

Power Did Not Build Him — The Martin Agbaso Record

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A · How to Read This Docket

This docket indexes the 22 records the Volume II overview relies on and holds its 18 exhibits. Each record carries one permanent number, used unchanged in the plates, in the installment and in every later docket. Records numbered V1 were established in Volume I and are carried forward; records numbered V2 open with this installment. Exhibit numbers continue from Volume I, which closed at E-35.

DOCUMENTED	A primary record, a statute or an official report, quoted from the document itself.
REPORTED	A published account the series names. Reporting is not proof, and the confirming record each claim still needs is listed beside it.
INFERENCE	The series' own reasoning, kept apart so that a reader can reject it without rejecting the facts beneath it.
OPEN	A record not yet found. Open items stay listed until a record closes them.

Exhibits are marked Original where the full source was read, and Extract where the passages quoted are the ones the installment relies on. Passages are reproduced verbatim, including errors in the original. Web sources were retrieved on October 4, 2026, unless an exhibit says otherwise. People & Polity did not approach any company, worker, bank or regulator for this installment; any person named may reply through admin@africatodaynewsonline.com.

B · Records Relied On

No.	Claim	Class	Exhibit	Confirming record
V1-02	Born April 5, 1959, in Emekuku, Owerri North, to Chief Nathan and Mrs. Anna Agbaso	REPORTED	E-03	Birth record

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
V1-28	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
V1-31	1992 NRC, Imo East Senate: primary won, then removed (2014); “won” (2017, 2023); “candidate” (2021)	REPORTED	E-04, E-03, E-05	NEC’s 1992 screening record
V1-45	Letter of Chief Ekeh, September 28, 2026: he visited Agbaso Integrated Farms, Emekuku, and recorded the videos; output and ownership left to primary records	REPORTED	E-34	Corporate and land records for ownership and scale
V1-46	Citizen, July 6–12, 1992: NEC’s screening disqualified NRC senatorial candidate “Mr. Martin Agbaso of Owerri”	REPORTED	E-35	NEC’s 1992 screening record, with its grounds
V2-01	Controlling equity bought in 1997 in “Nathan’s – a small dry cleaning firm in New York, now the largest dry cleaning chain in Nigeria”	REPORTED	E-04, E-03	New York entity record; Corporate Affairs Commission filing
V2-02	“Chairman / CEO of Nathan Limited”; grew it into “the largest Garment Processing Company in Africa” (2021)	REPORTED	E-05	Corporate Affairs Commission filing
V2-03	New York “Nathan Drycleaning Shop is a franchise he runs with his wife Robin”; Nathan Drycleaners “a household brand in many state capitals” (2023)	REPORTED	E-36	New York entity record; franchise agreement
V2-04	Listed branches: Wuse, Abuja; GRA, Enugu; Victoria Island, Lagos (registered June 3, 2011, per one directory)	REPORTED	E-37, E-38, E-39	Register entries; dated frontage photographs
V2-05	“chain of companies continues to employ over 623 Nigerians” (2017; repeated 2023)	REPORTED	E-04, E-03	Payroll, pension and compensation records
V2-06	Sud Riva Limited: construction, oil and gas, marine ropes; “employing over 623 Nigerians” (2023)	REPORTED	E-36	Corporate Affairs Commission filing

V2-07	Agbaso Integrated Farms: “a 1.5 million USD monthly export profile”; “about 36 – 40 million table size catfish and tilapia” a year	REPORTED	E-05	Farm registration; export documentation
V2-08	FAO: national catfish output “could be as high as one million tonnes in 2021”; about 285,000 producers	REPORTED	E-40	Nothing material to the series
V2-09	AGAD Foundation (1993) “trained over 318 students”; 3C Club (2002); Group MA (2005)	REPORTED	E-05	Trustee registration; scholarship roll
V2-10	Foundation “for orphans, the less privileged and widows in Imo State”; giving “mostly anonymously” (2017)	REPORTED	E-04	Trustee registration
V2-11	1998 Senate: DPN; “defeated Chief Iwuanyanwu” (2017, 2023); candidate and “Elected senator” (2021); “won” (2022); “clinched” (2023)	REPORTED	E-04, E-03, E-05, E-41, E-36	The commission’s 1998 declaration for Imo East
V2-12	April 25, 1998: UNCP won more than 70 percent of seats; DPN 17 percent	REPORTED	E-42	The commission’s national returns
V2-13	Candidates screened; “voter turnout was very low”; all five parties nominated Abacha; Abubakar dissolved the parties and annulled the three Abacha-era elections	DOCUMENTED	E-43	Nothing on these points
V2-14	Labour Act s 7(1); Pension Reform Act 2014 minimum rates; National Minimum Wage (Amendment) Act 2024, ₦70,000 and exemptions	DOCUMENTED	E-44, E-45, E-46	Gazetted texts as in force

C · Exhibits

E-03 Periscope NGA profile, April 10, 2023

ORIGINAL · NEWSPAPER PROFILE

SOURCE	Chima. (2023, April 10). New Imo: The man Martin Agbaso, a journey of courage and leadership. Periscope NGA.
PROVENANCE	Retrieved September 28, 2026 (Volume I docket); re-read October 4, 2026.
WHAT IT REPORTS	The fullest published profile of his business career: the companies founded from 1992, the 1997 stake in Nathan's, a workforce "over 623" and the 1998 Senate contest. It also names his parents as Chief Nathan and Mrs. Anna Agbaso.
LIMITS	Repeats much of the 2017 Vanguard profile word for word. Reproduces no certificate, register entry, payroll or electoral return.
PASSAGES, VERBATIM	<i>"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"</i> V2-01 <i>"Chief Agbaso's chain of companies continues to employ over 623 Nigerians in different states of the federation"</i> V2-05 <i>"In 1998, after it had been agreed that Owerri Federal Constituency should produce the next senator, Martin Agbaso stepped forward, confronted and defeated Chief Iwuanyanwu in the election under the platform of the Democratic Party of Nigeria (DPN)"</i> V2-11

E-04 Vanguard profile, April 5, 2017

ORIGINAL · NEWSPAPER PROFILE

SOURCE	Nwafor. (2017, April 5). Chief Martin Agbaso MFR: A journey on courage and leadership. Vanguard.
PROVENANCE	Retrieved October 4, 2026.
WHAT IT REPORTS	The earliest of the full profiles. It dates AGAD Nigeria to 1992, the SudRiva companies to 1994–1995 and the Nathan’s purchase to 1997; gives the 623 figure; describes the foundation and anonymous giving; and gives the 1998 account.
LIMITS	A birthday profile, not a record. Its 1992 phrase “won the Imo East Senatorial seat” was shown in Volume I to overstate what happened.
PASSAGES, VERBATIM	<i>“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.”</i> V2-01 <i>“Between 1994 and 1995, he founded SudRiva Construction Company Limited and SudRiva Oil and Gas Limited.”</i> V1-29 <i>“Chief Agbaso’s chain of companies continues to employ over 623 Nigerians in different states.”</i> V2-05 <i>“His foundation for orphans, the less privileged and widows in Imo State have touched many lives.”</i> V2-10 <i>“construction of churches and chapels, facilities and cash donations, which he does mostly anonymously”</i> V2-10 <i>“In 1998, after it had been agreed that Owerri Federal Constituency should produce the next senator, Martin Agbaso stepped forward, confronted and defeated Chief Iwuanyanwu in the election under the platform of the Democratic Party of Nigeria (DPN)”</i> V2-11

E-05 Vanguard profile, April 5, 2021

ORIGINAL · NEWSPAPER PROFILE

SOURCE	Nwafor. (2021, April 5). Chief Martin Agbaso: 62 cheers for Ochoudo. Vanguard.
PROVENANCE	Retrieved October 4, 2026.
WHAT IT REPORTS	A list-form profile: Nathan Limited and its scale, Agbaso Integrated Farms with output and export figures, the AGAD Foundation and two youth programmes, and the 1998 candidacy and election.
LIMITS	Gives figures without stating their source or date of measurement. Reproduces no register entry, export document or electoral return.
PASSAGES, VERBATIM	<i>“Chairman / CEO of Nathan Limited haven bought controlling equity of Nathan’s of New York in 1997 and grew the company to become the largest Garment Processing Company in Africa”</i> V2-02 <i>“a 1.5 million USD monthly export profile”</i> V2-07 <i>“about 36 – 40 million table size catfish and tilapia”</i> V2-07 <i>“one of the largest catfish farm in Africa”</i> V2-07 <i>“trained over 318 students in Secondary and Tertiary Institutions”</i> V2-09 <i>“refocus several inner-city youths”</i> V2-09 <i>“Democratic Party of Nigeria (DPN) candidate for Imo East Senate 1998”</i> V2-11 <i>“Elected senator in 1998”</i> V2-11

E-15 BusinessDay report, July 18, 2026

EXTRACT · NEWSPAPER REPORT

SOURCE	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 (Volume I docket).
WHAT IT REPORTS	The governor’s own account of the state’s allocation after salaries in 2020 and after FAAC from 2023.
LIMITS	Figures are the governor’s statements, on different bases and periods; no growth rate is drawn from them.
PASSAGES, VERBATIM	<i>“after salary we had only ₦100 million”</i> V1-23

E-16 Channels Television report, August 27, 2025

EXTRACT • BROADCAST REPORT

SOURCE	Kuteyi, E. (2025, August 27). Gov Uzodimma increases minimum wage to ₦104,000 for Imo workers. Channels Television.
PROVENANCE	Retrieved September 28, 2026 (Volume I docket).
WHAT IT REPORTS	The state minimum wage increase and the approval of ₦16 billion for outstanding gratuities.
LIMITS	Reports an approval, not a payment.
PASSAGES, VERBATIM	<i>“for the immediate clearance of all outstanding gratuities owed to pensioners in the state”</i> V1-24

E-34 Letter of Chief Better Joseph Ekeh, September 28, 2026

ORIGINAL • SIGNED LETTER

SOURCE	Ekeh, B. J. (2026b, September 28). Personal confirmation of my visit to Agbaso Integrated Farms, Emekuku [Letter].
PROVENANCE	Supplied to the author, September 28, 2026; published with Part 5.
WHAT IT REPORTS	A signed account of a visit to the farm, the recording of the videos and the presence of Chief Martin Agbaso.
LIMITS	Confirms only what the writer saw and recorded; leaves acreage, output, employment and ownership to primary records.
PASSAGES, VERBATIM	<i>“the relevant primary records”</i> V1-45

E-35 Citizen magazine, July 6–12, 1992

EXTRACT • MAGAZINE REPORT

SOURCE	Jega, M. (1992, July 6–12). NEC’s powers. Citizen, 3(27). National Repository of Nigeria, National Library of Nigeria.
PROVENANCE	Retrieved September 28, 2026 (Volume I docket).
WHAT IT REPORTS	Contemporaneous report that the National Electoral Commission disqualified 32 candidates before the July 4, 1992 elections, among them Martin Agbaso of Owerri.
LIMITS	Gives no grounds for the disqualification.
PASSAGES, VERBATIM	<i>“Two of the NRC’s senatorial candidates in Imo, Chief C. Anyanwu of Okigwe and Mr. Martin Agbaso of Owerri were disqualified”</i> V1-46

E-36 ThisDay feature, March 23, 2023

ORIGINAL · NEWSPAPER FEATURE

SOURCE	Nwosu, N. (2023, March 23). Race for Douglas House. ThisDay.
PROVENANCE	Retrieved October 4, 2026.
WHAT IT REPORTS	A survey of the 2023 governorship field with a profile of Agbaso: Sud Riva Limited and its lines of business, the New York dry-cleaning shop, the Nigerian brand and the 1998 seat.
LIMITS	Describes Nathan's as a franchise, which differs from the 2017 and 2021 profiles; gives the 623 figure for one company only.
PASSAGES, VERBATIM	<i>"Executive Chairman of Sud Riva Limited, a company that is a major player in the construction sector, oil and gas, and marine ropes, employing over 623 Nigerians"</i> V2-06 <i>"The New York based Nathan Drycleaning Shop is a franchise he runs with his wife Robin. Today Nathan Drycleaners is a household brand in many state capitals of the country."</i> V2-03 <i>"under which platform in 1998 he clinched the Senatorial seat of Owerri Federal Constituency"</i> V2-11

E-37 Go Africa Online listing, Abuja

EXTRACT · BUSINESS DIRECTORY

SOURCE	Go Africa Online. (n.d.). Nathan's Superior Dry-Cleaning & Laundry Services, Abuja.
PROVENANCE	Retrieved October 4, 2026.
WHAT IT REPORTS	A directory entry placing a Nathan's branch at 10 Lobito Crescent, Wuse, Abuja, with trading hours Monday to Saturday.
LIMITS	Directory entries are compiled from submissions and are not records. Gives no founding date, owner or staff numbers.
PASSAGES, VERBATIM	<i>"10 Lobito Cres - Wuse"</i> V2-04

E-38 Finelib listing, Enugu

EXTRACT · BUSINESS DIRECTORY

SOURCE	Finelib. (n.d.). Nathan's Superior Dry Cleaning & Laundry Services, G.R.A. Enugu.
PROVENANCE	Retrieved October 4, 2026.
WHAT IT REPORTS	A directory entry placing a Nathan's branch on Abakaliki Road, GRA, Enugu, with a nathanslimited.com contact address.
LIMITS	Not a record. Spells the road "Abakiliki".
PASSAGES, VERBATIM	<i>"offers professional services in dry cleaning, ironing, laundry and home delivery services"</i> V2-04

E-39 BusinessList listing, Lagos

EXTRACT · BUSINESS DIRECTORY

SOURCE	BusinessList. (n.d.). Nathans Super Dry Cleaning & Laundry Ltd, Lagos.
PROVENANCE	Retrieved October 4, 2026.
WHAT IT REPORTS	A directory entry for Nathans Super Dry Cleaning & Laundry Ltd at 56 Adetokunbo Ademola Street, Victoria Island, Lagos, giving a registration date of June 3, 2011.
LIMITS	The registration date is the directory's, not the Corporate Affairs Commission's, and must be confirmed against the register.
PASSAGES, VERBATIM	<i>"56 Adetokunbo Ademola Street, Victoria Island, Lagos"</i> V2-04

E-40 FAO, September 21, 2023

EXTRACT · INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCY

SOURCE	FAO. (2023, September 21). Catfish: A big business for a big nation. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.
PROVENANCE	Retrieved October 4, 2026.
WHAT IT REPORTS	The FAO's estimate of Nigeria's catfish output and the number and size of producers.
LIMITS	An estimate ("could be as high as"), used here only to give the national scale.
PASSAGES, VERBATIM	<i>"annual catfish production could be as high as one million tonnes in 2021, worth around USD 2.6 billion"</i> V2-08 <i>"an estimated 285 000 catfish producers, 60 percent of which are small-scale farmers"</i> V2-08

E-41 Labour Party statement, June 29, 2022

EXTRACT · PARTY STATEMENT

SOURCE	Labour Party. (2022, June 29). APC chieftain, Martin Agbaso joins Labour Party with his teaming supporters across the country.
PROVENANCE	Retrieved October 4, 2026.
WHAT IT REPORTS	The party's announcement of his defection, with a short political history.
LIMITS	A party statement, not an electoral record.
PASSAGES, VERBATIM	<i>"won Imo East Senatorial Seat in 1998 under the Democratic Party of Nigeria, DPN"</i> V2-11

E-42 IRB Canada research response, May 28, 1998

EXTRACT · GOVERNMENT RESEARCH RESPONSE

SOURCE	Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada. (1998, May 28). Nigeria: The United Nigeria Congress Party (UNCP), its structure and leadership, the treatment of its members including local government councillors by the authorities (NGA29394.E).
PROVENANCE	Retrieved October 4, 2026, via ecoi.net.
WHAT IT REPORTS	Contemporaneous research response giving the national result of the April 25, 1998 legislative elections, citing Africa News of April 30, 1998.
LIMITS	National totals only; nothing on Imo East.
PASSAGES, VERBATIM	<i>“In the 469-member national legislative assembly elections that took place on 25 April 1998, the UNCP won more than 70 per cent of the seats. Its closest rival, the DPN, won only 17 per cent of the seats”</i> V2-12

E-43 U.S. State Department report, February 26, 1999

EXTRACT · GOVERNMENT REPORT

SOURCE	U.S. Department of State. (1999, February 26). Country report on human rights practices 1998: Nigeria.
PROVENANCE	Retrieved October 4, 2026, via Refworld.
WHAT IT REPORTS	The State Department’s account of the Abacha-era elections, the screening of candidates, the nomination of Abacha by all five parties and General Abubakar’s dissolution of the parties and annulment of the elections.
LIMITS	Does not give the date of the annulment in this passage, or any constituency result.
PASSAGES, VERBATIM	<i>“the SSS and other organizations controlled by the PRC screened candidates and systematically excluded candidates affiliated with prodemocracy or human rights organizations; voter turnout was very low”</i> V2-13 <i>“All five of the permitted political parties nominated Abacha as their candidate for president in April in hastily called government-manipulated party congresses.”</i> V2-13 <i>“He dissolved the five political parties established by the Abacha regime and annulled the three elections conducted during that era.”</i> V2-13

E-44 KPMG on the Pension Reform Act 2014

EXTRACT · PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

SOURCE	KPMG Advisory Services. (2014, July). The Pension Reform Act 2014 [Newsletter].
PROVENANCE	Retrieved October 4, 2026.
WHAT IT REPORTS	A professional summary of the Pension Reform Act 2014, including minimum contribution rates.
LIMITS	A summary, not the gazetted text; the series confirms rates against the Act before Part 8.
PASSAGES, VERBATIM	<i>“The Act has increased the rate of contribution for employees and employers to a minimum of 8% and 10%, respectively.”</i> V2-14

E-45 Mondaq on the Minimum Wage (Amendment) Act 2024

EXTRACT · PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

SOURCE	Alex-Adedipe, A., & Ayoola, K. (2024, August 28). The National Minimum Wage (Amendment) Act 2024: Key updates and practical tips for employers in Nigeria. Mondaq.
PROVENANCE	Retrieved October 4, 2026.
WHAT IT REPORTS	A law-firm summary of the 2024 amendment: the ₦70,000 rate, its effective date and the categories exempted.
LIMITS	A summary, not the gazetted text.
PASSAGES, VERBATIM	<i>“The Amendment Act has now increased the minimum wage rate to #70,000 (Seventy Thousand Naira).”</i> V2-14 <i>“establishments with less than 25 employees”</i> V2-14

E-46 Labour Act, s 7(1)

ORIGINAL · STATUTE

SOURCE	Labour Act, Cap. L1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, s 7(1).
PROVENANCE	Retrieved October 4, 2026.
WHAT IT REPORTS	The statutory duty to give each worker written particulars of employment.
LIMITS	Nothing on this point.
PASSAGES, VERBATIM	<i>“Not later than three months after the beginning of a worker’s period of employment with an employer, the employer shall give to the worker a written statement specifying”</i> V2-14