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Group Asks Obasanjo, Yar'Adua, Buhari, Atiku To Declare Assets

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Citizens for Nigeria (CFN), a human rights advocacy group, has challenged President Olusegun Obasanjo to publicly declare his assets as a way of further demonstrating his commitment to the anti-corruption crusade.

It said all the Presidential candidates, including, Umar Yar'Adua, Muhammadu Buhari, Atiku Abubakar, Ibrahim Babangida, among others shall also declare their assets as a way of strengthening the anti-graft war in the country.

CFN's Director of Operations, Biodun Durojaiye, who gave the challenge in Lagos on Tuesday, added that they should set example by first declaring their assets while all governorship and senatorial candidates should do the same.

The group said such a public declaration of assets will afford Nigerians the opportunity to scrutinise the assets of public officers.

"The current situation whereby elected politicians declare their assets in secrecy and nobody gets to see them has proven to serve no purpose. Nigerians can no longer be deceived.

"The CFN demands the declaration of assets of serving and intending political office holders as well as leadership of the party with an elected official."

It called on all Nigerians to take the fight against corruption seriously adding that former Senior



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Special Adviser to the President on Domestic Affairs, Andy Uba, should be disqualified from the April elections until he clears himself of the charges of corruption preferred against him.

CFN also expressed worry that the case is being treated with kids gloves and warned that Uba should not be treated as a favorite and untouchable because this will send the wrong signals about Federal Government's anti corruption war.

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