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PRESS STATEMENT

RE- MY LIFE IN DANGER – SANUSI

The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) has noted the front page story of the Champion Newspaper of Friday 16th, October 2009 with the above caption alleging that the CBN Governor, Sanusi Lamido Sanusi had told the Senate that his life was in danger. The paper also attributed to the Governor “how a business associate of one of the sacked bank Managing Directors gave out loans in two separate payments to two of his friends, (and that) the bank chief had given out the loans to a friend who said he would refund it in less than one week”.

We wish to categorically state that the CBN Governor did not tell the Senate that his life was in danger and indeed has never received any credible threat to his safety on account of the on-going reforms.

It is worthy of note that the Senate spokesperson, distinguished Senator Ayogu Eze, made no reference to this false claim in his briefing. It is also important to note that the distinguished Senator, in relating the information given at this meeting, did not attribute any quote to either the Governor of the CBN or the Chairman of EFCC, and as such any such attribution is at best speculative and at worst mischievous.

In view of the fact that the Senate gave an official briefing on the highlights of the closed door session, we urge newspaper practitioners to refrain from fabricating stories as this would make no positive contribution to the financial system or the enlightenment of the reading public.

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