The Search for Terrorists
A Case Study of the Council of Ulama of Nigeria

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In keeping with the objectives of this pro-active essay, and in the light of the danger that the Council of Ulama of Nigeria constitutes to peaceful coexistence, life, property, and development, urgent action is needed before we witness another ethnic or religious conflagration in this country. Therefore, as a matter of urgency:

- The Council of Ulama of Nigeria is under moral obligation to demonstrate satisfactorily to Nigerians, and indeed to the whole world, precisely why it should not be listed among terrorist groups and treated accordingly.
- God-fearing and peace-loving Muslims in Nigeria should condemn and distance themselves from the Council of Ulama of Nigeria.
- The Inspector-General of Police, should
  i. ascertain the membership of the Council of Ulama of Nigeria,
  ii. interrogate every member over the seven traits identified herein,
  iii. publish the names of the members of the Council in the interest of transparency and accountability, and
  iv. commence prosecution of members deserving such an action.
- The Corporate Affairs Commission should determine whether the statements credited to the Council of Ulama of Nigeria are compatible with the status of registerable organizations in Nigeria.
- President Olusegun Obasanjo should take firm action against the Council of Ulama.
- Nigerians should remain vigilant, expose, and cut the Council of Ulama’s financial conduits to its agents and surrogates in Nigeria.
- All friends of Nigeria, be they individuals, organisations, or countries, are hereby implored to demonstrate their solidarity with the Nigerian people
  i. by keeping an eye on the council of Ulama’s international covert moves, and
  ii. by tracing and cutting the Council of Ulama’s financial tentacles world-wide.

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