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7. National Industrial Court Act (First Amendment) Bill, 2014 (HB. 666) (*Hon. Emmanuel Jime*) — *First Reading*.

8. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2014 (HB. 667) (*Hon. Friday Itulah*) — *First Reading*.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. Return of Looted Benin Artifacts to the Oba of Benin by Dr Mark Walker, a British Citizen:

Hon. Samson Osagie
Hon. Ben Nwankwo
Hon. Razaq Bello-Osagie
Hon. Isaac N. Osahon
Hon. Emmanuel Jime
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Hon. Eddie Mbadiwe
Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso
Hon. Toby Okechukwu
Hon. Kamil Akinlabi M.
Hon. James A. Faleke
Hon. Ali Ahmad

The House:

Notes the rare gesture of Dr Mark Walker, a British citizen who, on June 20, 2014, returned to His Royal Majesty, Omo Noba N'edo Uku Akpolokpolo, Oba Erediauwa I, CFR, the Oba of Benin, two (2) artifacts namely, a beaked bird and a royal bell, which were among the precious artifacts looted from the Palace of the Oba of Benin during the punitive expedition/invasion of Benin in 1897 by British soldiers led by Captain Philip Walker, the grandfather of Dr Mark Walker;

Also notes that many bronzes and ivory artifacts of Benin kingdom were looted during the expedition/invasion, partly to defray the cost the military action by the British Government against Benin Kingdom to avenge the death of some trade missionaries;

Recalls that the military action by the British soldiers led by Captain Philip Walker resulted into the killing of thousands of Benin people, the deportation of Oba Ovonranmwen to Calabar and the desecration of the royal palace, incidents that underlie the socio-cultural and economic significance of the looted artifacts to the Benin people, even till date;

Aware that among the celebrated artifacts that were looted by the soldiers was the original mask head of Queen Idia which, in 1977, was used as the official symbol of the Festival of Arts and Culture (FESTAC) and it has remained, among others, in the British Museum till date;

Cognizant that the Oba of Benin, the Government and people of Nigeria have repeatedly requested the British Government and all other people in whose possessions any of those great works of art are being kept to return them as those artifacts are part of the heritage of the Benis and define them as a people;

Appreciates the gesture of Dr Mark Walker who, upon realizing that those artifacts were taken from Benin Kingdom by his grandfather, made painstaking inquiries from the Richard Lander Society about their origin which signals the possibility of the retrieval of all other looted artifacts from Benin Kingdom by the British and all other persons or authorities concerned;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Congratulate the Government and people of Nigeria, particularly the Oba of Benin on the return of two of the many looted Benin artifacts by a courageous and humane British citizen, Dr Mark Walker;

(*ii*) appreciate Dr Walker for showing exemplary strength of Character by his action;

(*iii*) call on the British Parliament to heed the repeated calls for the return of the artifacts looted from Nigeria;

(*iv*) communicate this resolution to the following:

(*a*) the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

(*b*) the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

(*c*) His Royal Majesty, Omo Noba N'edo Uku Akpolokpolo, Oba Erediauwa1, CFR, Oba of Benin;

(*d*) the Prime Minister of Britain;

(*e*) the Speaker of the Parliament of Britain; and

(*f*) Dr Mark Walker.

2. Need for a Community Based Approach as Part of the Counter Insurgency Campaign and Provision of Food and Relief Materials over 650,000 Internally Displaced Persons in the North-East Geopolitical Zone of the Country:
Hon. K. Kyari Gujbawu:

The House:

Notes the heightened bomb attacks across the country in the last couple of days, especially in Abuja, Bauchi, Kaduna, Kano, and Maiduguri Monday Market which, all together have claimed more than 100 innocent lives and left hundreds injured;

Further notes that these incessant bombings have left Nigerians in despair as innocent lives are being needlessly wasted, while properties and means of livelihood are also being destroyed;

Aware that the greatest challenge being faced by the security operatives in the counter insurgency campaign is the difficulty in instant identification of the insurgents who are living among the civilian population;

Cognizant of the effective collaboration between the Youths of Maiduguri and Nigerian Soldiers which resulted in the arrest of insurgents in Maiduguri;

Informed that the lesson learnt in the successful Maiduguri model is the indispensability of co-opting the community in the fight against insurgency for immediate and meaningful results;

Recalls the wanton destruction of the Local Government Headquarters of Baga, Bama, Mafa, Konduga, Benisheikh, Gombaru Ngala as well as the towns of Izge, Ngoshe, Barawa, Njim-Tilo, Kawuri, Kayamla, Akana, etc. all in the North-Eastern State of Borno, in the last 6 months;

Disturbed that hundreds of thousands of survivors of these wanton attacks are fleeing to the relatively safer city of Maiduguri;

Further disturbed about the Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), that there are currently about 650,000 internally displaced persons in the North-East of Nigeria, arising from the fact that over 80 percent of insurgents' attacks and threats take place in Borno State;

Worried that an impending humanitarian crises is looming over the city of Maiduguri with the addition of over half a million internally displaced persons to its already dense population of nearly 2 million, considering the near comatose socio-economic situation in the city;

Further worried that the nation could face massive food shortages as these communities that had been destroyed comprised basically a farming population who contribute to the food security of the country;

Concerned that the distribution of relief materials by the Federal Government to the affected towns was grossly abused by the personnel in charge of the operation, as more than half of the aid did not reach the displaced persons for whom it was meant;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the National Security Adviser (NSA), the Chief of Defense Staff (CDS) and all relevant Security Agencies to consider the option of integrating the youths in the counter insurgency campaign to achieve more effective results;

(*ii*) also urge the Federal Government to quicken the Community Based Approach in the counter insurgency campaign, particularly as it relates to enlightenment, empowerment and integration of the socially and economically excluded large segment of the youth population;

(*iii*) further urge the Ministry of Special Duties, in collaboration with the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), to extend relief materials, food stuffs, infrastructure and services to the over 650,000 internally displaced persons and the 2 million distressed Nigerian citizens presently resident in Maiduguri;

(*iv*) again urge the Ministry of Health to set up Primary Health Care Centers in the city via the Intervention Fund;

(*v*) call on the Federal Government's SURE-P office to include special humanitarian intervention programmes for the North East in the 2014 and subsequent programmes, particularly in the area of employment opportunities for the jobless youths and women;

(*vi*) also call on the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and other relevant government agencies to conduct an in-depth study to produce a statistics of the victims of the insurgency, particularly the orphans and the widows, with a view to coming up with a comprehensive framework to bring relief and reintegrate them into the society.

BILLS

3. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Prevention, Treatment and Control of Cancer in Nigeria and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 730) (*Hon. Bassey Dan-Abia*) — *Second Reading*.

4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Labour Act, Cap. L1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide a Timeframe for the Regulation of Casual or Temporary Employment to Permanent Status by all Employers of Labour in Nigeria and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 605) (*Hon. Emmanuel Jime*) — *Second Reading*.

5. A Bill for an Act to Impose Limits on the Extent to which Civil Liability for Breach of Contract or for Negligence or Other Breach of Duty, can be avoided by means of Contract Terms and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 733) (*Hon. Robinson Uwak*) — *Second Reading*.

6. A Bill for an Act to Repeal and Re-Enact the Public Complaints Commission Act, to provide wider powers to inquire into complaints by members of the public concerning the Administrative actions of any Public Authority and Companies or their Officials and for Other Matters Ancillary Thereto (HB. 719) (*Hon. Uzo Azubuike*) — *Second Reading*.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

7. A Bill for an Act to Facilitate Electronic Transaction in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 3) (*Committee of the Whole*: 30/11/2011).

8. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Air Force Institute of Technology, Kaduna to give Technical Training to Personnel of the Nigerian Air Force, Other Services of the Armed Forces of Nigeria and Other African Countries; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 127) (*Committee of the Whole*: 9/5/2012.

9. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report on the Petition by Inspector Simon Anyanwu*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Inspector Simon Anyanwu against the Nigeria Police on alleged wrongful accusation and dismissal from service and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 22/5/2013):

Urge the Nigeria Police to reverse the dismissal of the Petitioner and convert same to retirement with all his entitlements, salary arrears, allowances, gratuity and pension paid.

10. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report on the Petition by Usaini Garba Yakasai*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Usaini Garba Yakasai against the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) on alleged termination of his appointment and approve the recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 21/5/2014):

That the termination of the services of the petitioner, Usaini Garba Yakassai by the respondent, the Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) be upheld.

11. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report on the Petition by Adamu El-Sabo*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Adamu El-Sabo against the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation on alleged wrongful termination of appointment and approve the recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 29/10/2013):

That in line with the recommendation of the 11-man Committee on Protest from Former Staff Disengaged in December 2004, the Committee recommends that the House do urge the Management of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) to review the case of the petitioner.

12. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report on the Petition by Toluwase Abejirin*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by ToluwaseAbejirin against Dr Samuel John Agbogun (MD/CEO), Nigeria Electricity Liability Management Company Ltd (NELMCO) on alleged victimization in the work place and approve the recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 29/10/2013):

That the House do disregard the petitioner's claims, while also directing him to submit all his credentials to the organization for proper documentation.