

Refutal

I Hon Elsie Shadrach Nwizug, (Female) immediate past councillor of Khana Local Government Council write to refute the publication in the *Moonlight newspaper* of 20th – 26th December, 2011 captioned: **Ogoni Councillors in Trouble; Pockets 10.5 Million Naira Water Project”.**

- a) That all information reported by the Moonlight tabloid are false, malicious and misleading.
- b) That the investigation purported to have been carried out by this tabloid is a mere figment.
- c) That the newspaper mentioned only the councillors and did not state the villages where these projects (borehole) are located speaks volumes of high level of conspiracy and betrayed aimed at tarnishing my good image.
- d) That the contradicting report of the ex-councillors who finished the project and those arrested and charged to court shows that the Moonlight tabloid did not do any investigation.
- e) That the director of works and other principal officers of works department of Khana council did not visit Buan Community, the project site for inspection on the 14th April, 2011 as claimed by the local newspaper.
- f) That a proper investigation would have shown this reporter the existence of a well constructed 6” borehole with a brand new Elemax generator purchased for the daily pumping of water in Buan Community.

That the people of Buan Community are out in their large number everyday enjoying the water showing the dividend of democracy and good representation.

Given the above, where therefore did the Moonlight

newspaper get their information as contained in their report. How good and pleasant it would be before God and man if the Moonlight newspaper could go a step further to verify the facts of this matter in Buan Community rather than going sensational with the truth untouched.

Objective reporting and professional journalism requires that all parties in question especially the one at hand be so contacted to enable sufficient investigation before rushing to press. What the tabloid did is condemnable, unfair and not acceptable to all parties concerned hence the need for this refutal.

I therefore use this medium to urge the newspaper and reporter and in question to retrace this story, go ahead and publish the obvious facts of the matter herein stated.

- * That there is a completed 6” neighbourhood water borehole in ward eleven situated in Buan Community centre of the ward.
 - * That this well tested borehole is situated in mana, one of the four compounds of Buan.
 - * That the site of the water project is decently tiled, a well constructed water stand painted red, two water tanks of 1,500 litres each, a water filter and a brand new generator for daily pumping of water kept in the custody of one of Buan’s trustees.
- That the 1.5 million naira given in two installment by the Khana council was judiciously spent on the neighbourhood water scheme as explained above.###



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