

**GOLDEN ADVICE FROM LATE JUSTICE NIKI TOBI.**

"I see from Exhibit EP2/34 the need for Nigerian Judges to maintain a very big distance from politics and politicians. Our Constitution forbids any mingling. As Judges, we must obey the Constitution. The two professions do not meet and will never meet at all in our democracy in the discharge of their functions. While politics as a profession is fully and totally based on partiality, most of the time, judgeship as a profession is fully and totally based on impartiality, the opposite of partiality. Bias is the trademark of politicians. Non-bias is the trademark of the Judge. That again creates a scenario of superlatives in the realm of opposites. Therefore, the expressions, "politician" and "Judge" are opposites, so to say, in their functional contents as above; though not in their ordinary dictionary meaning. Their waters never meet in the same way Rivers Niger and Benue meet at the confluence near Lokoja. If they meet, the victim will be democracy most of the time and that will be bad for sovereign Nigeria. And so, Judges should, on no account, dance to the music played by



politicians because that will destroy their role as independent umpires in the judicial process. Let no Judge flirt with politicians in the performance of their constitutional adjudicatory functions. When I say this, I must also say that I have nothing against politicians. They are our brothers and sisters in our homes. One can hardly find in any Nigerian community or family without them. There cannot be democracy without them, and we need democracy; not despotism, oligarchy and totalitarianism. They are jolly good fellows. The only point I am making is that their professional tools are different from ours and the Nigerian Judge should know this before he finds himself or falls into a mirage where he cannot retrace his steps to administer justice. That type of misfortune can fall on him if the National Judicial Council gets annoyed of his conduct. Ours are not theirs. Theirs are not ours. I will not say more. I will not say less too. So be it."

By Niki Tobi, JSC

*Dear Editor,*  
**ECOWAS Should work for the interest of our people**

**“As long as ECOWAS tolerates institutional coups that allow lifetime presidencies, and fraudulent declaration of election results, manipulation of judicial announcements there will always be military coups. And we cannot condemn military coups when we do not condemn those who carry out institutional coups. ECOWAS should work for the interest of our peoples**

**By Georges Weah,  
President of Liberia.**

**Dear Editor,  
Accidental Leaders of accidental Nigeria**

**A**fter 8 years of noise making, talk activity, scheming and political chess playing at the government houses; eating free foods, drinking free wine and the associated wastes, these agents of destabilization will continue as ministers under their Tinubu (no matter how short their tenure may be). You can now see that all that 'bugaring' at the Chatham House, and the Obi must not be president, is all about self and personal quick fix. These opportunists of no mean value care less about Nigeria or Nigerians. Little wonder one of them said that N8,000 is enough for an average Nigerian 'lazy youth' to become a millionaire in one month. It's not their fault, blame you and I who would rather run than wait to ask a 'confiscator', "why are you taking my father's land?" These are truly accidental leaders of an accidental Nigeria.