28, 2026, unless an exhibit says otherwise. Every address is a live link, and each scan code opens the same address. Where the text retrieval did not return a passage the article relies on, the exhibit says so in an editorial note rather than printing words that were not retrieved.

## RIGHT OF REPLY

Any person or institution named may respond at admin@africatodaynewsonline.com; material responses are published separately or appended, with the date of receipt recorded.

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SECTION B

# Records Relied On

Each exhibit number opens the passage that supports the record. “Still unproved” names the document that would move a Reported claim to Documented, or that would settle an Open question.

| NO. | CLAIM | CLASS | EXHIBIT | STILL UNPROVED |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| V1-01 | Candidate statement, “A Mandate Delayed, Not Denied,” June 21, 2026 | DOCUMENTED | E-01 | Nothing on this point |
| V1-02 | Born April 5, 1959, in Emekuku, Owerri North, to Chief Nathan and Mrs. Anna Agbaso | REPORTED | E-03 | Birth record |
| V1-03 | West African School Certificate, Sabastine Academy, Emekuku, 1976 | REPORTED | E-03 | The certificate |
| V1-04 | Advanced Diploma in Social Sciences, “Pontifical University in Rome,” 1980 | REPORTED | E-03 | Registrar’s record |
| V1-05 | Rome institution named as “the Pontifical University, St Thomas Aquinas, Rome, Italy” | REPORTED | E-05 | Registrar’s record |
| V1-06 | Elected secretary general of the committee of international students, 1980; “the first African” | REPORTED | E-03, E-05 | Election result; roll of earlier officers |
| V1-07 | B.Sc. in Finance, State University of New York at Old Westbury, 1983 (2023 profile) or 1982/1983 (2021 profile) | REPORTED | E-03, E-05 | Transcript or degree record |
| V1-08 | “NASD Degrees in Finance,” 1984 (2023 profile); “NASD Finance,” 1982/1983 (2021 profile) | REPORTED | E-03, E-05 | Registration and examination record |
| V1-11 | Joined Prudential in 1983; began as management trainee; financial analyst by 1991 | REPORTED | E-03 | Employing entity, titles and dates |
| V1-16 | NYSE “member,” 1985; “Million-Dollar Roundtable … at Prudential Incorporated,” 1985; “Commodity Improviser of New York,” 1987 | REPORTED | E-03, E-04 | A record from each body named |
| V1-28 | 1992 called “epochal”; AGAD Nigeria Limited launched, 1992 | REPORTED | E-03, E-04 | Corporate Affairs Commission filing |
| V1-31 | 1992 NRC, Imo East Senate: primary won, then removed (2014); “won” (2017, 2023); “candidate” (2021) | REPORTED | E-20, E-04, E-03, E-05 | Official 1992 return or Senate roll |
| V1-35 | Stated April 2014: 2007 program of over 900 km of state roads to pave and over 1,400 km of local roads to stabilize | DOCUMENTED | E-21 | Measured road lengths; state road records |
| V1-36 | Author’s account: saw Agbaso visit road sites in 2007; told by Agbaso that the kilometer figures were his own calculations | REPORTED | E-24 | Dated route lists, photographs or notes |
| V1-37 | Shared headline across the 2017, 2023 and Oblong profiles; sentences repeated verbatim in 2017 and 2023 | DOCUMENTED | E-03, E-04, E-06 | Nothing on this point |

# EXHIBIT E-01

ORIGINAL DOCUMENT · REPRODUCED IN FULL, FOUR PAGES
CANDIDATE'S PUBLISHED STATEMENT

## Agbaso, M. (2026, June 21). A mandate delayed, not denied: My renewed commitment to the service of Ndi Imo [Candidate statement].

**PROVENANCE** Supplied by the author for publication
**CITED IN** Overview **SUPPORTS** V1-01

**WHAT THIS RECORD ESTABLISHES**

That on June 21, 2026, Martin Agbaso published a statement asking the people of Imo for their trust and declaring his renewed commitment to serve.

**LIMITS**

The statement documents what the candidate said and when. What it says about his own record is his account.

**PASSAGES**

V1-01 DOCUMENTED

*"Ochoudo, will you answer the call again?"*

V1-01 DOCUMENTED

*"I am asking for your trust"*

OCHOUDO
MARTIN AGBASO
MFR
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BUILDING VALUE. EMPOWERING PEOPLE. IMPACTING GENERATIONS.

**21st June 2026**

# A MANDATE DELAYED, NOT DENIED

## My Renewed Commitment to the Service of Ndi Imo

***Nwanne m,***

For nearly twenty years, many of our people have asked me the same question wherever our paths crossed, in our villages, towns, churches, markets, and even in distant lands across the diaspora.

***"Ochoudo, will you answer the call again?"***

Today, after prayerful reflection, wide consultations, and deep consideration, I write to tell you that my answer is yes.

I have decided to once again present myself for your consideration in the 2027 Governorship Election of Imo State.

This decision is not made out of personal ambition, but out of a commitment to sacrifice all to build the Imo of our dreams.

Many of us remember the journey that began in 2006 and culminated in the events of 2007.

Together, we built something extraordinary.

It was more than a political campaign.

It was a movement of hope.

A movement that united our people across communities, professions, faiths, and generations.

The events that followed are now part of history.

For many, it was a painful chapter.

For me, it became a season of learning, growth, and preparation.

I chose not to allow disappointment to become bitterness.

Instead, I allowed experience to become wisdom.

Some have described the events of 2007 as a mandate delayed.

I choose to see them as part of God's preparation.

Because while circumstances may delay a journey, they cannot stop a destiny ordained by God.

Today, I am stronger in experience, deeper in understanding, steadier in judgment, and more committed than ever to the service of Ndi Imo.

Over the years, I have often reflected on what God was teaching me through that journey.

Perhaps some assignments require preparation before fulfillment.

Perhaps some dreams require patience before manifestation.

And perhaps some mandates are delayed so that they may arrive at the appointed time with greater clarity, deeper understanding, and stronger purpose.

That is why I do not hold any resentment toward anyone, nor do I have any desire to reopen old wounds.

My focus is not on yesterday.

My focus is on today and tomorrow.

For nearly two decades, I have remained connected to our people.

I have listened to the numerous challenges they face daily.

I have listened to young graduates searching for opportunities.

I have listened to traders, business owners, professionals, teachers, civil servants, traditional rulers, religious leaders, women, and community stakeholders.

I have listened to our sons and daughters in the diaspora who still dream of a safe, secure, and more prosperous Imo they can return to.

And through all those conversations, one conviction has remained constant.

Imo State has everything it needs to succeed.

The key to unlocking all our opportunities is brilliant, experienced, honest, and courageous leadership that will pursue a vision for a greater Imo.

The resilience, ingenuity, enterprise, and spirit of our people are unsurpassed.

I have seen difficult seasons before, but I have never lost faith in Ndi Imo.



Today, our state stands at an important crossroads.

Many families are struggling with economic hardship.

Many young people are searching for opportunities.

Many communities desire greater security, better roads, stronger healthcare, quality education, and a government that works for everyone.

As daunting as these challenges may seem, they are not beyond our ability to overcome. With disciplined leadership and a clear sense of purpose, we will begin to deliver measurable improvements within our first year and set Imo firmly on the path to sustained prosperity.

My commitment is that we are going to build a robust Imo State within the shortest possible time, a state where world-class medical facilities will be available, agriculture will create wealth and employment, innovation and technology will be strengthened, businesses will flourish, and investor confidence will be on the rise. Our goal will be to create enough disposable income to boost consumer confidence.

Most importantly, I believe we can build a state where government is measured not by promises but by results.

As we move toward 2027, I am not asking simply for your vote.

I am asking for your partnership.

I am asking for your prayers.

I am asking for your ideas.

I am asking for your trust.

The future we seek cannot be built by one man alone.

It will require all of us working together.

Our elders sharing their wisdom.

Our youths contributing their energy and talents.

Our women providing their strength and leadership.

Our professionals offering their expertise.

Our traditional and religious institutions providing guidance and stability.

Together, we can move our state to its enviable position.

With faith in God and confidence in our people, I believe our best days are ahead of us.

Let us walk this journey together.

OCHOUDO
MARTIN AGBASO
MFR

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Let us build together.

Let us dream again.

Let us rise again.

And let us leave for future generations a safe and secure Imo worthy of their hopes and worthy of our sacrifices.

**Yours faithfully,**



**Ochoudo Martin Agbaso, MFR.**

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# EXHIBIT E-03

EXTRACT · QUOTED PASSAGES
PUBLISHED PROFILE

## Chima. (2023, April 10). New Imo: The man Martin Agbaso, a journey of courage and leadership. Periscope NGA.

SCAN TO VERIFY

**PROVENANCE** Retrieved September 28, 2026
**CITED IN** Overview, Part 2, Part 3, Part 4, Part 5 **SUPPORTS** V1-02 V1-03 V1-04 V1-06 V1-07 V1-08 V1-11 V1-16 V1-28 V1-31 V1-37
**SOURCE** https://periscopenga.com/2023/04/new-imo-the-man-martin-agbaso-a-journey-of-courage-and-leadership/

### WHAT THIS SOURCE REPORTS

The fullest published account of his early life: birth and parents, school, the Rome diploma and election, the Old Westbury degree, the Prudential titles, the New York affiliations, the companies and the 1992 Senate race.

### LIMITS

A profile. It reports these events; it reproduces no certificate, transcript or employment record, and several of its sentences repeat the 2017 Vanguard profile word for word.

### PASSAGES, VERBATIM

**V1-02** REPORTED

*"Chief Martin Agbaso was born on April 5, 1959 in Emekuku, Owerri North Local Government Area of Imo State. The first son of Chief Nathan and Mrs. Anna Agbaso [. . .]"*

**V1-03** REPORTED

*"he proceeded to Sabastine Academy, (now Emekuku High School), where he graduated in flying colours in 1976, receiving his West African School Certificate (WAEC)."*

**V1-04** REPORTED

*"In keeping with his family's tradition, he enrolled at the prestigious Pontifical University in Rome, Italy, and in 1980, earned his Advanced Diploma in Social Sciences."*

**V1-06** REPORTED

*"It was no wonder therefore that the committee of International Students at the Pontifical University of Rome found him worthy and elected him Secretary General in 1980, making him the first African, to be so elected."*

**V1-07** REPORTED
**V1-08** REPORTED

*"This was rapidly followed by a B.Sc. and NASD Degrees in Finance, from the State University of New York, Old Westbury, USA, in 1983 and 84 respectively."*

V1-11 REPORTED

*"in 1983, he joined Prudential Inc. of New York, a world-famous financial Derivative and Strategic Investment Management organization."*

V1-11 REPORTED

*"He began as Management Trainee, though he had qualifications that could've landed him higher pay in less structured institutions."*

V1-11 REPORTED

*"by 1991 he had become a Financial Analyst in Prudential Incorporated, with all the power, contacts and personality manicure that go with high corporate office in the US."*

V1-16 REPORTED
V1-37 DOCUMENTED

*"He became a member of the New York Stock Exchange (1985); member, Million-Dollar Roundtable on Interest Sensitive Products at Prudential Incorporated (1985); and Member, Commodity Improviser of New York (1987)."*

V1-28 REPORTED

*"The year 1992 was epochal in the life of Chief Martin Agbaso."*

V1-28 REPORTED
V1-37 DOCUMENTED

*"This culminated in the launch in 1992 of AGAD Nigeria Limited [. . .] Between 1994 and 1995, he founded SudRiva Construction Company Limited and SudRiva Oil and Gas Limited [. . .]"*

V1-31 REPORTED
V1-37 DOCUMENTED

*"Despite all the odds, Martin won the Imo East Senatorial seat under the platform of the National Republican Convention against the likes of Dr Roland Anyanwu, Chief Bright Nwanne."*

V1-37

EDITORIAL NOTE

The passages tagged V1-37 appear word for word in the 2017 Vanguard profile (E-04), in whole or in the portion quoted.

# EXHIBIT E-04

EXTRACT · QUOTED PASSAGES
PUBLISHED PROFILE

## Nwafor. (2017, April 5). Chief Martin Agbaso MFR: A journey on courage and leadership. Vanguard.

**PROVENANCE** Retrieved September 28, 2026
**CITED IN** Overview, Part 3, Part 4, Part 5 **SUPPORTS** V1-16 V1-28 V1-31 V1-37
**SOURCE** https://www.vanguardngr.com/2017/04/chief-martin-agbaso-mfr-a-journey-on-courage-and-leadership/

SCAN TO VERIFY

**WHAT THIS SOURCE REPORTS**

The New York affiliations of 1985 and 1987, the 1992 launch of AGAD Nigeria Limited, the SudRiva companies, the 1997 Nathan's acquisition and the claim that he won the Imo East seat.

**LIMITS**

A birthday profile. Its affiliations and its account of 1992 have not been confirmed by the bodies it names or by the electoral record.

### PASSAGES, VERBATIM

V1-16 REPORTED
V1-37 DOCUMENTED

*"He became a member of the New York Stock Exchange (1985); member, Million-Dollar Roundtable on Interest Sensitive Products at Prudential Incorporated (1985); and Member, Commodity Improviser of New York (1987)."*

V1-28 REPORTED
V1-37 DOCUMENTED

*"This culminated in the launch in 1992 of AGAD Nigeria Limited, a worldwide stocks and commodities monitoring company. Between 1994 and 1995, he founded SudRiva Construction Company Limited and SudRiva Oil and Gas Limited."*

V1-31 REPORTED
V1-37 DOCUMENTED

*"Despite all the odds, Martin won the Imo East Senatorial seat under the platform of the National Republican Convention against the likes of Dr Roland Anyanwu, Chief Bright Nwanne."*

# EXHIBIT E-05

EXTRACT · QUOTED PASSAGES
PUBLISHED PROFILE

## Nwafor. (2021, April 5). Chief Martin Agbaso: 62 cheers for Ochoudo. Vanguard.

SCAN TO VERIFY

**PROVENANCE** Retrieved September 28, 2026 (education section as served on the page's mobile edition, /amp/)
**CITED IN** Overview, Part 2, Part 3, Part 4, Part 5 **SUPPORTS** V1-05 V1-06 V1-07 V1-08 V1-31
**SOURCE** https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/04/chief-martin-agbaso-62-cheers-for-ochoudo/

### WHAT THIS SOURCE REPORTS

His education as this profile gives it, including the name of the Rome institution and dates for the Old Westbury degree that differ from the 2023 profile, with the 2011 national honor, the 1993 AGAD Foundation, the 1997 Nathan's acquisition and a 1992 NRC candidacy for the Imo East Senate.

### LIMITS

A birthday profile. It lists the 1992 contest as a candidacy, without a result; the honor and the foundation have not been checked against the honors list or a registration.

### PASSAGES, VERBATIM

V1-05 REPORTED
V1-07 REPORTED
V1-08 REPORTED

**EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENTS**

*"Ochoudo had his First School Leaving Certificate in 1971 at Our Lady's (Now Chief Obi Memorial) Primary School Emekuku, Imo State and obtained his West African School Certificate in 1976 at Sabastine Academy now Emekuku High School Owerri, Imo State. He went further to secure his Advanced Diploma in Social Sciences in the year 1980 outside the shores of Nigeria at the Pontifical University, St Thomas Aquinas, Rome, Italy. He also in 1982/1983 completed his B.Sc. and NASD Finance at the State University of New York, Old Westbury College, USA."*

V1-05 REPORTED
V1-06 REPORTED

**EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENTS, CONTINUED**

*"He was the Secretary General International Students at the Pontifical University, St Thomas Aquinas, Rome, Italy. While at the State University of New York, Old Westbury College, USA, in 1982/83, he became the First black Academic Chairperson, Students Union Government, He was also homoured as the First African recipient of the Clyde Winfield Academic Award for Excellence, State University of New York, Old Westbury College, in 1982."*

V1-31 REPORTED

*"National Republican Convention (NRC) candidate for Imo East Senate 1992"*

# EXHIBIT E-06

EXTRACT · HEADLINE ONLY
PUBLISHED PROFILE

## Oblong Media Unlimited. (2023, March 9). Chief Martin Agbaso (Ochudo) MFR: A journey of courage and leadership.

SCAN TO VERIFY

**PROVENANCE** Retrieved September 28, 2026
**CITED IN** Overview **SUPPORTS** V1-37
**SOURCE** https://oblongmedia.net/2023/03/09/chief-martin-agbaso-mfr-a-journey-of-courage-and-leadership/

**WHAT THIS SOURCE REPORTS**

A third outlet carrying nearly the same headline as the 2017 Vanguard and 2023 Periscope profiles.

**LIMITS**

Headlines only. This exhibit does not compare Oblong's body text; the verbatim sentence matches are shown between E-03 and E-04.

### HEADLINES COMPARED

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|---|---|
| **Vanguard · April 5, 2017** | *Chief Martin Agbaso MFR: A journey on courage and leadership* |
| **Oblong Media · March 9, 2023** | *Chief Martin Agbaso (Ochudo) MFR: A journey of courage and leadership* |
| **Periscope NGA · April 10, 2023** | *New Imo: The man Martin Agbaso, a journey of courage and leadership* |

### PASSAGES, VERBATIM

V1-37
DOCUMENTED

HEADLINE

*"Chief Martin Agbaso (Ochudo) MFR: A journey of courage and leadership"*

# EXHIBIT E-20

EXTRACT · QUOTED PASSAGES
NEWSPAPER PROFILE

## Imo Trumpeta. (2014a, September 18). Baba-na-baba on 2015 vibes: New look Martin Agbaso and fresh 2015 guber challenge.

**PROVENANCE** Retrieved September 28, 2026
**CITED IN** Overview, Part 3, Part 5 **SUPPORTS** V1-31
**SOURCE** https://www.imotrumpeta.com/?p=12830

SCAN TO VERIFY

### WHAT THIS SOURCE REPORTS

The 2014 account of the 1992 contest: a won NRC primary in the Owerri zone, removal by the military government, and Bright Nwanne as the beneficiary. It also calls him "the America-trained economist."

### LIMITS

A newspaper profile written during a later campaign season. Its account of the primary and the removal has not been checked against NRC or electoral records.

### PASSAGES, VERBATIM

V1-31 REPORTED

*"In his middle 30's the America-trained economist won the senatorial primaries of Owerri zone."*

V1-31 REPORTED

*"In 1992, under the moribund National Republican Congress, NRC, party, the fair-skinned politician dusted several opposition fronts to pick the ticket."*

V1-31 REPORTED

*"It can be said that his booming horizon in political career may have prompted the Gen Ibrahim Babangida led military government to unceremoniously relieve him of the hard won position in a rather controversial manner."*

V1-31 REPORTED

*"The beneficiary of the decision was Senator Bright Nwanne from Ezinihitte Mbaise."*

# EXHIBIT E-21

EXTRACT · QUOTED PASSAGE
PUBLISHED INTERVIEW

## Imo Trumpeta. (2014b, April 7). Interview: We must restore the confidence of our people in our government and ourselves. That is why I am offering myself for the governor of Imo State in 2015: Agbaso.

SCAN TO VERIFY

**PROVENANCE** Retrieved September 28, 2026
**CITED IN** Overview **SUPPORTS** V1-35
**SOURCE** https://www.imotrumpeta.com/?p=11616

**WHAT THIS SOURCE REPORTS**

That in April 2014 Martin Agbaso described his 2007 program as over 900 km of state-owned roads to pave and more than 1,400 km of local government roads to stabilize.

**LIMITS**

Documents that he gave these figures. They are his program figures, stated seven years later; they are not measured road lengths or a record of completed work.

**PASSAGES, VERBATIM**

V1-35
DOCUMENTED

*"in 2007, I set out to massively rebuild the infrastructure in my state. As I told you, at the time, we had over 900km of state-owned roads to pave and an excess of 1400km of local government roads to stabilise."*

# EXHIBIT E-24

AUTHOR'S STATEMENT · RECORDED FOR THIS DOCKET
STATEMENT OF A NAMED WITNESS

## Nze, M. (2026, September 28). Statement of the author on the photograph and the 2007 road program [Recorded for the Evidence Docket].

**PROVENANCE** Recorded September 28, 2026
**CITED IN** Overview, Part 5 **SUPPORTS** V1-36

**WHAT THE AUTHOR STATES**

The author's account of the photograph in E-02 and of the 2007 road program, with what he saw himself set apart from what he was told and by whom.

**LIMITS**

The account of a named witness, the author of this series. The age at which the photograph was taken is his statement; the 1990–91 date is calculated from that age and the reported birth date, not recorded on the print. The Jaguar history is second-hand, from Agbaso's family and associates. The kilometer calculations are what Agbaso told him. None of it is a site log, a route list, a vehicle record or a purchase document, any of which would corroborate it.

## THE STATEMENT

V1-36
REPORTED

**THE ROAD SITES: WHAT THE AUTHOR SAW**

During the 2007 governorship campaign the author saw Agbaso visit road sites in person.

V1-36
REPORTED

**THE KILOMETER FIGURES: WHAT THE AUTHOR WAS TOLD**

Agbaso told the author that he worked out the kilometer figures for the roads his program proposed to pave and to stabilize. The figures themselves, over 900 km and over 1,400 km, are his April 2014 account in Exhibit E-21; they are program figures, not surveyed totals.