



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

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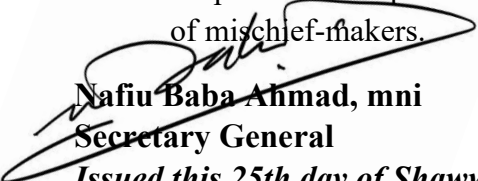
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## PRESS STATEMENT

### DISCLAIMER ON FALSE SOCIAL MEDIA CLAIMS AND POSITION OF THE COUNCIL ON INEC CHAIRMAN

- 1) The attention of the Supreme Council for Shariah in Nigeria (SCSN) has been drawn to a series of misleading and unsubstantiated reports circulating across various social media platforms. These reports, attributed to certain anonymous and unofficial handles, falsely allege that the Council, under the leadership of its President, has directed Muslims to embark on prayers specifically calling for the removal of the Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), and further insinuate that the Council has threatened that elections will not hold if such demands are not met.
- 2) The Council categorically dissociates itself from these claims in their entirety. At no time did the Council issue any directive, statement, or call of such nature. These fabrications are not only false but are clearly intended to mislead the public, create unnecessary tension, and drag the Council into the murky and often divisive waters of partisan political contestation.
- 3) The Supreme Council for Shariah in Nigeria is a reputable religious organization whose mandate is rooted in the promotion of justice, equity, moral rectitude, and the peaceful coexistence of all citizens. The Council operates above partisan interests and has consistently maintained a principled distance from political manipulations and opportunistic narratives that could undermine national stability.
- 4) However, for the avoidance of doubt, the Council reaffirms its earlier position that the INEC Chairman must either resign or be relieved of his duties. This stance is not driven by political bias or sectarian considerations; rather, it is grounded in serious concerns arising from his actions and dispositions, which have demonstrated a clear prejudice against Islam and Muslims, as documented in his widely circulated legal brief. In any rational and just society, such expressed beliefs and sentiments are fundamentally inconsistent with the principles of neutrality, integrity, and patriotism required of a holder of so sensitive a national office.
- 5) The Council therefore urges the general public, particularly members of the Muslim Ummah and the media, to disregard the false narratives being circulated and to rely only on official communications issued through the recognized channels of the Council.
- 6) The Supreme Council for Shariah in Nigeria remains committed to its mission of fostering a just, peaceful, and prosperous society where all citizens are free to practice their religion without fear or discrimination. It will not allow itself to be used as a tool for political manipulation, nor will it be distracted from its core objectives by the antics of mischief-makers.

  
Nafiu Baba Ahmad, mni  
Secretary General

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