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PRESS RELEASE

False Claim on Tinubu attributed to the Nigerian Fact-Checkers Coalition

The attention of the Nigerian Fact-Checkers Coalition (NFC) has been drawn to a disturbing false claim attributed to our team of fact-checkers. The bogus fact-check card, now going viral on social media, had passed a verdict that the presidential candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Bola Ahmed Tinubu, “inherited great real estate” is correct. *(See the attached graphic card below).*

The masterminds of this false information were referring to a claim made by Mr Tinubu while he was answering questions on his source of wealth during an interview with the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC). The authors further claimed that Mr Tinubu “inherited Lagos from his father, tamed the Atlantic, thereby increasing the value of the land”.

As a group of credible Nigerian fact-checkers, researchers and journalists, we hereby dissociate ourselves from the mischief verdict concocted and attributed to us. We urge the public to note that none of our fact-checkers has a hand in producing this bogus fact-checking card.

As Nigerians prepare for the forthcoming 2023 general elections, we remain committed to producing well-researched fact-checks to hold politicians accountable while providing the electorate with verified information towards making informed decision and upholding the nation’s democracy.

Signed:

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FOR: Nigerian Fact-Checkers Coalition (NFC).



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CLAIM



APC Presidential candidate, Bola Tinubu claimed that he inherited great real estate, which is the source of his enormous wealth.

VERDICT CORRECT

A review of Ministry of Lands, Housing and Survey records showed that Tinubu inherited Lagos from his father, tamed the Atlantic, thereby increasing the value of the land.

He sold Lagos to Lord Lugard in 1914 for millions of pounds, this is the source of his wealth.

SOURCE: Ministry of Lands and Survey

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