HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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Tuesday, 29 September, 2015

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. **Devastating Gully Erosion in Isuikwuato and Umunneochi Local Government Areas of Abia State:**
Hon. Nkeiruka C. Onyejeocha:

The House:

Notes that Nkwonta and Umunnekwu Agbo communities in Isuikwuato Local Government Area of Abia State which are agrarian communities that are interconnected with other communities, with all their livelihoods dependent on farming are adversely affected by gully erosion which have almost cut them off from neighboring communities;

Also notes that some other communities in Isuochi in Umunneochi Local Government Area are also affected by the gully erosion and these ecological hazards are found at Isuochi Secondary School, Umuada and Uhuologho communities, Umudim-Iomara Road, and at Ndiawa-Obinulo-Orie Ngodo Road;

Concerned that the rampaging gully erosion in these communities have damaged both the economic and social well-being of the people, and have also destroyed their means of livelihood;

Disturbed that despite the suffering of the people all these years, the Government has failed to hearken to their pleas, and thus believing that unless an immediate intervention is made before the end of 2015 rainy season, many houses could cave into the gullies, roads swept off, with the likelihood of loss of lives and the attendant halt in economic activities;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Ministry of Environment, the Federal Ministry of Works, the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency and any other Agency with similar function to take urgent actions to avert the impending disasters in order to save lives and properties of the people of these communities; and

(*ii*) also urge the House to make such further directives as it may deem expedient in the circumstances that will ensure the implementation of this resolution.

2. **Deplorable State of Ibadan-Oyo-Ogbomoso-Ilorin Expressway:**
Hon. Saheed Akinade-Fijabi Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun-Dokun:

The House:

Notes the strategic importance of Ibadan-Ilorin highway as the corridor that links the Southern and Northern parts of Nigeria and through which goods and services are conveyed;

Worried that for about thirty six (36) years, this strategic highway was neglected, leading to its dilapidation, especially the Oyo-Ogbomoso axis, a situation that is bringing untold hardship to motorists;

Recalls that in 2001, a contract for the reconstruction and dualization of the highway was awarded in three (3) sections to three presumably reputable firms for effective and timely completion, as follows, Ibadan-Oyo axis (44.5 Kilometres) to PW Construction Company Ltd at a cost of ₦15 Billion; Ogbomoso-Ilorin axis (45 kilometres) to Reynolds Construction Company (RCC) at a cost of ₦15.7 Billion and Oyo-Ogbomoso axis (45 kilometres) jointly to the two firms at a cost of ₦15.2 Billion;

Concerned that while the two firms completed the portions awarded to them respectively, they failed to carry out the stretch awarded to them jointly, only for them to make a proposal for a 37% variation which the Government reduced to 15%, and later cancelled the contract following the rejection of the 15% variation offer by the firms;

Worried that the Oyo-Ogbomoso axis has remained in a deplorable state despite the promise by the former Minister of Works in 2013 that it would be reconstructed, thereby leaving it as a death trap, a den of armed robbers and a cause of gridlock due to large numbers of articulated vehicles that ply the road;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Works (when constituted) to investigate the matter, especially the roles of PW Construction Company Ltd, Reynolds Construction Company and the Federal Ministry of Works in order to ascertain why the Oyo-Ogbomoso axis of the road has not been completed.

3. **Calling Attention to the Deplorable Condition of Arochukwu-Ohafia Road in Abia State: Hon. Nkole Uko Ndukwe:**

The House:

Notes that Arochukwu and Ohafia communities are critical to the development and prosperity of Abia State as they possess vast arable land where food is produced in commercial quantities to feed the nation and export to other countries to earn foreign exchange;

Also notes that the Arochukwu-Ohafia Road has suffered serious damage in the past twenty years and is now in such a deplorable condition that has rendered it impassable;

Aware that a contract for the reconstruction of the Road was awarded by the Federal Ministry of Works to Messrs Beks Kinse Nigeria Limited in December 2012 at a cost of ₦2.2 billion with 18 months completion period;

Also aware that further allocations were made for the completion of the Road to the tune of about ₦896 million in 2013 and 2014 budgets;

Worried that the failure of the contractor to perform after collecting mobilization fees has worsened the Road which is now infested with life threatening potholes, thereby constituting serious hazards to commuters;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committee on Works (when constituted) to investigate how the Ministry of Works has utilized the funds so far appropriated in the last three years for the reconstruction of the Road; and

(*ii*) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to direct, within the shortest possible time, Messrs Beks Kinse Nigeria Limited to complete the Road, failing which appropriate sanctions should be meted out to the officials involved and the contractor, blacklisted.

4. **Call for Investigation of the Killing of Tonia Okojie in Russia: Hon. Omoregie Ogbeide-Ihama:**

The House:

Aware that section 14 (2) (b) of the Constitution of Nigeria, 1999 confers the responsibility on the Government to protect the lives and property of Nigerian citizens both within and outside the country;

Notes that many Nigerians living abroad have been maltreated and some brutally murdered as evidenced in the recent case of the brutal killing of Miss Tonia Okojie, from Edo State, in faraway Kuban, Krasnodarskiy, Kray, in Russia, sometime in June 2015;

Concerned that the circumstances surrounding Miss Tonia Okojie's death are questionable, and the situation was not helped by the claim of the Russian authorities that it was an accident even when there was no conclusive report on the investigation given that no autopsy was carried out;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committees on Diaspora and Foreign Affairs (when constituted) to investigate the circumstances surrounding the death of Miss Tonia Okojie and report back to the House within 4 weeks; and

(*ii*) also mandate the Committees on Diaspora, Foreign Affairs, Justice and Human Rights (when constituted) to liaise with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to map out strategies that would ensure that Nigerians in the Diaspora are granted adequate protection.

5. Call for Investigation of the Alleged Non-Remittance of Funds to the Federation Account and Misappropriation of Funds by Ministries, Agencies and Parastatals:
Hon. Chike Okafor:

The House:

Aware that Section 88 and Part 1, Second Schedule of the Constitution of Nigeria 1999, vests on the National Assembly the powers to make laws for the order, peace and good governance in Nigeria and investigation of actions of any person or authority charged with the duty of administering laws or disbursing money appropriated by the National Assembly;

Notes the allegation that the sum of S4 billion was paid as taxes and dividends by the Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas Limited between 2009 and 2014 while the National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) spent S3.8 trillion in three years;

Also notes another allegation that about S2.1 billion was disbursed from the Excess Crude Account (ECA) without approval from the National Economic Council (NEC);

Concerned about the far reaching implications of these allegations and what the huge amounts of money could have achieved in diversifying the nation's economic base if the sums had been judiciously spent on the areas of infrastructural development and educational advancement;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Finance, Petroleum Resources (Downstream or Upstream) and Gas Resources (when constituted) to investigate the allegations and report back to the House within 4 weeks for further legislative action.

6. Non-Enforcement of the Conditions for the Establishment, Registration and Operation of Driving Schools by the Federal Road Safety Commission:
Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun Dokun:

The House:

Notes that Section 5 (*f*) of the Federal Road Safety Commission (Establishment) Act, 2007 empowers the Commission to determine the establishment, investigation and certification of driving schools;

Aware that Regulation 20 of the National Road Traffic Regulations, 2004 empowers the Commission to regulate the establishment of model driving schools and also to regulate the establishment and registration of private and Government owned driving schools;

Also notes that the same Regulation 20 specifically provides that registration of driving schools shall be as provided in Form MVA 10D of Schedule 1 of the Regulation, which expressly states that a driving school seeking registration must have a driving range;

Concerned that despite the requirement for a driving range, operators of driving schools have turned major roads into learning routes, thereby violating the stipulation in the Regulation and in the process, constituting nuisance on the roads and contributing to road traffic accidents;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) (when constituted) to investigate the matter and report back to the House within 4 weeks for further legislative action.

7. **The Increasing Incidents of Brutality by Security Personnel on Hapless Nigerians: Hon. Solomon E. O. Adaelu:**

The House:

Notes with concern the increasing incidents of brutality, harassment and extrajudicial killings being meted out by some members of the security agencies on hapless Nigerians across the country;

Also notes that the trend, which was hitherto commonplace with the Nigerian Police, is now wantonly being displayed by other agencies, particularly personnel of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA);

Concerned that a couple of weeks ago, personnel of the NDLEA, as has become their practice in Aba, Abia State stormed the Ariaria Market, shot sporadically into a crowded area resulting in the killing of three innocent and defenseless Nigerians;

Also concerned that if left unchecked, these excesses may spiral out of control and could lead to a breakdown of law and order in Aba;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Government to direct the Inspector-General of Police to carry out an investigation of cases of brutality, harassment and extra judicial killings by security agencies especially as it concerns the recent killings in Ariaria Market by personnel of the National Drug Law and Enforcement Agency (NDLEA);

(*ii*) also urge the Federal Government to compel the enforcement of the rules of engagement by these security personnel in law enforcement in urban centers to forestall needless loss of innocent lives: and

(*iii*) ensure, where appropriate, the payment of compensation to the bereaved families of victims of extra judicial killings.

COMMITTEE MEETING

	Committee on	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Selection	Tuesday, 29 September, 2015	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 301 New Building (House) Assembly Complex