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During Interview For Ministerial Appointment Obj Called Me A Mad Man Who Has No Respect-Elrufai

Controversial former minister of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Malam Nasir Elrufai has revealed that Obasanjo interviewed him before appointing him as a minister and that during the interview process the then president told him that he, Elrufai, was mad and does not respect people but that he would still appoint him a minister. Below is a transcript of the interview process that had in attendance Obasanjo himself, the then Vice President, Atiku Abubakar and the then Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Chairman, Audiu Ogbe;

Audu Ogbeh : 'How much time will you need to turn Abuja into Singapore if you are appointed FCT Minister?'

Elrufai: 'Singapore took 30years to happen but I think if we have two years in Abuja, we can begin to make a difference'

OBJ: 'Well you know that for you to do that, you will have to demolish many buildings. Would you be able to do that?'

Elrufai: 'Mr President, that question is for you'

OBJ: 'I said will you be able to do that?'

Elrufai: 'Most of the buildings are owned by retired generals. They will run to you when the restoration starts. Would you be able to stand the pressure?'

OBJ: 'What about customs officers and politicians?'

Elrufai: 'Yes there are some of those too, but most of the problems will come from your colleagues, retired generals'

OBJ: (talking to Audu Ogbeh) ' You see, he is mad. He has started abusing me already. Well, as long as you treat the retired generals like you do the customs officers and politicians, I will back you up'