



**ONDO STATE GOVERNMENT**  
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Chairman, Ondo State Council of Obas,  
Chairmen, Local Government Chieftaincy Committees,  
All Traditional Rulers in Ondo State.

**LIFTING OF THE SUSPENSION OF APPOINTMENT OF MINOR CHIEFS BY TRADITIONAL RULERS IN ONDO STATE**

Circular Letter Ref No. CD/C.43/5 VOL. XXII/349 dated 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 on the Suspension of Appointment of Minor Chiefs by Traditional Rulers above refers.

I recall that the circular letter was issued based on the observation made at the Security Council meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2017 where the State Government was informed of the various chieftaincy and communal crises that erupted upon the appointment of some Traditional Chiefs in the State, which, in most cases, were done outside the domain of the concerned traditional rulers. This made government to decide that all such appointments be suspended.

Since the issuance of the circular letter, Government has noted that majority of the traditional rulers in the State have called for its withdrawal. Government has also noted that, in recent time, cases of chieftaincy and communal crises have reduced significantly.


In reviewing the policy however, **IT IS EXPEDIENT TO EMPHASIZE THAT TRADITIONAL RULERS SHOULD NOT GO OUTSIDE THEIR DOMAIN TO APPOINT MINOR CHIEFS. NO TRADITIONAL RULER SHOULD ALSO APPOINT ANY CHIEF IN ANY DISPUTED AREA.** There is also the need for paramount traditional rulers to exercise caution in the appointment and removal of minor chiefs, that could threaten the peace and security of their communities. Installation ceremonies should also be carried out in peaceful and orderly manners.

In anticipation that all the above directives would be strictly followed, the State Government hereby withdraws Circular Letter Ref No. CD/C.43/5VOL. XXII/349. dated 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 and Circular Letter Ref No. CD/C.43/5VOL.IX/275. dated 8<sup>th</sup> January,



2018. By this circular letter, the suspension of Appointment of Minor Chiefs by Traditional Rulers in Ondo State is hereby lifted.

Thank you.

  
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Hon. Ifedayo Abegunde  
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