

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NIGERIA
HOLDEN AT ABUJA
ON FRIDAY, THE 16TH DAY OF MAY, 2025
BEFORE THEIR LORDSHIPS:

<u>HELEN MORONKEJI OGUNWUMIJU</u>	- <u>JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT</u>
<u>TIJJANI ABUBAKAR</u>	- <u>JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT</u>
<u>CHIDIEBERE NWAOMA UWA</u>	- <u>JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT</u>
<u>HABEEB ADEWALE. O. ABIRU</u>	- <u>JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT</u>
<u>MOHAMMED BABA IDRIS</u>	- <u>JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT</u>

SC/CV/796/2021

BETWEEN:

CHIEF SOLOMON OWNIYI

APPELLANT

AND

- 1. CHIEF HENRY OLUWOLE AIYEWUMI**
- 2. CHIEF STEPHEN OJO BELEYI**
(For himself and on behalf of Ajibohokun Ruling House of Ilajo Ruling Family)
- 3. RAPHAEL AIYEGUNLE**
(For himself and on behalf of Mokelu Ruling House of Ilajo Ruling Family)
- 4. CHIEF OLORUNMOLA OLORUNTOBA**
(For himself and on behalf of Ajinulhi Ruling House of Ilajo Ruling Family)
- 5. GOVERNOR, KOGI STATE**
- 6. ATTORNEY-GENERAL FOR KOGI STATE**

RESPONDENTS

JUDGMENT
(DELIVERED BY CHIDIEBERE NWAOMA UWA, JSC)

I have had the benefit of reading in draft the leading judgment just delivered by my learned brother, **Helen Moronkeji Ogunwumiju, JSC**, and I agree that the appeal

lacks merit and ought to be dismissed for the reasons advanced therein. I adopt his lordship's well-articulated reasoning and conclusion in the lead judgment. I equally dismiss the appeal. I abide by the consequential orders made in the lead judgment, inclusive of the order made as to cost.


**CHIDIEBERE NWAOMA UWA,
JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT.**

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