

25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2020

**CIRCULAR**

**ALL JUDGES OF HIGH COURT**

**THE CHIEF KADHI/DEP. CHIEF KADHI/APPELLATE KADHI**

**THE CHIEF COURT ADMINISTRATOR**

**THE REGISTRAR/DEPUTY REGISTRARS**

**ALL MAGISTRATES**

**ALL KADHIS**

**ALL JUDICIARY STAFF**

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONTINGENCY MEASURE TO PREVENT AND MITIGATE  
THE SPREAD OF CORONA VIRUS (COVID - 19) BY THE JUDICIARY**

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In line with the directive issued by the Government of Zanzibar on the 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 on the prevention and mitigation of Covid – 19 (Coronavirus) in Zanzibar, I hereby issue the following guidelines for the operations of all courts in Zanzibar.

1. All Court hearings are hereby suspended for the period of 30 days with effect from 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 to 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2020. For cases at the stage of submissions the respective courts may advise the counsel/parties to file written submissions.
2. Court will continue to handle certificate of urgency and taking plea for serious cases and bail applications. Only the applicant and his/her lawyer or in the case of bail application, the sureties will be allowed in court.

3. For bailable offence cases Judges and Magistrates are encouraged to grant bail on affordable and reasonable conditions in order to reduce the populations in the Chuo cha Mafunzo in this period.
4. During this time, all judiciary officers and staff will continue being on duty. However, there will be no open court appearance. Judicial officers with pending judgments and ruling shall use this period to complete them.
5. In addition to the above guidelines, sanitizers and other preventive measures have been already put in place.

These guidelines may be revised from time to time in accordance with the Government directive.



**OMAR O. MAKUNGU**  
**CHIEF JUSTICE.**