

IN THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT OF NIGERIA
IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT ABUJA

AB 7/11/2022/10/10/2022

SUIT NO:

BETWEEN

MR. GODWIN EMEFIELE-.....PLAINTIFF/APPLICANT

AND

1. INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION (INEC) - DEFENDANTS/
2. ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE FEDERATION ... RESPONDENTS

AFFIDAVIT OF URGENCY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION

I, **Maliki Sylvanus**, adult, male, Christian, Nigerian citizen of **Mike Ozekhome's Chambers, Ukwe Court, Plot 2215 Cadastral Zone, Opposite Maitama Divisional Police Station, Nile Street, Maitama, Abuja**, do hereby make Oath and state as follows:

1. That I am a Senior Counsel in the law firm of Mike Ozekhome's Chambers, Counsel to the Plaintiff/Applicant in this matter, and by virtue of which position I am conversant with the facts and circumstances of this case.
2. That I have the consent and authority of the Plaintiff/Applicant and that of the lead Counsel in this case, Chief Mike Ozekhome, SAN, OFR, FCI Arb, LL.M, Ph.D, LL.D, to depose to this affidavit.
3. That at a conference meeting held on this case at our office, **Ukwe Court, Plot 2215 Cadastral Zone, Opposite Maitama Divisional Police Station, Nile Street, Maitama, Abuja**, on **Tuesday, the 3rd day of May, 2022**, at about 1:00 pm, I was informed by the Plaintiff/Applicant, Mr. Godwin Emeziele, of the following facts and I verily believe him to be true as follows:



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- a. That he has read through the several court processes and is thus fully seized of the facts stated below, which are facts as contained in the several court processes filed by the various parties in the process leading to this suit.
- b. That the Plaintiff is a Nigerian citizen, Economist, Banker and financial expert, who has been serving as the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria since **4th June, 2014**.
- c. That the Plaintiff is a public officer who is being daily called upon to seek election to the office of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria under any political party, and participate as a candidate in the upcoming 2023 presidential elections fixed for **25th February, 2023**.
- d. That the parties' presidential primaries are scheduled to hold on or about the **30th of May and 1st of June, 2022**.
- e. That it is already less than **30** days to the party's scheduled presidential primaries.
- f. That the Plaintiff has brought this suit to urgently challenge the attempt to disqualify and exclude him from participating in the parties' presidential primaries scheduled to hold on or about the **30th of May and 1st of June, 2022**.
- g. That unless this suit is urgently assigned, with the time for taking steps and filing of processes in the suit abridged by this honourable court, and the suit urgently determined, irreparable damage will be done to the Plaintiff, in that he would be barred from participating in the said parties presidential primaries taking place in less than a month's time.
- h. That unless this suit is timeously heard before the imminent events of the primaries, it would foist on this honourable court a situation of fait accompli and complete helplessness and there would be nothing left for the court to decide.

- i. That it is necessary to grant accelerated hearing and abridgement of time of filing of processes, and hearing the suit as stipulated by the Rules of court in this case.
- j. That it is necessary to assign a near date for the hearing of the motion for abridgement of time and hearing of the substantive suit as a matter of grave urgency.

11. That it will serve the best interest of justice to grant this application.

12. That the Defendants will not be prejudiced by a grant of this application.

13. That I depose to this affidavit in good faith and conscientiously believing same to be true and correct and in accordance with the Oaths Act, LFN, 2004.



DEPONENT

**Sworn to at the Registry of the Federal High Court,
Abuja, this ^{5th} day of ^{May}, 2022**

BEFORE ME FOR OATHS
COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS
FEDERAL HIGH COURT
ABUJA
05 MAY 2022
H. A. O. O.
COMMISSIONER FOR OATH