

DR. OLUKOYA ON THE VERGE OF LOSING CHURCH PRAYER CITY LOCATED IN OGUN STATE

The General Overseer of Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries (MFM), Dr. Daniel Kayode Olukoya is on the brink of losing its church land, MFM Prayer City located in Ogun State along Lagos/Ibadan expressway.

The land on which the church prayer city is, has been a subject of litigation over ownership since 2003 under two different cases with suit number AB/60/2003 and AB/61/2003 with the plaintiffs consisting of Olufemi Oduleye, Alani Oduleye, Chief I. A. Sowemimo and Remi Akojenu holding a case against Sulemonu Adejonlu, Kola Oso, Sunmonu Seideu, Alase Alabi and Sunmonu Onibode and Chief Abayomi Owulade and Chief Gbolahan Timson in the first and second case respectively. Justice A. A. Akinyemi of the Abeokuta High Court eventually ruled the case on The 12th of May and judgment was delivered declaring the Adejonlu family (representing the defendants) as the original owner of the land.

Chief R. O. Sadik, lawyer representing the Adejonlu speaking to SaharaReporters revealed he has severally written to Dr. Olukoya for negotiation and settlement over the land considering the reputation and fame both the Pastor and Church have made for themselves but indications are pointing that the pastor is not ready for discussion and the family is keen on enforcing the court order and take full possession of the land. "We have written to Dr. Olukoya over 10 times and it is like he is not ready for settlement. He set up a committee which was headed by Pastor Alewi to look into the matter and our follow up investigation shows that the report of the committee has got to Dr. Olukoya but we have not heard any positive comment from him, in fact, his body language does not suggest he is ready to pay any money for the land belonging to my client. The last time we contacted the church for dialogue was on 8th of October but Dr. Olukoya was not at the meeting. Presently, we are the practical owner of the land according to the judgment delivered by the court but the Pastor is unlawfully and illegally using it and selling part of it thereby making money off us while we are not getting anything.

Chief Gbolahan Timson (Oba Jagunmolu of Shomolu/Bariga) had much praise for Dr. Olukoya but he was disappointed by his act so far the case has been on. He also revealed that Dr. Olukoya went back on his promise and his inaction is affecting the family members. "The Oduleyes family were so greedy and they were bent on taking over our land. For this reason, they went ahead sue us. We were served the court letter right in the office of Dr. Olukoya and he said good luck to the winner and that he will settle whoever wins the case. He made that statement when the case started 13 years ago. Now that we have won, he decided not to pay us. We explained to him that he has paid the wrong party and he should pay our family who are the real owner of the land but he refused to."

Speaking further he said, "he is not happy with us winning as he is going to pay us more. We gave him the amount he is to pay but he set up a committee to look into the case and the committee raised another figure that is far below the amount we gave him initially. From the information I got, he said he will pay the money twice but as at now he said he is not paying us any money"

"I want to get people to talk to him so as to avoid unnecessary rancor like what is happening now because it is not good for him and his church considering his status. I hope he listens when I eventually meet with him on the matter because we cannot fight a battle for 13 years and still be begging for our right after winning. The court has declared us winner and the order of the court must be obeyed no matter who you are and what you do for a living. Anybody who is against the judgment of the court must be living in animal kingdom and the man must obey the court." He concluded.

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Our Ref: _____

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Date: 1st, July 2016

THE GENERAL OVERSEER,
MOUNTAIN OF FIRE AND MIRACLE MINISTRY,
WORLDWIDE, INTERNATIONAL HEADQUATERS,
13, OLASIMBO STREET, ONIKE,
YABA, LAGOS

Dear Sir,

RE: MAGADA LAND (MFM PRAYER CITY) BELONGING TO THE ADEJONLU FAMILY
BY VIRTUE OF JUDGEMENT OF THE COURT DATED 12TH DAY OF MAY 2016.

We are solicitors acting for ADEJONLU FAMILY herein after called "our client". We have the instructions of our client to write this letter.

Subsequent to the meeting held at the M.F.M (prayer city) on the 30th day of June 2016 between our good self, Pastor Alewi and other principal representatives of your church. We hereby inform you as follows:

- (1) That the portion of our clients land that falls inside the prayer city which the size and identity would be determined by the management of the M.F.M and our client.
- (2) In view of the above our client has put everything into consideration and demands for the sum of **five million naira** per plot as per the number of acreage contained in the said prayer city land that would be agreed upon by both parties amicably.
- (3) Meanwhile we strongly appeal to your highly exalted office to do something so as to give succour to our client as soon as possible which

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has been received by me
Pastor Honorable Peter Obedun
MFM, Prayer City
Admission Officer*

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Date 01/07/16*

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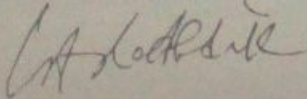
would be part of the negotiation towards achieving amicable settlement of this matter.

- (4) Sir, we most humbly demand for the immediate payment of **forty percent** out of what would be the total amount of money that would be paid to our client.
- (5) As a follow up to our meeting referred to above, we hereby attach relevant documents for your kind perusal.

Thanks for your anticipated co-operation.

Yours Faithfully,

Miss LATEEFAT A. SADIK



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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
OGUN STATE OF NIGERIA
IN THE ABEOKUTA JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT ABEOKUTA

BETWEEN:

SUIT NO: AB/60/2003

OLUFEMI ODULEYE)
ALANI ODULEYE)
CHIEF I.A. SOWEMIMO)
REMI AKOJENU)

PLAINTIFFS

AND

SULEMONU ADEJONLU)
KOLA OSO)
SUNMONU SEIDEU)
ALASE ALABI)
SUNMONU ONIBODE)

DEFENDANTS

AND

SUIT NO: AB/61/2003

OLUFEMI ODULEYE)
ALANI ODULEYE)
CHIEF I.A. SOWEMIMO)
REMI AKOJENU)

PLAINTIFFS

AND

CHIEF ABAYOMI OWULADE)
CHIEF GBOLAHAN TIMSON)

DEFENDANTS

ENROLMENT OF JUDGMENT

UPON the Amended Statement of Claim dated 22nd of January 2014 seeking the following reliefs:

- a. Declaration that the Claimants are entitled to statutory right of occupancy over piece of land situate, lying and being at MAGADA in Owode/Obafemi Local Government Area of Ogun State.

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- b. ₦100, 000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Naira) being damages for trespass committed by the Defendants on the said land.
- c. Injunction restraining the defendants whether by themselves, their agents, servants or privies from committing further act of trespass on the said land in dispute.

And upon the Statement of Defence and Counter Claim dated 20th October, 2006 the Defendants Counter-Claiming for the following reliefs against the Claimants:

1. A Declaration that the ADEJONLU family is the bonafide owner and/or is entitled to the right of occupancy over all that parcel of land lying, being and situate at MAGADA in Obafemi/Owode Local Government Area of Ogun State.
2. A Declaration that the Plaintiffs have no interest whatsoever on the said parcel of land situate at MAGADA in Obafemi/Owode Local Government Area of Ogun State.
3. Possession of the said parcel of land situate at MAGADA in Obafemi/Owode Local Government Area of Ogun State.
4. An Order of Perpetual Injunction restraining the Plaintiffs by themselves, their servants, agents, privies, workmen, thugs or otherwise howsoever from disturbing or in any other way or manner interfering with the rights of ownership and possession of the ADEJONLU family with regards to the said property lying, and situate at MAGADA in Obafemi/Owode Local Government Area of Ogun State.

COMING UP FOR HEARING; Before His Lordship, the Honourable Justice A. A. Akinyemi - Judge sitting at High Court No.5, Isabo Abeokuta on the 12th day of May, 2016 in the presence of Chief A. Fashanu (SAN) of Counsel for the Claimants and Mr. R.O. Sadiq for the Defendants.

AND THE COURT: after hearing the evidence of both parties and their counsel adopting their respective written addresses.

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THEREAFTER GAVE JUDGMENT AS FOLLOWS:

1. A Declaration that the ADEJONLU family are the owners, and are entitled to the right of occupancy over all that piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being at MAGADA in Obafemi/Owode Local Government Area of Ogun State
2. Possession of the said parcel of land situate at MAGADA in Obafemi/Owode Local Government Area of Ogun State .
3. An Order of Perpetual Injunction restraining the claimants by themselves, their servants, agents, privies, workmen, thugs or otherwise, from disturbing or in any other ways or manner, interfering with the right of ownership and possession of the Adejonlu family with regard to the land in dispute, at MAGADA, in Obafemi/Owode Local Government Area of Ogun State.

B. Akinyemi
 A.A. AKINYEMI
 JUDGE.

Cost of N150,000.00 to the defendants/counter-claimants in AB/60/2003 and cost of N50,000.00 to the defendants in AB/61/2003.

ISSUED AT ABEOKUTA: under the SEAL of the Court and the HAND of the Presiding Judge this 12th day of May, 2016

E.A. Bankole
 E.A. BANKOLE
 ASSISTANT CHIEF REGISTRAR.

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High Court
 HIGH COURT REGISTRAR
 ABEOKUTA
 DATE *22/5/16*

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 Asst. Chief Registrar

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