



# SUPREME COUNCIL FOR SHARI'AH IN NIGERIA (SCSN)

المجلس الأعلى للشريعة في نيجيريا

Plot #6, West College Road,  
Off Gwamna Road,  
Kaduna Nigeria  
[shariahcouncilng@gmail.com](mailto:shariahcouncilng@gmail.com)

**IT 19529**

## COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE ANNUAL PRE-RAMADHAN MEETING OF THE MAJLIS ASH SHURAH, HELD AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF JAMA'ATU NASRIL ISLAM, KADUNA, ON 26TH SHA'ABAN 1446AH (25TH FEBRUARY, 2025)

### PREAMBLE:

The Supreme Council for Shari'ah in Nigeria (SCSN) convened its Annual Pre-Ramadhan Meeting of the Majlis Ash Shurah on 26th Sha'aban 1446AH (25th February, 2025) at the Headquarters of Jama'atu Nasril Islam, Kaduna. The meeting, chaired by the President of the Council, Sheikh AbdurRasheed Hadiyyatullah, brought together over 400 distinguished Islamic scholars, heads of Islamic Organizations, leaders, and stakeholders from across the country. The opening session had in attendance His Excellency the former Governor of Jigawa State and current Minister of Defence Alhaji Muhammad Badaru Abubakar, the representatives of Kaduna, Kano Zamfara States Governors, the representative of the Speaker of the House of Representatives RH Tajudeen Abbas, members of the National Assembly, Secretary General of the Jama'atul Nasril Islam (JNI) Prof Khalid Aliyu and a host of other dignitaries too numerous to be mentioned. Discussions focused on critical issues affecting the Muslim Ummah and the Nigerian nation at large, including governance, economic and security challenges, religious rights, and international affairs.

### RESOLUTIONS AND KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- 1. Unity and Progress of the Muslim Ummah:** The Council reaffirmed its commitment to fostering unity and progress within the Muslim Ummah in Nigeria. It urged all Muslim leaders and organizations to work towards a more cohesive and united community, resisting divisive tendencies that weaken the Ummah. Scholars and religious leaders were encouraged to collaborate in promoting Islamic values and defending the rights of Muslims nationwide.
- 2. Political and Socioeconomic Development:** Acknowledging its past advocacy for justice and equity in governance, the Council called for sustained engagement in political processes to ensure adequate representation of Muslim interests. Concern was expressed over the prevailing economic hardship resulting from government policies, particularly subsidy removal and increased tariff. The Council urged the government to implement policies that alleviates poverty and promote social justice in the society.

- 3. Shari’ah Implementation and Religious Rights:** The Council condemned attempts to obstruct the legitimate establishment of Shari’ah arbitration panels in the South-West and reaffirmed its commitment to defending the religious rights of Muslims anywhere they are as enshrined in the Nigerian Constitution. It emphasized the need for a well-coordinated Da’awah strategy to counter anti-Islamic narratives and strengthen Islamic values in Muslim communities across the country. Members resolved to intensify advocacy and, where necessary, pursue legal action to ensure the protection of Shari’ah-compliant personal and communal practices across Nigeria. Furthermore, the Council stressed the need to call on the national Assembly to the needful and facilitate the expansion of the jurisdiction of the Shari’ah Court of Appeal beyond Islamic personal law to encompass all aspects of Islamic law.
- 4. Security and Stability:** The Council expressed serious concerns over the country’s security situation, particularly reports of unaccounted government-owned weapons that may likely falls into the hands of criminals. It called for urgent government intervention to address these security lapses and recommended convening a national security summit involving religious leaders and other stakeholders to discuss pragmatic approaches to tackling insecurity.
- 5. Condemnation of Comments by the Director General of the State Security Service (SSS):** The Council strongly condemned recent remarks made by the Director General of the SSS, which appeared to justify or downplay the persecution of Muslim communities in Tafawa Balewa and other regions. Such statements undermine national unity and security by fuelling religious and ethnic tensions. The Council demanded an immediate retraction and public clarification from the DG SSS to reaffirm the commitment of security agencies to impartiality and justice nationwide. The Council also called on the federal government to hold security agencies accountable, ensuring their actions reflect fairness, neutrality, and protection for all Nigerians, regardless of religious or ethnic affiliation.
- 6. International Advocacy:** The Council reaffirmed its unwavering support for the people of Palestine and strongly condemned the ongoing genocide in Gaza. It urged the Nigerian government to maintain its diplomatic stance in advocating for Palestinian rights at international forums. Additionally, it reiterated its opposition to the controversial SAMOA Agreement and assured the Ummah of its steadfast commitment to resisting any provisions that contradict Islamic values.

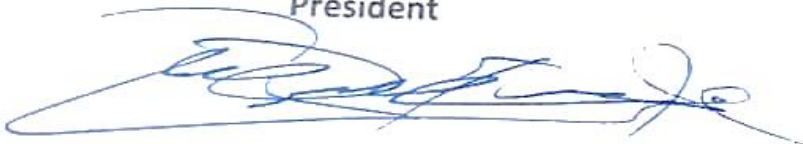
- 7. Call for Government Engagement and Economic Justice:** The Council urged the government to address the rising economic burden on citizens, particularly the impact of excessive tariff and inflation on the poor. It called for increased budgetary allocations to key sectors such as education, particularly for the National Commission for Almajiri and Out-of-School Children Education, and the Ministry of Livestock Development, to enhance economic opportunities and social welfare.
  
- 8. Preparations for Ramadhan:** As the Holy Month of Ramadan approaches, the Council called on all Ulama and Muslim organizations to focus on the spiritual, social, and economic well-being of the Ummah. It emphasized the importance of unity in moon sighting declarations and urged all Muslims to observe Ramadan with increased devotion, charity, and prayers for national peace and prosperity. The meeting also advised against exploitative pricing of essential commodities during Ramadan and urged business owners to show compassion and fairness in their transactions.
  
- 9. Promotion of Ethical and Moral Conduct:** Expressing deep concern over the erosion of Islamic ethical values, the Council called for renewed efforts to promote moral rectitude within the Muslim community. Religious leaders were tasked with intensifying their preaching on honesty, accountability, and justice, as these values are fundamental to societal well-being. The Council also resolved to develop leadership training programs for young Muslims to prepare them for future responsibilities in governance, business, and religious leadership.

## CONCLUSION

The Supreme Council for Shari'ah in Nigeria expresses gratitude to all stakeholders for their commitment to the progress of the Ummah and the nation. It remains resolute in its efforts to promote justice, peace, and the rights of Muslims in Nigeria. May Allah (SWT) guide and strengthen the Ummah in these noble endeavours.

Issued this 26th day of Sha'aban 1446AH (25th February, 2025) at Kaduna.

Sheikh AbdurRasheed Hadiyatullah  
President



Malam Nafi'u Baba Ahmed  
Secretary General

