



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

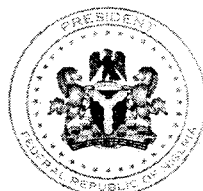
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 24 April, 2018

1. The House met at 11.14 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 Thursday, 19 April, 2018.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Message**
Mr Speaker read a message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

13th April, 2018

Right Hon. Yakubu Dogara
*Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear Rt Hon. Y. Dogara,

**SUPPLEMENTARY INPUT TO THE 2018 APPROPRIATION
BILL: PURCHASE OF SUPER TUCANO AIRCRAFT FROM THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**

I wish to draw the attention of the House of Representatives to the ongoing security emergencies in the country. These challenges were discussed with the State Governors and subsequently at the meeting of the National Economic Council on 14th December, 2017, where a Resolution was passed, with the Council approving that up to US\$1 billion may be released and utilised from the Excess Crude Account to address the situation.

Subsequent upon this approval, we are preparing a comprehensive schedule of all the requirements for each, of the Security Services for presentation to the National Assembly for consideration.

It would be recalled that, for a number of years, Nigeria had been in discussions with the United States Government for the purchase of Super Tucano Aircraft under a direct Government-to-Government arrangement. Recently approval was finally granted by the United States Government, but with a deadline within which part payment must be made otherwise the contract would lapse.

In the expectation that the National Assembly would have no objection to the purchase of this highly specialised Aircraft, which is critical to national security, I granted anticipatory approval for the release of US\$496,374,470.00. This was paid directly to the Treasury of the United States Government.

I am therefore writing, seeking approval of this House for the sum of US\$496,374,470.00 (equivalent to ₦151,394,421,335.00) to be included in the 2018 Appropriation Bill, which the National Assembly is currently finalising. The balance of the requirements for critical operational equipment is still being collated from the different Security Services, and will be presented in the form of a Supplementary Appropriation Bill, in due course.

The Honourable Minister of Defence and other appropriate officers will be available to provide further details, as may be required.

While thanking the Honourable Members for the usual cooperation, please accept Mr Speaker, the assurances of my highest regards.

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

Matter referred to the Committee on Rules and Business.

4. Announcement

Visitors in the Gallery:

Mr Speaker recognised the presence of Staff and Students of **Capital Science Academy**, Kuje, Abuja.

5. Closed Session

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do resolve into a Closed Session" (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency) — Agreed to.

House in Closed Session — 11. 21 a.m.

House in Open Session — 1.10 p.m.

6. Privilege (Order Six, Rule 2)

Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba (*Dogiuwa/Tudun Wada Federal Constituency*) drew the attention of the House to the unfortunate security breach in the National Assembly on Wednesday, 18 April, 2018, by thugs who invaded the Senate Chamber while in session and carted away the Mace. He considered the incident as a breach of collective privilege of the parliament. He therefore sought the leave of the House to move a motion on the matter forthwith.

Leave granted.

Recent Invasion of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria by Thugs:

The House:

Notes that on Wednesday, 18 April, 2018, a group of gruesome looking thugs invaded the Senate Chamber of the National Assembly while in session and forcefully carted away the Mace, the symbol of its authority;

Also notes that the thugs beat all security in the premises and the Chamber of the National Assembly, overpowered the security personnel, particularly the Sergeant-at-Arms, who were on duty to maintain security in and within the Chamber;

Aware that the House and Senate Rules prohibit strangers from entering their hallowed Chambers without approval;

Also aware that the invasion amounts to contempt of the parliament, a show of violence as well as infringement of the Constitution of the country and the Rules of the Senate as it relates to parliamentary privileges;

Resolves to:

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to work jointly with the Senate to investigate the immediate and remote causes of the security breach in the National Assembly in order to forestall future occurrence and bring the perpetrators to book (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — Dogiuwa/Tudun Wada Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Prayer (ii) as follows:

“That the House transmits the Resolution to the Senate for concurrence” (*Hon. Chinda Kingsley — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that on Wednesday, 18 April, 2018, a group of gruesome looking thugs invaded the Senate Chamber of the National Assembly while in session and forcefully carted away the Mace, the symbol of its authority;

Also noted that the thugs beat all security in the premises and the Chamber of the National Assembly, overpowered the security personnel, particularly the Sergeant-at-Arms, who were on duty to maintain security in and within the Chamber;

Aware that the House and Senate Rules prohibit strangers from entering their hallowed Chambers without approval;

Also aware that the invasion amounts to contempt of the parliament, a show of violence as well as infringement of the Constitution of the country and the Rules of the Senate as it relates to parliamentary privileges;

Resolved to:

- (i) set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to work jointly with the Senate to investigate the immediate and remote causes of the security breach in the National Assembly in order to forestall future occurrence and bring the perpetrators to book; and
- (ii) transmit the Resolution to the Senate for concurrence (HR. 145/04/2018).

Ad-hoc Committee on the Recent Invasion of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria by Thugs:

Mr Speaker announced the membership of the *Ad-hoc* Committee as follows:

- (1) Hon. Apiafi Betty Jocelyn
- (2) Hon. Mark Terser Gbillah
- (3) Hon. Ahmed Yerima
- (4) Hon. Aminu Sani Jaji
- (5) Hon. Okechukwu Toby
- (6) Hon. Akinfolarin Mayowa

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

Need for the President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces to Immediately Deploy the Armed Forces to Isu Beachline Boundary Community in Arochukwu Local Government Area of Abia State to Forestall Further Killings and Restore Peace and Order:

Hon. Nkole Uko Ndukwe (Arochukwu/Ohafia 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.

Need for the President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces to Immediately Deploy the Armed Forces to Isu Beachline Boundary Community in Arochukwu Local Government Area of Abia State to Forestall Further Killings and Restore Peace and Order:

The House:

Notes that violent communal conflicts have become perhaps the singular, deadliest threat to Nigeria's national security;

Also notes that apart from the wanton loss of lives and property and massive displacement of persons, there is the resultant distrust among communities, that is a grave threat to national unity and loss of confidence in social institutions;

Saddened that between Thursday, April 19, 2018 and Saturday, April 21, 2018, communal clashes erupted in Isu beachline boundary community in Arochukwu Local Government Area of Abia State which has its boundary with Utuma in Cross River State in which the Utuma attacked the Isu Beachline communities of Iheosu, Aba and Amachi;

Distressed that this clash left many dead with the three (3) villages along the Isu, beachline boundary community (so far) completely razed down resulting in the displacement of members of the community;

Concerned that there is an urgent need to bring this conflict to an immediate halt as the killings, destruction of property, displacements and humanitarian suffering, constitute crimes against humanity and, are already in genocidal proportions, should not to be allowed to further deteriorate;

Equally concerned that further attacks must be prevented so that the people of the community will not, out of helplessness and frustration, be forced to employ every means necessary to defend themselves such that the situation will completely degenerate;

Cognizant that under section 217 (2) (c) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended), this National Assembly has a fundamental role to play in recommending the deployment of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for acting in aid of civil authorities to restore order;

Determined that every effort must be made to save the Isu people from these needless and brutal killings and unnecessary destruction of property and that this incident should be the last of its kind;

Resolves to:

- (a) urge the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to, as a matter of urgency, use his good offices to immediately and without further delay deploy the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to Isu beachline boundary community in Arochukwu Local Government Area of Abia State to restore lasting peace and order in the communities;
- (b) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to immediately and without further delay deploy relief materials (including medical supplies) to the communities in addition to medical and health personnel to treat the wounded;
- (c) further urge the National Boundaries Commission to immediately and without further delay clearly and unambiguously demarcate and define the boundaries of both communities to avoid further clashes;
- (d) mandate the Committees on Defence, and National Security and Intelligence to coordinate the implementation and attainment of the above resolutions with the Presidency, the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), the National Boundaries Commission, and report back within two (2) weeks; and
- (e) observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased (*Hon. Nkole Uko Ndukwe — Arochukwu/Ohafia Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

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- (e) observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased (**HR. 146/04/2018**).

The House observed a minute silence in honour of the deceased.

8. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 25 April, 2018 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.51 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker