

POWER DID NOT BUILD HIM — THE MARTIN AGBASO RECORD

EVIDENCE DOCKET

Volume I · Part 1 · Two Kinds of Money

The 10 records relied on in Part 1, each with its evidence class and a link to the passage that supports it, followed by 11 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 Part 1 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 V1-46) and exhibit numbers (E-01 to E-35) are the same in the article, the plates and every docket. Exhibits E-11, E-19 and E-23 and record V1-21 are retired, and their numbers 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

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

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

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SECTION B

Records Relied On

Each exhibit number opens the passage that supports the record. “Confirming record” names the document that would move a Reported claim to Documented.

NO.	CLAIM	CLASS	EXHIBIT	CONFIRMING RECORD
V1-11	Joined Prudential in 1983; began as management trainee; financial analyst by 1991	REPORTED	E-03	Employing entity, titles and dates
V1-23	Allocation, revenue and debt figures, as stated by the governor, July 2026	REPORTED	E-15	A common basis of measurement
V1-24	Minimum wage raised from ₦70,000 to ₦104,000; ₦16 billion approved for gratuities, August 2025	REPORTED	E-16	Release and payment of the ₦16 billion
V1-25	BudgIT figures on state dependence on federal transfers, 2023–2024, and Imo’s FAAC growth, 2015–2024	REPORTED	E-17	The underlying state accounts
V1-26	Constitution, ss 5(2), 6, 120–121, 125, 128: executive power and the checks on it	DOCUMENTED	E-18	Nothing on these points
V1-28	1992 called “epochal”; AGAD Nigeria Limited launched, 1992	REPORTED	E-03 , E-04	Corporate Affairs Commission filing
V1-41	Uzodimma, November 2023: the next governor will come from Owerri zone, then Okigwe; his successor in 2027 will come from Owerri	REPORTED	E-29 , E-30	A recording or official transcript of the remarks
V1-42	Since 1999 Orlu zone has held the governorship except Ihedioha’s seven months (Owerri) and Ohakim’s single term (Okigwe); Orlu at 24 years by the end of Uzodimma’s second term	REPORTED	E-31	INEC returns and dates of office
V1-43	Imo Charter of Equity presented to Uzodimma by the Elders’ Council, April 2026; he urged respect for zoning	REPORTED	E-32	The text of the Charter
V1-44	Uzodimma, August 2025: the office is “not an automatic right”; a zone “must work with the other zones”	REPORTED	E-33	A recording or official transcript of the remarks

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.

PROVENANCE Retrieved September 28, 2026

CITED IN Overview, Part 1, Part 2, Part 3, Part 4, Part 5 SUPPORTS V1-11 V1-28

SOURCE <https://periscopenga.com/2023/04/new-imo-the-man-martin-agbaso-a-journey-of-courage-and-leadership/>

SCAN TO VERIFY

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

V1-11

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.”

V1-28

REPORTED

“The year 1992 was epochal in the life of Chief Martin Agbaso.”

V1-28

REPORTED

“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 [. . .]”

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 1, Part 3, Part 4, Part 5 SUPPORTS V1-28

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. It gives the affiliations and the 1992 contest in the profile's own account; the primary records are held by the bodies it names and by the 1992 electoral record.

PASSAGES, VERBATIM

V1-28

REPORTED

"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."

EXHIBIT E-15

EXTRACT • QUOTED PASSAGES, WITH A STATISTICS TABLE
NEWS REPORT OF A GOVERNOR'S STATEMENTS

Omogbolagun, T. (2026, July 18). Tinubu's reforms raised Imo FAAC allocation from N100m to N10.7bn, cut debt to below N90bn: Uzodimma. BusinessDay.

PROVENANCE Retrieved September 28, 2026

CITED IN Part 1, Part 4 SUPPORTS V1-23

SOURCE <https://businessday.ng/uncategorized/article/tinubus-reforms-raised-imo-faac-allocation-from-n100m-to-n10-7bn-cut-debt-to-below-n90bn-uzodimma/>



SCAN TO VERIFY

WHAT THIS SOURCE REPORTS

The incumbent governor's own figures for Imo's federal allocation, internally generated revenue and debt, as he gave them in July 2026.

LIMITS

Statements by an interested party, reported by a newspaper. The ₦100 million is expressly what remained after salaries; the ₦10.7 billion is described "after FAAC," not after salaries. The statements do not share a basis of measurement, and none has been checked against the state's accounts.

EACH FIGURE, WITH ITS PERIOD AND BASIS

STATISTIC	FIGURE	PERIOD	UNIT OR BASIS	COVERAGE	STATUS
Federal allocation left after salaries	₦100 million	2020	Monthly; after salaries	Imo State	Governor's statement
Federal allocation "after FAAC"	over ₦10.7 billion	From May 29, 2023	Monthly; not described as after salaries	Imo State	Governor's statement
Internally generated revenue	less than ₦400 million	2020	Period not stated	Imo State	Governor's statement
Internally generated revenue	very close to ₦6 billion	July 2026	A month	Imo State	Governor's statement
State debt	₦287 billion	2020	Total owed	Imo State	Governor's statement
State debt	less than ₦90 billion	July 2026	Total owed	Imo State	Governor's statement

Status: every figure here is as reported by the source; none has been independently checked against state accounts.

PASSAGES, VERBATIM

V1-23

REPORTED

"He came back from the FAAC meeting. I thought he was going to bring money. He told me after salary we had only ₦100 million."

V1-23

REPORTED

"Immediately May 29, 2023 came, after FAAC I saw over ₦10.7 billion."

V1-23

REPORTED

"I met an IGR of less than ₦400 million in 2020. My IGR is very close to ₦6 billion a month now."

V1-23

REPORTED

"I met a debt profile... in 2020, we were owing ₦287 billion. Today, as I speak to you, we are less than ₦90 billion."

EXHIBIT E-16

EXTRACT • QUOTED PASSAGES, WITH A STATISTICS TABLE
NEWS REPORT

Kuteyi, E. (2025, August 27). Gov Uzodimma increases minimum wage to ₦104,000 for Imo workers. Channels Television.

PROVENANCE Retrieved September 28, 2026

CITED IN Part 1 SUPPORTS V1-24

SOURCE <https://www.channelstv.com/2025/08/27/gov-uzodimma-increases-minimum-wage-to-%E2%82%A6104000-for-imo-workers/>



SCAN TO VERIFY

WHAT THIS SOURCE REPORTS

The approval of a minimum-wage increase from ₦70,000 to ₦104,000 and the approval of ₦16 billion to clear outstanding gratuities.

LIMITS

The report records approvals. It does not show how much of the ₦16 billion has been released or how many pensioners have been paid.

EACH FIGURE, WITH ITS PERIOD AND BASIS

STATISTIC	FIGURE	PERIOD	UNIT OR BASIS	COVERAGE	STATUS
State minimum wage	₦70,000 to ₦104,000	Approved August 2025	Wage level; pay period not stated in the report	Imo State workers	Reported approval
Gratuity clearance	₦16 billion	Approved August 2025	Approval, not payment	Pensioners in Imo	Reported approval

Status: every figure here is as reported by the source; none has been independently checked against state accounts.

PASSAGES, VERBATIM

V1-24

REPORTED

“the Imo State Government has approved an increase in the minimum wage from ₦70,000 to ₦104,000.”

V1-24

REPORTED

“The governor also announced the approval of ₦16 billion for the immediate clearance of all outstanding gratuities owed to pensioners in the state.”

V1-24

REPORTED

“They described it as a historic step towards improving the lives of workers and retirees in the state.”

EXHIBIT E-17

EXTRACT • QUOTED PASSAGES, WITH A STATISTICS TABLE
NEWS REPORT OF A CIVIC-GROUP STUDY

Lawal, R. (2025, October 28). BudgIT: 28 states depended on FAAC allocation for 55% of revenue in 2024. TheCable.

PROVENANCE Retrieved September 28, 2026

CITED IN Part 1 SUPPORTS V1-25

SOURCE <https://www.thecable.ng/budgit-28-states-depended-on-faac-allocation-for-55-of-revenue-in-2024-down-by-4/>



SCAN TO VERIFY

WHAT THIS SOURCE REPORTS

BudgIT's 2025 findings on state dependence on federal transfers, the share of internally generated revenue in total recurrent revenue, and Imo's FAAC growth from 2015 to 2024.

LIMITS

A newspaper account of a civic-group report. The 25.27 and 20.27 percent figures are shares of total recurrent revenue; the report's recurrent-revenue totals are given "for the 35 subnationals." The figures have not been checked against state accounts.

EACH FIGURE, WITH ITS PERIOD AND BASIS

STATISTIC	FIGURE	PERIOD	UNIT OR BASIS	COVERAGE	STATUS
States relying on FAAC for at least 55% of total revenue	28 states	2024	Share of total revenue	States in the report	Reported
IGR as a share of total recurrent revenue	25.27% to 20.27%	2023 to 2024	Percent of total recurrent revenue	Report aggregate	Reported
States' FAAC share	N5.4 trillion to N11.38 trillion	2023 to 2024	Naira; +110.74 percent	States	Reported
Total recurrent revenue	N8.66 trillion to N14.4 trillion	2023 to 2024	Naira	35 subnationals	Reported
Imo gross FAAC transfers	+225.25%	2015 to 2024	Percent growth	Imo State	Reported

Status: every figure here is as reported by the source; none has been independently checked against state accounts.

PASSAGES, VERBATIM

V1-25

REPORTED

"BudgIT, a civic tech non-profit organisation, says 28 states in Nigeria relied on the Federation Account Allocation Committee (FAAC) for at least 55 percent of their total revenue in 2024."

V1-25

REPORTED

“According to BudgIT’s 2025 States of States report released on Tuesday, reliance on federal allocations remains high despite a 110.74 percent increase in states’ FAAC share from N5.4 trillion in 2023 to N11.38 trillion in 2024.”

V1-25

REPORTED

“Nevertheless, BudgIT added that the proportion of IGR within total recurrent revenue declined slightly from 25.27 percent in 2023 to 20.27 percent in 2024, indicating continued dependence on federal transfers.”

V1-25

REPORTED

“Examining the broader revenue performance, total recurrent revenue for the 35 subnationals expanded significantly, rising from N6.6 trillion in 2022 to N8.66 trillion in 2023 and further to N14.4 trillion in 2024 [. . .]”

V1-25

REPORTED

“[. . .] states like Adamawa (230.98%), Imo (225.25%), Ogun (223.87%), Ebonyi (205.31%), Kogi (186.32%), and Kebbi (178.03%) recorded growth below 300% over the same period.”

EXHIBIT E-18

EXTRACT • STATUTORY TEXT WITH PINPOINT REFERENCES
STATUTE (PRIMARY LAW)

Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended), ss 5(2), 6(2), 120(1)–(2), 121(1), 125(2), 128(1), 179(2).

PROVENANCE Retrieved September 28, 2026; current consolidation (as amended up to 2023, with the 2017 and 2023 alterations) at the address below; quoted text from Jurist.ng and Constitute Project

CITED IN Part 1, Part 2, Part 4 **SUPPORTS** V1-26

SOURCE <https://www.refworld.org/sites/default/files/2025-05/constitution-of-the-federal-republic-of-nigeria-2023.pdf>

SECTIONS [s 5 \(Constitute Project\)](#) • [s 6](#) • [s 120](#) • [s 121](#) • [s 125](#) • [s 128](#) • [s 179](#)



SCAN TO VERIFY

WHAT THIS RECORD ESTABLISHES

The provisions the series relies on: where a state's executive power sits, the checks on it, and the threshold for winning a governorship election.

LIMITS

Edition: the 1999 Constitution as altered to 2023, including the 2017 and 2023 alterations, at the address below. Pinpoints in that consolidation: s 5(2), printed p. 21 (PDF p. 27); s 6(2), printed p. 22 (PDF p. 28). Sections 120, 121, 125, 128 and 179 are quoted from Jurist.ng's text, which the editors' review found agrees in substance with the 2023 consolidation. The official gazette is the authoritative text.

PASSAGES, VERBATIM

V1-26

DOCUMENTED

SECTION 5(2) • 2023 CONSOLIDATION, PRINTED P. 21 (PDF P. 27)

“Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the executive powers of a State – (a) shall be vested in the Governor of that State and may, subject as aforesaid and to the provisions of any Law made by a House of Assembly, be exercised by him either directly or through the Deputy Governor and Commissioners of the Government of that State or officers in the public service of the State; and (b) shall extend to the execution and maintenance of this Constitution, all laws made by the House of Assembly of that State and to all matters with respect to which the House of Assembly has for the time being power to make laws.”

V1-26

DOCUMENTED

SECTION 6(2) • 2023 CONSOLIDATION, PRINTED P. 22 (PDF P. 28)

“The judicial powers of a State shall be vested in the courts to which this section relates, being courts established, subject as provided by this Constitution, for a State.”

V1-26

DOCUMENTED

SECTION 120(1)

“All revenues or other moneys raised or received by a State (not being revenues or other moneys payable under this Constitution or any Law of a House of Assembly into any other public fund of the State established for a specific purpose) shall be paid into and form one Consolidated Revenue Fund of the State.”

V1-26

DOCUMENTED

SECTION 120(2)

“No moneys shall be withdrawn from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the State except to meet expenditure that is charged upon the Fund by this Constitution or where the issue of those moneys has been authorised by an Appropriation Law, Supplementary Appropriation Law or Law passed in pursuance of section 121 of this Constitution.”

V1-26

DOCUMENTED

SECTION 121(1)

“The Governor shall cause to be prepared and laid before the House of Assembly at any time before the commencement of each financial year estimates of the revenues and expenditure of the State for the next following financial year.”

V1-26

DOCUMENTED

SECTION 125(2)

“The public accounts of a State and of all offices and courts of the State shall be audited by the Auditor-General for the State who shall submit his reports to the House of Assembly of the State concerned [. . .]”

V1-26

DOCUMENTED

SECTION 128(1)

“Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, a House of Assembly shall have power by resolution published in its journal or in the Office Gazette of the Government of the State to direct or cause to be directed an inquiry or investigation into – (a) any matter or thing with respect to which it has power to make laws; and (b) the conduct of affairs of any person, authority, ministry or government department charged, or intended to be charged, with the duty of or responsibility for – (i) executing or administering laws enacted by that House of Assembly, and (ii) disbursing or administering moneys appropriated or to be appropriated by such House.”

EXHIBIT E-29

EXTRACT • QUOTED PASSAGES
NEWSPAPER REPORT

Imo Trumpeta. (2023, November 17). Uzodimma vows to handover to Owerri zone in 2027.

PROVENANCE Retrieved September 28, 2026

CITED IN Part 1 SUPPORTS V1-41

SOURCE <https://www.imotrumpeta.com/?p=41992>



SCAN TO VERIFY

WHAT THIS SOURCE REPORTS

Governor Uzodimma's pledge to the Imo State Council of Elders at Government House, after his re-election, that the next governor will come from Owerri zone.

LIMITS

A newspaper's report of the governor's words. A recording or official transcript would be the primary record.

PASSAGES, VERBATIM

V1-41

REPORTED

"The next governor will come from Owerri Zone, and thereafter, it will go to Okigwe zone. The next governor after me, as long as I remain alive as the governor, will not come from Orlu zone."

EXHIBIT E-30

EXTRACT • QUOTED PASSAGES
NEWSPAPER REPORT

Guardian Nigeria. (2023, November 21). Uzodimma promises to hand over to Owerri zone in 2027. The Guardian.

PROVENANCE Retrieved September 28, 2026

CITED IN Part 1 SUPPORTS V1-41

SOURCE <https://guardian.ng/news/uzodimma-promises-to-hand-over-to-owerri-zone-in-2027/>



SCAN TO VERIFY

WHAT THIS SOURCE REPORTS

The governor's meeting with Owerri zone leaders of his party at Government House, at which he restated the 2027 commitment and urged a consensus candidate.

LIMITS

A newspaper's report of the governor's words.

PASSAGES, VERBATIM

V1-41

"restated his commitment to ensuring his successor in 2027 comes from Owerri zone"

REPORTED

V1-41

"You have to be united and if possible come up with a consensus candidate."

REPORTED

EXHIBIT E-31

EXTRACT • QUOTED PASSAGES
NEWSPAPER REPORT

Umeh, J. (2025, April 3). Imo 2027: Why it's the turn of Owerri zone – IHP. Vanguard.

PROVENANCE Retrieved September 28, 2026

CITED IN Part 1 SUPPORTS V1-42

SOURCE <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2025/04/imo-2027-why-its-the-turn-of-owerri-zone-ihp/>

SCAN TO VERIFY

WHAT THIS SOURCE REPORTS

The zonal record of the Imo governorship since 1999: Orlu's tenure, Okigwe's single term and Owerri's seven months.

LIMITS

A newspaper report. The dates of each governor's tenure are matters of public record; INEC returns and the dates of swearing-in are the primary documents.

PASSAGES, VERBATIM

V1-42

REPORTED

"Since the return to civilian rule in 1999, the Orlu zone has maintained a stronghold on the governorship, with the exception of a brief seven-month tenure by Emeka Ihedioha of Owerri."

V1-42

REPORTED

"By the end of Governor Hope Uzodinma's second term, Orlu would have governed the state for 24 years, while Okigwe had its turn with Ikedi Ohakim serving a single four-year term."

EXHIBIT E-32

EXTRACT • QUOTED PASSAGES
MAGAZINE REPORT

Realnews Magazine. (2026, April 22). Uzodimma receives ‘Imo Charter of Equity’, to block hostile takeover.

PROVENANCE Retrieved September 28, 2026

CITED IN Part 1 SUPPORTS V1-43

SOURCE <https://realnewsmagazine.net/uzodimma-receives-imo-charter-of-equity-to-block-hostile-takeover/>



SCAN TO VERIFY

WHAT THIS SOURCE REPORTS

The presentation of the Imo Charter of Equity to the governor by the Elders’ Council, chaired by Eze Cletus Ilomuanya, and his response.

LIMITS

A magazine’s report of the presentation. The Charter’s own text is the primary document.

PASSAGES, VERBATIM

V1-43

“We will eliminate any type of hostile takeover by building consensus among ourselves.”

REPORTED

V1-43

“respect zoning arrangement and avoid divisive politics”

REPORTED

EXHIBIT E-33

EXTRACT • QUOTED PASSAGES
NEWSPAPER REPORT

Business Hallmark. (2025, August 25). Imo 2027: Uzodimma downplays zoning, charges Owerri zone leaders on unity.

PROVENANCE Retrieved September 28, 2026

CITED IN Part 1, Part 2 SUPPORTS V1-44

SOURCE <https://hallmarknews.com/imo-2027-uzodimma-downplays-zoning-charges-owerri-zone-leaders-on-unity/>



SCAN TO VERIFY

WHAT THIS SOURCE REPORTS

The governor's condition on Owerri zone's claim: consensus with the other two zones.

LIMITS

A newspaper's report of the governor's words.

PASSAGES, VERBATIM

V1-44

"power is taken, not given"

REPORTED

V1-44

"it is not an automatic right because any zone that wants to produce the next governor must work with the other zones"

REPORTED