

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NIGERIA
HOLDING AT ABUJA
ON FRIDAY THE 28TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025
BEFORE THIER LORDSHIPS

UWANI MUSA ABBA AJI
IBRAHIM MOHAMMED MUSA SAULAWA
EMMANUEL AKOMAYE AGIM
CHIOMA EGONDU NWOSU-IHEME
JAMILU YAMMAMA TUKUR

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NO. SC/CV/1174^A/2024

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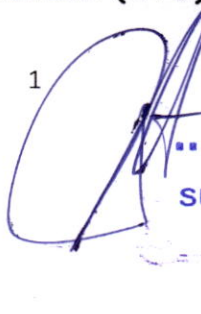
NO. SC/CV/68/2025

BETWEEN

1. RIVERS STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ===== APPELLANTS
2. THE RIGHT HON. MARTIN CHIKE AMAEWHULE
THE HON. SPEAKER RIVERS STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

AND

1. THE GOVERNMENT OF RIVERS STATE ===== RESPONDENTS
2. RIVERS STATE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION
3. HON. JUSTICE ABOLPHUS ENEBELI (RTD) CHAIRMAN

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RIVERS STATE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION

4. CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA
5. ZENITH BANK PLC
6. ACCESS BANK PLC
7. ACCOUNTANT GENERAL OF THE FEDERATION
8. THE GOVERNOR OF RIVERS STATE
(SIR SIMINALAYI FUBARA)
9. THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL OF RIVERS STATE
10. HON. JUSTICE S.C.AMADI (THE CHIEF JUDGE OF RIVERS STATE)

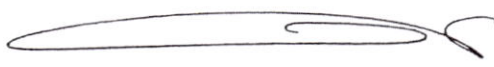
JUDGMENT

DELIVERED BY (JAMILU YAMMAMA TUKUR JSC)

I had a preview of the Judgment just delivered by my learned brother **EMMANUEL AKOMAYE AGIM JSC**. My noble lord has exhaustively dealt with all the issues in the Appeal and the cross Appeal, and I entirely agree with the reasoning in the Judgment and the conclusion arrived at therein.

I adopt the said Judgment as mine with nothing further to add.

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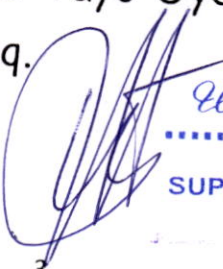

JAMILU YAMMAMA TUKUR, JSC
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Appearances>

J.B Daudu SAN, Prof S.T. HON SAN, Dr. O.J. Onoja SAN, M.A Ebute SAN, Adedayo Adedeji SAN, Paul B. Daudu SAN with Shallom Emmanuel Esq, Precious Andrew Esq, E.C. Onyekwere Esq, Aishetu Isa Esq and Shuaibu Mohammed for the Appellants

Chief Chris Uche SAN, Gordy Uche SAN, Jeph C. Njikonye SAN, Samuel Atung SAN and Damian Okoro SAN with Chiamaka Amagwu Esq, Olakunle Lawal Esq, Abdul Musa Esq and Mike Uche ESq for 1st Respondent in SC/1174 10th Respondent in SC/CV/1175, SC/CV/1176, SC/CV/1177 and Cross appellant in SC/CV/1174a.

Tayo Oyetibo SAN for 2nd - 3rd Respondents in SC/1174, Cross appellant in SC/1174b, for 2ND and 3RD Respondents in SC/CV/1175, SC/1176 and SC/1177 with Femi Falana SAN, O.M Atoyebi SAN, Mofesomo Tayo Oyetibo SAN with Paul C. INBU Esq and T.D. Mogbo Esq.

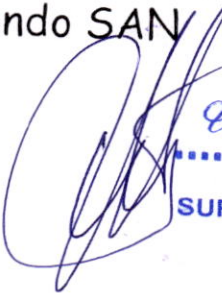

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J.J. Usaman SAN for 4th respondent in SC/CV/1174, SC/1175 and SC/1177, 1174A and SC/1175A with C.O Ochu, J.I. Machianan and N.E Nwoba JNR.

Chief Emeka Obegolu SAN, for 5th Respondent in SC/1174, SC/1175 and SC/1174, 4TH Respondent in SC/CV/1176 for 5th Respondent in SC/1174A and SC/1175A and Appellant in SC/CV/68/2015 with Grace Ehussani Esq, Chinomso Christian Osunmune Esq and Kamal Olamide Olamilekan Esq.

Prof. Ali SAN for 1st Respondent in SC/1174, 1ST Respondent in SC/1175, Cross Appellant in SC/1175A and 7th respondent in SC/1177 and 8th respondent in SC/1174B with Adebayo Adelodu SAN, Paul Erokoro SAN, K.K Eleja SAN, LukmanFagbemi SAN with S.B. Sambo Esq, Alex Akoja Esq and K.T. SulymanEsq and Kehinde O. IjatuyiEsq

I. A. Adedipe SAN, for 9th Respondent in SC/1174, SC/1175, 8th Respondent in SC/1174 and Tuduru U. Ede SAN, Yemi Adeshina SAN, T.J. Aondo SAN


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