

News Release

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Clarification on the letter written to Hon. Justice Stephen Mubiru

The attention of the Judiciary has been drawn to social media posts about an administrative write up addressed to Justice Stephen Mubiru by the Hon. Principal Judge, which has been misunderstood and misinterpreted.

We clarify that the said letter was as a result of resolutions and recommendations arrived at during the Ninth Quarterly Performance Retreat for Judges of the High Court who head High Court Circuits and Divisions, with members of the Case Backlog Committee, held between November 23 - 24, 2023 which Hon. Justice Stephen Mubiru, Head Commercial Division attended.

One of the resolutions at the Retreat was that the Hon. Principal Judge writes to all Judges with pending backlog judgements and rulings to suspend taking on any new matters until disposal of backlogged judgements with clear time frames for delivery of the pending decisions.

As a result, the write up was issued on the 01st December 2023 to all Judges with cases falling in that category and no specific judicial officer was targeted as it is being interpreted.

We reassure all our stakeholders that the Judiciary is committed to efficiently and effectively administer justice to all in a timely manner in line with the Constitution and the Judicial Code of Conduct, and it is the spirit under which the letter to all concerned judges was issued.

Furthermore, we assure stakeholders including the general public that there is no infighting in the Judiciary. We implore you to remain calm as the Judiciary strives to fulfill its constitutional mandate.

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