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ABBREVIATIONS

ABU	Ahmadu Bello University
CAN	Christian Association of Nigeria
CC	<i>Christian Courier</i> (Canadian bi-weekly)
CRC	Christian Reformed Church
GTFK	<i>Gaskiya Ta Fi Kwabo</i> (Hausa newspaper)
ICS	Institute for Church and Society
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IRK	Islamic Religious Knowledge
JNI	Jama'atul Nasril Islam
MSS	Muslim Students Society
NACOMYO	National Council of Muslim Youth Organisations
NC	<i>National Concord</i>
NEPA	Nigerian Electrical Power Authority
NEPU	Northern Element Progressive Union
NIPSS	National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies
NIREC	Nigeria Inter-Religious Council
NN	<i>New Nigerian</i>
NPC	Northern People's Congress
NPN	National Party of Nigeria
NS	<i>Nigeria Standard</i>
NTA	Nigerian Television Authority
NYSC	National Youth Service Corps

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	<i>Today's Challenge</i>
TCNN	Theological College of Northern Nigeria
TD	<i>ThisDay</i>
TEKAN	Tarayyar Ekklisiyoyin Kristi a Nigeria (Fellowship of the Churches of Christ in Nigeria)
VS	<i>Vancouver Sun</i>
WB	World Bank
WT	<i>Weekly Trust</i>
9/11	Attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001

FOREIGN WORDS

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