

IN THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT OF NIGERIA
IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT ABUJA
ON FRIDAY THE 9TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022
BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP, THE HON. JUSTICE J.T. TSOHO
CHIEF JUDGE
SUIT NO. FHC/ABJ/CS/2255/2022

BETWEEN:

STATE SECURITY SERVICEAPPLICANT
AND
GODWIN EMEFIELE.....RESPONDENT

FEDERAL HIGH COURT OF NIGERIA
RESPONDENT
OFFICIAL
SIGN: 
DATE: 13/12/22

RULING

Upon perusal of the documents that constitute the Applicant's Motion *Ex parte* dated and filed on 7/12/2022, I am constrained to make the following vital observations:

1. The entire affidavit depositions, especially as per paragraph 4 of the supporting affidavit, purport that preliminary investigation has revealed various acts of Terrorism Financing, fraudulent activities perpetrated by the Respondent and his involvement in economic crimes of national security dimension. These are no doubt, grave allegations, but which the Applicant has not presented any concrete evidence to support. The Applicant should have

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY
FEDERAL HIGH COURT
ABUJA
13/12/22
SAO

taken the Court into confidence, while seeking the exercise of its discretion in favour of granting its application. It is my respectful opinion that the *ipse dixit* of the Applicant standing on its own, is not sufficient evidence upon which to deprive a person of his liberty.

2. The Respondent in this application is named as "Godwin Emeiele" without disclosure of his status or position anywhere; not even in the affidavit. It is left to speculation if the "Godwin Emeiele" is the same person as the serving Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria. If it is, then he is unarguably a high ranking Public Official in Nigeria and indeed occupies a sensitive position as one of the key drivers of the Nation's Economy. Therefore, an application of this kind should have evidence of the approval of the Respondent's boss, that such measures are authorised to be taken. I however do not find such evidence in this instant application, whereas it is a necessary procedure in the observance of the Rule of Law.

3. It is noted that it has been the practice of the Applicant to seek detention of a Respondent or further detention, for a definite period of time, when such Respondent is already arrested and is in their custody and that fact is clearly

disclosed in the supporting affidavit. This is not the situation here, as Godwin Emefiele, the CBN Governor was shown on Television, even last night, having audience with the President of Nigeria. It therefore seems that the Applicant intends to use the Court, as a cover for an irregular procedure, which is unacceptable.

In the light of the foregoing reasons, I decline to grant this application *Ex parte*. If the Applicant believes that the evidence available to it so far is sufficient, then it can as well arrest and detain the Applicant, even without the Order of this Court. If however the Applicant desires to still pursue this application, then it should place the Respondent on Notice, considering the sensitive Public Office that he occupies.

This application as presently constituted is refused.



HON. JUSTICE J. T. TSOHO
Chief Judge

This 9th day of December, 2022

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY
FEDERAL HIGH COURT
ABUJA

13/12/22

Priscilla N-A
S/O

Parties absent.

**DSS PLOT TO FRAME CBN
GOVERNOR FOR TERRORISM,
AN INSULT TO OUR DEAR
PRESIDENT BUHARI-
MIDDLE BELT YOUTH FORUM**

SUIT NO.FHC/ABJ/CS/2255/2022

**WE SUPPORT BUHARI BACKED CBN
CASH LIMIT AND CONDEMN DSS
SECRET COURT ACTION TO FRAME
EMEFIELE FOR TERRORISM**

OHANAEZE NDI IGBO YOUTH MOVEMENT

SUIT NO.FHC/ABJ/CS/2255/2022

**DSS SECRET SUIT TO
FRAME EMEFFIELE FOR
TERRORISM OUTRAGEOUS**

LAWYERS IN DEFENCE OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND JUSTICE
SUIT NO. FHC/ABJ/CS/2255/2022

**ETHNIC YOUTH LEADERS
DEMAND SACK AND ARREST
OF DG DSS FOR FILING SUIT TO
FRAME EMEFIELE CBN
GOVERNOR FOR TERRORISM**

SUIT NO.FHC/ABJ/CS/2255/2022

AFRICAN CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND JUSTICE

**CALLS ON BUHARI TO ARREST
DG DSS FOR FILING SECRET SUIT
TO FRAME HIS CBN GOVERNOR
FOR TERRORISM AND
ECONOMIC CRIMES**

FORUM OF CHAIRMEN OF POLITICAL PARTIES

**CONDEMN DSS DG FOR
FILING SECRET COURT
ACTION TO FRAME CBN
GOVERNOR FOR TERRORISM
SUIT NO.FHC/ABJ/CS/2255/2022**

BUHARI LEGACY DEFENDERS

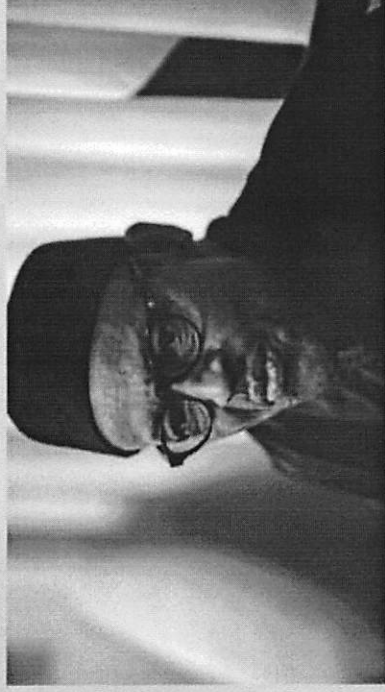
**CRIES OUT TO MR. PRESIDENT
DSS HAVE UNDERMINED MR. PRESIDENT
BY FILING SECRET SUIT FRAMING EMEFIELE
GODWIN FOR TERRORISM AT FHC**

SUIT NO. FHC/ABJ/CS/2255/2022

BUSTED

SUIT NO. FHC/ABJ/CS/2255/2022

**DSS FILES SECRET SUIT TO ARREST
CBN GOVERNOR GODWIN EMEFIELE
DETAIN HIM FOR TWO MONTHS
AND REMOVE HIM FROM OFFICE.**



DSS SECRET SUIT
SUIT NO.FHC/ABJ/CS/2255/2022
TO FRAME GODWIN EMEFIELE
FOR TERRORISM, AN ATTACK
ON PRESIDENT BUHARI

LEAKED

SUIT NO. FHC/ABJ/CS/2255/2022

**COURT NUMBER OF SUIT
FILLED BY DSS AGAINST EMEFIELE
FOR TRUMPED-UP CHARGES
OF TERRORISM.**