

POWER DID NOT BUILD HIM — THE MARTIN AGBASO RECORD

EVIDENCE DOCKET

Volume I · Part 5 · The Cost of Coming Home

The 13 records relied on in Part 5, each with its evidence class and a link to the passage that supports it, followed by 12 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 5 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

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. “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
V1-28	1992 called “epochal”; AGAD Nigeria Limited launched, 1992	REPORTED	E-03 , E-04	Corporate Affairs Commission filing
V1-29	SudRiva companies founded 1994–1995; controlling equity in Nathan’s, 1997	REPORTED	E-03 , E-04 , E-05	Corporate Affairs Commission filings
V1-30	AGAD Foundation founded, 1993	REPORTED	E-05	Foundation registration
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	NEC’s 1992 screening record
V1-32	SDP and NRC created by government, 1989; legislatures dissolved after November 17, 1993	DOCUMENTED	E-14	Nothing on these points
V1-33	Photograph: Martin Agbaso beside a Jaguar sedan on a residential street	DOCUMENTED	E-02	Nothing on what the image shows
V1-34	Author’s account: taken in New York at age 31 (1990–91 by the reported birth date); Jaguar history from family and associates	REPORTED	E-24	Vehicle or registration records
V1-38	Videos: concrete ponds and walkway, covered catfish tanks, an “Agbaso Farms” staff tunic and a man in a “Chairman” tunic	DOCUMENTED	E-26	Original files with capture metadata
V1-39	Account of Chief Ekeh and the author: the farm is Agbaso’s, at Emekuku; the videos were recorded there in 2024 and 2025; Chief Ekeh visited it; the man in the Chairman tunic is Agbaso	REPORTED	E-27	Capture metadata in the original video files
V1-40	Chief Better Joseph Ekeh Oniniwu: title Oputu-Obia from Eze Obi Ejeshi of Emekuku; Adavinn Inn; Alaowerri Restaurant, London	REPORTED	E-28	Nothing material to the series
V1-45	Letter of Chief Ekeh, September 28, 2026: he visited Agbaso Integrated Farms, Emekuku, himself and recorded the videos; Chief Martin Agbaso was present and appears in them	REPORTED	E-34	Corporate and land records for ownership and scale, as the letter itself states
V1-46	Citizen, July 6–12, 1992: NEC’s screening disqualified 32 candidates for the July 4 National Assembly elections, among them NRC senatorial candidate “Mr. Martin Agbaso of Owerri”	REPORTED	E-35	NEC’s 1992 screening record, with its grounds

EXHIBIT E-02

ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPH • SUPPLIED BY THE AUTHOR
PHOTOGRAPH

Photograph of Martin Agbaso beside a Jaguar sedan. Supplied by the author for publication.

PROVENANCE Supplied by the author

CITED IN Part 5 SUPPORTS V1-33

WHAT THIS RECORD ESTABLISHES

What the image itself shows: Martin Agbaso, smiling, in a tan suit and patterned tie, standing at the open front door of a dark blue Jaguar sedan on a tree-lined residential street with lawns, hedges and a “No Parking” sign.

LIMITS

The image does not show its own date, its city or who owned the car. Those details are the author’s account, set out in Exhibit E-24, and carry the Reported label.

PASSAGES

V1-33

DOCUMENTED

THE IMAGE

EDITORIAL NOTE

Visible in the image: a man in a tan suit and patterned tie at the open front door of a dark blue Jaguar sedan, on a residential street with lawns, hedges and a “No Parking” sign.



Exhibit E-02, as supplied. The image is reproduced without alteration.

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 V1-29 V1-31

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

V1-29

REPORTED

"[. . .] in 1997, when he bought controlling equity in Nathan's [. . .]"

V1-31

REPORTED

"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-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 V1-29 V1-31

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."

V1-29

REPORTED

V1-29

REPORTED

"This is precisely what played out in 1997, when he bought controlling equity in Nathan's – a small dry cleaning firm in New York, now the largest dry cleaning chain in Nigeria."

V1-31

REPORTED

"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.

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 V1-29 V1-30 V1-31

SOURCE <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/04/chief-martin-agbaso-62-cheers-for-ochoudo/>



SCAN TO VERIFY

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, the 2011 national honor and the foundation; the primary records are the national honors list and the foundation's registration.

PASSAGES, VERBATIM

V1-30

"In 1993, He founded AGAD Foundation; a nonprofit Organization"

REPORTED

V1-29

"Chief Martin is the Chairman / CEO of Nathan Limited haven bought controlling equity of Nathan's of New York in 1997"

REPORTED

V1-31

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

REPORTED

EXHIBIT E-14

EXTRACT • QUOTED PASSAGES
GOVERNMENT REPORT

U.S. Department of State. (1994, January 30). Country report on human rights practices 1993: Nigeria. Refworld.

PROVENANCE Retrieved September 28, 2026

CITED IN Part 5 SUPPORTS V1-32

SOURCE <https://www.refworld.org/reference/annualreport/usdos/1994/95744>



SCAN TO VERIFY

WHAT THIS RECORD ESTABLISHES

The government-created two-party system of 1989 and the dissolution of the national and state legislatures after General Sani Abacha took power on November 17, 1993.

LIMITS

A U.S. government report on Nigeria. It says nothing about the Imo East contest or about him.

PASSAGES, VERBATIM

V1-32

DOCUMENTED

“In 1989 the Government created the Social Democratic Party (SDP) and the National Republican Convention (NRC), wrote their manifestos, constitutions, and platforms, and gave them the exclusive right to contest elections.”

V1-32

DOCUMENTED

“On November 17, the military forced Shonekan to resign, and General Sani Abacha assumed the titles of Head of State and Commander-in-Chief.”

V1-32

DOCUMENTED

“The PRC quickly dissolved the national and state legislatures and the local councils and replaced elected civilian governors with military administrators.”

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.imotrupeta.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. It gives the primary and the removal in its own account; the NRC and electoral records hold the primary documents.

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-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 V1-34

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

V1-34

REPORTED

THE PHOTOGRAPH: WHAT THE AUTHOR STATES

The photograph reproduced as Exhibit E-02 was taken in New York when Martin Agbaso was thirty-one. With the birth date of April 5, 1959, reported in his published profiles, that places it between April 1990 and April 1991; the date is calculated from his age, not written on the print.

V1-34

REPORTED

THE JAGUAR: WHAT THE AUTHOR WAS TOLD

Agbaso's family and associates told the author that he was driving a current-model Jaguar by his late twenties, and that the car in the photograph was his second Jaguar.

EXHIBIT E-26

THREE VIDEOS • STILLS REPRODUCED • SUPPLIED BY CHIEF
BETTER JOSEPH EKEH
VIDEO RECORDINGS

Ekeh, B. J. (2026a). Three videos recorded at Agbaso Integrated Farms, Emekuku, 2024–2025 [Video recordings supplied to the author, September 28, 2026].

PROVENANCE Supplied September 28, 2026

CITED IN Part 5 SUPPORTS V1-38

WHAT THIS RECORD ESTABLISHES

What the videos themselves show: rows of concrete fish ponds beside a raised walkway with visitors on it, covered tanks crowded with catfish under a roofed shed, a beige staff tunic embroidered “Agbaso Farms,” and a man in a tunic of the same pattern, embroidered “Chairman,” speaking to the camera.

LIMITS

The files as supplied carry no capture date or location. The place, the recording years (2024 and 2025), the ownership of the farm and the identity of the man in the Chairman tunic come from Chief Ekeh’s letter (E-34) and the account of Chief Ekeh and the author (E-27), and carry the Reported label.

PASSAGES

V1-38

DOCUMENTED

THE VIDEOS

EDITORIAL NOTE

Visible in the videos: concrete fish ponds and a raised walkway; covered tanks crowded with catfish; a staff tunic embroidered “Agbaso Farms”; a man in a tunic embroidered “Chairman” speaking to the camera.



Exhibit E-26, as supplied. Four stills from two of the three videos, set side by side and otherwise unaltered.

EXHIBIT E-27

WITNESS ACCOUNT • RECORDED FOR THIS DOCKET
STATEMENT OF NAMED WITNESSES

Nze, M. (2026, September 28). Account of Chief Better Joseph Ekeh and of the author on Agbaso Farms, Emekuku [Recorded for the Evidence Docket].

PROVENANCE Recorded September 28, 2026

CITED IN Part 5 SUPPORTS V1-39

WHAT THE AUTHOR STATES

The account of Chief Better Joseph Ekeh, who supplied the videos in E-26, and of the author, on where the farm stands, whose it is and who appears in it.

LIMITS

The account of two named witnesses. Chief Ekeh's own signed letter, Exhibit E-34, sets his part of it down in his own words; the recording years and the identification of the man in the Chairman tunic rest on this account.

THE STATEMENT

V1-39

REPORTED

THE FARM: WHAT THE WITNESSES STATE

Chief Better Joseph Ekeh states that he visited the farm himself and supplied the videos from that visit. By his account and the author's, the farm is Martin Agbaso's and stands at Emekuku, Owerri North, and the videos were recorded there, some in 2024 and some in 2025.

V1-39

REPORTED

THE MAN IN THE VIDEOS: WHAT THE WITNESSES STATE

The author, who knows Martin Agbaso, and Chief Ekeh identify the man in the Chairman tunic in the videos as Martin Agbaso.

EXHIBIT E-28

EXTRACT • QUOTED PASSAGES
PUBLISHED PROFILE

Africa Digital News New York. (2025, February 28). Chief Ekeh: Blueprint for equitable Imo leadership.

PROVENANCE Retrieved September 28, 2026

CITED IN Part 5 SUPPORTS V1-40

SOURCE <https://africadigitalnewsnewyork.com/2025/02/28/chief-ekkeh-blueprint-for-equitable-imo-leadership/>



SCAN TO VERIFY

WHAT THIS SOURCE REPORTS

Who the witness in E-27 is: his name, his chieftaincy title and the ruler who conferred it, and his business positions.

LIMITS

A profile published by a masthead of the author's publisher. It identifies the witness and says nothing about the farm.

PASSAGES, VERBATIM

V1-40

REPORTED

"Chief Better Joseph Ekeh Oniniwu, affectionately known as Alaowerri, stands at the nexus of heritage and progress. Recently bestowed with the revered chieftaincy title 'Oputu-Obia' by His Royal Majesty, Eze Obi Ejeshi of Emekuku, Chief Ekeh has become a symbol of hope"

V1-40

REPORTED

"Chairman of Adavinn Inn and CEO of Alaowerri Restaurant in London"

EXHIBIT E-34

SIGNED LETTER • REPRODUCED IN FULL, ONE PAGE
STATEMENT OF A NAMED WITNESS

Ekeh, B. J. (2026b, September 28). Personal confirmation of my visit to Agbaso Integrated Farms, Emekuku [Letter].

PROVENANCE Supplied September 28, 2026

CITED IN Part 5 SUPPORTS V1-45

WHAT THE AUTHOR STATES

Chief Ekeh's own written confirmation that he visited the farm, recorded the videos in E-26 and saw Chief Martin Agbaso there.

LIMITS

A signed statement of a named witness, limited by its own terms to what he saw and recorded. It leaves acreage, output, employment, land title and corporate ownership to the primary records.

THE STATEMENT

V1-45

REPORTED

THE VISIT

"I personally visited Agbaso Integrated Farms in Emekuku. I went to the site myself, walked through parts of the farm and the facilities shown to me, and recorded video footage during the visit. This is therefore not an account repeated to me by another person."

V1-45

REPORTED

CHIEF MARTIN AGBASO

"Chief Martin Agbaso was physically present at the farm when I visited. He appears in the recordings I made. I later supplied copies of those recordings, and I confirm that, to the best of my recollection, they fairly show the visit, the location, and the people captured in the footage."

V1-45

REPORTED

HIS UNDERTAKING

"If required, I am prepared to identify the recordings I supplied and confirm the circumstances in which they were made."

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RESTAURANT & BAR • LONDON

OFFICE OF HIGH CHIEF BETTER JOSEPH EKEH ONINIWU (ALAOWERRI)

OPUTU-OBIA
Emekuku Ancient KingdomCHIEF EXECUTIVES OFFICE
London, United Kingdom

28 September 2026

To whom it may concern

Personal confirmation of my visit to Agbaso Integrated Farms, Emekuku

I write to place on record a matter I can confirm from my own direct knowledge.

I personally visited Agbaso Integrated Farms in Emekuku. I went to the site myself, walked through parts of the farm and the facilities shown to me, and recorded video footage during the visit. This is therefore not an account repeated to me by another person.

Chief Martin Agbaso was physically present at the farm when I visited. He appears in the recordings I made. I later supplied copies of those recordings, and I confirm that, to the best of my recollection, they fairly show the visit, the location, and the people captured in the footage.

I want the scope of this confirmation to be clear. I am confirming what I personally saw and recorded: my visit to the farm in Emekuku, the identification of the site as Agbaso Integrated Farms, Chief Martin Agbaso's presence there, and the footage made during that visit. I am not using this letter to verify figures that require documentary or professional examination, such as acreage, production output, employment totals, export earnings, land title, corporate ownership, or the farm's present operating capacity. Those matters should stand on the relevant primary records.

I make this acknowledgment voluntarily so that there is no uncertainty about the source of the footage or the facts I can personally attest to. If required, I am prepared to identify the recordings I supplied and confirm the circumstances in which they were made.

Yours faithfully,



Facsimile signature reproduced from the supplied signature specimen.

High Chief Better Joseph Ekeh Oniniwu (Alaowerri)

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EXHIBIT E-35

EXTRACT • QUOTED PASSAGES
CONTEMPORANEOUS MAGAZINE REPORT

Jega, M. (1992, July 6–12). NEC's powers. *Citizen*, 3(27). National Repository of Nigeria, National Library of Nigeria (hdl 20.500.14186/2037).

PROVENANCE Retrieved September 28, 2026 (the repository's digitized text of the issue)

CITED IN Part 5 SUPPORTS V1-46

SOURCE <https://nigeriareposit.nln.gov.ng/items/bf11a03c-2f32-4e51-8cb7-bee13d27589d>



SCAN TO VERIFY

WHAT THIS SOURCE REPORTS

A report published days after the July 4, 1992, National Assembly elections, naming Martin Agbaso of Owerri among the NRC senatorial candidates the National Electoral Commission disqualified in screening.

LIMITS

A contemporaneous magazine report, read in the National Library's digitized text. It reports the disqualification and gives no grounds for it; the commission's screening record would.

PASSAGES, VERBATIM

V1-46

REPORTED

"NEC's secretary Aliyu Umar said the outcome of the screening exercise on candidates for the July National Assembly election was the disqualification of 32 of them, while another 25 had their cases 'still pending'."

V1-46

REPORTED

"Two of the NRC's senatorial candidates in Imo, Chief C. Anyanwu of Okigwe and Mr. Martin Agbaso of Owerri were disqualified."