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Supreme Court premises closed to allow renovations take place

The Judiciary informs Court users and the general public that the premises of the Supreme Court, the Highest Appellate Court, have been closed to enable renovations and rectifications to be carried out on the building. The decision to close the premises was communicated by the Chief Justice, Alfonse Chigamoy Owiny - Dollo, to the Justices of the Court through an internal memo dated May 30.

The Chief Justice stated that the Judiciary Top Management had decided that the Court premises be closed following a fire outbreak on 27th April, 2022, that gutted part of the Chambers of the Chief Justice. Subsequently there has been water leakages and collapsed ceilings in the Chambers of some Justices which damaged furniture, books, and other Court properties.

In the May 30th communication, the Chief Justice said, “these incidents have made it unsafe to continue in occupation of the said premises without a proper assessment of the damage and effecting appropriate rectification.”

In spite of this setback, the Chief Justice has directed that there will be a Justice on duty who will attend to urgent matters on a daily basis. “The Justice on duty shall operate from the High Court Building, at the Judiciary headquarters,” the memo reads in part. Additionally, the Court’s Registry and the ECCMIS Centre will remain open to handle usual business of the Court.

“Full Court operations shall resume upon issuance of a Certificate by the responsible authorities that the premises are safe for occupation,” the Chief Justice said.

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