



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA NOTICE PAPER

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## NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. **Need to Reorganize Private Security Guards in Nigeria.**  
**Hon. Jimoh Abdulraheem Olajide**

The House:

*Notes that* Private Security Guard Companies compliment the efforts of the Nigeria Police Force and other security operatives towards ensuring security of lives and property including the maintenance of law and order in Nigeria;

*Also notes that* in Western countries Private Security Guards outnumber Police Officers as they employ more people as Private Security Guards thus leading to decrease in unemployment rate globally;

*Worried that* today in Nigeria, it is difficult to distinguish between the Federal Government security operatives from a private security outfit, as well as found it difficult to distinguish the registered Private Security Companies from the unregistered ones due to similitude of uniforms of the different bodies;

*Aware that* Section 16 (1) and (2) of the Private Guard Companies Act empowers the Minister of Interior to approve uniforms for Private Security Companies and the uniform must not resemble that of the Government security operatives;

*Informed that* the Inspector-General of Police of Ghana, David Asante-Apeatu, had launched three (3) approved uniforms for the Private security Companies operating in Ghana in order to distinguish them and address the Security threat the private guards uniforms pose in the country;

*Convinced* of the need to limit the number of uniforms often used by the Private Security Companies in Nigeria so as to address the security threat of fake security officers using different types of uniform and been apprehended on daily basis.

*Resolves to:*

Mandate the Committees on Interior and Police Affairs to interface with the Nigeria Police Force and, the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corp for the purpose of fashioning out and possibly approving a standard uniform for the Private Security Companies in Nigeria to be distinguished through the badges and caps.

**2. Need to Check the Continuous Dumping of Hazardous Electronic Waste in Nigeria from Europe and Asia**  
**Hon. Bede Eke**

The House:

*Notes* the publication by (Spiegel Online) a German newspaper of 16 August, 2017 of tonnes of hazardous electronic waste from Germany and other countries in Europe finding their way into Nigeria;

*Further notes* that the report indicates that most of the used electronics that end up in Nigeria are polluting the living environments, thereby putting the health of millions of Nigerians at risk;

*Disturbed that* dismantled old electronic equipment contains hazardous chemicals and metals such as Printed Circuit Boards (PCBs).

*Cognizant* of the provisions of the Basel Convention on the Control of Hazardous Wastes, which is anchored in European Union (EU) law and which prohibits countries exporting electronic waste to countries which have poorer recycling methods than their own;

*Worried* by the report which estimates that about 400,000 tonnes of electronic waste are dumped in Nigeria;

*Further worried* that Nigeria does not have adequate recycling facilities, hence wastes are allowed to degenerate or pollute the environment with its attendant health hazards;

*Aware* of the various efforts of the present government at protecting the Nigerian environment in line with the objectives of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG);

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Mandate the Committee on Environment and habitat, Customs and Excise, Commerce and Foreign Affairs to conduct an investigative hearing on the matter to identify those behind the importation of these hazardous products and report back within four (4) weeks;
- (ii) Urge the Federal Government to immediately set up waste recycling Centres across the country in order to preserve the environment and protect the lives of Nigerians;

**3. Need to address the Excessive Charges for Driver's License by the Federal Road Safety Commission**  
**Hon. Johnson Egwakhide Oguma**

The House:

*Notes* the increasing number of drivers on Nigerian roads and the need to certify their ability to be on the roads through acquiring driver's licenses;

*Aware that* the official rate for driver's license is ₦6350 for a two (2) year license and ₦10,000 for a five (5)-year license as approved by the Joint Tax Board, but what is obtainable is ₦18,000 for a two (2) year license and ₦25,000 for a five (5) year license;

*Also aware* of the general outcry by Nigerians that the process of acquiring driver's license is becoming too cumbersome, taking about 90 to 180 days to process; and in case of a first timer, driver's license are issued in most cases without undergoing the mandatory drills in conducting tests for drivers;

*Concerned that* due to the excessive charges and delay in the release of drivers' licenses, prospective drivers result to self-help by driving without due documents, and in some cases resort to forging the licenses which may at the long run expose road users to fake drivers and these illegal actions also lead to loss of revenue on the side of the Federal Government and on the side of the road users, accidents due to exposure to unqualified drivers on Nigerian roads;

*Determined* to ensure that driver's license are processed for renewal at the official rates and within the shortest period of time, while ensuring that proper training and tests are carried out for first time applicants.

*Resolves to:*

Mandate the Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission to investigate the high cost of issuance, delay in the issuance and lack of due process in the issuance of drivers' licenses in Nigeria and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

**4. Call on the Inspector General of Police to Relocate the Police Division Station inside the Premises of River Park Estate, Lugbe, a Private Residential Estate to a Public Place.  
Hon. Abbas Tajudeen**

The House:

*Notes* with dissatisfaction the location of a Police Division Station (Not Police Out post) in the premises of River Park Estate, a private Residential Estate, located at Lugbe District, FCT, Abuja.

*Acknowledges* that Lugbe District, along Airport Road, and environs which before now had only one Police Division Station deserves another Police Division Station considering the size and strategic location of the district along Airport Road;

*Wonder* why the Police Authorities would approve the location of a new Police Division Station inside a private residential estate instead of a public place designated for that purpose in Lugbe district;

*Conscious* that Nigerian Police force is a public institution which is fully funded by the Nigerian public, hence; it should not be privatised or commercialised for any reason whatsoever;

*Worried* that the location of a new Police Division station inside the River Park Estate, Lugbe gives the impression that all the police officers serving at the station are at the beck and call of the owner of the estate;

*Aware* that some of the Police officers serving in the new station are alleged to be engaged by the owner of the estate to intervene in land dispute between him and some residents in the neighbourhood of the Estate.;

*Convinced* that the motive for locating a Police Division Station inside the River Park Estate, a private residential estate is inconsistent with the interest of the general public.

*Resolved to:*

- (i) Condemn the location of a Police Division Station inside the River Park estate Lugbe, a private residential estate, which is sited on disputed land as being unethical;
- (ii) Urge the Inspector General of Police to immediately relocate the Police Division Station located inside the premises of River Park Estate to a public place designated for the establishment of a police station within Lugbe district;
- (iii) Again urge the owner of the River Park estate to engage the services of private security companies; and

(iv) Mandate the Committees on Police Affairs and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report back within six weeks for further legislative action.

5. **Humiliation of the people of Bayelsa and other Riverine Communities by the Military Joint Task Force:**

**Hon. Fredrick Yietiemone Agbedi**

**Hon. Henry Daniel Ofongo**

**Hon. Jephthah Foingha**

**Hon. Sodagunu A. Festus Omoni**

**Hon. Nicolas Mutu**

**Hon. Julius Pondi**

**Hon. Randolph Brown**

**Hon. Daniel Rayenieju Oritsegbuemi**

The House:

*Aware* that Section 217 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999(as amended) establishes the Nigeria Armed Forces;

*Also aware* that as a result of agitations, unrest and security challenges in the Niger Delta region, the late President Umaru Yar'Adua Administration commissioned a joint Military Task Force known as Operation Polo shield ( now Operation Delta Save) which was stationed to protect oil installations and personnel, and curb the menace of pipeline vandalism in the region;

*Further aware* that in the exercise of its mandate, the Joint Military Task Force established several checkpoints at various strategic positions in the Niger Delta region as well as security services rendered to project sites of oil companies;

*Informed that* there is constant humiliation and denigration of indigenes and travellers, especially those in the riverine areas, by the Military Joint Task Force, they are compelled to raise their hands upon approaching any of these checkpoints and must remain in that position until they are instructed to drop them;

*Also informed* that nursing a baby, ill health, status or age of the person and the weather at the material time including heavy rainfall does not constitute a cogent reason not to raise one's hands;

*Worried that* when it rains, passengers on the speed boats are normally covered but same must be removed and the passengers get drenched just in a bid to raise their hands as they approach these checkpoints, making unsuspecting travellers and indigenes live like captured people in those parts of the country;

*Also worried* that anyone who fails or neglects to raise their hands attracts severe corporal punishment, sometimes even resulting in the victims being hospitalized;

*Disturbed* nowhere else is this humiliating and denigrating act being perpetrated by personnel of the Nigeria Military as is done to indigene of Bayelsa and other people travelling the waterways;

*Convinced* that a globally respected Armed Force such as the Nigerian Armed Forces ought not to exhibit such uncivilized acts but should do stop and search rather than the inhumane treatments that strip citizens of human dignity in their own country;

*Resolves to:*

Urge the Chief of Defense Staff to order the immediate halt of the humiliating and denigrating act on innocent and law abiding citizens of Riverine Communities and travellers and devise a more humane and civilized method of securing the waterways.

**6. Need to Connect Local Government Areas in Ogoni Land, Rivers State to the National Grid through the Afam Power Station:  
Hon. Mpigi Barinada.**

The House:

*Notes* that electricity is critical to the socio-economic and industrial growth and development of any society;

*Also notes* that Tai, Gokana and Khana Local Government Areas of Rivers State are not connected to the national grid for dependable power supply;

*Aware* that the famous Afam Power Station located at Oyigbo Local Government Area in Rivers State was built in 1962 with 20 megawatts capacity, and has grown to over 1,000 megawatts;

*Also aware* that the inconveniences and hardship hitherto faced by Oyigbo Community due to inadequate power supply led to its connection to the national grid through the Afam power station;

*Further aware* that residents of Tai, Gokana and Khana Local Government Areas and indeed the entire Ogoni people are currently facing similar challenges of inadequate power supply;

*Cognizant* that Oyigbo residents now enjoy uninterrupted power supply while the Ogoni people are experiencing perpetual epileptic power supply;

*Worried* that the non-availability of power supply to the affected Local Government Areas is hampering the productivity, economic growth, poverty alleviation and wealth creation capacity of the people;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to facilitate the connection of Tai, Gokana and Khana Local Government Areas to the national grid through the Afam Power Station and make provisions for it in the 2018 Appropriation estimates;
- (ii) Mandate the Committees on Power and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.