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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 23 June, 2015

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PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK/AGENDA

Presentation of the Draft Legislative Framework/Agenda of the House of Representatives of the 8th National Assembly (*Hon. Yakubu Dogara*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. **Urgent Need for Federal Government's Intervention in the continuous loss of Human Lives and destruction of Properties within Safana/Batsari/Dan-Musa Federal Constituency of Katsina State due to the activities of Armed Robbers and Invaders:**

Hon. Ahmed Dayyabu Safana:

The House:

Notes with dismay the continuous and sustained attacks on Communities within Safana/Batsari/Dan-Musa Federal Constituency of Katsina State by armed robbers. bandits and invaders which have become almost a daily occurrence;

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Also notes that the magnitude of the mayhem being unleashed by these men of the underworld on natives of Safana/Batsari/Dan-Musa Federal Constituency has assumed a dangerous trend as the hoodlums, not only kill and dispossess their victims of their properties, but also maim their wives and daughters in their presence, while they are made to watch helplessly;

Worried that across the various wards in Safana/Batsari/Dan-Musa Federal Constituency of Katsina State, enormous casualties have been recorded, including over 283 lives lost; 10,000 cows, 30,000 sheep/rams, and 20,000 goats killed, while over 9,000 persons have been adversely affected economically;

Concerned that owing to the incessant robbery attacks, some of the inhabitants of the areas, almost on daily basis, are now taking refuge in nearby bushes/trees for fear of the recurrent attacks by these criminal elements who carry out these atrocities with impunity;

Also worried that despite persistent cries from the natives, nothing has been done by the Federal Government to contain these heinous crimes against the people of Safana/Batsari/Dan-Musa Federal Constituency, thereby leaving the people, whose basic means of livelihood is cattle rearing and farming, to live in fear, hardship and great suffering;

Also concerned that these incessant and gruesome attacks by the robbers and invaders have brought the economic and commercial activities of Safana/Batsari/Dan-Musa Federal Constituency to a halt;

Cognizant that the fundamental duty of any government is the preservation of lives and properties of its citizens by being responsive in curbing the menace and atrocities of the kind enumerated above;

Aware that it is the constitutional responsibility of this hallowed Chamber to take action whenever such brutal attacks are perpetrated on any community;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Inspector General of Police (IGP) to crack down on the activities of these criminal elements by carrying out a systematic operation with the Kastina State Police Command in the affected areas of Safana/Batsari/Dan-Musa Federal Constituency of Katsina State;

(*ii*) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently provide relief materials to the affected victims so as to ameliorate their sufferings.

2. Need to Commend Honourable Members for Facilitating a Rancour-free-Election of the Hon. Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives of the 8th Assembly and also Salute the Hon. Speaker for being Magnanimous in Victory:
Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

The House:

Notes that the tenure of the 7th Assembly of the House of Representatives ended on 6th June, 2015;

Also notes that the 8th Assembly was inaugurated on Tuesday, 9 June, 2015, following which, Rt Hon. Yakubu Dogara and Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun were elected as Speaker and Deputy Speaker respectively, to run the affairs of the House;

Recalls the tension and uncertainties which preceded the elections of the Hon. Speaker and Deputy Speaker, on 9 June, 2015, in view of the determination of Members to assert the independence of the Legislature, as was the case in the 7th Assembly;

Relieved that the Hon. Speaker and Deputy Speaker were eventually nominated and freely voted for without rancour;

Acknowledges the spirit of sportsmanship of the Hon. Members who vied for the offices of Speaker and Deputy Speaker, respectively, but lost;

Also acknowledges the magnanimous disposition of the Speaker, Rt Hon. Yakubu Dogara, in victory;

Aware that the Speaker had, in various fora, especially during courtesy visits to him by various State caucuses, emphasized the need for a united House that would ensure its stability;

Also aware that the Speaker had publicly stated that he will carry every Member along and that every Member, indeed would be given opportunity to maximally contribute towards the success of the 8th Assembly, according to his/her ability;

Believes that even though the elections which were concluded on Tuesday, 9 June, 2015 were collective responsibilities, however honour must be given to all facilitators of those elections from the 6 geopolitical zones of the country;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Commend all Members, irrespective of political party affiliations, including all former States and Zonal Caucus Leaders and the present Members of the States Strategic Groups for their positive contributions towards the success of those elections;

(*ii*) also commend the spirit of sportsmanship of those Members who lost in the elections.