



**COMMUNITY COURT OF JUSTICE, ECOWAS
COUR DE JUSTICE DE LA COMMUNAUTE, CEDEAO
TRIBUNAL DE JUSTICA DA COMUNIDADE, CEDEAO**

REF: ECW/CR/WE/07/25

23rd September, 2025

The Honourable Minister of Justice & Attorney General
of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
Federal Ministry of Justice,
Abuja - Nigeria.



Your Excellency,

RE: WRIT OF EXECUTION IN RESPECT OF JUDGMENT NUMBER
ECW/CCJ/JUD/20/25

BETWEEN

THE INCORPORATED TRUSTEES OF EXPRESSION NOW HUMAN RIGHTS
INITIATIVE APPLICANT

AND

THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA RESPONDENT

I forward herewith, the Writ of Execution and a Certified True copy of the Judgment of the Community Court of Justice, ECOWAS, in respect of the above-mentioned case. By this Writ, the Court is requesting for the enforcement of its decision in respect of the matter against the Respondent, the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.



Yaouza Ouro-Sama (PhD, CIPD Assoc.)
Chief Registrar
Community Court of Justice, ECOWAS
Abuja, Nigeria



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**IN THE COMMUNITY COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE ECONOMIC
COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS)
HOLDEN IN ABUJA – NIGERIA**

SUIT NO: ECW/CCJ/APP/41/23

JUDGMENT NO: ECW/CCJ/JUD/20/25

BETWEEN

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TO:

The Honourable Minister of Justice & Attorney General
of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
Federal Ministry of Justice,
Abuja - Nigeria.

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WRIT OF EXECUTION

Pursuant to Article 24 of the Supplementary Protocol A/SP.1/01/05 amending Protocol A/P1/7/91 relating to the Community Court of Justice, ECOWAS.

AND WHEREAS, the Court in the above Judgment made the following decisions:

As to jurisdiction:

i. Declares that it has jurisdiction to determine this case;

As to Admissibility:

ii. Declares that the case is admissible only with respect to violations of the freedom of expression.

As to Merits

iii. Declares that the provisions of both Section 210 of the Penal Code of Kano State and Section 382(b) of Kano State Sharia Penal Code Law of 2000 are incompatible

with the obligations of the Respondent to guarantee the freedom of expression pursuant to Article 9(2) of the African Charter on Human and People 'Rights, and Article 19 of the ICCPR;

As to Reparations:

- iv. Orders the Respondent to repeal or amend the provisions of both Section 210 of the Penal Code of Kano State and Section 382 (b) of Kano State Sharia Penal Code Law of 2000, and other similar legal provisions in its laws, to bring them in compliance with its obligations in Article 9(2) of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, and Article 19 of the ICCPR;

As to Costs

- v. Orders each party to bear its own costs.

The Honourable Court hereby presents its compliments to the Honourable Attorney General & Minister of Justice of the Republic of Ghana, as the Competent National Authority responsible for the enforcement of judgments of the ECOWAS Court of Justice, in accordance with the provisions of Article 24 (4) of Supplementary Protocol A/SP.1/01/05, AND HEREBY REQUESTS, pursuant to Article 24 (2) of the said Supplementary Protocol, that the said judgment/orders be executed in the Federal Republic of Nigeria, in accordance with the relevant Rules of Civil Procedure of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and to notify the Court accordingly.

Please ensure that the competent national authority makes a return of what they have done under this writ immediately upon the execution thereof, to the Community Court of Justice. This Writ of Execution can only be suspended by a decision of the Community Court of Justice.

Please find attached a certified true copy of the judgment of the Community Court of Justice in respect of the matters: **JUDGMENT NO: ECW/CCJ/JUD/20/25 of 9th April 2025**

DATED THIS 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

BY THE ORDER OF COURT



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Yaouza Ouro-Sama', written over a horizontal line.

**Yaouza Ouro-Sama (PhD, CIPD Assoc.)
Chief Registrar
Community Court of Justice, ECOWAS
Abuja, Nigeria**

