THE INCORPORATED TRUSTEES OF PARADIGM INITIATIVE FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT V. EXECUTIVE VICE CHAIRMAN, NIGERIAN COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION & 1 OTHER

- This can be nicknamed the '21 Websites' Case
- This case was brought on a power granted in the [Freedom of Information Act](). We had earlier written a Freedom of Information request to the Nigeria Communications Commission (NCC) on the 10th day of November 2017
- In the letter, we made a request for information regarding the NCC's actions towards blocking or restricting the domain of certain websites. We asked what websites were/would be affected. We inquired about the criteria employed in covertly selecting the websites to be blocked and what legal provisions were informing this decision.
- The Action was instituted on the 21st December 2017 in the Federal High Court, Abuja Division.
- The Application was heard on the 13th February 2018 and Leave was granted. The case was adjourned to 28th February 2018 for the hearing of Motion of Notice.
- On the 28th February 2018, the court did not sit and the case was adjourned to 25th April 2018
- On March 12 2018, PIN received a letter 'without prejudice' for amicable settlement from the NCC and on the 11th of April 2018, PIN received NCC's Motion for Extension of Time within which to enter appearance.
- The matter was supposed to be heard in June but the day it was slated for was also the day the new Chief Judge was to be sworn in. The custom is that no court sits and all the judges attend the swearing-in so lawyers hardly make any appearances in such scenarios. However, we got news that the particular judge sat on that day and struck out our matter.
- The Records of Proceedings revealed that neither Paradigm Initiative nor NCC showed up and the judge did really strike out the matter for lack of diligent prosecution.
- The matter has been struck out and there is a 95% chance that relisting the case or starting denovo will result in a waste of time and resources. We, therefore, decided not to move forward with it.

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