



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/631

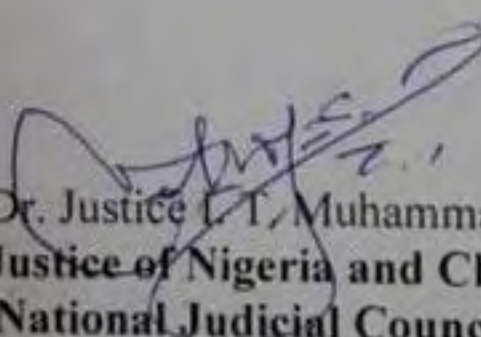
23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020

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

**RE: PREVENTIVE MEASURES ON THE SPREAD OF  
CORONA VIRUS (COVID – 19) AND THE PROTECTION OF  
JUSTICES, JUDGES AND STAFF OF COURTS**

Further to my earlier Circular Ref. No. NJC/CIR/HOC/II/629 dated 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2020, on the above subject matter. In view of the reality of the COVID-19 in the country and in order to take further preventive steps, all Heads of Courts are, from tomorrow, the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, directed to suspend Court sittings for an initial period of two weeks at the first instance, except in matters that are urgent, essential or time bound according to our extant laws.

2. 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 C. T. Muhammad, CFR  
Chief Justice of Nigeria and Chairman,  
National Judicial Council.