



NATIONAL JUDICIAL COUNCIL,
SUPREME COURT COMPLEX,
THREE ARMS ZONE,
CENTRAL DISTRICT,
P.M.B. 308,
ABUJA - NIGERIA.

CHIEF JUSTICE OF NIGERIA
AND CHAIRMAN

Ref. No. NJC/CIR/HOC/II/656

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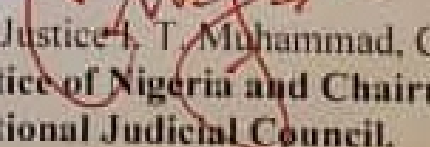
To: All Heads of Courts,
Federal and States Judiciaries.

Your Lordships,

**RE: PREVENTIVE MEASURES ON THE SPREAD OF CORONA VIRUS
(COVID-10) AND THE PROTECTION OF JUSTICES, JUDGES AND
STAFF OF COURTS**

Your Lordship will recall that in tandem with the COVID-19 Regulations 2020 and as a preventive measure on the spread of the virus in the country, I had by Circular No. NJC/CIR/HOC/II/631 dated 23rd March, 2020 directed all Heads of Courts to suspend Court sittings for an initial period of two weeks from 24th March, 2020.

2. In view of the fact that the initial period of two weeks suspension of Court sittings will expire on 7th April, 2020, I hereby extend the suspension of Court Sittings till further notice, given the lockdown measure put in place by the Federal and some States Governments to curb the spread of COVID-19.
3. Your Lordships are however to note that Courts are expected to sit particularly, to dispense matters that are urgent, essential or time-bound in line with our extant laws.
4. Your Lordships are hereby directed to bring the content of this Circular to the notice of all Stakeholders in justice administration, please.


Hon. Dr. Justice A. T. Muhammad, CFR
Chief Justice of Nigeria and Chairman,
National Judicial Council.