

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY,  
IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION,  
HOLDEN AT COURT NO. 7 APO, ABUJA.  
BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP: HON. JUSTICE O. A. MUSA.**

**SUIT NO. FCT/HC/BW/PET/6/2021**

**BETWEEN:**

DR. (MRS.) ELIZABETH SABO ..... PETITIONER

**AND**

DR. JOHN SABO ..... RESPONDENT

**JUDGMENT**

**DELIVERED ON 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2022**

The petitioner Dr. (Mrs. ) Elizabeth sabo petitions the court for decree of dissolution of marriage between her and the Respondent Dr. john sabo on the ground that the marriage has broken down irretrievably in that since the marriage the Respondent has behaved in such a way that the petitioner cannot be expected to live with the Respondent. It is dated 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 and filed 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

The petitioner in her petition seeks the court for the following orders:-

- a. A decree of dissolution of marriage on the ground that since the marriage:

- i. The Respondent has exhibited acts of cruelty , and the Petitioner finds it intolerable to live with the Respondent;
  - ii. That since the marriage, the Respondent has behaved in such a way that the petitioner cannot reasonably be expected to live with the respondent.
  - iii. Extreme uncontrollable anger associated with beatings from the respondent.
  - iv. Substance abuse both in terms of depending on alcohol to sleep at night and lexotan as another extreme method to sleep which he administers himself.
  - v. Unhealthy lifestyle resulting in hypertension, stemming from alcohol consumption, smoking and late night lifestyle. The respondent cares less that the children go to bed most nights without seeing him.
  - vi. The nonchalant attitude of the Respondent towards the psychological and emotional well-being of the children when he indiscriminately beats their mother. The respondent sometime strips naked the petitioner in the presence of the children, there occasions when the respondent beats up the petitioner while she is breastfeeding.
- b. Custody of the two children of the marriage namely Sophia Wundoidi Sabo, Female, born on 5<sup>th</sup> February,

2008 (12 years old), and Emily-Michelle Sabo, Female, born 20<sup>th</sup> August , 2009 (11years old) now living with the petitioner, till they reach the age of maturity to take their own decisions.

- c. The respondent be ordered to contribute to the upkeep and maintenance of the two children at a monthly value of N50,000 (Fifty Thousand Naira) per child subject to review given the economic situation.
- d. The respondent be ordered to continue paying the school fees of the two (2) children.
- e. An order granting the respondent the permission to visit the children of the marriage at reasonable hours of the day during weekends, prior reasonable notice of such visits being given to the petitioner.

It is supported by a four (4) paragraphs verifying affidavit sworn to by the petitioner herself Dr. (Mrs.) Elizabeth Sabo. Attached also are Certificate Relating to Reconciliation, Acknowledgment of Service, Certificate of Marriage and Medical Reports.

On the other hand, the Respondent filed answer to the petition and cross petition dated and filed 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021 and upon the hearing of the petition, both parties agreed on the dissolution of the marriage.

Having carefully perused the evidence of both the petitioner and the Respondent in this petition, the respondent did not contested the petitioner's prayers for the dissolution of their marriage in view of their staying apart for the continue period of (11 years) and no conjugal relationship that took place within that period. Also there is no longer love between the parties.

In that respect therefore, and based upon the facts, stated in the said petition, which is never contested; I hereby hold that the marriage between the parties that is, the petitioner and the Respondent Dr. John Ezeuhwe Sabo and Dr Elizabeth Wunuke Ajiduku which was conducted and celebrated in the marriage registry (AMAC) Abuja on the 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2007 has broken down irretrievably and cannot be revived is hereby dissolved accordingly. Both parties are free to go on his or her own way without any hindrance or molestation forthwith dated 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2022.

On the issue of custody of the two children of the marriage that is:-

1. Sophia Wundoidi Sabo born 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2008
2. Emily-Michelle Sabo born 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2009

It will be decided upon by next adjourned date. I so hold.

**APPEARANCE:**

Owobu Goddy, Esq. with me Tarry Salami, Esq. and Irene Ominche (IFWL) Esq. for the petitioner

G. A. Idiagbonya, Esq. with me L. J. Ashaku, Esq. for the Respondent

Sign  
Hon. Judge  
24/01/2022