



## CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA

### **Press Release**

The attention of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) has been drawn to various postings on social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, and so on), purported to have been made by the CBN Governor, Mallam Sanusi Lamido Sanusi.

We wish to state unequivocally as follows:

1. That the CBN Governor currently has neither a Facebook nor a Twitter account.
2. That any such account, purported to belong to the CBN Governor, is fake.
3. Therefore, any such statement or post, purported to have been made by the CBN Governor, is false.
4. That in the last six months, there have been deliberate efforts by unknown elements to use the internet, with its social media extensions, to tarnish and malign the image and reputation of the CBN Governor.
5. That efforts at tackling this menace had been yielding positive results as over 100 of these fictitious accounts had been closed with the collaboration of the Facebook authorities.
6. That currently there is a criminal case against one of the elements using these channels to defraud unsuspecting members of the public.

7. That the relevant law enforcement agencies have been duly notified of these developments.

We therefore urge members of the public to disregard these fake accounts and their false and malicious contents as they are calculated to deceive the public, malign the reputation of the CBN Governor and cause disaffection in the country.

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