SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 28th July, 2015

1. **Prayers**
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. The State of Disrepair and Total Collapse of the Ikot Ekpene – Itu – Calabar Federal Highway
Sen. Bassey Albert Akpan *(Akwa Ibom North East)*

Co-Sponsors:

Sen Godswill Akpabio	Sen. Nelson A. Effiong	Sen. Rose Okoji Oko
Sen. Gershom H. Bassey	Sen. John O. Enoh	

The Senate;

Notes with serious concern the dilapidated state and total collapse of the Ikot Ekpene – Itu – calabar federal road;

Notes that the road which was constructed in 1977 is the only access road to other parts of the country including the North, South, west and the East and the only connecting access to the east - west road;

Observes that the collapse of this road has virtually cut off the State from other states of the federation, with attendant negative impact on trade and commerce especially as it is the only route where all goods imported through the Calabar port get to other parts of the country;

Observes that the collapse and total state of disrepair of the road has affected negatively economic activities, movement of agricultural produce and construction materials within and outside the state;

Observes that the life cycle of this road has expired and further and continuous heavy vehicular movement on the road coupled with years of neglect by relevant government agencies have accelerated the collapse of the road with about 60sq kilometer portion washed away (pix attached);

Aware that Akwa Ibom State Government has intervened remedially at the gully erosion portion of the Akwa Ibom State axis to ameliorate the sufferings of the people;

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Concerned that with the current state of affairs of this important road, urgent steps must be taken to arrest the dangerous situation and avert a likelihood of a total disconnection of both states; Akwa Ibom and Cross River states from the rest of the country as this remain the only access route;

Worried that the depth, threat and effects of the gully erosion and median landslide measuring about 60sq kilometers calls for urgent and immediate government attention to safeguard the lives and property of the people Akwa Ibom state;

Accordingly resolves to;

Urge the federal government and its relevant agencies to urgently undertake an ecological intervention on the Ikot Ekpene - Itu - Calabar federal highway to arrest the monumental loss of lives and properties which has painfully become a recurring decimal on the road.

2. Landslide in Parts of Isuikwuato (Isu 3) and Arochukwu Local Government areas in Abia North Senatorial Zone, Abia State and other Areas within the country where gully erosion is prevalent.
Sen. Mao Ohuabunwa *(Abia North)*

Co-Sponsors:

Sen.Theodore Orji	Sen Enyinnaya Abaribe	Sen Andy E. Uba
Sen Samuel Anyanwu	Sen Uche Ekwunife	Sen Olaka J. Nwaogu
Sen. Clifford A. Ordia	Sen. Matthew Urhoghide	Sen. Bala Ibn Nallah
Sen. Dino Melaye	Sen. Athan Nneji	Sen. Barau Jibrin
Sen. Abu Kyeri	Sen. Phillip Aduda	Sen. George Sekibo

The Senate;

Notes that on Saturday, 12th June, 2015, landslides occurred in Isuikwuato and Arochukwu local government areas, both in Abia North Senatorial Zone of Abia State;

Also notes that the landslides were as a result of denudation and torrential down pour in the two communities;

Aware that the major roads connecting the communities to neighbouring towns which had been in deplorable state thereby cutting off and making it impossible for commuters to gain access to their homes; and other states as these L.G.A's are border towns to Akwa Ibom, Ebonyi and Enugu States;

Also aware that economic and commercial activities were nipped in the bud while farmers were unable to transport their produce to nearby markets;

Concerned that as a result of the rain the inhabitants of the communities have been rendered homeless and property worth millions of naira destroyed;

Perturbed that the victims have migrated to neighbouring communities to seek refuge, thereby exposing them to untold hardships, poverty and socio economic hazards;

Accordingly resolves to:

i. Set up an Ad-Hoc Committee to visit the communities to commiserate with them over the flood disaster.

ii. Urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently send relief materials to victims.

iii. Urge the Federal Emergency Road Management Agency (FERMA) to take palliative measures on the affected roads to enable the inhabitants gain access to their homes.

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iv. Further urge the Federal Ministry of Works to re-award the contract for the construction of Arochukwu –Ohafia and Isuikwuato roads.

v. Urge the ministry of Environment to as a matter of urgency take proper study of all gully erosion areas in the country.

3. Immediate rehabilitation of the Kano - Gwarzo - Dayi Federal Highway.
Senator Barau I. Jibrin, *(Kano North)*.

The Senate;

Notes that the Kano/Gwarzo/Dayi federal highway that links Kano and Katsina states and also leads to other states in the North – West and North – East is at the moment in a very deplorable state;

Concerned that the state of this vital road has begun to adversely affect the social and economic activities of the people of the two states which the road directly links together;

Worried that the numerous potholes and other dangerous failed portions of the road are now heavily infested with violent criminals who, on daily basis, lay in ambush to attack, maim, dispossess and even kill innocent commuters;

Also worried that if urgent steps are not taken to rehabilitate and/or reconstruct the road, the rate of brazen acts of criminality and hooliganism would continue to increase and the security and safety of our citizens would continue to be on grave jeopardy;

Further concerned that the social and economic well-being of the people would continue to remain imperiled with any further delay in rehabilitating and/or reconstructing the road.

Resolves to;

i. Urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Federal Road Maintenance Agency, FERMA, to urgently rehabilitate and where necessary, reconstruct all failed portions of the Kano/Gwarzo/Dayi federal highway without further delay;

ii. Implore the Nigerian Police and the Army to intensify their daily patrols on the road to confront and subdue the criminals; and

iii. Call on the Senate Committee on Works when constituted, to closely monitor the implementation of the resolution of the Senate in respect of the Kano - Gwarzo - Dayi federal highway.

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