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Press Release

**Hushpuppi VS. Abba Kyari: CACOL URGES Kyari TO BE READY FOR TRIAL**

The Centre for Anti-Corruption and Open Leadership (**CACOL)** has called on Commander, IGP Intelligence Response Monitoring Team, DCP Abba Kyari, to be ready to submit himself for trial.

In a release issued by CACOL’s Director for Administration and Programmes, Tola Oresanwo on behalf of the organization’s Chairman, Mr. Debo Adeniran, he said, “It would be recalled that The United States Attorney’s Office, Central District of California, had issued an arrest warrant against DCP Kyari for his alleged links to a suspect, Ramon Abbas, aka Hushpuppi, who is standing trial for various offences that include internet fraud and money laundering, among others. Kyari is a well-decorated Deputy Commissioner in the Nigeria Police Force. The allegation came after Hushpuppi reportedly pleaded guilty to charges of fraud in an American court”.

“While, it remains to be proven that Hushpuppi gave bribe to Mr. Abba Kyari because of his character as a fraudster, Mr Kyari should be presumed as innocent until otherwise proven. We want to call on the general public to exercise restraints in subjecting Kyari to the court of public opinion”.

“We would also advise DCP Kyari to do all within his ability to clear his name of any wrongdoing in this case. As we all know a good name is better than great riches. If it involves travelling to America, Kyari should not hesitate to do so. He should be ready to surrender himself for trial both within and outside the country.

The anti-graft Czar noted that “Our current situation as a nation demands that public officers should be seen to be above board in their dealings while on official duties. It is in this regard that we appreciate the effort of The Inspector General of Police (IGP), Usman Alkali Baba, who has ordered an internal review of the allegations against Kyari”.

“It is a known fact that the police in most parts of the world is an institution for which integrity and character is the watchword and no effort should be too much to be expended in uplifting the honour of the profession here in Nigeria. We hope the findings of the internal review would be made public and the already battered image of the Police would not be further denigrated”.

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