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**PRESS RELEASE**

**HALT TO FURTHER ANOMALIES IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

CISLAC like most Nigerians remain dismayed and in shock with the unpleasant attitude of Madam Speaker and some legislators who have turned the House of Representatives into a boxing arena and mock our democracy.

The recent collapsed and death of a House Member, Dr. Aminu Safana, during the heated chaos in the Chamber has brought sadness to the whole country over the crisis on renovation scandal involving Madam Speaker.

CISLAC sees the act of the Speaker and her supporters as an act of parliamentary irresponsibility, abuse of trust and should spare Nigerians from further death, pain and embarrassment by resigning her position as Speaker since she is no longer capable of earning respect of her colleagues and incapable to provide a transparent and accountable leadership.

If Madam Speaker, her supporters and PDP have listened to CISLAC's advice and other well meaning Nigerians, this situation would have been avoided. We repeat that Madam Speaker's insistence to preside over her case is a clear indication that she affirms the Committee's finding which indicts her for not following due process was never followed in the whole contract issue. This explains why she wants to manipulate the debate to favour her.

There were precedents in the National Assembly on similar issue involving the two former Senate Presidents, when the matter came up in the Chamber they had to step aside. Also the present Senate President, Senator David Mark also volunteered to step aside for further investigation on an allegation against him.

The legislators should focus and do the work which the electorate voted them for, which is simply to make law for good governance, exercise oversight functions to ensure compliance by the executive and perform constituency relation with electorate for legislative accountability.

CISLAC calls on those respected lawmakers to rise up to restore and maintain the integrity and unity of the House of Representatives.

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