

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF BAUCHI STATE OF NIGERIA

IN THE BAUCHI JUDICIAL DIVISION

HOLDEN AT BAUCHI

BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP: HON. JUSTICE N. F JIBRIL (JUDGE).

TODAY THURSDAY THE 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023

BETWEEN:

CASE NO. BA/70<sup>C</sup>/2023

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA.....COMPLAINANT

AND

1. HARUNA ABBAS  
2. SA'AD AMINU BABA } .....DEFENDANTS  
3. AHMAD AHMAD }

*Sani Bala: All Defendants are present and speaks English*

*Haruna Hedima Esq. for the Prosecution (Assistant Chief Legal Officer I. C. P. C)*

*Lydia Solomon Esq. for the Defendants*

### JUDGMENT

The Defendants having pleaded guilty to the offence of Criminal Conspiracy following a plea bargain and sentencing agreement dated the 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 and duly executed by the Prosecution and the Defendants, I hereby convict the Defendants **HARUNA ABBAS, SA'AD AMINU BABA AND AHMAD AHMAD** for the offence of Criminal Conspiracy contrary to Section 26 (6)(1)(c) of the Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Act, 2000. Learned Counsel for the Applicant Haruna Hedima filed a Motion on Notice dated and filed on 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 and the Motion prays for the following.

In the same vein, each of the Defendants pleaded guilty to the offence of Fraudulently obtaining various amounts of money totaling **N8, 040, 000.00 (Eight Million and Forty Thousand Naira)** and shared same among themselves, a felony. Each Defendant is therefore convicted of the offence of fraudulently receiving property, which offence is a felony contrary to section 13 of the Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Act, 2000. This is in line with the powers conferred on me under section 281 (10)(a) of the Bauchi State Administration of Criminal Justice Law, 2022.

Pursuant to section 281 (11)(b) of the law and after listening to both the Prosecution and the Defence Counsel, the sentencing agreement reached by the Prosecution and the Defendants is hereby adopted as the Judgment of this Court with the modification thus:

1. That the Defendants having fully made a refund of the sum of **N8, 040, 000.00** which they have stolen and fraudulently received, are in line with section 68 of the Corrupt Practices, and other Related Offences Act, 2000. Sentenced to **N50, 000.00** fine in lieu of imprisonment.
2. That the Defendants are bound to be of good behavior and shall execute a Separate Bong/Recognizance to that effect at the Registry of this Court in the sum of **N1, 000, 000.00 (One Million Naira)** each which sum shall be forfeited in the event that any or all of them is/are in breach of the terms of the Bond/Recognizance to be of good behavior.

3. That any breach of paragraphs 1 and 2 above shall attract a term of imprisonment not exceeding two years.
4. That the Defendants shall also write a letter of apology to the Federal Government of Nigeria through the I. C. P. C and file a copy of the acknowledgment at the Registry of this Court.

**JUDGMENT DELIVERED BY:  
HONOURABLE JUSTICE N. F. JIBRIL  
THIS 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023**

Prosecution: We are grateful. We are satisfied that Justice has been done by this Court.

Lydia Solomon: We are grateful.

**HONOURABLE JUSTICE N.F. JIBRIL  
THIS 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023**