

## Supreme Court Case: Oni vs Fayemi

### Oni's Lawyer Petitions Fayemi's Lawyer

The lawyer representing Chief Segun Oni in the eligibility case against Fayemi which appeal is before the Supreme Court, Chief Ademuyiwa Adeniyi & Co, has written a petition to the lawyer representing Dr. Kayode Fayemi, R. O. Balogun & Co. Chief Adeniyi complained about the breaking news report in the social media which claimed that the Supreme Court has **“dismissed Engr. Segun Oni Case and affirmed the Court of Appeal Judgement in favour of Dr. Kayode Fayemi”**.

Chief Adeniyi claimed that the case, SC 205/2019 and SC 206/2019 was “heard in open court yesterday (April 2) and judgement reserved for 18th day of April 2019”. Curiously, the social media was awash by noon on Wednesday April 3, 2019 that the Supreme Court had rendered its judgement in favour of Dr. Kayode Fayemi, the incumbent Governor of Ekiti State.

In the petition, Chief Adeniyi had cited two individuals he alleged are agents of Fayemi as the purveyors of the news which hit the social media by 11:30 am on Wednesday April 3, almost 24 hours after the case was heard. He mentioned one Oskase Seyi Ayeleso who posted the news on Ekiti Eleven (E11) Club WhatsApp and one Oluwaseun Famiodu popularly called Ejanafish who posted his own on Ekiti First WhatsApp platform. Investigation revealed that others also posted the news in the social media including one Odebunmi Idowu who made a Facebook posting at 12:33 pm on April 3.

The petition also alleged that similar activity was carried out just before the two previous judgements at the trial and the Appeal courts when the judgements that were eventually rendered were partly reported in the social media just before they were read.

In a show of magnanimity however, Chief Adeniyi said in the petition “It behoves me as counsel to draw the attention of their lordships at the Supreme Court to this development, but I shall refrain from doing so for now. If your client and his social media people/supporters do not cease and desist; I shall ensure that my client harvest all these offensive posts and forward same to the Supreme Court.” So far it is not known if R. O Balogun & Co had responded.

The news indeed generated mixed reaction in Ekiti through the follow-up commentaries in the social media. The pro-Oni camp is quite worried and are expressing deep concern on the impartiality and objectivity of the Supreme Court in this case. On the other hand, the Fayemi camp is already celebrating the victory and are flowing various kites on the “punishment” to mete out on Segun Oni and his lieutenants involved in the legal matter.

Our check revealed that the Supreme Court indeed heard the case on Tuesday April 2nd, 2019 and reserved ruling for April 18th, 2019.

*(See attached)*

# Chief Ademuyiwa Adeniyi & Co.

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RE. APPEALS NO SC.205/2019 & SC.206/2019  
ADEBAYO SEGUN ONI V JOHN KAYODE FAYEMI & 2 ORS.

We continue to be counsel to the appellant (Adebayo Segun Oni) in SC.205/2019 which was heard in open court yesterday and judgment reserved for 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

However, today, various social media platforms known to be sponsored and promoted by supporters of Dr. Kayode Fayemi have, once again started floating and peddling information copied below:

"Breaking News

Supreme Court Dismissed Engr. Segun Oni Case & affirmed the Court of Appeal Judgment in favor of Dr. Fayemi." Oskia Seyi Ayeleso on Ekiti First WhatsApp Platform on 4 April 2019 at 12:30 pm

Oluwaseun Famiodu (popularly called ejanafish) from Ode Ekiti in Gbonyin Local Government of the state also posted the picture below on Ekiti First WhatsApp platform just before Ayeleso posted his own.

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Fayemi.**

Ordinary, I would have counseled my client and his advisers to ignore and or discountenance this, but for the fact that prior to the pronouncement of the

judgment of the Court of Appeal in CA/EK/94/2018 - (the judgment appealed from), this same scenario occurred and indeed, excerpts of the judgment yet to be delivered were posted on social media - only to be taken down shortly before my clients could capture and print.

It behoves me as counsel to draw the attention of their Lordships at the Supreme Court to this development, but I shall refrain from doing so for now. If your client and his social media people/supporters do not cease and desist; I shall ensure that my client harvest all this offensive posts and forward same to the Supreme Court.

I trust you will advise your clients that it is in the interest of all to avoid anything that would remotely impugn the integrity of proceedings at the Supreme Court.

Yours Faithfully,

Chief A.A. Adeniyi





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