



## **Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abuja**

### **Press Release**

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#### **PUBLIC ALERT ON FAKE SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS AND IMPERSONATION OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AMBASSADOR DUNOMA UMAR AHMED, PhD**

The attention of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has been drawn to the malicious creation and operation of fake social media accounts, particularly on platforms such as Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), and Instagram, which fraudulently impersonate His Excellency, Ambassador Dunoma Umar Ahmed, PhD, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry. These fraudulent accounts are being used to solicit personal favours, financial gains, and other dubious activities such as fake promises of contract awards, etc., from unsuspecting members of the public, and they are aimed at tarnishing the reputation and integrity of the Office of the Permanent Secretary.

The Ministry wishes to state that the Permanent Secretary, Ambassador Dunoma Umar Ahmed, DOES NOT own or operate any personal social media accounts for official or professional purposes. All official communications from the Office of the Permanent Secretary are disseminated through the Ministry's verified channels, including its official website ([www.foreignaffairs.gov.ng](http://www.foreignaffairs.gov.ng)) and official social media handles. For the avoidance of doubt, the Ministry wishes to poignantly reiterate the fact that the Permanent Secretary will never promise or make offers of contract awards or solicit for funds & personal favours through social media or unverified channels.

Therefore, the diplomatic community and the general public are hereby advised to exercise utmost caution and disregard any communication or request from these fake accounts, and report any such fake accounts or impersonation attempts to the relevant social media platforms for immediate takedown and to the Nigerian Police Force via the Cybercrime Unit.

The Ministry is working with the relevant security and regulatory agencies for a thorough investigation and to bring the perpetrators to justice. The Federal Government of Nigeria remains committed to upholding the highest standards

**of integrity and transparency in its operations and will not tolerate actions aimed at defrauding citizens and undermining public trust.**

**Signed:**

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