IN THE HIGH COURT OF LAGOS STATE
IN THE LAGOS JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT LAGOS

SUIT No

PRINCE JIMMY ADETOKUNBO YEKINI-GOLOBA .....

CLAIMANT

AND

1. PRINCE ISA ABIODUN SHEKONI-FARONBI

2. THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF LAGOS STATE

3. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND COMMISSIONER FOR JUSTICE, LAGOS STATE

4. THE HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER, FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CHIEFTAINCY AFFAIRS, LAGOS STATE

5. CHIEFTAINCY COMMITTEE, OSHODI-ISOLO LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF LAGOS STATE

6. EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, OSHODI-ISOLO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, LAGOS

DEFENDANTS

### WRIT OF SUMMONS

To: THE DEFENDANTS: (1) Prince Isa Abiodun Shekoni-Faronbi of the Palace of Osolo of Isolo, Lagos State(2) The Executive Governor of Lagos State of Governors Office, Alausa, Ikeja, Lagos State (3) The Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, Lagos State of Ministry of Justice, Alausa, Ikeja, Lagos State (4) The Honourable Commissioner for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, Lagos State Ministry of Local Government, Chieftaincy Affairs & Rural Development, (5) Chieftaincy Committee, Oshodi-Isolo Local Government of Lagos State, (6) Executive Chairman, Oshodi-Isolo Local Government, Lagos State.

In the Lagos Judicial Division of Lagos State High Court.

You are hereby commanded that within Forty-Two days after the service of this writ on you, inclusive of the day of such service, you do cause an appearance to be entered for you in an action at the suit of the Claimant: PRINCE JIMMY ADETOKUNBO YEKINI-GOLOBA

AND take notice that in default of your so doing the Claimant may proceed therein and judgment may be given in your absence.

Dated this

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By Order of the Court.

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W.B This writ is to be served within six calendar months from the date thereof or if renewed, within three calendar months from the date of the last renewal, including the day of such date and not afterwards.

The Defendants may enter appearance personally or by solicitor either by handling in the appropriate forms, duly completed at the Registry of the High Court of the Judicial.

Division in which the action is brought or by sending them to the Registry by the registered post.

# ENDORSEMENTS

The Claimant claims the following reliefs against the Defendants jointly and severally as follows:

- a) A DECLARATION that the Alagbeji Ruling House is the next Ruling House entitled to produce the new Osolo of Isolo in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government, entitled to produce the new Osolo of Isolo in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government, Lagos State pursuant to the Registered Declaration made under Section 4 of the Chiefs law (Cap19) of the Revised Law of Western Nigeria, 1962 as Adopted by the Lagos State Government in the Lagos State (Applicable Laws) Edict, No.2 of 1968 of the Customary Law Regulating the selection to the stool of Osolo of Isolo Chiefteney.
- b) A DECLARATION that based on the decision and choice of the Alagbeji Ruling House forwarding the name of the Claimant to the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Defendants, the Claimant is the person entitled to be Osolo of Isolo in Oshodi-Isolo Local Covernment Area of Lagos State.
- c) A DECLARATION that under the recognised custom and tradition of Isolo Kingdom in Oshodi-isolo Local Government, Lagos State, the Claimant is the person lawfully and lagally selected, recommended and nominated for appointment and installation as the new Osolo of Isolo in Oshodi-isolo Local Government, Lagos State, to the exclusion of the 1st Defendant.
- d) A DECLARATION that the Claimant having been duly nominated as the new Csolo of Isolo Kingdom in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government, Lagos State by those entitled to do so under the Registered Declaration of Osolo of Osolo made under entitled to do so under the Registered Declaration of Osolo of Osolo made under entitled to do so under the Registered Declaration of Western Nigeria, 1962 Section 4 of the Chiefs law (Cap19) of the Revised Law of Western Nigeria, 1962 as Adopted by the Lagos State Government in the Lagos State (Applicable Laws) as Adopted by the Lagos State Government in the Lagos State (Applicable Laws) as Adopted by the Customary Law Regulating the selection to the stool of Edict, No.2 of 1968 of the Customary Law of Isolo Kingdom, the Claimant Osolo of Isolo Chieftancy and Installed as the new Osolo of Isolo Kingdom by the 2nd to 5th Defendants.
- e) A DECLARATION that the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Defendants cannot bye-pass, ignore or reject the decision and choice of the Alagbeji Ruling House to appoint and impart the 1<sup>th</sup> Defendant as Osolo of Isple Kingdom in Oshoci-isolo Local Government Area of Lagos State.

- f) A DECLRATION that the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant having not been nominated by those entitled to do so under the Registered Declaration of Osolo of Osolo Kingdom, the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant is not entitled to be approved and installed as the new Osolo of Isolo by the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Defendants.
- a DECLARATION that the purported nomination, appointment, approval and installation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant by the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Defendants as the new Osolo of Isolo Kingdom in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government, Lagos State contrary to the registered Declaration for the selection and appointment of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom are illegal, unlawful, null and void.
- h) A DECLARATION that the purported nomination, appointment, approval and installation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant by the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Defendants as the new Osolo of Isolo Kingdom in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government, Lagos State during the pendency of Suit No ID/12095GCM/2024 before the High Court of Lagos State are irregular, unlawful, unconstitutional, illegal and therefore null and void.
- AN ORDER setting aside the purported nomination, appointment and installation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant as the Osolo of Isolo Kingdom, same being illegal, unlawful, null and void.
- j) AN ORDER directing that all instruments of office including the staff of office presented to the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant by the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Defendants be immediately withdrawn from him.
- k) AN ORDER directing the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant herein to forthwith surrender, vacate and relinquish the title and office of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom in the Oshodi-Isolo Local Government of Lagos State.
- AN ORDER of perpetual injunction restraining the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant from parading himself, holding himself out and presenting himself out to the general public or in any manner discharging or exercising the rights, privileges, functions and duties of the office of the Osolo of Isolo Kingdom in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government, Lagos State.
- m) AN ORDER of perpetual injunction restraining the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Defendants, their servants, privies, representatives, and anybody whatsoever, howsoever, whenever and wherever from acting on or giving effect to the purported nomination, selection, appointment, approval and installation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant as the Osolo of Isolo Kingdom.
- n) AN ORDER directing the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Defendants to take all necessary steps to recognize, approve and install the Claimant as the Osolo of Isolo Kingdom in the Oshodi-Isolo Local Government of Lagos State in furtherance of already concluded traditional rites and ongoing administrative process.

o) SUBI OF NEO,000,000.00 (FIFTY WILLION NAIRA) being the cost of presecuting the suit.
Dated 2014 day of JUNE 2025.
Prof. Clanrewaju A. Fagbohun, san
This writ was issued by Prof. Olanrewaju A. Fagbohun, SAN of Xentia LP whose address for service is No. 5 <sup>8</sup> , Adekunle Lawal Street, ikoyi, Lagos State.
Legal Practitioner for the said Clairnant who resides at
This Writ was served by me at on the Defendants by personal service on the
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EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, OSHODI-ISOLO 6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT, LAGOS STATE

**DEFENDANTS** 

# STATEMENT OF CLAIM

- The Claimant is a member of Alagbeji Ruling House and a person nominated, 1. selected and appointed by Alagbeji Ruling House whose turn it is to produce the new Osolo of Isolo Kingdom in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Area of Lagos State and an indigene of Isolo within the Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Area of Lagos State. The Claimant is also a trained optometrist.
- The Claimant's father is the late Oba Rafiu Ayinde Yekini-Goloba (Osolo of Isolo, 2. Okota II).
- The Claimant's paternal grandfather is from the Alagbeji and Okota Ruling 3. Houses through the Apena Family.
- The Claimant's paternal grandmother is also from the Alagbeji Ruling House 4. through the Ejoga - Arowoye Family; the Okota Ruling House through the Kabolu Family; and the Adeola Ruling House through the Aina Gbeto Family.
- Late Oba Rafiu Ayinde Yekini-Goloba (Claimant's father) was the son of Chief 5. Yekini Goloba and Madam Nimota Yekini Goloba (nee Arowoye).

- 6. Chief Idowu Apena was one of the four children of Alagbeji (who with his other siblings: Okota and Adeola came at different times to join Akinbaiye, the founder and first settler of Isolo in a place originally known as Iso Olo. The other children of Alagbeji are Akilagu, Alabe and Ejoga-Arowoye. Chief Idowu Apena begat Taiwo Ojimu Apena (female) who married Ejimuya Ashogbon Goloba, and begat Chief Yekini Goloba (Male) who begat Late Oba Rafiu Ayinde Yekini Goloba (male) who begat the Claimant.
- 7. Omosanya Ejoga-Arowoye of Ejoga-Arowoye Family of Alagbeji Ruling House begat Pa Laani Arowoye (Male) who begat Madam Nimota Yekini Goloba (female). Madam Nimota Yekini Goloba was the wife of Chief Yekini Goloba, and the mother of Late Oba Rafiu Ayinde Yekini Goloba (the father of the Claimant).
- The Claimant was one of the 15 candidates from the ALAGBEJI Ruling House that were pre-qualified and presented to contest for the vacant stool of Oba of Isolo known as Osolo of Isolo in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government of Lagos State.
- 9. The 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant is an indigene of Isolo and is the person that was purportedly approved and installed as the new Osolo of Isolo on 28 March 2025 by the 2<sup>nd</sup> ,3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Defendants without fulfilling the mandatory requirements and qualification for approval and installation as the Oba of Isolo or Osolo of Isolo in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government of Lagos State.
- 10. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant is the head of the Executive Arm of Government in Lagos State and is by Law the final approving authority for the appointment of an Oba under the Obas and Chiefs of Lagos State Law after full compliance with all due process.
- 11. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Defendants are officials of the Lagos State Government while the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Defendants are the Local Government in the Area and the Head of the Oshodi-Isolo Local Government of Lagos State. Their offices have specific roles defined by law to play in the appointment of an Oba or recognized Chief under the Obas and Chiefs of Lagos State Law, Cap 02, Laws of Lagos State of Nigeria.
- 12. The stool of Osolo of Isolo is a recognized Chieftaincy pursuant to a Declaration made under Section 4 of the Chiefs Law (Cap19) of the Revised Law of Western Nigeria, 1962 As Adopted by the Lagos State Government in the Lagos State (Applicable Laws) Edict, No.2 of 1968 of the Customary Law Regulating the selection to the stool of Osolo of Isolo Chieftancy.

- 13. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2024, the stool of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom became vacant following the demise of His Royal Majesty, Oba Kabiru Alani Adelaja Agbabiaka, Adeola Olushi III.
- The Ascension to the throne of Osolo of Isolo is rotational among three Ruling Houses, namely :1) ALAGBEJI; 2) OKOTA; and 3) ADEOLA. The Claimant and the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant both belonged to the ALAGBEJI Ruling House.
  - The order of rotation among the Ruling Houses as expressly stated in the Declaration is: 1) ALAGBEJI; 2) OKOTA; and 3) ADEOLA.
  - The Claimant avers that under the Declaration there are four recognized Kingmakers namely: 1) CHIEF JAGUN; 2) CHIEF OSURO; 3) CHIEF OMOTOBA; 4) CHIEF OGBENI OGODO.
  - 17. Upon the demise of an Oba, the method of nomination under the Declaration is for the head of the Ruling House whose turn it is to provide a candidate to summon a meeting of both male and female members of the Ruling House or the family where a candidate shall be nominated by the majority vote of the family. The name of the candidate or candidates shall then be forwarded to the Kingmakers for appointment.
  - 18. In time past, the nomination and installation of the Osolo of Isolo had been done following the order of rotation of the Ruling Houses as encapsulated in the Osolo of Isolo Chieftaincy Declaration, to wit-from the ALAGBEJI Ruling House to the OKOTA Ruling House and then to the ADEOLA Ruling House.
  - 19. The erstwhile Osolo of Isolo, Oba Kabiru Alani Adelaja Agbabiaka was from the ADEOLA Ruling House. Following his demise on 10th April 2024, the notification of the vacancy of the stool was duly conveyed by the Council Manager of the Oshodi-Isolo Local Government via a Public Notice dated 22 July 2024 in line with Section 15 of Obas and Chiefs Lagos State Law.
  - 20. Following this development, the Oshodi-Isolo Local Government issued a Public Notice inviting the ALAGBEJI Ruling House whose turn it was to present eligible candidates for ascendancy to the throne after the nomination of candidates for the vacant Stool.
  - 21. Further to the above, the Claimant avers that on 14 August 2024, a general meeting of members of the ALAGBEJI Ruling House was convened. The said meeting was attended by 285 members of the family. At the said general

meeting, fifteen (15) candidates were unanimously shortlisted and forwarded by the Ruling House to the Kingmakers of Isolo for selection.

- The Claimant was one of those duly shortlisted and forwarded to the kingmakers.
- 23. On 4 September 2024, after full compliance with traditional customs and consultation with the Ifa oracle, the Kingmakers referred to in above paragraph, selected the Claimant as the Oba-elect for the stool of the Osolo of Isolo.
  - 24. The result of the transparent voting process by the 4 -man Kingmakers revealed that the Claimant emerged victorious with 2 votes while one Alhaji Saheed Ishola Aregbesola and the 1st Defendant had one vote each.
  - 25. The selection of the Claimant as the Oba-elect of Isolo by majority of the Kingmakers was received with jubilation by the people of Isolo with congratulatory messages from far and wide.
  - 26. The Claimant avers that the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Defendants, were notified of the selection by the Kingmakers by a letter dated 7th September, 2024.
  - 27. The Claimant avers that by a letter reference OILG/CH/024/VOL.III/08 dated 18th September 2024 with other documents attached, the Council Manager of Oshodi-Isolo Local Government on behalf of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Defendants forwarded the letter confirming the selection of the Claimant to the 4<sup>th</sup> defendant through the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Local Government, Chieftaincy Affairs & Rural Development, Lagos State.
  - 28. The Claimant avers that by a further letter reference LT/LDD/3130/55 dated 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024, the Director of Legislative Drafting for and on behalf of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Defendant confirmed that the documentation relating to the Claimant's selection was in order and noted that the Ministry of Local Government, Chieftancy Affairs and Rural Development should continue with the administrative processing which will culminate in the installation of the Claimant as the Osolo of Isolo.
  - 29. The Claimant avers that on the 29<sup>th</sup> of October 2024, one Alhaji Chief Taoridi Faronbi and four others (as Claimants) for themselves and on behalf of Alagbeji Rüling House instituted Suit No: ID/12095GCM/2024 at the Lagos State High Court against the Claimant herein (as the 8<sup>th</sup> Defendant), and the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Defendants herein (as 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Defendants respectively) and some other persons and the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant (herein) being a member of

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Alagbeji Ruling House deemed to be party to the suit. The reliefs in that Suit were as follows:

- A Declaration that Alagbeji Ruling House is entitled to produce the next Osolo of Isolo in line with the Registered Declaration and aged-long practice of equal and fair ascendancy to the throne of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom.
- A Declaration that no Ruling House of be it Adeola or Okota is entitled to produce or participate or indicate interest in the selection, nomination and process of appointing the next Osale of Isale in secondance with order of rotation provided in registered declaration of Isolo Kingdom.
- A Declaration that the purported nomination, selection or appointment of the 8<sup>th</sup> Defendant by the 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Defendants who is from the Okota Ruling House is a gross violation of registered declaration of Isolo Kingdom.
- d) A Declaration that the nomination, selection or appointment of the 5<sup>th</sup> Claimant as the candidate presented by the Alagbeji Ruling House through the 1<sup>st</sup> Claimant is valid, subsisting and in line with the registered declaration of Isolo Kingdom.
- An Order directing the 4<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Defendants to forward the name of the 5<sup>th</sup> Claimant to the 1<sup>st</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Defendants for approval and appointment as the next Osolo of Isolo Kingdom having been duly selected and nominated in accordance with the registered declaration of Isolo Kingdom.
- An Order of Perpetual Injunction restraining the 4<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Defendants and members of Adeola Ruling House or Okota Ruling House or any Family in the registered declaration by themselves, their agents, servants, representatives or staff from presenting the 8<sup>th</sup> Defendant or any candidate to the 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Defendants, their agents, servants, or staff working on their behalf for approval and appointment as the next Osolo of Isolo Kingdom except the 5<sup>th</sup> Claimant of Alagbeji Family.
- An Order of Injunction restraining the 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Defendants, by themselves, their agents, servants and employers from approving and appointing 8<sup>th</sup> Defendant or any candidate from the 4<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Defendants, or any other family within registered Declaration of Isolo Kingdom as the next of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom.

- 30. The said suit challenged the nomination, selection or appointment of the Claimant herein as the Osolo of Isolo and among others sought injunctive reliefs against the Defendants.
- 31. All the parties were duly served and made aware of the pending judicial process.
  - 32. To the utter surprise of the Claimant and notwithstanding the pendency of Suit No ID/12095GCM/2024, the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Defendants proceeded to install the 1st Defendant, Prince Isa Abiodun Shekoni-Faronbi as the Osolo of Isolo on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025.
  - 33. The installation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant by the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Defendants is a clear violation of the doctrine of lis pendens and constitutes interference with judicial proceedings and a breach of due process and it is an act of impunity and a disregard of the judicial process.
  - 34. The Claimant objected to the above development and in pursuance thereof submitted a formal petition dated 10 April 2025 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant.
  - 35. The Claimant avers that following the resolution of the Kingmakers as duly communicated to the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Defendants in line with the Osolo of Isolo Chieftaincy Declaration, the subsequent purported unilateral nomination, approval and installation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant by the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Defendants is unlawful null, void and an exercise in futility.
  - 36. The Claimant further avers that the purported installation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant as Osolo of Isolo by the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Defendants was done without due process of law.
  - 37. By proceeding to install the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant as Osolo of Isolo despite the pending proceedings in Suit No: ID/12095GCM/2024, the Defendants have attempted to steal a match on the Claimant herein and thereby foist a fait accompli on the Court in Suit No: ID/12095GCM/2024.
  - 38. The Claimant avers that what the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Defendants have done in installing the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant during the pendency of a suit challenging nomination and selection of the candidate to fill the stool is tantamount to undermining the integrity of the Court.
  - 39. The Claimant in compliance with the Practice Directions No 2 of 2019 on 22nd April 2025 issued a Pre-Action Protocol Memorandum of Claim and served same on all the Defendants.

- 40. The Claimant avers that despite the service of the said Pre-Action Protocol Memorandum of Claim on the Defendants, the Defendants have refused and failed to reverse the wrongful installation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant.
- 41. The 1st Defendant has continued to parade himself within and beyond the Isolo Community as the Osolo of Isolo and in a way likely to cause a breach of peace and result in breakdown of law and order.
  - 42. The following documents are hereby pleaded and will be relied upon at the trial:
    - (i) Registered Declaration guiding the Osolo of Isolo Chieftancy.
    - (ii) Public Notice issued by the Oshodi-Isolo Local Government dated 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024.
    - (iii) Minutes of the General Meeting of the Alagbeji Royal Family of Isolo held on 14 August 2024.
    - (iv) Minutes of the Isolo Kingmakers for the Selection/Election of Oba Osolo vacant stool and consultation of Ifa Oracle held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024.
    - (v) The Letter from the kingmakers dated 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2024.
    - (vi) Letter from Oshodi-Isolo Local Government reference OILG/CH/024/Vol. III/08 dated 18th September, 2024
    - (vii) Writ of Summons and Statement of Claim dated 29th October 2024 in Suit No: ID/12095GCM/2024.
    - (viii) Claimant's Solicitors petition to the Governor of Lagos State dated 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025.
    - (ix) Claimant's Pre-Action Protocol Memorandum of Claim issued on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025.
  - 43. The Claimant shall apart from the documents herein mentioned also rely on any other document connected with or related to the facts herein pleaded at the trial and the Defendants are hereby given Notice to produce all the documents in their custody.

WHEREOF the Claimant claims jointly and severally against the Defendants as follows.

- 1. A DECLARATION that the Alagbeji Ruling House is the next Ruling House entitled to produce the new Osolo of Isolo in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government, Lagos State pursuant to the Registered Declaration made under Section 4 of the Chiefs law (Cap19) of the Revised Law of Western Nigeria, 1962 as Adopted by the Lagos State Government in the Lagos State (Applicable Laws) Edict, No.2 of 1968 of the Customary Law Regulating the selection to the stool of Osolo of Isolo Chieftancy.
- 2. **A DECLARATION** that based on the decision and choice of the Alagbeji Ruling House forwarding the name of the Claimant to the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Defendants, the Claimant is the person entitled to be Osolo of Isolo in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Area of Lagos State.
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- 6. A DECLARATION that the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant having not been nominated by those entitled to do so under the Registered Declaration of Osolo of Osolo Kingdom, the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant is not entitled to be approved and installed as the new Osolo of Isolo by the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Defendants.
- 7. A DECLARATION that the purported nomination, appointment, approval and installation of the 1st Defendant by the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Defendants as the new Osolo of Isolo Kingdom in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government, Lagos State contrary to the registered Declaration for the selection and appointment of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom are illegal, unlawful, null and void.

- A DECLARATION that the purported nomination, appointment, approval and installation of the 1st Defendant by the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Defendants as the new Osolo of Isolo Kingdom in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government, Lagos State during the pendency of Suit No ID/12095GCM/2024 before the High Court of Lagos State are irregular, unlawful, unconstitutional, illegal and therefore null and void.
- AN ORDER setting aside the purported nomination, appointment and installation 9. of the 1st Defendant as the Osolo of Isolo Kingdom, same being illegal, unlawful, null and void.
- AN ORDER directing that all instruments of office including the staff of office 10. presented to the 1st Defendant by the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Defendants be immediately withdrawn from him.
- AN ORDER directing the 1st Defendant herein to forthwith surrender, vacate and 11. relinquish the title and office of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom in the Oshodi-Isolo Local Government of Lagos State.
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- AN ORDER directing the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Defendants to take all necessary 14. steps to recognize, approve and install the Claimant as the Osolo of Isolo Kingdom in the Oshodi-Isolo Local Government of Lagos State in furtherance of already ongoing administrative process.

SUM OF N50,000,000.00 (FIFTY MILLION NAIRA) being the cost of 15. COURT OF LAGO prosecuting the suit.

Dated this 2014 day of JUNE 2025

Professor Olan ewaju FAGBOHUN, PhD, SAN

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**DEFENDANTS** 

# WITNESS STATEMENT ON OATH OF MR. JIMMY GOLOBA

- I, PRINCE JIMMY ADETOKUNBO YEKINI-GOLOBA, male, Muslim, Nigerian Citizen of No. 34, Akinbaiye Street, Isolo, Lagos State, hereby make an oath and state as follows:
- 1. I am a trained optometrist and the Claimant in this suit.
- I make this witness statement based upon facts and matters in my knowledge. Where facts and matters set out in this witness statement are not within my knowledge, I identify the source of this information. The contents of the witness statement are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- 3. I have set out below a table of contents outlining the matters that I propose to cover in this witness statement.
  - 3.1. My Personal Overview, see paragraphs 4-7
  - 3.2. Historical and Legal Foundations of the Osolo Stool, see paragraphs 8-14
  - 3.3. Succession to the Throne of Osolo of Isolo, see paragraphs 15-27

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- 3.5. Conclusion, see paragraphs 36-37

# My Personal Overview

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- 4. I am a duly certified trained Optometrist. Over the years, I have remained committed to developing my career in optics, having received professional training in the United Kingdom.
- I take pride in maintaining a high standard of clinical care with a strong focus on patient well-being. My work has consistently aimed at delivering effective visual outcomes while upholding professionalism and integrity in practice.
- 6. I am also an indigene of Isolo within the Oshodi/Isolo Local Government and I am the son of His Royal Majesty, Late Oba Rafiu Ayide Yekini-Goloba, who was the Osolo of Isolo, Okota II, from the year 1988 to 2003.
- 7. Throughout my life, I have been deeply engaged in both the United Kingdom and Nigeria, fostering strong relationships within the community. This ongoing connection has shaped my commitment to leadership and service, inspiring me to pursue a lifelong dream of continuing my late father's legacy by ascending the throne of the Osolo of Isolo. With this vision in mind, I was and I still am dedicated to advancing community development and strengthening my ties with the people, preparing myself to take on the responsibility of leadership and carry forward my family's legacy.

# Historical and Legal Foundations of the Osolo Stool

- 8. The stool of the Osolo of Isolo is a significant traditional leadership position in Isolo Kingdom, located within the Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Area of Lagos State, Nigeria. The Osolo serves as the paramount ruler of Isolo, overseeing the community's customs, traditions, and development.
- 9. It is a recognized chieftaincy title established pursuant to a Declaration made under Section 4 of the Chiefs Law (Cap. 19) of the Revised Laws of Western Nigeria, 1962, as adopted by the Lagos State Government through the Lagos State (Applicable Laws) Edict No. 2 of 1968. This declaration is governed by the relevant customary law regulating the selection process to the Osolo of Isolo chieftaincy.
- 10. Before an aspirant can ascend to the throne, a vacancy must occur due to the death, removal, or abdication of the reigning king, with death being the most common cause of succession over the years.

- 11. In Isolo, the ascension to the throne is not random, nor is it contested without order. It is governed by an age-old tradition enshrined in the Osolo of Isolo Chieftaincy Declaration, which outlines a clear system of rotation among the three royal families: the Alagbeji Ruling House, followed by the Okota Ruling House, and then the Adeola Ruling House. Each takes its turn when the time comes, ensuring fairness and continuity in the royal lineage.
- 12. Upon the death of a reigning king, the responsibility to nominate a successor falls upon the Ruling House whose turn it is by rotation. The head or recognized leader of that Ruling House will call a meeting, one attended not only by the men of the house, but also by the women, whose voices are equally respected in the process. In some instances, the nomination may begin at the family level within the larger Ruling House, where the most favored candidate is chosen through a majority vote.
- 13. Once the Ruling House reaches a decision, the names of the nominated candidates are formally submitted to the Kingmakers, custodians of tradition who carry the weighty responsibility of appointing the next Oba. In Isolo, these respected individuals are Chief Jagun, Chief Osuro, Chief Omotoba, and Chief Ogbeni Ododo. Their role is both sacred and pivotal, serving as the final bridge between tradition and the future.
- 14. This time-honored process, which is rotational, consultative, and steeped in heritage, has defined the installation of every Osolo of Isolo from time immemorial. It is a system that preserves the dignity of the throne, upholds the customs of the land, and ensures that leadership passes not just by bloodline, but by order, tradition, and the will of the people.

# Succession to the Throne of Osolo of Isolo

- 15. On 10 April 2024, the stool of the Osolo of Isolo became vacant following the demise of His Royal Majesty, Oba Kabiru Alani Adelaja Agbabiaka, Adeola Olushi III, a revered monarch from the Adeola Ruling House.
- 16. In compliance with the provisions of Section 15 of the Obas and Chiefs Law of Lagos State, the Council Manager of the Oshodi/Isolo Local Government officially declared the stool vacant through a public notice issued on 22 July 2024.
- 17. Subsequently another public notice was issued, this time an invitation addressed specifically to the Alagbeji Ruling House, whose turn it was, by the sacred order of rotation, to produce the next Osolo. The call requested the nomination of candidates from the four families within the ruling house: Akinlagun, Ejoga-Arowoye, Alabe, and Apena.

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- 18. These families trace their ancestry to Alagbeji who, along with his siblings Okota and Adeola, came at different times to join Akinbaiye, the founder and first settler of Isolo, in the place originally known as Iso-Olo. The children of Alagbeji include Apena, Akinlagun, Alabe, and Ejoga-Arowoye, whose descendants continue to play key roles in the traditional structure of Isolo.
- 19. I am deeply rooted in the Alagbeji and Okota Ruling Houses through my paternal lineage. My paternal grandfather, Chief Yekini Goloba, was the son of Taiwo Ojimu Apena (daughter of Chief Idowu Apena of the Apena family) and Ejimuya Ashogbon Goloba. Chief Idowu Apena, of the Alagbeji Royal Family, begat Taiwo Ojimu Apena, who married into the Goloba family and begat Chief Yekini Goloba. Chief Yekini Goloba, in turn, begat my late father, Oba Rafiu Ayinde Yekini-Goloba. This firmly establishes my connection to the Apena family of the Alagbeji Ruling House, as well as to the Okota Ruling House.
- 20. Equally significant is my paternal grandmother's heritage. Madam Nimota Yekini-Goloba (née Arowoye), the wife of Chief Yekini Goloba and mother of the late Oba Rafiu Ayinde Yekini-Goloba, was a descendant of Pa Laani Arowoye, son of Omosanya Ejoga-Arowoye of the Ejoga-Arowoye family of the Alagbeji Ruling House. Through her lineage, I am also connected to the Kobolu family of the Okota Ruling House and the Aina Gbeto family of the Adeola Ruling House—thereby extending my ancestral ties across three ruling houses and reinforcing my deep historical connection to the royal families of Isolo.
- 21. On 14 August 2024, a general meeting was convened, one that brought together 285 members from all four families of the Alagbeji Ruling House. The meeting after careful deliberations and a fair process, culminated in the shortlisting of fifteen (15) candidates who were deemed worthy of being presented to the Kingmakers of Isolo, including myself.
- 22. Following our nomination, the Kingmakers adhered strictly to traditional protocols, including consultation with the Ifa oracle, a customary and spiritual prerequisite in the selection of a king. A transparent voting process was conducted, and I was honoured to emerge as the Oba-elect, securing two votes. The other two contenders, Alhaji Saheed Ishola Aregbesola and Prince Isa Abiodun Shekoni-Faronbi received one vote each. This outcome affirmed my selection as the next traditional ruler of Isolo.
- 23. The announcement of my emergence as Oba-elect was met with widespread jubilation and celebration across the Isolo community. I received heartfelt congratulations from individuals across various sectors, royalty, political leaders, and community members who expressed their support and goodwill.

- 24. With this new development, the Kingmakers, through a formal letter dated 7 September 2024, notified the Executive Chairman of Oshodi-Isolo Local Government of my selection as Oba-elect. The Executive Chairman serves as the primary liaison between the traditional institution and the local government administration.
- On 18 September 2024, the Council Manager of Oshodi-Isolo Local Government, acting on behalf of the Chairman, wrote to the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Local Government, Chieftaincy Affairs & Rural Development in Lagos State. The letter, referenced OILG/CH/024/VOL.III/08, formally informed the Ministry of my selection, and was also attached with the Kingmakers' confirmation letter and all requisite supporting documents.
- 26. To ensure compliance with due legal procedure, the Office of the Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, Lagos State, was also notified. On November 8, 2024, the Director of Legislative Drafting, acting on behalf of the Attorney General, issued a letter with Ref No: LT/LDD/3130/55. In this correspondence the Director confirmed that every step leading to my selection as Oba-elect was in accordance with the law, and further recommended that the Ministry of Local Government, Chieftaincy Affairs and Rural Development should proceed with the necessary administrative steps.
- 27. The Attorney General, who serves as the chief legal adviser to the state government and is responsible for reviewing the legality of administrative actions, plays a crucial role in confirming that traditional succession processes comply with applicable laws.

# Unlawful Installation and Breach of Due Process

- As I looked forward to the next steps in the formal ratification of my selection as Oba-elect, events took an unexpected turn. On the 29th of October 2024, I was served notice that one Alhaji Chief Taoridi Faronbi, along with four others (as Claimants) for themselves and on behalf of Alagbeji Ruling House, had instituted Suit No: ID/12095GCM/2024 at the Lagos State High Court. In that suit, I was sued as the 8th Defendant, alongside the Executive Governor of Lagos State, the Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, the Honourable Commissioner for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, the Executive Chairman of Oshodi-Isolo Local Government, who were named as the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Defendants respectively, alongside several others.
- The Claimants challenged my nomination, selection, and appointment as the Osolo of Isolo. They sought various declaratory and injunctive reliefs against

us, essentially asking the court to halt the process and invalidate my selection.

- 30. All the parties involved, including the high-ranking state officials, were duly served and made aware of the judicial proceedings. It was expected, in the spirit of law and respect for due process, that every interested party would allow the court to determine the matter before any further steps were taken.
- 31. To my utmost surprise and deep disappointment, despite the pendency of Suit No: ID/12095GCM/2024, the Executive Governor of Lagos State, along with the Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, the Commissioner for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, and the Executive Chairman of Oshodi-Isolo Local Government proceeded to install Prince Isa Abiodun Shekoni-Faronbi as the Osolo of Isolo on 28 March 2025.
- 32. I was compelled to act. In response to that development, I submitted a formal petition dated 10 April 2025 to the Executive Governor of Lagos State, objecting strongly to the unlawful installation and calling for corrective action.
- 33. Infirmly believe that my selection as Oba-elect was lawful, orderly, and in full compliance with the Osolo of Isolo Chieftaincy Declaration. The Kingmakers had duly communicated their resolution to all relevant authorities. The subsequent, unilateral nomination and installation of Prince Isa Abiodun Shekoni-Faronbi runs contrary to everything our customs and legal frameworks stand for.
- 34. In order to uphold the sanctity of the law and reclaim my rightful position, I engaged the services of Messrs. Xentia LP to act as my legal representative. The objective was to leverage its legal representation to pursue all lawful means to rectify this injustice and ensure my rightful installation as the Osolo of Isolo.
- 35. In compliance with Practice Direction No. 2 of 2019, on 22 April 2025, my solicitors, Messrs. Xentia LP issued and served a Pre-Action Protocol Memorandum of Claim to all the Defendants involved in this suit.
- 36. Despite being served with this formal notice and given the opportunity to remedy the situation, the Defendants have refused and failed to reverse the wrongful installation of Prince Isa Abiodun Shekoni-Faronbi, who remains the 1st Defendant in the suit.
- 37. Exacerbating the situation, the 1st Defendant, has continued to parade himself as the Osolo of Isolo, both within and beyond the community. His actions, carried out under the veil of legitimacy, have already begun to stir up

tension and confusion in the community, posing a real threat to the peace, stability, and traditional harmony of Isolo.

### Conclusion

- 38. I am actively pursuing my interest in this matter through my legal representative. However, the prolonged nature of this chieftaincy dispute has not only caused personal distress but has also deeply affected my ability to fulfill my responsibilities to the Isolo community. The uncertainty surrounding the rightful occupancy of the stool has stalled intended community-driven developmental initiatives aimed at improving infrastructure, empowering youth, and promoting cultural heritage
- 39. In the light of the foregoing, I claim in line with the Writ of Summons and Statement of Claim.

40. I depose to this statement in good faith believing same to be true and in accordance with the Oaths Law of Lagos, 2015.

DEPONENT

Sworn to at the High Court Registry, Lagos This ... 2014. day of June 2025.

BEFORE ME



DECLARATION MADE UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CHIEFS LAW

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L.S.L.N. No. 6 of 1988

# THE OBAS AND CHIEFS OF LAGOS STATE LAWS

The Osolo of Isolo (Approval of Appointment) Notice, 1988

Commencement: 29th July 1983

1. In exercise of the powers conferred by section 22(1) of the Qbas and Chiefs of Lagos State Law, No. 6 of 1981 and by virtue of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, the Military Governor of Lagos State has with effect from the 29th day of July 1988, approved the appointment of Prince Rayio Avisas Gotona as the Oyolo of Isolo in the Mushin Local Government Area of Lagos State.

2. This Notice may be cited as the Osolo of Isolo (Approval of Appointment) Notice, 1988 and shall be deemed to have come into force on the 29th day of July 1988.

MADE at Ikeja, this 9th day of August 1983.

COLUMEL RAJI ALAGRE RASART Military Governor of Lagos State

Apena Chieftaincy Family - Isolo, Apena Family Calace. Ipodo - Lagos Sinte. Nigeria.

# DECLARATION OF THE APENA CHIEFTAINCY TITLE OF ISOLO APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF TAIWO EJIRE SHITTU AS THE APENA ELECT OF ISOLO.

Apena Chieftaincy of Isolo Town in the Oshodi/Isolo Local Government Area, Ikeja Division of the Lagos State of Nigerian has been from time immemorial the bonafide hereditaments of the Apena Family of Isolo Town

Therefore, the present Apena elect in person of Chief Taiwo Ejire Shittu is a descendant of both the ALAGBAJE & OKOTA RULING HOUSES of Isolo Town, who were the so and and third original settlers at Isolo next to "AKINBAIYE" the first founder of Isolo. They were both migrated from Ile-Ife and settled down finally at this ancient town called ISOLO about four hundred years ago.

But as far as this Apenaship title of Isolo was concerned, we are limiting this declaration to only CHIEF IDOWU APENA DYNASTY CHIEFTAINCY HOUSE alone, which has the exclusive right to the stool of Apenaship of Isolo town.

To put clearly on record the remaining four Branches of Okota, namely Oko Bale, thioyimi, Faniyi Aluko and Kobolu have no entitlement whatsoever to the claim of Apenaship of Isolo.

Therefore the five sections of the children of CHIEF DOWU APENA have equal right to the stool of Apenaship of Isolo in a rotational order as herein stated:

- Chief Akiosi Apena
- Chief Odusina Apena
- Chief Dada Kinkin Apena 3
- Chief Fabiyi Apena and 4
- Chief Wosilatu Faye Apena

Chief Okota had five children namely:-

- Chief Idowu Apena
- Chief Faniyi Aluko
- Chief Okobale
- Chief Ibioyimi and
- Chief Kobolu

Since we are only concerned with the Apenaship of Isolo, the following facts have to be revealed.

THE FIRST APENA OF ISOLO: Chief Idolwu Arena (one of the five children of OKOTA) and one of the fourth children of ALAGBAII, was made the first Apena of Iso's about two hundred years ago This Chief Idowu Apena had vie wives and many children

(1) IGEOYA (2) IBIWUMI (3) ISHAPE (4) KUNBI (5) AINA AGA

This arrangement is not in their order of seniority

- (i) Akiosi (Male) (ii) Ko-Oku (Female) (iii) Taiwo Ojimu (Female-Twins) (iv) Ebo Aga (Female-Twins): (v) Omo Otuni and (vi) Ebo-Erin (who are both females).
- 2 IBIWUNMI begat Oduusina (Male)
- 3 ISHARE begat Fabiyi (Female)
- 4 KUMBI begat (I) Asimowu (Female) (ii) Jaiyefa (Male) and (iii) Alhaja Wosilatu Faye
- 5. AJAYI AGA -begat (I) Eyinte (Female) (ii) Dada Kinkin (Male).

### CHILDREN OF IDOWU APENA:

- 1. CHIEF AKIOSI Who was one of the descendants of IDO VU APENA begat the followings:
  - (i) Liadi (Male) (Ii) Chief Shittu Apena (Male) (iii) Omodun (Female) (iv) Yewande (Female) (v) Seliatu (Female) (vi) Tawaliyu (Male) and (vii) Madam Humani (Female).
- 2. KO-OKU:- Who also was one of the descendants of IDOWU APENA begat (1) Adam (Maie) (ii) Oketobi (temale) (iii) Ilori (Female)
- 3. EBO-AGA: (Female) Twins begat (i) Alfa Tijani (Male) (ii) Isiaka (Male) (iii) Ayawo (Female) (iv) Seidu (Male) and (v) Alhaji Liasu akaso (male).
- 4. TAIWO OJIMU (Female twins) begat.
  (i) Adikatu (Female) (ii) Raliatu (Female) (iii) Saratu (Female) and (iv) Chief Yekin Goloba.
- OMO OTUMI. (Female) begat
   (i) Salawu (Male) (ii) Musa Gbogboro (Male).
- 6. EBO-ERI:- (Female0 begat
  (i) Ayeni (Male) (ii) Adu (Female) (iii) Dada (Male) and (iv) Eyinle Eko (temale).

It could be noted therefore that the above six named Children were born by the same mother - IGE OYA to Chief Idowu Apena, thereby forming a branch of the Idowu Apena dynasty.

Another branch of Chief Idowu Apena dynasty was ODUSINA, whose mother was Ibiwunmi as was being stated above

ODUSINA: - begat (I) Samota (Female) (ii) Mojidi (Male) (iii) Muse (Male) (iv) Chief Sanni Balogun (Male) (v) Busari (Male) (vi) Ganiyu (Male) (vii) Chief Lasisi Ilesanmi (Male) (viii) Ayisatu (Female) and (ix) Rasanotu (F) Another branch of Chief Idowu Apena dynasty was that of Fabiyi who is mother was ISHAPE FABIYI begat (I) Abudu (Male) (ii) Alabi Hassan (Male) (iii) Ishola (Vilae) and (iv) Wulemotu

Another fourth branch of Chief Idowu Apena dynasty was that of Dada kinkin whose mother was AJAYI AGA Dada Kinkin begat – (I) Alimi (Male) (ii) Yaya (Male) (iii) Rabiatu (Female) (iv) Sule (Male) (v) Sidikatu (Feamel) (vi) Buraimoh (Male) (vii) Akanke (Female) (viii) Ajimoh (female) (ix) Rafatu Toro (Female) (x) Silifatu Imosi (Female) (xi) Rabia (Male) and (xii) Laisi (Male)

The fifth branch that constituted the Idowu Apena dynasty was that of Albaji Wosilatu Faye whose idother was EUNIN Wosilatu begat.

(i) Ibironke (Female) (ii) Olamitunde (Male) (iii) Abosede (female) (iv) Mojisola (female) (v) Olabopo (Male) (vi) Abiodun (Male) (vii) Adebowale (Male) (viii) Adesina (Male)

On the death of Chief Idowu Apena about eighty years ago. Chief Shitta Idowu Apena who has been made the Balogun of Isolo was also acting as the Apena of Isolo. He voluntarily relinquished the post of Balogunship of Isolo to his first Cousin chief Sanni Odusina who was one of the children of ODUSINA, to become the real Apean of ILEDI ATEWOLABALA of Isolo. This was in the year 1954, about twenty-seven years ago. He died on 13th January 1970.

After the death of Chief Shittu Idowu Apena in the year 1970, the late Chief Rafiu Tawaliyu (a descendant of Chief Akiosi) was installed the Apena of Isolo in the year 1972 and died about four years later i e 27th January 1976.

Since the untimely death of Chief Rafiu tawaliyu, the late Apena of Isolo about five years ago, the family could not easily appoint another Apena because of lots of misunderstandings that ensued in the rank and file of the family. As a result, of this however, Chief Sanni Odusina who is the Balogun of Isolo and also the most elderly make member of the Apena I amily of Isolo appointed Chief Taiwo Shittu Apena to act as the Apena ILEDI ATEWOLABALA of Isolo. This was in the Apena Family general meeting held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 1976.

Occasionally and as time demanded, several meetings of the Apena Family were held to resolve the burning issues among ourselves but all efforts to reach a compromise issually proved abortive. Influential personalities in the family did a yeoma's service to see that the family meeting fixed for Sunday 4th January, 1981 was well attended by members of the family amongst the matters that were seriously deliberated upon was the filling of the Apena vacant stool. The matter was then put off till the following Sunday 11th January 1981.

Members of the Apena Family again met on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January, 1981 with a view to tackling the issue. The venue of the meeting was No. 25, Panada street, Isolo—the residence of Chief Sanni Odusina, the Balogun of Isolo. The meeting lasted more than five hours and in the end, members generally unanimously appointed CHIEF TAIWO SHITTU as the Apena of Isolo. Here was the end of the four years battle to appoint another person to fill the vacant post of pena of Isolo which has been unfortunately rendered vacant by the sudden and untimely death of former holder f the title, the late Chief Rafiyu Tawaliyu Apean who died on 27<sup>th</sup> January 1976.

PROFILE OF THE APENA ELECT (CHIEF TAIWO SHITTU)

The present Apena elect in person of Chief Taiwo Shittu is the son of both Chief Shittu Idowu Apena and Madam Adisatu of Egbe Town in the Alimosho Local Government Area, Ikeja division Apena and Madam Adisatu of Egbe Town in the Alimosho Local Government Area, Ikeja division

of the Lagos State of Nigeria, no proper written record of his date of birth, but he is believed to be about 55 years of age. He has four wives and many Children, he has been a successful klack smith

He is now the first Isolo son to deal in petrol selling business, he usually bought quantities of drums

He is the second elder son of his Father first to his mother. Both his father and mother were already dead. The Apena-elect was very popular not only in his family but in Isolo Town, as a whole He is very respectful, admired, feared but not hated, loved and he belonged to many traditional and cultural societies in the locality. He is the leader of the Egungun cultural group for Isolo districts which comprised about thirty three other Towns and Villages.

The Apena elect is also one of the founders of Local Society called Egbe (I UJAKAN-OSI LEHIN OWO) of Isolo under the Leadership of Mr Ramonu Odunlami established about thirty-five years ago. He is the Baba Egbe of Bomode-Oku Society fo Isolo headed by Mr Tijani Raimi Okomoh

He is a renowned native drummer which consequently made him the representative for Isolo in the Drummers Association of Mushin Districts, which has its Secretariat at No. 49, Alasalatu Street, Mushin-Lagos State. He is about five feet tall and light in completion.

He belonged to two important ruling families of Isolo viz: the Okota Ruling House and the Alagbeji Ruling House. He possessed very clean manner. He has never been at any time convicted in any judicial court of laws be it customary or otherwise. He is very gentle, un-assuming, energetic, sensible and indefatigable. He is a reckoned seasonal traditionalist and very devoted in its causes.

Yours faithfully,

For (ODUSHINA APENA BRANCH)

For. (AKIOSI APENA BRANCH)

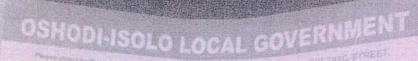
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# PUBLIC NOTICE

Reference to the Public Notice dated 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2024.

Notice is hereby given to entire public and any interested person in accordance with Section 15 Obas and Chiefs of Lagos State Law Cap.02 of 2015 that the stool of Oba Isolo has becoming vacant as a result of demised of Late Oba HRM Kabiru Alani Kolawole Agbababiaka who died on 10th April, 2024. The late Oba is from Adeola-Olushi Onigbesa

In accordance with the enabling law and existing declaration regulating Ob of Isolo, Alagbeji Ruling House is hereby called upon to present name of candidate(s) to fill the vacant stool within the require days by the law.

Dated this day 22nd July, 2024

Ogunyemi Iyabede (Mrs.) Council Manager

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 ON SELECTION TO THE THRONE OF OBA ISOLO

The meeting commenced at about 4:18pm with an opening prayer said by Alhaji Chief Monsuru Akinosi Aare —Apena. Mr Toheeb Lawal Arowooye —Ejoga moved the motion for the commencement of the meeting and was seconded by Mr Kazeem Ishola Faronbi Akinlagun.

Balogun (Hon). Mojeeb Adio Adam- Akinlagun pointed the agenda as follows:

- Due to the preparatory family meeting that was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May, 2024 on the procedure of appointing suitable candidate to fill the vacant stool of Oba Osolo of Isolo Kingdom
- 2. The general meeting decided and constituted Twenty (20) SCREENING COMMITTEE MEMBERS from all branches of Alagbeji Royal Family headed by Hon. Hakeen Muniru-Apena for all Alagbeji Royal Princes willing to occupy the vacant stool of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom
- 3. The family screening committees are to screen and reduce the number of nominees to the barest minimum for onward transmission to the Kingmakers.
- 4. After series of meeting by the committee, the committee finally forward 15 qualified sons names and details to the kingmakers which are:
- 1) Alhaji Saheed Ishola Aregbeshola, 2) High Chief Saliu Wasiu Alani Arowooye, 3) Faronbi Raheeem Adeleke, 4) Chief Ganiyu Mustapha Omolade, 5) Prince Lawal Yahya Abiodun, 6) Prince Dr. Jabita Aminu Dada, 7) Aremo Faronbi Abeeb Adesina, 8) Moroof Ajala Goloba, 9) Alhaji Adam Kolawole Goloba, 10) Alhaji Shakir Adeola Sadiq, 11) Saheed Adekunle Ayinla Aregbe, 12) Prince Jimmy A Yekinni Goloba, 13) Prince Kazeem Omotolani Faronbi, 14) Abiodun Shekoni and 15) Prince Sulaimon Taiwo Babatunde Apena

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Total attendance was 285 members of Alagbeji's Family. See attached attendance list.

The house adopted the recommendation of the screening committee for onward submission to the kingmakers.

The motion for closing of the meeting was moved by Prince Agboola Goloba and seconded by Hon. Hakeem Muniru.

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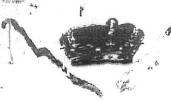
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# ISOLO KING MAKERS (AFOBAJE)

8, Ehingbeti Street, Igoke Quarters, Isolo Town, Lagos State.

# MINUTE OF THE ISOLO KINGMAKERS (AFOBAJES)

# SELECTION/ELECTION OF OBA OSOLO VACANT STOOL AND CONSULTATION OF IFA ORACLE ON WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2024.

The meeting commenced with an opening prayer said by Chief Afobbaje Omotoba at exactly 11:30am.

Previous screening process occurred between 2:00pm and 4:00pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 for familiarization and introduction. Chief Afobaje Jagun-Aluko Branch welcomed every candidate that attended the meeting and emphasis on the fact that only peaceful environment backed with fervent prayers could propel hope and harmony for the entire Isolo citizens as the Afobajes are going to pick only one (1) candidate among them for the stool of Oba Osolo of Isolo Kingdom and urged them to be in unity being the children of Alagbeji Royal Family.

See below the names of screened candidate and attached signature:

1-Alhaji Saheed Ishola Aregbeshola, 2-High Chief Saliu Wasiu Alani Arowooy, 3-Faronbi Raheeem Adeleke, 4-Chief Ganiyu Mustapha Omolade, 5-Prince Lawal Yahya Abiodun, 6-Prince Dr. Jabita Aminu Dada,7-Aremo Faronbi Abeeb Adesina, 8-Moroof Ajala Goloba, 9-Alhaji Adam Kolawole Goloba, 10-Alhaji Shakir Adeola Sadiq,-11 Saheed Adekunle Ayinla Aregbe, 12-Prince Jimmy Y.A. Yekinni Goloba, 13-Prince Kazeem Omotolani Faronbi,14-Abiodun Shekoni. This process was adopted as suggested by Dr. Agbabiaka and seconded by Chief Mufutau Ekundayo.

## ATTENDANCE:

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A. KINGMAKERS

CHIEF DR. MUKAILA ADESEGUN AGBABIAKA
(AFOBAJE JAGUN ALUKO BRANCH)

- 2. ALHAJI CHIEF ABDUL-RAZAQ AKANBI ONIKOSI (AFOBAJE OSURO BRANCH)
- 3. ALHAJI CHIEF ADISA JAMIU SAKA (AFOBAJE OMOTOBA BRANCH)
- 4. ALHAJI CHIEF RAHMAN INUFELE MUSEDIKU (AFOBAJE OGBENI OGODO BRANCH)

## B. REPRESENTATIVES OF ALAGBEJI ROYAL FAMILY

- 1. BALOGUN (HON.) MOJEEB ADIO ADAM HEAD OF ALAGBEJI ROYAL FAMILY ISOLO
- 2. HIGH CHIEF MUKANDASI M. ADISA OLUSEGUN
- 3. ALHAJI CHIEF ABDULWAHEED A. AREGBESOLA
- 4. HALIFA IMAM BASHIRU SODIQ
- 5. ALHAJI CHIEF M.B. EKUNDAYO BAMGBOSE (The Secretary of Isolo Kingdom)

## C. IFA PRIESTS:

- 1. IFAKOREDE OGIDAN FROM ISOLO
- 2. ABATI ODUTOLA (ODOFIN IFA FROM ISOLO)
- 3. IFASHEUN ODUSHINA ODUSHOLA (FROM ALAGBADO)
- 4. YUSUF ONIFADE (FROM ISOLO)
- 5. JAMIU BALOGUN (FROM ISOLO)
- 6. WASIU BALOGUN (BALOGUN IFA FROM ISOLO)
- 7. SUNDAY NASIRU AKOGUN (FROM EJIGBO)
- 8. SEMIU AKOGUN (FROM ЕЛГВО)

The presentation of the screened candidates submitted by the Alagbeji family was presented to all at this meeting.

After the presentation, Chief Afobaje Jagun-Aluko asked Alhaji Chief M.B. Ekundayo Bamgbose to write the names of each candidates in a paper sheet, the papers containing the names of the candidates were folded and given to the Ifa Priest before everyone present. After shoving the said names by Ifa Priests, they laid it one after the other and started with their process. At the end of the first (A) and second (B) screening, the following names were rejected by the Ifa Oracle:

# SCREENING OF ASPIRANTS FOR VACANT OSOLO STOOL BY THE AFOBAJE OF ISOLO KINGDOM

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1. CHIEF DR. MUKAILA ADESEGUN AGBABIAKA (AFOBAJE JAGUN-ALUKO BRANCH)

2. ALHAJI CHIEF ABDUL-RASAQ AKANBI ONIKOSI (AFOBAJE OSURO BRANCH) Q

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3. ALHAJI CHIEF ADIŚA JAMIU SAKA (AFOBAJE OMOTOBA BRANCH)

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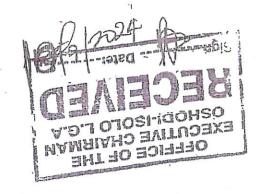
4. ALHAJI CHIEF RAHMAN INUFELE MUSENDIKU (AFOBAJE OGBENI OGODO BRANCH)

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8, Ehingbeti Street, Igoke Quarters, Isolo Town, Lagos State.

7 September, 2024.

The Executive Chairman, Oshodi/Isolo Local Government Hon. Kehinde Oloyede Almoroof, l, Gyetayo Street, Oshodi, Lagos State



Dear Sir.

# SELECTION AND ELECTION OF OSOLO ELECT: PRINCE JIMMY ADETOKUNBO YEKINNI-GOLOBA from APENA BRANCH of ALAGBEJI ROYAL

We extend our greetings to you on your assistance and cooperation towards the above subject

Sequel to the Public Notice in respect of the Selection of Osolo of Isolo which became vacant on the ascending to glory of HRM Late Kabiru Kolawole Alani Adelaja Agbabiaka on 10th April,2024 and in receipt of the letter and screening of Candidates from the Alagbeji's family for our final selection.

We write to inform you that a successful selection and election of the Oba elect of Isolo Kingdom were done using both Oracle (Custom and Traditions) by Ifa Priests and Election by the four (4) Afobajes. The outcome of this result into PRINCE JIMMY ADETOKUNBO YEKINNI-GOLOBA from APENA BRANCH of ALAGBEJI ROYAL FAMILY becoming victorious after all due process.

We hereby seek your cooperation and further approval of the Royal Prince of the Kingdom for progress and development of our dear community.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support and kind approval.

Chief Dr. Mukaila Adesegun Agbabiaka (Afobaje Jagun Aluko) Chairman of the Afobajes of Isolo Kingdom

CC: Head of the Alagbeji Royal family

# OSHODI-ISOLO LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Please direct further communication to the Chairman, quoting.

Our Ref No: OILG/CH/024/VOL-III/08

Your Ref No:



OYETAYO STREET, BOLADE OSHODI, LAGOS STATE, NIGERIA.

18th September, 2024

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Local Government, Chieftaincy Affairs & Rural Development
The Secretariat, Alausa - Ikeja.

RE: INTRODUCTION AND SELECTION OF PRINCE JIMMY ADETOKUNBO YEKINNI GOLOBA. AS THE OBA ELECT OF ISOLO IN OSHODI/ISOLO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA OF LAGOS STATE

Furtherance to the resolution of the Oshodi/Isolo Local Government joint Chieftaincy Committee at its meeting held on Tuesday 17th September 2024, I have the directive of the Committee to forward the following documents in respect of the Osolo of Isolo stool:

- A copy of the minutes of meeting of the Oshodi/Isolo Local Government Chieftaincy Affairs Committee.
- II. A copy of the Public Notice In respect of the Oba Isolo stool.
- iii. A copy of the declaration regulating succession to the Oba
- iv. A letter for the selection from the ALAGBEJI Ruling house Chieftaincy Family.
- v. A letter from the Isolo Kingmakers
- vi. Resume of the Oba-Elect

Please find attached herewith the copy of the minute of the meeting and other documents where it was discussed and adopted as Oba Elect of Isolo.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Grateful.

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Council Manager
For: Executive Chairman

## IN THE HIGH COURT OF LAGOS STATE <u>IN THE IKEJA JUDICIAL DIVISION</u> HOLDEN AT IKEJA

SUIT NO: ID:

## BETWEEN:

- 1. ALHAJI CHIEF TAORIDI FARONBI (ALADO
- 2. CHIEF RASAK AKINSANYA ALABE
- 3. ALHAJI WASIU AWOFE AREGBE ALABE
- 4. MR TAJUDEEN OMOLADE ALABE

CLAIMANTS

5. ALHAJI SAHEED ISHOLA AREGBESOLA (for themselves and on behalf of Alagbeji Ruling House)

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- 1. THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF LAGOS STATE
- 2. ATTORNEY GENERAL & COMMISSIONER FOR JUSTICE, LAGOS STATE

DEFENDANTS

- 3. COMMISSIONER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT & CHIEFTAINCY AFFAIRS, LAGOS STATE
- 4. THE EXEC CHAIRMAN, OSHODI/ISOLO LOCAL GOVERNMENT
- 5. CHIEFTAINCY COMMITTEE OSHODI/ISOLO LOCAL GOVT
- 6. THE EXEC CHAIRMAN, ISOLO LOCAL COUNCIL DEV. AREA
- 7. CHIEFTAINCY COMMITTEE, ISOLO LOCAL COUNCIL DEV. AREA
- 8. MR JIMMY ADETOKUNBO GOLOBA

# STATEMENT OF CLAIM

- 1. The 1st Claimant in this case is the overall head of Alagbeji ruling House while 2nd -4th Claimants are principal members of Alabe branch of Alagbeji Ruling House of Isolo, Isolo, Lagos State.
- 2. The Claimants commenced this action for themselves and on behalf of Alagbeji Ruling House which also includes Alabe family, the family of the Claimant
- 3. The Claimants are the heads and representatives of the ALAGBEJI Royal Family which comprise of the four (4) branches which are: AKINLAGUN, EJOGA-AROWOOYE, ALABE and APENA.
- The 1st Claimant is the overall head of the Entire ALAGBEJI Royal family of Isolo/Papa Ajao, Mushin, Lagos State.
- 5. ALAGBEJI a Royal Prince from the time immemorial was among the 3 (three) brothers that left Ile-Ife many centuries ago with members of his family and traveled through many Yoruba settlements until they arrived at Isolo where

- they met one AKINBAIYE, a Farmer and Hunter who first a first settler at Isolo.
- 6. ALAGBEJI left Ile-Ife with a Beaded Crown, which is a symbol of royalty, the father of ALAGBEJI was an Oba in Ile-Ife from Olofin lineage and a descendant of Oduduwa, the progenitor of the Yorubas.
- 7. The Beaded Crown is in a set of 2 (two) wraps in a woven bag called 'OKE', one of which is heavy looking, outstanding and physical mystical used on special and rear occasions while the other one is light and casual used on ordinary days, events and celebrations by the Oba (King).
- 8. ALAGBEJI when he arrived at Isolo, he and his family members were welcomed by AKINBAIYE who immediately summoned all his subjects and discuss the propitious arrival of his kins men with Beaded Crown and members of their families in Isolo with them.
- 9. As a result of the Royal and Princely status of ALAGBEJI, AKINBAIYE with members of his family and subjects resolved and made ALAGBEJI the King of the settlement in accordance with the Yoruba tradition and custom relating to Obaship.
- 10. ALAGBEJI was enthroned by AKINBAIYE and members of his family as the first King of Isolo with the title 'AROLAGBADE ALAGBEJI 1', 'OSOLO OF ISOLO while AKINBAIYE was the first King maker (AFOBAJE) of Isolo.
- 11. ALAGBEJI AROLAGBADE, OSOLO OF ISOLO in his lifetime has 4 (four) children who are AKINLAGUN, EJOGA-AROWOOYE, ALABE AND APENA.
- 12. AKINBAIYE the first settler remain at the heart of Isolo, while ALAGBEJI moved and settled at adjourning part of Isolo known as PAPA ALAGBEJI (PAPAAJAO).
- 13. The land settled upon by ALAGBEJI Royal family extends to the present day LSDPC Estate Isolo, the AFPRINT TEXTILE FACTORY and large part of Papa Ajao which is depicted in the Survey Plan No. AL206/1958
- 14. The Claimants in this case are the direct descendants of the ALAGBEJI AROLAGBADE 1 OSOLO OF ISOLO.
- 15. The headship of the entire ALAGBEJI Royal family is by custom and usages of the family rotated among the 4 (four) branches i.e., AKINLAGUN BRANCH,

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EJOGA-AROWOOYE BRANCH, ALABE BRANCH AND APENA

- 16. The 1st Claimant (ALHAJI CHIEF TAORIDI FARONBI (ALADO)) in this case is a member of AKINLAGUN Branch of the ALAGBEJI Royal family and is the current overall head of the entire ALAGBEJI Royal family.
- 17. The 2nd (CHIEF RASAK AKINSANYA ALABE) 3rd (ALHAJI WASIU AWOFE AREGBE ALABE) and 4th (MR TAJUDEEN OMOLADE ALABE) are all principal members of the ALAGBEJI Royal family.
- 18. All the Claimants including (ALHAJI SAHEED ISHOLA AREGBESOLA) save the 1st Claimant are Principal member of the ALABE Branch of the ALAGBEJI Royal family.
- 19. The steel of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom has been in existence since time immemorial and different families had ascended to the throne of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom.
- 20. These families who had produced Baales before the elevation of the throne to Oba are accustomed to rotational chieftaincy wherein the families agreed among themselves to rotate the chieftaincy title among themselves in order to give equal and fair ascendancy to the throne.
- 21. On the 21st February in the year 1975 the Lagos State Government through the Chieftaincy Committee of the then Mushin Town Council which later became Mushin Local Government decided to register the royal families within Isolo kingdom thereby permitting these families to present memoranda or convincingly prove their entitlement to the throne of Osolo of Isolo.
- 22. After the enquiries and presentations taken into consideration, three families were eventually registered as the three Ruling Houses entitled to produce Osolo of Isolo and same shall be rotational among the families in accordance with the customary customs of the Isolo Community. Certified true copy of the registered declaration dated 21/2/1975 will be relied upon.
- 23. The three Ruling Houses registered in the Isolo Chieftaincy declaration are Alagbeji Ruling House, Okota Ruling House and Adeola ruling House in accordance with Oba and Chiefs Law of Lagos State.
- 24. The Claimant avers further that the said registered declaration of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom provides that order of rotation shall be between Alagbeji, Okota and Adeola respectively and also provided for four king-makers and laid down

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procedure on the selection of a candidate for ascending to the throne in line with Section 4 (3) of Obas and Chiefs Law of Lagos State as follows:

- a. That the head of the ruling house whose turn it is to produce a candidate shall summon a meeting of both male and female members of the ruling house.
- b. That the candidate shall be nominated by the majority votes.
- c. The candidate or candidates shall be forwarded to the King-Makers by the family head.
- 25. In the past from history Alagbeji Ruling House produced Oba Olayiwola Disu Faronbi (1975–1984) Okota Ruling House had produced Oba Rafiu Ayinde Yekini Goloba Adeola (1988–2002) Adeola Olugbesa had produced Oba Sumonu Agedegudu and the just past Osolo of Isolo, Oba Kabiru Agbabiaka, Okota Ruling House had also produced Oba Rafiu Ayinde Goloba while Alagbeji Ruling House Oba Disu Faronbi.
- 26. The Claimants aver that on the 10th April, 2024 late Oba Kabiru Agbabiaka who was from Adeola Olushi Olugbesa died thereby creating a vacancy in the stool of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom, the information was formally conveyed by the Council Manager of Isolo Local Council Development Area via a letter dated 22nd July, 2024 in line with Section 15 of Obas and Chiefs Law of Lagos State.
- 27. The Council Manager being aware of the registered declaration wrote a letter dated 22nd July, 2024 to the family head of Alagbeji Ruling House Chief Toaridi Faronbi being the next to produce next Osolo of Isolo in accordance with registered declaration to present name of the person to be enthroned as Osolo of Isolo. The copy of the letter is hereby pleaded
- 28. The Claimants aver that also in the same vein, the King-Makers in Isolo wrote a letter dated 24th July, 2024 signed by all to the head of Alagebji Ruling House requesting that the family present a name of the candidate for the stool of Osolo of Isolo. The copy of the letter is hereby pleaded.
- 29. The Claimants aver further that Alagbeji Ruling House has four branches which are Ejoga-Arowooye, Akinlagun, Apena and Alabe families within which the name of the chosen candidate will be forwarded to the King-makers and 6th and 7th Defendants for onward transmission to the 3rd, 2nd and 1st Defendants respectively.

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- 30. The Claimant avers that within the Alagbeji family all the branches have presented different persons who eventually became the Osolo or Baale of Papa Alagbeji except the Alabe Ruling House who is yet to produce or present a candidate neither for the stool of Osolo of Isolo or Baale of Papa Ajao.
- 31. Further to the above paragraph, the Alabe ruling House held a meeting on the 28th July, 2024 as directed by the overall head of Alagbeji Family and under the supervision of the principal members of the Alabe Family and unanimously approved and presented the name of the 5th Claimant as the Candidate for vacant stool of Osolo of Isolo.
- 32. Claimant further avers that the 2nd Claimant who is also a principal member of Alabe family wrote a letter dated 28th July, 2024 wherein the name of the 5th Claimant was presented to the 1st Claimant, being the head of Alagbeji family, the ruling house in the registered declaration. The copy of the letter of Alabe family is hereby pleaded.
- 33. The Claimant avers that the 1st Claimant being the head of Alagbeji Family wrote a letter that on the 30th July, 2024 to the King-Makers and 6th Defendant wherein the name of the 5th Claimant was presented to the Defendants as the candidate unanimously approved and selected as the family candidate for the stool of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom. The copy of the letters dated 30th July, 2024 written to the 6th and 7th Defendants being the competent council are hereby pleaded.
- 34. The Claimant further avers that when it came to the knowledge of the Claimants that the 4th and 5th Defendants have vested interest in who becomes the Osolo of Isolo Kingdom, the 1st Claimant and King-makers wrote a letter dated to the 2nd September, 2024 and 27/8/24 and 28/8/24 respectively presenting the name of the 5th Claimant as the selected candidate to fill the vacant stool of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom. The letters are hereby pleaded.
- 35. The Claimants aver that on the 17th September, 2024 the 4th Defendant that is not competent council to hear and determine who becomes the Osolo of Isolo decided to sit and hear matter on the chieftaincy of Osolo of Isolo with the 8th Defendant without any due consideration or invitation sent to the 5th Claimant who was validly nominated and selected by Alagbeji Ruling House in accordance with Section 15 of Obas and Chiefs Law of Lagos State.
- 36. Further to the above paragraph, the 5th Defendants in its joint sitting and proceedings with 4th Defendants resolved and concluded to submit the name of

li jó d K Jimmy Adetokunbo Goloba to the 1st 2nd and 3rd Defendants as the next Osolo of Isolo Kingdom.

37. The Claimants aver that the 8th Defendant whose name was purportedly approved by the 4th and 5th Defendants does not belong to the Alabe Family of the Alagbeji whose turn is to present and produce a candidate for the Osolo of Isolo Kingdom in accordance with the age long practice of the Alagbeji Ruling House.

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- 38. The 1st Claimant who is the overall head of Alagbeji Ruling House and statutorily saddled with the duty of presenting a name of the selected candidate to the 6th and 7th Defendants or 4th and 5th Defendants neither summoned or conveyed a meeting to select the name of the 8th Defendant nor present the 8th Defendant as the candidate of the Alagbeji Ruling House.
- 39. The Claimant aver that the 1st Claimant who is the head of the Alagbeji Family never received any public announcement about the death of the late Osolo of Isolo nor official letter from the 4th Defendant in accordance with Section 15 of Obas and Chiefs Law of Lagos State that purportedly sat and anointed 8th Defendant to submit the name of a candidate for the vacant stool of Isolo Kingdom.
- 40. The Claimant aver that the name of the 5th Claimant was also submitted and forwarded to the 1st-3rd Defendants via a letter dated 2nd September 2024 as a the candidate selected by the Alagbeji to occupy the vacant stool of Osolo of Isolo. The letters dated 2/9/2024 to 1st-3rd Defendants are hereby pleaded.
- 41. The sitting of the 5th Defendant on the 17th September, 2024 and selection of the 8th Defendant grossly violated the provision of Section 15 of Obas and Chiefs Law of Lagos State, 2015 as the procedure provided therein were never complied or followed.
- 42. The process leading to the selection and purported recognition of the 8th Defendant as the purported candidate for the stool of Osolo of Isolo if any is null, void and of no effect having breached the provision of section 15 of Obas and Chiefs Law of Lagos State and the registered declaration which is the customary customs of selecting the Osolo of Isolo Kingdom.
- 43. The Claimants aver that the Isolo Local Council Development Area is the competent council to hear and determine or forward the name of the candidate

validly selected and nominated for chieftaincy matter relating to the Osolo of Isolo Kingdom.

44. The Claimant avers that the 8th Defendant being touted by the 4th Defendant whom was never selected nor presented by the head of Alagbeji Ruling House as required by the Obas and Chiefs Law of Lagos State as well as Chieftaincy Declaration of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom as he is neither from Alabe branch of Alagbeji Ruling House rather Apena branch of Okota Ruling House that does not have the right to produce the Osolo of Isolo as it is never the turn of the ruling house.

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- 45. The Claimant aver that it is aged long customs and tradition of rotation within the Alagbeji Ruling that a selection of a candidate to fill any vacant stool must be evenly distributed and rotated so that all the branches of Alagbeji Ruling House must have a bit at the cherry.
- 46. Further to the above paragraph, in 1975 when the Isolo Chieftaincy Declaration was registered, Alagbeji in order of priority and being the number one on the registered declaration nominated Oba Disu Faronbi from Akinlagun branch of Alagbeji Ruling House was made the Osolo of Isolo who reigned from 1975-1984. Ejoga Arowoye branch of Alagbeji produced the Baale Alagbeji Samuel Arowoye who reigned from 1995 to 2010 while Apena branch of Alagbeji also produced Baale Alagbeji Chief Jelili Apena of Papa Ajao from 2022 till dated hence, Alabe has not produced or occupied any stool to which the Alagbeji Ruling House hence, it is the turn of Alabe family to have a shot at the vacant stool.
- 47. The Claimants aver further to the above paragraph that sometime in the year 2022 there was a vacancy in the stool of Baale of Papa Ajao which is also meant for Alagbeji Ruling House, the head of the family requested the Apena and Alabe branches to reach a compromise as to which of the two to produce a candidate to occupy the vacant stool of Baale of Papa Ajao.
- 48. The Claimants aver further that the two branches eventually agreed that Chief Jelili Apena who is from Apena branch be enthroned as the Baale of Papa Ajao and that the Alabe branch to produce a candidate for the stool of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom whenever there is a vacuum in the stool.
- Apena branch of Okota as his father, Oba Rafiu Ayinde Goloba became the Osolo of Isolo through Okota Ruling House and same Apena branch with the subsisting Baale of Papa Ajao hence negates the aged long tradition and customs of rotation within the Alagbeji Ruling House. The Claimants aver further that

the Apena branch of Okota is different from Apena branch of Alagbeji Ruling
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- 50. The purported sitting and proceedings of the 5th Defendant resolving to forward the name of the 8th Defendant did not only violate Obas and Chiefs Law of Lagos State as well as registered declaration of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom but also denied the 5th Claimant right of fair hearing as neither was he invited to the proceedings nor his name as sent or forwarded by the 1st Claimant was considered.
- 51. I believe that the prior to the commencement of this suit, the Applicants gave the Defendants opportunity to retraced their steps and uphold the sanctity but they turned deaf ears as they are adamant to achieve their selfish gains at the detriment of the larger community.
- 52. I verily believe that the action of the 4th and 5th Defendants to proceed with the purported selection process despite obvious violation of the extant law on chieftaincy matters in Lagos State as well as registered declaration of Isolo Kingdom is not only unconstitutional but also null and void and of no effects.
- 53. I attest and verily believe that the acts of the 4th and 5th Defendants have denied the Applicants their rights of participating not only in the purported sitting of the 5th Defendant but choice of selecting 8th Defendant who is by all laid down extant Obas and Chiefs Law of Lagos State and registered declaration not qualified and competent to be so selected.
- 54. I verily believe that the provisions of the Section 1, 4 (3), 9 and 15 of Obas and Chiefs Law of Lagos State 2015 was grossly violated by anointing 8th Defendant and not complied hence the need for the intervention of the Court to safeguard the sanctity of the Law.
- It is therefore very urgent on the Applicants to seek the order of this Court to restrain the Defendants pending the final determination of this suit in order to preserve the res and prevent situation of irreparable injury on the Applicants and other well-meaning members of the Isolo Kingdom.
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WHEREOF the Claimants will pray the Court for the following reliefs against the Defendants:

- a. A Declaration that Alabe branch of Alagbeji Family is entitled to produce the next Osolo of Isolo in line with the Registered Declaration and agedlong practice of equal and fair ascendancy to the throne accepted within the Alagbeji Ruling House.
- b. A Declaration that no branch of Alagbeji Family be it is Akinlagun, Ejoga-Arowooye and Apena is entitled to produce or participate or indicate interest in the selection, nomination and process of appointing the next Osolo of Isolo having occupied the position of either bale or Oba in the past and in accordance with the practice of equal rotation within the Alagbeji Family.
- An Order of Injunction restraining the Defendants be it members of Akinlagun, Ejoga-Arowooye and Apena of Alagbeji Famil or any other Family in the registered declaration by themselves, their agents, servants, representatives from presenting any candidate to Lagos State Government or Lagos State Agencies, Attorney-General of Lagos State and Commissioner for local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs for approval and Appointment as the next Osolo of Isolo Kingdom except the Alabe branch of Alagbeji Family.
- d. An Order of Injunction restraining the Defendants, Lagos State Government by themselves, their agents, servants and employers from approving and appointing any candidate from the Defendants, Ado Family or any other family within registered Declaration of Isolo Kingdom Ado Community Community as the next of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom.

Dated this 23 day of . Other, 2024.

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1. AMr Tajudeen Omolade Alabe

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# WITNESS STATEMENT ON OATH OF MR TAJUDEEN OMOLADE ALABE.

- 1. My name is Mr Tajudeen Omolade Alabe
- 2 I live at No 7, Ilesanmi Street, Isolo Lagos State.
- 3. I am a business man.
- 4. The 1st Claimant in this case is the overall head of Alagbeji ruling House while 2nd -4th Claimants are principal members of Alabe branch of Alagbeji Ruling House of Isolo, Isolo, Lagos State.
- 5. The Claimants commenced this action for themselves and on behalf of Alagbeji Ruling House which also includes Alabe family, the family of the Claimant
- 6. The Claimants are the heads and representatives of the ALAGBEJI Royal Family which comprise of the four (4) branches which are: AKINLAGUN, EJOGA-AROWOOYE, ALABE and APENA.

- 7. The 1st Claimant is the overall head of the Entire ALAGBEJI Royal family of Isolo/Papa Ajao, Mushin, Lagos State.
- 8. ALAGBEJI a Royal Prince from the time immemorial was among the 3 (three) brothers that left Ile-Ife many centuries ago with members of his family and traveled through many Yoruba settlements until they arrived at Isolo where they met one AKINBAIYE, a Farmer and Hunter who first a first settler at Isolo.
- 9. ALAGBEJI left Ile-Ife with a Beaded Crown, which is a symbol of royalty, the father of ALAGBEJI was an Oba in Ile-Ife from Olofin lineage and a descendant of Oduduwa, the progenitor of the Yorubas.
- 10. The Beaded Crown is in a set of 2 (two) wraps in a woven bag called 'OKE', one of which is heavy looking, outstanding and physical mystical used on special and rear occasions while the other one is light and casual used on ordinary days, events and celebrations by the Oba (King).
- 11.ALAGBEJI when he arrived at Isolo, he and his family members were welcomed by AKINBAIYE who immediately summoned all his subjects and discuss the propitious arrival of his kins men with Beaded Crown and members of their families in Isolo with them.
- 12. As a result of the Royal and Princely status of ALAGBEJI, AKINBAIYE with members of his family and subjects resolved and made ALAGBEJI the King of the settlement in accordance with the Yoruba tradition and custom relating to Obaship.
- 13.ALAGBEJI was enthroned by AKINBAIYE and members of his family as the first King of Isolo with the title 'AROLAGBADE ALAGBEJI 1', 'OSOLO OF ISOLO while AKINBAIYE was the first King maker (AFOBAJE) of Isolo.
- 14. ALAGBEJI AROLAGBADE, OSOLO OF ISOLO in his lifetime has 4 (four) children who are AKINLAGUN, EJOGA-AROWOOYE, ALABE AND APENA.
- 15. AKINBAIYE the first settler remain at the heart of Isolo, while ALAGBEJI moved and settled at adjourning part of Isolo known as PAPA ALAGBEJI (PAPAAJAO).

- 16. The land settled upon by ALAGBEJI Royal family extends to the present day LSDPC Estate Isolo, the AFPRINT TEXTILE FACTORY and large part of Papa Ajao which is depicted in the Survey Plan No. AL206/1958
- 17. The Claimants in this case are the direct descendants of the ALAGBEJI AROLAGBADE 1 OSOLO OF ISOLO.
- 18. The headship of the entire ALAGBEJI Royal family is by custom and usages of the family rotated among the 4 (four) branches i.e., AKINLAGUN BRANCH, EJOGA-AROWOOYE BRANCH, ALABE BRANCH AND APENA BRANCH.
- 19. The 1st Claimant (ALHAJI CHIEF TAORIDI FARONBI (ALADO)) in this case is a member of AKINLAGUN Branch of the ALAGBEJI Royal family and is the current overall head of the entire ALAGBEJI Royal family.
- 20. The 2nd (CHIEF RASAK AKINSANYA ALABE) 3rd (ALHAJI WASIU AWOFE AREGBE ALABE) and 4th (MR TAJUDEEN OMOLADE ALABE) are all principal members of the ALAGBEJI Royal family.
- 21.All the Claimants including (ALHAJI SAHEED ISHOLA AREGBESOLA) save the 1st Claimant are Principal member of the ALABE Branch of the ALAGBEJI Royal family.
- 22. The stool of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom has been in existence since time immemorial and different families had ascended to the throne of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom.
- 23. These families who had produced Baales before the elevation of the throne to Oba are accustomed to rotational chieftaincy wherein the families agreed among themselves to rotate the chieftaincy title among themselves in order to give equal and fair ascendancy to the throne.
- 24. On the 21st February in the year 1975 the Lagos State Government through the Chieftaincy Committee of the then Mushin Town Council which later became Mushin Local Government decided to register the royal families within Isolo kingdom thereby permitting these families to present memoranda or convincingly prove their entitlement to the throne of Osolo of Isolo.
- 25. After the enquiries and presentations taken into consideration, three families were eventually registered as the three Ruling Houses entitled to produce Osolo of Isolo and same shall be rotational among the families in accordance

with the customary customs of the Isolo Community. Certified true copy of the registered declaration dated 21/2/1975 will be relied upon.

- 26. The three Ruling Houses registered in the Isolo Chieftaincy declaration are Alagbeji Ruling House, Okota Ruling House and Adeola ruling House in accordance with Oba and Chiefs Law of Lagos State.
- 27. The Claimant avers further that the said registered declaration of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom provides that order of rotation shall be between Alagbeji, Okota and Adeola respectively and also provided for four king-makers and laid down procedure on the selection of a candidate for ascending to the throne in line with Section 4 (3) of Obas and Chiefs Law of Lagos State as follows:
  - a. That the head of the ruling house whose turn it is to produce a candidate shall summon a meeting of both male and female members of the ruling house.
  - b. That the candidate shall be nominated by the majority votes.
  - c. The candidate or candidates shall be forwarded to the King-Makers by the family head.
- 28.In the past from history Alagbeji Ruling House produced Oba Olayiwola Disu Faronbi (1975-1984) Okota Ruling House had produced Oba Rafiu Ayinde Yekini Goloba Adeola (1988-2003) Adeola Olugbesa had produced Oba Sumonu Agedegudu and the just past Osolo of Isolo, Oba Kabiru Agbabiaka, Okota Ruling House had also produced Oba Rafiu Ayinde Goloba while Alagbeji Ruling House Oba Disu Faronbi.

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- 29. The Claimants aver that on the 10th April, 2024 late Oba Kabiru Agbabiaka who was from Adeola Olushi Olugbesa died thereby creating a vacancy in the stool of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom, the information was formally conveyed by the Council Manager of Isolo Local Council Development Area via a letter dated 22nd July, 2024 in line with Section 15 of Obas and Chiefs Law of Lagos State.
- 30. The Council Manager being aware of the registered declaration wrote a letter dated 22nd July, 2024 to the family head of Alagbeji Ruling House Chief Toaridi Faronbi being the next to produce next Osolo of Isolo in accordance with registered declaration to present name of the person to be enthroned as Osolo of Isolo. The copy of the letter is hereby pleaded
- 31. The Claimants aver that also in the same vein, the King-Makers in Isolo wrote a letter dated 24th July, 2024 signed by all to the head of Alagebji

- Ruling House requesting that the family present a name of the candidate for the stool of Osolo of Isolo. The copy of the letter is hereby pleaded.
- 32. The Claimants aver further that Alagbeji Ruling House has four branches which are Ejoga-Arowooye, Akinlagun, Apena and Alabe families within which the name of the chosen candidate will be forwarded to the Kingmakers and 6th and 7th Defendants for onward transmission to the 3rd, 2nd and 1st Defendants respectively.
- 33. The Claimant avers that within the Alagbeji family all the branches have presented different persons who eventually became the Osolo or Baale of Papa Alagbeji except the Alabe Ruling House who is yet to produce or present a candidate neither for the stool of Osolo of Isolo or Baale of Papa Ajao.
- 34. Further to the above paragraph, the Alabe ruling House held a meeting on the 28th July, 2024 as directed by the overall head of Alagbeji Family and under the supervision of the principal members of the Alabe Family and unanimously approved and presented the name of the 5th Claimant as the Candidate for vacant stool of Osolo of Isolo.
- 35. Claimant further avers that the 2nd Claimant who is also a principal member of Alabe family wrote a letter dated 28th July, 2024 wherein the name of the 5th Claimant was presented to the 1st Claimant, being the head of Alagbeji family, the ruling house in the registered declaration. The copy of the letter of Alabe family is hereby pleaded.
- 36. The Claimant avers that the 1st Claimant being the head of Alagbeji Family wrote a letter that on the 30th July, 2024 to the King-Makers and 6th Defendant wherein the name of the 5th Claimant was presented to the Defendants as the candidate unanimously approved and selected as the family candidate for the stool of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom. The copy of the letters dated 30th July, 2024 written to the 6th and 7th Defendants being the competent council are hereby pleaded.
- 37. The Claimant further avers that when it came to the knowledge of the Claimants that the 4th and 5th Defendants have vested interest in who becomes the Osolo of Isolo Kingdom, the 1st Claimant and King-makers wrote a letter dated to the 2nd September, 2024 and 27/8/24 and 28/8/24 respectively presenting the name of the 5th Claimant as the selected candidate to fill the vacant stool of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom. The letters are hereby pleaded.

- 38. The Claimants aver that on the 17th September, 2024 the 4th Defendant that is not competent council to hear and determine who becomes the Osolo of Isolo decided to sit and hear matter on the chieftaincy of Osolo of Isolo with the 8th Defendant without any due consideration or invitation sent to the 5th Claimant who was validly nominated and selected by Alagbeji Ruling House in accordance with Section 15 of Obas and Chiefs Law of Lagos State.
- 39. Further to the above paragraph, the 5th Defendants in its joint sitting and proceedings with 4th Defendants resolved and concluded to submit the name of Jimmy Adetokunbo Goloba to the 1st 2nd and 3rd Defendants as the next Osolo of Isolo Kingdom.
- 40. The Claimants aver that the 8th Defendant whose name was purportedly approved by the 4th and 5th Defendants does not belong to the Alabe Family of the Alagbeji whose turn is to present and produce a candidate for the Osolo of Isolo Kingdom in accordance with the age long practice of the Alagbeji Ruling House.
- 41. The 1st Claimant who is the overall head of Alagbeji Ruling House and statutorily saddled with the duty of presenting a name of the selected candidate to the 6th and 7th Defendants or 4th and 5th Defendants neither summoned or conveyed a meeting to select the name of the 8th Defendant nor present the 8th Defendant as the candidate of the Alagbeji Ruling House.
- 42. The Claimant aver that the 1st Claimant who is the head of the Alagbeji Family never received any public announcement about the death of the late Osolo of Isolo nor official letter from the 4th Defendant in accordance with Section 15 of Obas and Chiefs Law of Lagos State that purportedly sat and anointed 8th Defendant to submit the name of a candidate for the vacant stool of Isolo Kingdom.
- 43. The Claimant aver that the name of the 5th Claimant was also submitted and forwarded to the 1st-3rd Defendants via a letter dated 2nd September 2024 as a the candidate selected by the Alagbeji to occupy the vacant stool of Osolo of Isolo. The letters dated 2/9/2024 to1st-3rd Defendants are hereby pleaded.
- 44. The sitting of the 5th Defendant on the 17th September, 2024 and selection of the 8th Defendant grossly violated the provision of Section 15 of Obas and Chiefs Law of Lagos State, 2015 as the procedure provided therein were never complied or followed.

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- 45. The process leading to the selection and purported recognition of the 8th Defendant as the purported candidate for the stool of Osolo of Isolo if any is null, void and of no effect having breached the provision of section 15 of Obas and Chiefs Law of Lagos State and the registered declaration which is the customary customs of selecting the Osolo of Isolo Kingdom.
- 46. The Claimants aver that the Isolo Local Council Development Area is the competent council to hear and determine or forward the name of the candidate validly selected and nominated for chieftaincy matter relating to the Osolo of Isolo Kingdom.
- Defendant whom was never selected nor presented by the head of Alagbeji Ruling House as required by the Obas and Chiefs Law of Lagos State as well as Chieftaincy Declaration of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom as he is neither from Alabe branch of Alagbeji Ruling House rather Apena branch of Okota Ruling House that does not have the right to produce the Osolo of Isolo as it is never the turn of the ruling house.
- 48. The Claimant aver that it is aged long customs and tradition of rotation within the Alagbeji Ruling that a selection of a candidate to fill any vacant stool must be evenly distributed and rotated so that all the branches of Alagbeji Ruling House must have a bit at the cherry.
- Declaration was registered, Alagbeji in order of priority and being the number one on the registered declaration nominated Oba Disu Faronbi from Akinlagun branch of Alagbeji Ruling House was made the Osolo of Isolo who reigned from 1975-1984. Ejoga Arowoye branch of Alagbeji produced the Baale Alagbeji Samuel Arowoye who reigned from 1995 to 2010 while Apena branch of Alagbeji also produced Baale Alagbeji Chief Jelili Apena of Papa Ajao from 2022 till dated hence, Alabe has not produced or occupied any stool to which the Alagbeji Ruling House hence, it is the turn of Alabe family to have a shot at the vacant stool.
- 50. The Claimants aver further to the above paragraph that sometime in the year 2022 there was a vacancy in the stool of Baale of Papa Ajao which is also meant for Alagbeji Ruling House, the head of the family requested the Apena and Alabe branches to reach a compromise as to which of the two to produce a candidate to occupy the vacant stool of Baale of Papa Ajao.

- 51. The Claimants aver further that the two branches eventually agreed that Chief Jelili Apena who is from Apena branch be enthroned as the Baale of Papa Ajao and that the Alabe branch to produce a candidate for the stool of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom whenever there is a vacuum in the stool.
- 52. Contrary to the agreement between the two branches, the 8th Defendant is from Apena branch of Okota as his father, Oba Rafiu Ayinde Goloba became the Osolo of Isolo through Okota Ruling House and same Apena branch with the subsisting Baale of Papa Ajao hence negates the aged long tradition and customs of rotation within the Alagbeji Ruling House. The Claimants aver further that the Apena branch of Okota is different from Apena branch of Alagbeji Ruling House.
- 53. The purported sitting and proceedings of the 5th Defendant resolving to forward the name of the 8th Defendant did not only violate Obas and Chiefs Law of Lagos State as well as registered declaration of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom but also denied the 5th Claimant right of fair hearing as neither was he invited to the proceedings nor his name as sent or forwarded by the 1st Claimant was considered.
- 54. I believe that the prior to the commencement of this suit, the Applicants gave the Defendants opportunity to retraced their steps and uphold the sanctity but they turned deaf ears as they are adamant to achieve their selfish gains at the detriment of the larger community.
- 55. I verily believe that the action of the 4th and 5th Defendants to proceed with the purported selection process despite obvious violation of the extant law on chieftaincy matters in Lagos State as well as registered declaration of Isolo Kingdom is not only unconstitutional but also null and void and of no effects.
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- 61. Unless an order for injunction is granted, the Defendants will continue to take steps or further steps to complete the selection or nomination of the candidate that will occupy the vacant stool of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom.
- 62. I urge this Honourable Court to grant all the prayers as contained in the Writ of Summons and Statement of Claim of the Claimants.
- 63. I depose to this Witness Statement on Oath believing same to be tri=ue and correct and in accordance with Oaths Law of Lagos State.

64. I-depose to this affidavit sincerely believing all its contents to be true and correct and in accordance with the Oath Law of Lagos State.

DEPONENT

Sworn to at the High Court Registry, Ikeja.

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- 1. The registered declaration of Isolo dated 21st February, 1975
- 2. Public Notice of Isolo Local Council Development Area dated 22/7/2024
- 3. Letter from the Isolo Kingmakers dated 24TH July, 2024
- 4. Letter from Alabe Royal Family received 29/7/2024 together with signature pages
- 5. Photographs

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- 6. Alagbeji Royal Family Letter dated 30th July, 2024 to Isolo Local Council Dev, Area
- 7. Alagbeji Royal Family Letter dated 30th July, 2024 to Isolo King-makers.
- 8. Claimants letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2024 to Chairman, Isolo Local Govt
- 9. Claimants letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2024 to Chieftaincy Committee, Isolo Local Govt
- 10. Claimants letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2024 to Chairman, Isolo Local Govt
- 11. Letter of Isolo Kingmakers dated 28th August, 2024 LCDA.

12. Letter of Isolo Kingmakers dated 27th August, 2024 LCDA

13. Letter of Isolo Kingmakers dated 27th August, 2024 to Isolo Local Govt Dev.

14. Letter of Isolo Kingmakers dated 28th August, 2024 Isolo Local Govt Devt

15. Letter 2nd September, 2024 to A.G. Lagos State

16. Letter 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2024 to Commissioner for Local Govt & Chieftaincy Affairs

17. Letter dated 2/9/2024 to the Governor of Lagos State

Dated this day of Other, 2024.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

THE OLORI EBY, ALAGBEJI ROYAL FAMILY 1/3 PANADA STREET, ISOLO

Notice is hereby given to entire public and any interested person in accordance with section 15 Obas and Chiefs of Lagos state Law Cap. 02 of 2015 that the stool of Oba Isolo has become vacant as a result of demise of late Oba HRM Kabiru Alani Kolawole Agbabiaka Who died on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024. The Late Oba is from Adeola – Olushi Onigbesa Ruling House.

In accordance with the enabling law and the existing declaration regulating Oba of Isolo, Alagbeji Ruling House is hereby called upon to present name of candidate(s) to fill the vacant stool within the require days by the law.

Dated this day 22<sup>nd</sup>July 2024.

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MR AKINBAMI SAMSON COUNCIL MANAGER



THE HEAD OF ALAGBEILROYAL FAMILY ISOLA Alhaji Chief Taoreed Farmor No 1/3; Panada Street Solo,

Sir.

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Consequent upon the directive given by the Executive Chalenna Isolar Local Council Development Stumber ISLCDA/S.159/40 Local Council Development Area Ref Number 181.CDA/S.169/411.

Dated 22nd July 2024 por Area Ref Session to the Oba Osolo of Isolo de Isolo Dated 22nd July 2024 notice on the succession to the Obn Kulling Isola declared vacant as Isolo declared vacant as a result of the demise of H.R.M Obn Kuhlett Kolawule Alani Adelais Kolawule Alani Adelaja Agbabiaka (The late Osolo of Isolo) on 10th April 2024 and by view Ababiaka (The late Osolo on us the Isolo April 2024 and by virtue of the power conferred on us the isolo Kingmakers (Afobale). Kingmakers (Afobaje) namely:-

Jagun Aluko Branch represented by Chief Dr Mukaila Adesegun Agbabiaka

Osuro Branch Represented by Chief Abdul Rasaq Akanbi Onikosi

Ornotoba Branch Represented by Chief Adisa Jamiu Saka

Ogbeni Ogodo Branch represented by Chief Abdul Rahmon Inufele Musendiku

Consequently, as prescribed by the Law, under section 15 obas and chiefs of Lagos state Law Cap 02 of 2015 towards the attached letter racefyed from the Executive chairman Isolo L.C.D.A.

alle body of Isolo kingmakers (Afobaje) urge you to forward the an application of the qualified prince / candidates to fill the vacancy within

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(10) ten days (Le on or before 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 2024) to the received of

We thank you sincerely for your usual-co-operation, assistance to the peace, development and tranquility of Isolo Town.

We are:

Chief or Mukaila Adesegun Agbabiaka

H.C.

Chief Abdul Basan Akanbi Ualiosi

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Chief Adisa Jamiu Saka

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## ALABEROYAL FAMILY



No. 15, Akinbaiye Street, Isolo, Lagos State, Nigeria

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ALHAJY (HIEF) TAORIDI FARONBI (AKA ALADO) HEAD OF ALAGBEJI ROYAL FAMILY 50, Akinbaiye Street

Dear Sir,

Isolo, Lagos State.

## NUMINATION OF ALHAJI CHIEF SAHEED ISHOLA AREGBESOLA AS THE CANDIDATE FOR THE STOOL OF OSOLO OF ISOLO KINGDOM.

The Alabe Family branch of Alagbeji Royal Family held a meeting on 28th July, 2024 at 15, Akinbaiye Street, Isolo, Lagos State, with substantial principal members of the family in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to consult and deliberate on presenting a formidable and worthy candidate to fill the vacant stool of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom.

The members of the Alabe family unanimously agreed and nominated Alhaji (Chief) Saheed Ishola Aregbesola as their sole candidate to fill the vacant stool of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom.

We the undersigned present Alhaji (Chief) Saheed Ishola Aregbesola as our candidate for the stool of Osolo of Isolo kingdom.

Kindly, present his name to the king makers as our candidate in this respect.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

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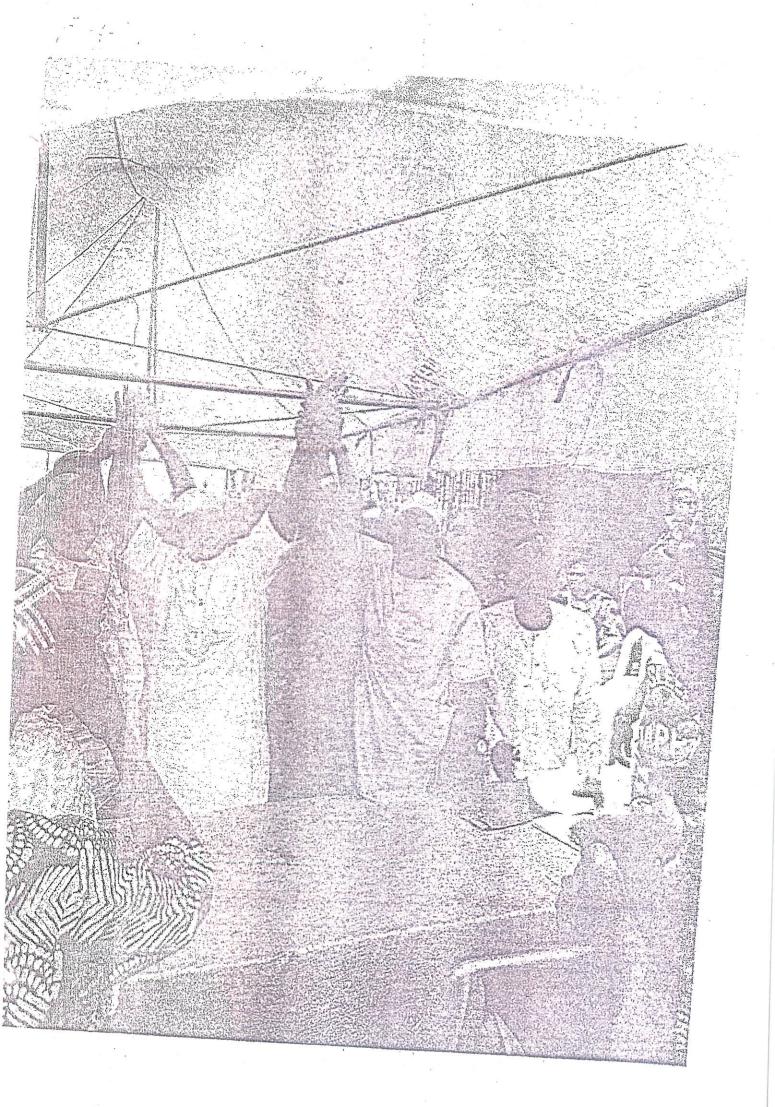
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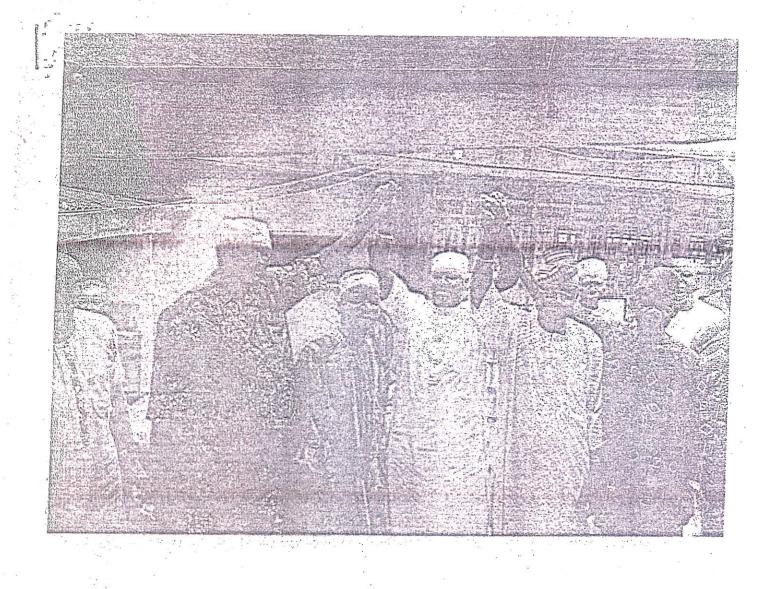
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ck. 50, Akinbaye Street, Late Oha Faronbi Palace, Isolo, Lagos State

Your Ref:

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The Chairman;
Oshodi Isolo Local Government,
Isolo Local Council Development Area;
Osolo Way Aswani,
Isolo;
Lagos State.

Dear Sir,

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE IN RESPECT OF THE VACANT STOOL OF THE OBA OF ISOLO

Our Ref:

I am in receipt of your Public Notice dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2024, which called on the Alagbeji Royal House to present a candidate for the vacant stool of the Oba of Isolo, the immediate past Oba having been deceased on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

I thank your revered office for following laid down extant laws and practices in arriving at the decision to call on Alagbeji Royal House to present a candidate for the vacant stool of Qba of Isolo, Lagos, State.

As a sequel to this recognition, may I rejterate that the right decision has actually been made by your office. There are three Ruling Houses in Isala Kingdom, namely: (a) The Agenta Ottichi Olughesa Royal Family (b) The Alagheti Royal Family and (c) The Otota Royal Family. From the undentable history within our Knowledge, The Adeola Oloshi Olughesa Royal Family had produced the Late Oha Sumonu Agendeducta whose demise caused the throne to revert to the Alagheti Royal Family who produced the Late Oha Dish Paranto. Thereafter the Late Oha Dish Paranto Thereafter the Late Oha Dish Farench Thereafter the Late Oha Dish Farench Thereafter the Late Oha Dish Farench Late In the same Okola Royal Family with the coronation of Oha Rafiu Ayinde Golaba. In the same

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Consequently, as the Olori-ebi of Alagbeji Royal House and having been informed officially of this vacancy, I wrote to inform the Alabe Family whose turn it is to present a candidate to do so within the time assigned through my lawyer, as attached the letter dated 27th day of July, 2024.

Coming from this background The Alabe Family met, deliberated on this urgent matter and reached a unanimous verdict to present Alhaji (Chief) Saheed Ishola Aregbesola as the candidate for the vacant stool of Oba of Isolo Kingdom. Attached is the letter communicating this information to me for onward transmission to your office. Also attached to the letter is the list of those who attended this very important meeting on Sunday the 28th day of July, 2024.

Yours in service

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The Executive Chairman,
Oshodi/Isolo Local Government,
Oyetayo Street,
Oshodi,
Lagos State.

OFFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OSHODI-ISOLO L.G.A

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PECENTIVE CHAIRMAN OSHODI-ISOLO L.G.A

Date:

September, 2024.

Dear Sir,

## INSTALLATION OF ALHAJI (CHIEF) SAHEED ISOLA AREGBESOLA AS THE OBA OF ISOLO KINGDOM.

We are solicitor to Alhaji Taoridi Faronbi (a.k.a. Alado) hereinafter referred to as our client and on whose unequivocal instruction we write this letter of request to your amiable office.

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Thank you as we anticipate your quick response to our request.

Yours faithfully,

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# ISOLO KING MAKERS (AFOBAJE)

8, Ehingbeti Street, Igoke Quarters, Isolo Town, Lagos State.

27th August, 2024

The Chairman,
Oshodi Isolo Local Government,
Isolo Local Council Development Area,
Osolo Way, Aswani,
Isolo, Lagos State.

Dear Sir,



## APPOINTMENT/SELECTION OF OBA OSOLO ELECT

We refer to your letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2024, in respect of the public notice to fill the vacant stool of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom.

Having deliberated and consulted widely in respect of the candidacy to fill the vacant stool, we are pleased to announce, by unanimous decision, that we have selected Alhaji (Chief) Saheed Ishola Aregbesola as the chosen one to be the next Oba Osolo of Isolo Kingdom, from Alabe branch of Alagbeji Royal Family.

The rotation to the stool of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom is well known amongst the three ruling houses, over the years, as provided in the Declaration of Customary Law of Isolo Kingdom. The three ruling houses are (a) The Adeola Olushi Onigbesa Royal Family, (b) The Alagbeji Royal Family and (c) The Okota Royal Family. The Adeola Olushi Olugbesa Royal Family had produced the Late Oba Sunmonu Agedegudu whose demise caused the throne to revert to the Alagbeji Royal Family, who produced the Late Oba Disu Faronbi. When Late Oba Disu Faronbi passed on, the Okota Royal Family produced Late Oba Rafiu Ayinde Goloba, whose demise, culminated in the coronation of Late Oba Kabiru Agbabiaka from Adeola Olushi Onigbesa Royal Family.

On 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2024, Oba Kabiru Agbabiaka passed on, created a vacuum to be filled in accordance with the fluid succession associated with the dynasty.

The Alagbeji Royal Family is the next to fill the vacant stool of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom, as followed in line of ascension by the three royal families.

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Consequently, the head of Alagbeji Royal Family, along with principal members of Alabe Family, have selected Alhaji (Chief) Saheed Ishola Aregbesola, as the next to be crowned as the Oba Osolo of Isolo Kingdom.

We hereby apply that you declare Alhaji (Chief) Saheed Ishola Aregbesola as the next Osolo of Isolo Kingdom.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

- 1. Chief Dr Mukaila Adesegun Agbabiaka Afobaje Jagun Aluko)
- 2 Chief Abdul Rasaq Akanbi Onikosi Afobaje Osuro
- Chief Adisa Jamiu Saka Afobaje Omotoba
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Cc: Alhaji (Chief) Taoridi Faronbi (Alado) Head of Alagbeji Roal Family @DNIKQS 1



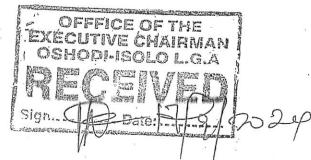
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Oshodi/Isolo Local Government
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Oshodi, Lagos State

Dear Sir,



### APPOINTMENT/SELECTION OF OBA OSOLO ELECT

We refer to your letter dated  $22^{nd}$  July, 2024, in respect of the public notice to fill the vacant stool of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom.

Having deliberated and consulted widely in respect of the candidacy to fill the vacant stool, we are pleased to announce, by unanimous decision, that we have selected Alhaji (Chief) Saheed Ishola Aregbesola as the chosen one to be the next Oba Osolo of Isolo Kingdom, from Alabe branch of Alagbeji Royal Family.

The rotation to the stool of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom is well known amongst the three ruling houses, over the years, as provided in the Declaration of Customary Law of Isolo Kingdom. The three ruling houses are (a) The Adeola Olushi Onigbesa Royal Family, (b) The Alagbeji Royal Family and (c) The Okota Royal Family. The Adeola Olushi Olugbesa Royal Family had produced the Late Oba Sunmonu Agedegudu whose demise caused the throne to revert to the Alagbeji Royal Family, who produced the Late Oba Disu Faronbi. When Late Oba Disu Faronbi passed on, the Okota Royal Family produced Late Oba Rafiu Ayinde Goloba, whose demise, culminated in the coronation of Late Oba Kabiru Agbabiaka from Adeola Olushi Onigbesa Royal Family.

On 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2024, Oba Kabiru Agbabiaka passed on, created a vacuum to be filled in accordance with the fluid succession associated with the dynasty.

The Alagbeji Royal Family is the next to fill the vacant stool of Osolo of Isolo Kingdom, as followed in line of ascension by the three royal families.

The Alagbeji has four branches, namely: 1. The Akinlagun Branch the Late King of Isolo, Oba Disu Faronbi (1975-1984); 2. The Arowoye Ejoga Branch, which produced the Baale Alagbeji Samuel Arowoye (1995-2010); 3. The Apena Branch produced the Baale Alagbeji Chief Jelili Apena (2022 till date); 4. The Alabe branch that has not produced any king or Baale, and therefore, deserves to fill the vacant of Oba Osolo of Isolo.

Consequently, the head of Alagbeji Royal Family, along with principal members of Alabe Family, have selected Alhaji (Chief) Saheed Ishola Aregbesola, as the next to be crowned as the Oba Osolo of Isolo Kingdom.

We hereby apply that you declare Alhaji (Chief) Saheed Ishola Aregbesola as the next Osolo of Isolo Kingdom.

Thank you.

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Yours faithfully,

- Chief Dr Mukaila Adesegun Agbabiaka Afobaje Jagun Aluko)
- 2 Chief Abdul Rasaq Akanbi Onikosi Afobaje Osuro
- 3 Chief Adisa Jamiu Saka Afobaje Omotoba
- 4. Chief Ramon Inufele Musendiku Afobaje Ogbeni Ogodo

Cc: Alhaji (Chief) Taoridi Faronbi (Alado) Head of Alagbeji Roal Family Riknikosi

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# ISOLO KING MAKERS (AFOBAJE)

8, Ehingbeti Street, Igoke Quarters, Isolo Town, Lagos State.

28th August, 2024

The Executive Chairman
Oshodi/Isolo Local Government
Isolo Local Council Development Area
Aswani, Isolo, Lagos State

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There is also rotation within the four branches of the Alagbeji Royal Family, in respect of the ascendency of a candidate to the stool. We are convinced that it is the turn of the Alabe branch of Alagbeji Royal Family to produce the Oba Osolo of Isolo Kingdom. The Akinlagun branch of Alagbeji Royal Family produced the late Oba Disu Olayiwola Faronbi, who reigned between 1975 to 1984. The Arowooye Ejoga branch of the Alagbeji Royal Family produced Baale of Papa Ajao in the person of late Baale Samuel Arowooye, who reigned between 1995 to 2010. After the demise of the late Baale of Papa Ajao, the two branches of Apena branch of Alagbeji Royal Family and the Alabe branch of the Alagbeji Royal Family were encouraged to consult among themselves, to produce the next Baale of Papa Ajao. Both branches agreed that the Apena branch should produce the next Baale of Papa Ajao, while it was agreed that whenever there is a vacancy in any chieftaincy position, it will be the turn of the Alabe branch to produce a candidate. As agreed by the two branches, High Chief Alhaji Jelili Apena from the Apena branch of Alagbeji Royal Family, became the Baale of Papa Ajao from 2022 till date. It is even rumoured that the position of the Baale of Papa Ajao, may soon be elevated to a kingship.

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Kindly accept our warmest regard to your esteem office.

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2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2024

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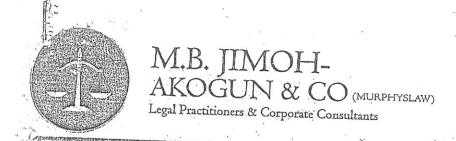
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10 April 2025

The Executive Governor of Lagos State
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The Secretariat
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Nigeria

Your Excellency Sir,



#### PETITION

AGAINST INSTALLATION OF PRINCE ISA ABIODUN SHEKONI-FARONBLAS
OSOLO OF ISOLO DURING THE PENDENCY OF A LAWSUIT AT THE HIGH COURT OF
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## RE: ALHAJI CHIEF TAORIDI FARONBI (ALADO) & 40RS v. EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF LAGOS STATE & 7 ORS (SUIT NO: ID/12095GCM/24)

We are solicitors to Prince Jimmy Adetokunbo Yekini-Goloba (herein 'our client), and we have his instructions to convey this petition to Your Excellency in relation to the above subject matter, being the installation of Prince Isa Abiodun Shekoni-Faronbi.

## Background of the Petition

- On 10 April 2024, the erstwhile paramount traditional ruler of Isolo, Oba Kabiru Ajani Adelaja Agbabiaka (the Osolo of Isolo), passed away. The demise of the Oba immediately left the stool of Osolo of Isolo vacant. As a result of this, the Oshodi-Isolo Local Government subsequently issued a public notice declaring the stool vacant and inviting the Alagbeji Ruling House to nominate candidates for selection.
  - 1.2 In line with the said public notice, the Alagbeji Ruling House convened a general meeting on 14 August 2024, which was attended by 285 members, for the screening and nomination of candidates for the vacant stool. As the said meeting, the Alagbeji Ruling House formally shortlisted fifteen (15) qualified candidates, whose names were transmitted to the

5b, Adekunle Lawal Road, Ikoyi, Lagos, Nigeria Tel +234 704 435 6236 | 0812 345 1850 Email info@xentialp.com Web www.xentialp.com Kingmakers of Isolo for further screening and selection in line with established traditional and legal procedures.

- 1.3 On 4 September 2024, after due consultation with the Ifa oracle and in full compliance with Isolo customary tradition, our client, Prince Jimmy Adetokunbo Yekini-Goloba, was selected by the Isolo Kingmakers as the rightful candidate for the stool. The attention of the Executive Chairman of Oshod/Isolo Local Government was called to this selection via a letter dated 7 September 2024 written by the Osolo Kingmakers. The letter has been attached for Your Excellency's ease of reference.
- By a letter dated 18 September 2024, the Council Manager of Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Council (on behalf of the Executive Chairman) forwarded all necessary documents and proceedings confirming our client as the Oba-elect for the stool of Osolo of Isolo to the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Local Government, Chieftaincy Affairs & Rural Development. A copy of the letter is attached for Your Excellency's ease of reference.
- 1.5 Further to this, by a letter dated 8 November 2024, the Director of Legislative Drafting (on behalf of the Attorney General of the State) also wrote to the Honourable Commissioner of the Ministry of Local Government, Chieftaincy Affairs & Rural Development, confirming that all documents forwarded in relation to our client were in order and recommended that the Ministry should continue further administrative processing of the subject matter. This brought an end to the selection process, and what was left at that point was the installation of our client as the Osolo of Isolo and the official presentation of the staff of office to him by the Lagos State Government. A copy of the letter is attached for Your Excellency's ease of reference.

### 2. Institution of Lawsuit at the High Court of Lagos State

2.1 Dissatisfied with the selection process, Alhaji Chief Taoridi Faronbi and 4 other people, instituted an action at the High Court of Lagos State in Suit No: ID/12095GCM/2024. This suit was specifically instituted in 2024 against Your Excellency's office as the Governor of Lagos State; the Attorney General of Lagos State; the Commissioner for Local Government & Chieftaincy Affairs; the Chairman of Oshodi/Isolo Local Government; and our client (as the Osolo of Isolo elect).

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- 2.2 By the suit, Alhaji Chief Taoridi Faronbi and four others are challenging the nomination and selection of our client as the next Osolo of Isolo and asking the Honourable Court for injunctions, restraining Your Excellency and other authorities involved from installing our client or any other person as the next Osolo of Isolo pending the hearing and determination of the suit.
- 2.3 It is important to note that at all material times that the suit came up in court, it was reported that all originating processes had been duly served on Your Excellency and other relevant authorities, and the Honourable Court confirmed that. This is to say that the Honourable Court takes it that Your Excellency is fully aware of the pendency of this lawsuit.
- 3. Installation of Another Osolo During the Pendency of the Suit
- 3.1 Whilst the suit remains pending before the High Court of Lagos State, a shocking development occurred. Prince Isa Abiodun Shekoni-Faronbi, who at no point in time challenged the position of our client either in court or administratively, was installed as the Osolo of Isolo on 28 March 2025 by the Lagos State Government. This action constitutes a disregard for judicial authority and violates the well-established doctrine of *lis pendens*, which prohibits parties involved in a lawsuit and their allies from taking actions capable of prejudicing or foisting *fait accompli* on the Court.
- 3.2 The installation of Prince Isa Abiodun Shekoni-Faronbi as the Osolo of Isolo is not only unlawful, but a direct interference with judicial process. Unfortunately, it also amounts to a clear breach of due process. This, most respectfully, is capable of undermining the constitutional powers of the judiciary, and it can also destabilize the peaceful atmosphere in Isolo Kingdom. As the parties that felt aggrieved by the outcome of the selection process have taken the matter to court for peaceful resolution of the issue, all administrative steps relating to the installation of the next Osolo of Isolo ought to have been stopped until the outcome of the lawsuit which is still pending.

### 4. Call for Immediate Intervention of Your Excellency

In light of the foregoing, we respectfully urge Your Excellency to:

a) Issue a directive undoing the installation and presentation of staff of office to Prince Isa Abiodun Shekoni-Faronbi, pending the determination of the Honourable Court in

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- b) Direct all relevant authorities, including the Ministry of Local Government & Chieftaincy Affairs, to suspend any further recognition of the purported installation of Prince Isa Abiodun Shekoni-Faronbi as the Osolo of Isolo, pending the determination of the Honourable Court in the above referred lawsuit.
- Put administrative measures in place to ensure peace, order, equity and justice are restored in Isolo Kingdom in respect of the stool of Osolo of Isolo, pending the determination of the Honourable Court in the above-referred lawsuit, while parties make great efforts at a speedy trial.

#### 5. Conclusion

Your Excellency, as the custodian of justice and fairness in Lagos State and known supporter and promoter of due process, we trust in your unwavering commitment to uphold the rule of law. We firmly believe that your urgent intervention in this matter will avert a crisis, reinforce public confidence in the judicial process and preserve the integrity of the State's traditional institutions.

We respectfully seek your urgent attention, and are available for further clarifications or engagements at your convenience, sir.

Please accept the assurances of our highest regards.

Yours faithfully,

Sir, Kayode Adeluola, SAN



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