SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 29th July, 2015

1. **Prayers**
2. **Approval of the Votes and Proceedings**
3. **Oaths**
4. **Announcements (if any)**
5. **Petitions**

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. Establishment of Presidential Intervention Committee on the Rehabilitation of North East Zone.
Sen. George Thompson Sekibo, CON *(Rivers East)*

Co-sponsors:

Sen. Ike Ekweremadu	Sen. Ali Ndume	Sen. Bala Ibn Na'Allah
Sen. Philip T. Aduda, MFR	Sen. Emmanuel Bwacha, CON	Sen. Binta Masi Garba
Sen. Aliyu Sabi Abdullahi	Sen. Abdulazeez Murtala Nyako	Sen. Isah Hamma Misau
Sen. Ahmad Abubakar	Sen. Dino Melaye	Sen. Enyinnaya Abaribe
Sen. Lidani Joshua	Sen. Danjuma Goje	Sen. Usman Bayero
Sen. Olaka Nwogu	Sen. Osinakachukwu	Sen. Andy Uba
Sen. Joshua Dariye	Sen. Sonni Ogbuoji	Sen. Abdullahi Adamu
Sen. Mao Ohuabunwa	Sen. Rabiu Kwankwaso	Sen. Kabiru Gaya
Sen. Suleiman Nazif	Sen. Shehu Sani	Sen. Isiaka Adeleke
Sen. Ahmed Lawan	Sen. Bukar Abba Ibrahim	Sen. Abubakar Kyari
Sen. Ali Wakili	Sen. Mohammed Hassan	Sen. Emmanuel Paulker
Sen. Abubakar Sani Danladi	Sen. Bashir Marafa	

The Senate,

Notes with dismay the infrastructural damages caused by the Boko Haram insurgency in the North East Zone of the country, especially in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States.

Aware that since the inception of the insurgents assaults in the region several government institutions such as educational and health Institutions as well as the Police, the Customs, the Immigration and Military barracks have been completely destroyed with no offices and facilities for use by the institutions affected.

Further aware that thousands of personal buildings and properties, social amenities and infrastructures, such as electricity and telephone services have been destroyed and therefore not in service in many parts the zone.

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Observes that the livelihood of many indigenes of the area have been disrupted such that majority of the people are either in IDP Camps or are helplessly roaming the streets without any hope for their future.

Observes further that as a war torn area, these affected people have no one to go to and ask for alms or support of any kind.

Worried that such a situation where people are kept without hope for a future would encourage them to give up themselves as recruits of the Boko Haram Organisation as there seems the possibility of them having food for sustenance from the sect or engage in other sinister activities that could inadvertently affect the nation negatively.

Further worried that government's inability to rehabilitate and rebuild infrastructure of areas that have been taken back from the insurgents is a strong sign of disintegration.

Knows that "security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government as provided in Section 14(2)(b) of the 1999 Constitution as amended.

Further knows that "the National Assembly may make laws for the Federation or any part thereof with respect to the maintenance and securing of public safety and public order and providing, maintaining and securing of such supplies and services as may be designated by the National Assembly as essential supplies and services", vide section 11(1) of the 1999 Constitution as amended.

Acknowledges that a stitch in time saves nine.

Accordingly resolves to;

1. Condemn the continual assault on the people of the North East Zone and other parts of the country by the Boko Haram elements.

2. Urge the President to do everything within his powers as provided by the Constitution to eradicate the Boko Haram insurgents in the country.-

3. Urge the President to establish a "Presidential Intervention Committee on the Rehabilitation of the North East Zone", especially the three most affected states of Adamawa, Borno and Yobe.

4. Direct its Committee on Special Duties to monitor the well-being of all internally displaced persons in the region as well as the implementation of the Presidential Intervention Committee.

2. Destruction and damage of bridges in the Northern Senatorial Zone of Adamawa State.

Sen. Binta M. Garba *(Adamawa North)*

The Senate,

Notes that as the government is putting more effort to curtail insurgency, the socio-economic activities in the Northeastern part of the Nigeria is still not flourishing due to damages done on roads and destruction of bridges;

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Notes that Mubi as the second largest town in Adamawa state is endowed with a lot of business outfits both local and international as it shares boundary with Cameroun. Also it has the largest cattle market known as (Mubi international cattle market which is well known in the whole of West Africa). Therefore, the destruction of these bridges have hampered and is hampering the economic activities of the zone, state, and the entire nation and to an extent West African region;

Further notes that these affected bridges are: Dilchin, Kudzum, and Pella bridges. Although, Pella bridge is in the central Senatorial zone. It is of paramount importance as it serves as a major link between the northern and the central senatorial zone which is ultimately helps to ease passenger transportation and movement of goods and services from the zonal part of the country and vise-versa;

Observed that the bridges are the only means of transportation especially for commuters, agro-allied/agricultural products, socioeconomic and industrial activities within and outside the zone;

Notes that inhabitants had sought for remedial solutions but to no avail, and these said bridges constitute eminent and serious death trap for road users;

Accordingly resolves to;

1. Urge the federal Ministry of Works and other relevant bodies to urgently construct new bridges in the aforementioned areas.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Ad-Hoc Committee on the Review of the Finance of the Senate	Wednesday, 29th July, 2015	2.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building

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