



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 13 June, 2017

1. The House met at 11.22 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Friday, 9 June, 2017.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.
3. **Announcement**
Visitors in the Gallery:
Mr Speaker recognized the presence of the following visitors:
 - (i) Staff and Students of *Capital Gate International School & College*, Karu, Nasarawa State;
 - (ii) Staff and Students of *Premiere Academy*, Lugbe, Abuja; and
 - (iii) Members of *National Association of Banking and Finance Students (NABAFS)*, Imo State University, Owerri.
4. **Petition**
A petition from Liberation Chambers, on behalf of Nigerian masses for excessive charges and economic sabotage by DSTV Nigeria and 2 others, was presented and laid by Hon. Bede Ede (*Aboh Mbaise/Ngor Okpala Federal Constituency*).

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.
5. **Admittance into the Chamber pursuant to Order Nineteen, Rule 8 (1) - (2) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do admit into the Chamber:
 - (i) the Minister of Defence, the Minister of Interior, the Service Chiefs, the Inspector-General of Police, the Director-General of the Department of State Services, and the Commandant-General of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps to brief the House on measures to tackle the grave security challenges facing the nation; and

- (ii) the Winners of the Second Edition of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Senior Secondary Schools Quiz Competition on the Legislature and Democracy in Nigeria organized by the National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS) for the purpose of observing the House in Plenary, 13 June, 2017, at 10:00 a.m." (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

6. Matter of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)

Request on Federal Government to Confer a Post-Humous National Honour on the Late Chief Moshood Kashimawo Olawale Abiola, Global Businessman, Philanthropist and Pan-Nigerian Politician:

Hon. Muhammed Sani Zorro (Gumel/Gagarawa/Mai Gadari/Sule Tankarkar Federal Constituency) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance — Agreed to.

Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Request on Federal Government to Confer a Post-Humous National Honour on the Late Chief Moshood Kashimawo Olawale Abiola, Global Businessman, Philanthropist and Pan-Nigerian Politician:

The House:

Notes with nostalgia, the vacuum created since the death of Chief MKO Abiola, on July 8, 1988, especially in the fields of philanthropy, sport, publishing, corporate leadership, national and global politics, among others;

Remembers him today and always, as a true and great son of Nigeria, who touched lives more than any other person in his life time, who contributed to the achievement of religious harmony by building bridges between faith organizations like nobody else, the humane boss who employed Nigerians from all walks of life and treated them with affection and care as if they were members of his family, the man who championed the good cause of Africans in diaspora and spearheaded the global reparations campaign for Africa and Africans for the exploitation and the heinous crime of slavery meted to them;

Also notes with sadness that despite these uncommon qualities of the late Chief MKO Abiola, capped by his victory at the presidential election of June 12, 1993, but which victory was denied him by retrogressive forces in conspiracy with agents of destabilization — that Nigerian authorities have never at any given time conferred a national honour on him, in his eventful life time, or posthumously, despite the fact that many Nigerians and non-Nigerians of dubious value have continued to be decorated with such national honours — year in, year out;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to confer the highest national honour on the late Chief MKO Abiola, posthumously, in recognition of his unprecedented achievements, contributions and sacrifice to the unity, peace, progress and development of Nigeria as well as Africa and the world; and

- (ii) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure enforcement and report back within three (3) weeks (*Hon. Muhammed Sani Zorro — Gumel/Gagarawa/Mai Gatari/Sule Tankarkar Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

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- (ii) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure enforcement and report back within three (3) weeks (**HR. 01/2017**).

7. Closed Session

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do resolve into a Closed Session" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*) — *Agreed to.*

House in Closed Session — 12. 19 p.m.

House in Open Session — 3. 53 p.m.

8. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 14 June, 2017 at 11.00 a.m. (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.54 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker

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