



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA NOTICE PAPER

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. **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 some 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.

**2. Call on the Inspector General of Police to Relocate the Police Division Station in 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 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;

Aware that Nigeria Police force is a public institution funded by the Nigerian public and 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;

Also 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.

3. Call on the bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) to commence Documentation of New Employees Posted by the Federal Civil Service Commission.

Hon. Adamu D. U. Kamale

The House:

Notes that the Federal Civil Service Commission is the executive body in Nigeria constitutionally mandated to make appointments, transfers and disciplinary control over all Federal Civil Servants in Nigeria;

Also notes that in 2015, the Federal Civil Service Commission declared and advertised vacancies and, in 2017 interviewed the shortlisted candidates and subsequently appointed them into available offices in the Federal Ministries, Office of the Auditor General of the Federation, Office of the Accountant General of the Federation and Bureau of Public Procurement;

Observes that all the Federal Ministries and Pool Staff of the organizations, Office of the General of the Federation, Head of Service of the Federation, Office of the Auditor General

of the Federation accepted the staff posted by the Federal Civil Service Commission except the Bureau of Public Procurement;

Cognizant that most of the appointed staff by the Federal Civil Service Commission and posted to the Bureau of Public Procurement fulfilled all the requisite qualification including being citizens of Nigeria that deserves to work for their fatherland;

Resolves to:

- (i) Call on the BPP to urgently commence documentation of the employees posted by the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC);
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Public Procurement to Investigate the failure of Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) to document the new employees posted to it and report back in two weeks for further legislative action.

**4. Need to Lift the Ban Imposed on Importation of Vehicles through Land Borders in Nigeria:
Hon. Mojeed Alabi:**

The House:

Aware that since 5 December, 2016, the Federal Government, through the Nigeria Custom Service (NCS), banned the importation of vehicles through the land borders with effect from January 1, 2017, without adducing any reason, while importers were given a deadline of 31 December 2016 to clear their vehicles imported through land in neighbouring ports;

Recalls that in January 2017, the Senate adopted a resolution rejecting the Federal Government's ban on the importation of vehicles through the land borders, and called on the Nigeria Customs Service to immediately suspend further action on the policy and directed its Committee on Customs and Excise to probe the circumstances that led to the decision;

Also aware that the Senate again resolved that it was pertinent to stop the action of government because the ban was not only an anti-people but also capable of further impoverishing Nigerians as close to 500,000 jobs had been lost by persons engaged in the business of vehicle importation and associated services in the border areas and around the country;

Also recalls that the House of Representatives also urged the Federal Government to suspend the ban and mandated the Committees on Governmental Affairs and Customs and Excise to look into the matter and report to the House;

Disturbed that notwithstanding popular opposition to the policy, the Comptroller-General of Customs, Col. Hammed Ali (Rtd.), directed operatives of the Headquarters Compliance Team and Federal Operations Units of the Service to ensure strict implementation of the policy on non-importation of vehicles through the land borders;

Worried that the ban has inadvertently aided inter-border smuggling, promoted corrupt practices, aided other cross-border crimes, impoverishing the generality of Nigerians, and undermining economic development of the country;

Regrets that notwithstanding the resolution of the two Chambers of the Assembly, the government refused to give the needed directives for a reversal of the policy for improved economic activities in country

Resolved to:

- (i) Urge to the Federal Government to suspend the ban on the importation of vehicles through the land borders as it not only impoverishes Nigerians but also has an adverse effect on the economy; and
- (ii) Mandate the Committees on Governmental Affairs and on Customs and Excise to liaise with the Comptroller-General of the Customs Service and other relevant stakeholders to, review the workability of the ban, work towards suspending of the ban, and come up with better ways to deal with the issues that led to the imposition of the ban.