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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. **Devastating Gully Erosion in Nnewi North, Nnewi South and Ekwusigo Federal Constituency of Anambra State:**
Hon. Chris Emeka Azubogu:

The House:

Aware that Anambra State is erosion prone and that Nnewi North, Nnewi South and Ekwusigo Federal Constituency, a commercial zone with lots of manufacturing companies, making it a major contributor to the economy of Nigeria, is being devastated by gully erosion leading to loss of lives, destruction of properties worth millions of Naira, and washing away of farmlands;

Cognizant that the enormity of the devastation has put the menace beyond the capacity of the State Government and Local Councils to cope, hence the need for the intervention of the Federal Government;

Concerned that except a sustainable national strategy is developed and adopted for the containment of the menace, Nnewi North, Nnewi South and Ekwusigo Federal Constituency will continue to lose so much resources as industries and farmlands would continue to be washed away;

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Resolves to:

(*i*) Call on the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to, as a matter of urgency, intervene and provide relief materials and necessary support to the families that have been displaced from their homes by the erosion menace;

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Environment and Habitat to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Environment and other relevant government agencies to assess the level of the devastation and make provision in the 2016 budget for remediation; and

(*iii*) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure adherence to the above prayers.

2. Devastating Gully Erosion along Onitsha-Nkpor-Enugu Expressway, Anambra State:
Hon. Eucharia Azodo Hon. Chukwuka Onyema Hon. Obinna Chidoka:

The House:

Notes that Onitsha-Enugu Expressway links Anambra and Enugu States and that the flyover at Nkpor Junction bye pass was constructed to ease traffic at the busy junction that has a major market around it;

Worried that severe gully erosion has eroded the west-end and cut off a large portion, thereby narrowing the 4-lane road to a single lane;

Also worried that the terminal of the flyover at Nkpor junction by Eddy Motor Park has been eaten up by the erosion, thereby posing threats to commuters and other road users who have to spend hours in the gridlock as a result of the narrowed lane;

Concerned that the adverse effects are bound to increase if urgent measures are not taken to contain the devastating gully erosion, especially as the Christmas Season approaches when many people are expected to travel home for the festivities;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) and the Federal Ministry of Works to immediately commence rehabilitation/reconstruction of the bad spots at Nkpor Junction on the Onitsha-Enugu Expressway;

(*ii*) also urge the Federal Ministry of Environment to include funds for the reclamation of the eroded portion of the Road in the 2016 budget; and

(*iii*) mandate the Committees on Works, FERMA, and Environment and Habitat to assess the situation with a view to averting the complete collapse of the entire road network, and report back to the House within 4 weeks.

3. Menacing Coastal Erosion in Anyama-Ogbia Community in Ogbia Federal Constituency of Bayelsa State:
Hon. Sodaguwo Adegadiza Festus-Omoni:

The House:

Notes that Section 20 of the 1999 Constitution provides that the State shall protect and improve the Environment and safeguard the water, air, land, forest and wildlife of Nigeria:

Aware that due to climate change and other environmental factors, the Anyama-Ogbia community in Ogbia Federal Constituency has been subjected to perennial coastal erosion which has adversely affected numerous facilities in the community:

Also aware that the community, which has been having a direct impact of the vagaries of coastal erosion for over a century without any intervention by the Government is faced with its historic sites of great socio-economic importance, such as the first Anglican Church. St James Anglican Church, which has contributed immensely to the spiritual and educational advancement of the community and beyond, being eroded by the erosion;

Concerned about the advice by experts on the dangers of coastal erosion, which if not tackled immediately, may leave the community to be overtaken by the erosion which would destroy houses, the existing oil mill and rice farms, the resultant effect of which will be excruciating on the indigenes, the State and the nation at large, as many people will lose their homes, jobs and means of livelihood:

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Environment and Habitat to visit the community and assess the situation with a view to proffering a lasting solution to the coastal erosion in the Anyama community and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for fur her legislative action.

4. **Need to Complete the Construction of Dumne-Shelleng Road Across River Gongola-Bobini-Guyuk to Nasarawo Road in Gombe State:**
Hon. Phillip A. Gutuwa:

The House:

Notes that the Dumne-Shelleng Road across River Gongola to Bobini-Guyuk to Nasarawo in Gombe State, a road traversing Adamawa and Gombe States which was awarded by the Federal Government in the 1980s had been abandoned for years now;

Also notes that the inhabitants of the States along the route are predominantly farmers who depend on the Road to convey their agricultural produce to the markets;

Observes that the dilapidated state of the road is adversely affecting the economic activities in those areas and has retarded growth and development as industries and financial institutions do not find the areas conducive for business, thus bringing a lot of hardships on the residents;

Resolves to:

Call on the Committee on Works to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Works to ascertain the status of the contract with a view to ensuring the completion of the Dumne-Shelleng Road across River Gongola-Bobini-Guyuk to Nasarawo.

5. **Call for Investigation of the Contract for the Construction of Cham Dam in Balanga Local Government Area, Gombe State:**
Hon. Ali Isa J. C.:

The House:

Notes that the Cham Dam is a giant irrigation project for farmers under the Upper Benue River Basin Development Authority (UBRBDA) and since the commencement of its construction in the 1990s, the Dam has provided irrigation facilities to farmers and job opportunities for youths who have been engaging in regular and dry season farming;

Also notes that the non-completion of the Dam project led to serious flooding that destroyed farms and properties in the community and the irregular and inadequate maintenance resulted in the eventual collapse of the Dam;

Aware that the contracts for the re-construction and accompanying irrigation project were awarded to Messrs Tylon Construction Company and Suard Construction Firm at the total sum of ₦832,677,743.05 and it was later reviewed to ₦865,508,571.46;

Worried that despite the payment of ₦401,923,318.86 representing 46.5% of the contract sum in 2012, there is practically no work done to justify the huge amount that has been paid to the contractors, and there is now the possibility of an abandonment of the project;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Water Resources to investigate the contract details, funds released and ascertain the level of work done and report back to the House within 4 weeks for further legislative action.

6. **Need for Transparency and Accountability in the Disbursement of the Victims Intervention Fund:**
Hon. Asabe Vilita Bashir **Hon. Kamale Adamu Dali Usman:**

The House:

Notes the senseless killings and destruction of properties in the North-East Zone and other parts of the country by the Boko Haram sect which has resulted in displacement of thousands of persons who have been rendered homeless, jobless and exposed to diseases and starvation;

Recalls that in 2014, the Federal Government initiated a Victims Support Fund managed by a Committee headed by General Theophilus Danjuma (*rtd*) to cater for the needs of victims of terrorism and other forms of violence across the country and the Committee, at a dinner in August 2014, raised over ₦50 billion;

Also aware that the Federal Government has released the sum of ₦5 Billion in 2015 as its contribution to the Fund and that so many other individuals have redeemed their pledges of sums running into Billions of Naira;

Also notes recent reports that the Committee has so far disbursed over ₦500 Million to victims of terrorism while the victims, especially those in Borno, Yobe and Adamawa States are crying for assistance and dying in their hundreds without any form of assistance coming their way;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the President of Nigeria to direct for a reappraisal of the moda lities for the disbursement of the funds by the Victims Support Fund to ensure probity, accountability and transparency in such a way that stakeholders will play vital roles in determining the actual victims of terrorism and what assistance is to be rendered; and

(*ii*) also urge the Committee to constantly publish in its website, the names and pictures of beneficiaries of the funds, indicating clearly the amount of assistance rendered, and make records of its activities available to the public in its secretariat or registry.

BILLS

7. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Industrial Court Act, 2006 and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 10) (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*) — *Second Reading*.

8. A Bill for an Act to Regulate the Manufacture, Importation, Distribution and Quality Control of Fertilizer in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 61) (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung*) — *Second Reading*.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Public Accounts (*Inaugural meeting with Auditor-General for the Federation and the Accountant-General of the Federation*)	Tuesday, 10 November, 2015	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 446 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
2.	*Ad-hoc* Committee on Transport and Railway	Tuesday, 10 November, 2015	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 456 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	*Ad-hoc* Committee on the Huge Debts and Alleged Fraudulent Sales of Banks by the Assets Management Corporation of Nigeria (AMCON)	Tuesday, 10 November, 2015	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 345 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Federal Capital Territory	Tuesday, 10 November, 2015	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 019 New Building (House) Assembly Complex