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Our attention has been drawn to a publication in the Facebook which contents were purported to have been said by Ndi Ezeogo Igbere against Barrister Benjamin Kalu. Ndi Ezeogo Igbere are asking the politicians who came to campaign for Dr. Desmond Chimaobi Anyaso at Amaofufe Igbere, why cast aspersion on the person of Chief Barr. Benjamin Okezie Kalu using Ndi Ezeogo Igbere to satisfy their whims and caprices? Ndi Ezeogo Igbere aver that they never said anything against the person of Chief B.O. Kalu and that the nebulous and chilly statements contained in the publication did not emanate from them, but from the politicians.

The write-up is better taken seriatim because of the paragraphs of the article under reference were salted with lias and peppered with vituperation. Such insinuation as contained in it if unrefuted may tend to give a dog bad name in order to hang or kill him for no just cause.

The write-up by the politicians states inter alia:

1. That Ndi Ezeogo Igbere threaten to drag Barr Benjamin to court for forgery. We pose to ask the politicians what did he forge? Are we fools to drag an innocent man to court and for what?
2. That Barr. Benjamin Kalu may be facing criminal charges bordering on impersonation and forgery. The Ezeogo want to know from the writers of the article – into whose office or position, did he impersonate and what document did he forge? We wrote him a welcome address and received him in our midst. The said address of welcome was endorsed by the Chairman Ndi Ezeogo Igbere not by Chief B.O. Kalu. How it is that Ndi Ezeogo Igbere who cordially received Benjamin Kalu would plan to arraign him to court for no offence?

Why drag the name of Ndiezeogo to mud? Why use their name to perpetuate this woeful act of insinuation, blackmail, malign and bring them to odium? Why stoop down to incivility and rudeness, as though you are dealing with fools? Was it a crime or an offence for Ndi Ezeogo Igbere to grant Chief B.O. Kalu audience?.

3. That another Ezeogo who spoke queried why Ndi Ezeogo Igbere should endorse an APC candidate who has threaten to shot down a free education school if elected?

How come about this type of accusation? How does the case of a primary school come in here? No Ezeogo in Igbere made such a statement. If you have any case involving school, it is not to our knowledge.

4. That another Ezeogo said, how can we endorse someone as dangerously desperate as Ben Kalu when we have our own illustrious son Dr. Desmond Chimaobi Anyaso.

The statement is false and malicious. Let us not impute motive. Ndi Ezeogo Igbere cannot malign their two great sons from Bende Local Government Area. Dr. D.C. Anyaso is our illustrious son, equally as Chief Barr. B.O. Kalu is an illustrious son of Bende.

5. Case of Adoption: The politicians accused Ndi Ezeogo Igbere and queried why they signed their names on behalf of Barr. B.O. Kalu. We challenged them to read what they said we wrote. The address of welcome by Ndi Ezeogo Igbere to him was read to everybody's hearing. We told them that Ndi Ezeogo are fathers to every candidate seeking for election. As a father pitieth his children, so do the Ezeogos pitieth those that come to them. We are not repulsive but accommodating.

6. That Chief Jerry Kalu made promise to give Ndi Ezeogo any form of assistance to bring Benjamin Kalu to book. *Jerry*

This is a fallacy. If Chief Kalu has anything to do with Barr. B. Kalu, let him do so and stop incriminating Ndi Ezeogo Igbere.

Finally, we the Ezeogos of Igbere Clan warn these desperate politicians to stop using their name to demean other people or use them to carry out any dubious/mischievous role. We advise those who aspire to lead to show discipline and modesty. Avoid politics of bitterness and impalpable hostility. We the Village Heads of Igbere view the disparaging article as a deliberate attempt to misinform the general public and malign the good name of Ndi Ezeogo Igbere and Barrister Chief Benjamin Okezie Kalu. It was a load of rubbish. Even as some of them are learned gentlemen, they failed to understand what it is to describe a gentleman like Benjamin Kalu as dubious and deceitful. Now, who is guilty of these accusations – Ndi Ezeogo Igbere or the politicians who met them?



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