

NATIONAL JUDICIAL COUNCIL, SUPREME COURT COMPLEX, THREE ARMS ZONE, CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT P.M.B 483, ABUJA - NIGERIA.

Ref. No. NJC/KOG.HC/22/II/418

11 January 2024

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RE: NOTIFICATION OF THE PENDENCY OF SUIT NO.: FHC/ABJ/CS/05/2024, YUNUS USTAZ USMAN, SAN & 6 ORS. VS NATIONAL JUDICIAL COUNCIL & 3 ORS

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 10th January, 2024 on the above subject matter and to inform you that the National Judicial Council being the apex body in the Judiciary understands that respecting the authority of the court is not only a legal obligation but also a fundamental aspect of maintaining a fair and just legal system. As such, the NJC has always been in the forefront of advocating for respect to the rule of law.

2. Thus, I wish to inform you that once a suit is instituted against any appointment process, Council do put on hold the process, pending the determination of the matter. Consequently, the NJC has put on hold the process of appointment of Judges and Kadis for the Kogi State Judiciary, please.

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SECRETARY