

The Supreme Court of the Gambia on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021, commenced public hearing of the 2021 presidential election petition filed by the United Democratic Party.

The Coram of The Supreme Court is as follows:

1. Hon. Justice H.B. Jallow , Chief Justice
2. Hon. Justice C.S. Jallow (JSC);
3. Hon. Justice M.M.Y. Sey (JSC);
4. Hon. Justice A. Bah (JSC) and
5. Hon. Justice E.F. Mbai (JSC)

The Hon. Chief Justice was the presiding judge.

The petition filed by the United National Party seeks to annul 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021 presidential election which declared the 1<sup>st</sup> Respondent (Adama Barrow) as the winner and president elect.

The Court had earlier granted leave for the Independent Electoral Commission (I.E.C) to be joined in the suit as a party pursuant to an ex-parte motion filed by the Petitioner (UDP).

During the day's hearing, the Supreme Court ordered the service of the court processes on the Attorney General for him to address the court on issues of law. The Court also ordered that the Respondents should file their replies to the petition on or before the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December 2021.

The learned counsels for all the parties were also ordered to attend a status conference to be held at the Chambers of His Lordship the Hon. Chief Justice on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 1pm with a view to draw a road map as the timeline for the management of the case and to also discuss other related matters relevant to the timely disposal of the case.

Accordingly, the court adjourned the matter to Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021 for the hearing of the motion filed by counsel for the 1<sup>st</sup> Respondent. The said Motion filed is seeking the court to dismiss the petition on grounds of constitutionality.

The matter is adjourned to Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021 at 10am for the hearing of the 1<sup>st</sup> Respondent's motion dated 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021.