**The curious case against Mohammed Adoke**

Certainly, all of the government officials involved in the settlement of the OPL 245 dispute have been implicated, including Mohammed Adoke, who was the Attorney-General when the deal was concluded. The settlement ended in 2016 with a payment of $1.5 billion to the Nigerian government, but questions remained about the legality of the deal. Mohammed Adoke was the Nigerian Attorney-General at the time of the settlement. He was accused of accepting a bribe of $1.2m in connection with the OPL 245 deal. However, Adoke has denied the allegations, stating that he was not involved in the process of approving the OPL 245 settlement.

**What happened to OPL 245?**

All is fine. Oil and gas discoveries had already been made in Benin and Zacchaeus fields in 2003 and 2005 respectively. ENI continues prospecting. It recently awarded a $142m contract to Italian engineering, construction and drilling company, Saipem, for operations and maintenance for a Floating Production Storage Offloading (FPSO). Production is expected to start in 2022.

**Was $1bn actually diverted?**

Most commentators on the payment of $1.1bn to Malabu by Shell/Eni in the OPL 245 deal use the word “diversion” – suggesting that the money belongs to the Nigerian government. But the word “diversion” – suggesting that the money belongs to the Nigerian government. The government has its own account, and collecting a bribe of $2m. In various press statements, paid advertisements and media interviews, Mohammed Adoke, former Attorney-General, portrayed the money as a bribe to the Nigerian government. He stated that the $1.1bn was paid as a bribe and that he would not allow the Nigerian government to lose $1.1bn. However, no one has provided evidence to support this claim.

**Why is there a scandal?**

The scandal arose from the discovery of oil and gas reserves in Nigeria. The government, through the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), negotiated a deal with Malabu Oil & Gas Ltd to acquire the rights to explore and develop the OPL 245 block. The deal was signed in 1996, and it was later discovered that a $1.5bn bribe was paid to the Nigerian government. The money was traced to the escrow account of Malabu Oil & Gas Ltd and was allegedly used to pay for the OPL 245 license. However, no one has provided evidence to support this claim.

**Who got what oil block?**

The oil block in question is OPL 245. It is located in the deep waters of the Gulf of Guinea, off the coast of Nigeria. The OPL 245 block was awarded to Malabu Oil & Gas Ltd in 1996, and it was later discovered that the company had paid a bribe of $1.5bn to the Nigerian government. The money was traced to the escrow account of Malabu Oil & Gas Ltd and was allegedly used to pay for the OPL 245 license. However, no one has provided evidence to support this claim.

**Was the recommendation implemented?**

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