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CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATIVE MEMORANDUM

To:	Mr. Afam Osigwe, SAN — President,
From:	I.T. Officer, Office of the President
Date:	14th July 2026
Re:	Investigation into Allegation of NBA Portal Account Compromise — Akeem O. Aponmade, Esq. (NBA Ikeja, SCN046163)
Classification:	Confidential — Internal Use Only

1. Background

On 13th July 2026, Akeem O. Aponmade, Esq. of A. O. Aponmade & Co. (NBA Ikeja) addressed a letter to the President titled "Protest Over Hijack of My NBA Account 6 Days to Election." The letter alleges that his NBA portal account was compromised at approximately 12:28pm on 13th July 2026 evidenced by a "Reset Password OTP" email and a "Password Updated Successfully" email he did not request, and that he was subsequently unable to log in. The letter was also published on TheNigeriaLawyer and other legal blogs, and calls for a backend audit, public identification of any culprit, and a police report.

The President directed an investigate to the allegation and report back with findings.

2. Evidence Reviewed

- Letter of Protest dated 13th July 2026, signed by Akeem O. Aponmade, Esq., NBA Ikeja.
- Postmark mail activity log for recipient akeem@aponmadelaw.com (8 events, all-time stamped).
- "Stamp Application Update" email delivered to the same address.
- Credo payment gateway transaction receipt, Reference HEjr002tkU52AH3K16cD.
- NBA National Secretariat portal payment receipt, Payment Reference STAMP-CRED-166780-5762.

3. Reconstructed Timeline — 13th July 2026

All portal/mail-system timestamps below are as recorded by the respective systems. The NBA portal receipt records time in UTC (Z); Nigeria operates WAT (UTC+1), so portal timestamps are converted accordingly and noted.

Time (WAT)	Source	Event	Notes
12:28 PM (alleged)	Complainant's letter	Claimed time of "hijack" — OTP and password-update emails allegedly received	Not corroborated by any system log reviewed
2:09:27 PM	NBA Portal receipt (13:09:27.508Z + 1hr WAT)	STAMP-CRED-166780-5762 payment recorded by NBA portal	Payer: Akeem Olaniyi Aponmade, SCN046163, Ikeja, Year of Call 2005
2:10:00 PM	Credo payment gateway	₦4,343 Stamp Fee paid via Opay bank transfer, account ending 422	Independently corroborates portal timestamp within ~30 seconds
3:06:02 PM	Postmarkmail log	"Reset Password OTP" — Processed	Sent ~56 minutes after payment already completed
3:06:14 PM	Postmarkmail log	"Reset Password OTP" — Delivered	
3:08:17 PM	Postmarkmail log	"Password Updated Successfully" — Processed	
3:09:48 PM	Postmarkmail log	"Password Updated Successfully" — Delivered	
3:10:42 PM	Postmarkmail log	"Reset Password OTP" — Opened	Opened from the complainant's own mailbox
3:11:06 PM	Postmarkmail log	"Password Updated Successfully" — Opened	Opened from the complainant's own mailbox
3:54:21 PM	Postmarkmail log	"Stamp Application Update" — Processed	
3:55:52 PM	Postmarkmail log	"Stamp Application Update" — Delivered	Content: stamp/seal REJECTED — current branch dues receipt required

Note on discrepancy: the letter states the hijack events occurred "at precisely 12:28pm." The earliest system-recorded event (the STAMP payment) is timestamped 2:09–2:10pm WAT, and the password-reset emails are timestamped 3:06–3:11pm WAT — roughly 1.5 to 2.5 hours later than stated, and in a different sequence than alleged.

4. Findings

1. A password reset was genuinely initiated on the account and completed successfully, as shown by the "Reset Password OTP" and "Password Updated Successfully" emails and their delivery to akeem@aponmadelaw.com.
2. Both notification emails were subsequently opened from the same recipient address (3:10:42pm and 3:11:06pm), indicating the mailbox itself and the OTP within it was accessible to whoever completed the reset.
3. Following the reset, the account was used to log in, complete a Stamp and Seal application, and pay the associated ~~₦4,300~~/₦4,343 fee via Credo (Opay bank transfer, account ending 422).
4. Both the Credo receipt and the NBA portal receipt independently record this payment under the complainant's own identity details ;full name (Akeem Olaniyi Aponmade / Akeem Aponmade), his registered email, his branch (Ikeja), and, on the portal receipt, his SCN (SCN046163) and year of call (2005) matching the particulars in his signed letter.
5. A "Stamp Application Update" email (3:54–3:55pm) confirms the resulting stamp/seal application was subsequently REJECTED for failing to attach a current branch dues receipt i.e., the application reached a substantive review stage, not merely an attempted login.
6. The complainant's letter discloses only two of these eight recorded mail events (the OTP and password-update emails) and omits the two "Opened" events, the Stamp Application Update, and the payment itself, despite the payment predating the alleged logout.
7. Bank-side authorisation for the Opay transfer (account ending 422) would ordinarily require the account holder's own banking credentials/OTP, which is a separate authentication channel from the NBA portal and not something a portal-level intruder obtains automatically by resetting a portal password.

5. Analysis

The system evidence is inconsistent with the account of events set out in the letter, in three respects. First, the stated time of the incident (12:28pm) does not match any recorded system event; the closest recorded events are 1.5–2.5 hours later. Second, the sequence alleged — reset followed by lockout — is not supported: the stamp payment is timestamped before the password-reset emails were even sent, which is difficult to reconcile with a claim of being locked out from 12:28pm onward. Third, the account was not merely accessed but used to complete a multi-step, fee-bearing transaction (application, payment, submission) that was subsequently reviewed and rejected by NBA staff — activity going well beyond what a hostile actor would typically need or want to do, and activity tied to the complainant's own banking channel.

Two explanations are consistent with the technical evidence: (a) the complainant carried out these activities himself and the letter's account of events is inaccurate; or (b) a third party with access to both his email inbox and his personal banking channel (e.g. a confidant, associate, or family member) carried out the activities on his behalf or without his knowledge. The evidence available does not, on its own, distinguish conclusively between these two possibilities, though (a) requires fewer independent conditions to be true. Portal-side login/IP/device logs, if retained, would help resolve this further.

6. Conclusion

The available evidence does not corroborate the letter's central claim of an unauthorised backend hijack of the complainant's NBA account by NBA personnel or associates. On the contrary, the portal activity following the password reset is consistent with legitimate, authenticated use of the account by someone with access to both the registered email inbox and the complainant's personal payment channel — most plausibly the complainant himself. This is a factual/evidentiary finding; it is not a legal determination of wrongdoing, and no public statement attributing intent or dishonesty to the complainant should be made on this memorandum alone.

ANNEXTURE 1: POSTMARK MAIL TRAIL

Postmark

Activity

Suppressions

Transactions

Setup Instructions

Settings

akeem

Export

Filters

All time

8 events found

Reset

Event	Recipient	Subject	Tag	Date & Time
Delivered	akeem@aponmadelaw.com	Stamp Application Update	—	Jul 13, 3:55:52 PM
Processed	To: akeem@aponmadelaw.com	Stamp Application Update	—	Jul 13, 3:54:21 PM
Opened	akeem@aponmadelaw.com	Password Updated Successfully	—	Jul 13, 3:11:06 PM
Opened	akeem@aponmadelaw.com	Reset Password OTP	—	Jul 13, 3:10:42 PM
Delivered	akeem@aponmadelaw.com	Password Updated Successfully	—	Jul 13, 3:09:48 PM
Processed	To: akeem@aponmadelaw.com	Password Updated Successfully	—	Jul 13, 3:08:17 PM
Delivered	akeem@aponmadelaw.com	Reset Password OTP	—	Jul 13, 3:06:14 PM
Processed	To: akeem@aponmadelaw.com	Reset Password OTP	—	Jul 13, 3:06:02 PM

ANNEXTURE 2: STAMP UPDATE AFTER PASSWORD RESET - 3:55 PM

To: akeem@aponmadelaw.com

Delivered

Delivered

JUL 13 03:55 PM

smtp;250 OK id=1wjH8S-00000001X0F-1EpA

From: _dc-mx.2f31281d4b33.aponmadelaw.com. (50.87.248.20)

Processed

03:54 PM

We received the message and are sending it to the recipient's mail server.

HTML

Plain Text

Raw Source

Download

Email Update Notification

Hello there, you stamp and seal have been **REJECTED**

REJECTED: UPLOAD CURRENT BRANCH DUES RECEIPT

If you are to re-upload your receipt, click this link <https://portal.nigerianbar.org.ng/stampseal/upload> and select the stamp that was Rejected to re-upload. Kindly ignore this message if your Branch receipt was approved successfully.

If you are not aware of this request, please contact NBA support team immediately.

NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION

Need Help?

info@nigerianbar.org.ng

ANNEXTURE 3: NBA STAMP RECEIPT - PAID 13TH JULY - 2:09PM



NATIONAL SECRETARIAT
NBA House, Plot 1101 Mohammadu,
Buhari Way, Central Business District,
Abuja, F.C.T Nigeria

Payment date: 2026-07-13T13:09:27.508Z
Payment Reference:
STAMP-CRED-166780-5762

PAYMENT RECEIPT

PAYER INFORMATION						
Name	AKEEM OLANIYI APONMADE					
Payee Branch	Ikeja					
Enrollment No.	SCN046163					
Email	akeem@aponmadelaw.com					
Year of Call	2005					

PAYMENT DETAILS						
PAYMENT DATE	PAYMENT REF.	PAYMENT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT ₦	CHARGES ₦	VAT ₦	TOTAL ₦
2026-07-13T13:09:27.508Z	STAMP-CRED-166780-5762	Stamp and Seal Fee	4,300.00	0.00	0.00	4,300.00

PAYMENT CHANNEL INFORMATION				
TRANSITION	STATUS	PAYMENT TYPE	PAYMENT YEAR	BILLING METHOD
NBA Portal	Successful	STAMP_SEAL	2026	CREDO

ANNEXTURE 4: PAYMENT PROCESSOR RECEIPT - TIMESTAMP 2:10 PM

Your Payment has been made Successfully

Merchant Details
Nigerian Bar Association - STAMP

Customer Details
Akeem Aponmade
akeem@aponmadelaw.com

TRANSACTION DETAILS

Reference: HEjr002tkU52AH3K16cD

Date: 13/07/2026

Time: 02:10 PM

Amount: NGN 4,343.00

Transaction Status: Success

Payment Reference: STAMP-CRED-166780-5762

PAYMENT METHOD

Payment Methods: Bank Transfer

Type: Opay

Card/Account Number: 802xxxx422

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