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<td>Ahmadu Bello University</td>
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<td>CAN</td>
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<td>CC</td>
<td><em>Christian Courier</em> (Canadian bi-weekly)</td>
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<td>CRC</td>
<td>Christian Reformed Church</td>
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<td>GTFK</td>
<td><em>Gaskiya Ta Fi Kwabo</em> (Hausa newspaper)</td>
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<tr>
<td>ICS</td>
<td>Institute for Church and Society</td>
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<td>IMF</td>
<td>International Monetary Fund</td>
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<td>Islamic Religious Knowledge</td>
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<td>Jama’atul Nasril Islam</td>
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<td>MSS</td>
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<td>NC</td>
<td><em>National Concord</em></td>
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<td>Northern Element Progressive Union</td>
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OIC: Organisation of Islamic Conference
OPEC: Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
SCIA: Supreme Council of Islamic Affairs
SCSN: Supreme Council for Sharia in Nigeria
SSS: State Security Services
TC: Today’s Challenge
TCNN: Theological College of Northern Nigeria
TD: ThisDay
TEKAN: Tarayyar Ekklisiyoyin Kristi a Nigeria
(Fellowship of the Churches of Christ in Nigeria)
VS: Vancouver Sun
WB: World Bank
WT: Weekly Trust
9/11: Attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001

Foreign Words

Almajirai: Pupils of Qur’anic schools (Hausa)
Hajj: Pilgrimage (Arabic)
Hijab: Approved women’s garb (Arabic)
Hijira: Migration of Prophet to Medina (Hausa, Arabic)
Imam: Leader of mosque (Arabic)
Jihad: Holy War (Arabic)
Mea culpa: My fault (Latin)
Sharia: Muslim law (Arabic)
Umma: Muslim community (Arabic)