



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 10th July, 2019

1. The Senate met at 10:14 a.m. The President of the Senate read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**

The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 9th July, 2019.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcement:**

Acknowledgment:

The President of the Senate acknowledged the presence of the following who were at the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:

(i) Staff and Students of Christ Great Gift College, New Karu, Nasarawa State; and

(ii) Staff and Students of Union Baptist Academy Keffi, Nasarawa State.

4. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**

Rising on Rules 42 and 52, Senator Eyinnaya H. Abaribe (*Abia South*) drew the attention of the Senate to the death of Elizabeth Ndubuisi Chukwu in South Africa. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter forthwith:

The Senate:

notes that a Deputy Director-General of Chartered Insurance Institute of Nigeria(CIIN), a mother and an indigene of Anambra State was found dead in one of the rooms at the Emperors Palace Hotel and Convention Centre South Africa, on June 13, 2019 where she lodged;

further notes that she went to South Africa to attend the Conference of the African Insurance Organization (AIO) and initially was suspected to have died of cardiac arrest;

aware that the insinuation was proved wrong, following autopsy report released on June 20, 2019, by South African Department of Home Affairs, which indicated in a Death Certificate that the death was unnatural and suspected to be murder due to strangulation.

further aware that the suspicion that she could have been murdered was further confirmed in a separate document issued by South African Department of Health on June 27, 2019, where it corroborated the autopsy report and revealed that she was strangled;

concerned that in a curious twist, it was alleged that Emperor Palace Hotel and Convention Centre where she lodged, was reluctant to cooperate with the Law Enforcement Agencies to unravel the circumstances surrounding her suspicious death; and

notes that this is not the first time Nigerians have died in suspicious and curious circumstances in South Africa.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) commend the Federal Government of Nigeria for its prompt action in seeking the South African authorities explanation of the death of Mrs. Ndubulsi Chukwu;
- (ii) urge the Federal Government not to relent in its efforts to unravel the circumstances of her unfortunate demise; and
- (iii) urge the South African Government to carry-out investigation into the death of Mrs. Ndubulsi Chukwu and other Nigerian citizens in such suspicious circumstance in South Africa.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do commends the Federal Government of Nigeria for its prompt action in seeking the South African Authorities explanation of the death of Mrs. Ndubulsi Chukwu — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government not to relent in its efforts to unravel the circumstances of her unfortunate demise — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the South African Government to carry-out investigation into the death of Mrs. Ndubulsi Chukwu and other Nigerian citizens in such suspicious circumstance in South Africa — *Agreed to.*

Additional Proposed Resolutions:

Insert Additional Proposed Resolutions as follows:

- (i) “That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to issue a Travel Alert to Nigerians travelling to South Africa to be cautious” (*Senator Betty J. Apiafi — Rivers West*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

- (ii) “That the Senate do urge Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation to intervene in xenophobic actions of South Africans against Nigerians as a way of finding lasting solution” (*Senator Mohammed D. Goje — Gombe Central*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

- (iii) “That the Senate do send a high powered delegation to the South African Parliament to express our displeasure on this matter and evolve a strategy at resolving the crisis” (*Senator Samuel O. Egwu — Ebonyi North*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) commends the Federal Government of Nigeria for its prompt action in seeking the South African Authorities explanation of the death of Mrs Ndubulsi Chukwu;
- (ii) urge the Federal Government not to relent in its efforts to unravel the circumstances of her unfortunate demise;
- (iii) urge the South African Government to carry-out investigation into the death of Mrs. Ndubulsi Chukwu and other Nigerian citizens in such suspicious circumstance in South Africa;
- (iv) urge the Federal Government to issue a Travel Alert to Nigerians travelling to South Africa to be cautious;
- (v) urge Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation to intervene in xenophobic actions of South Africans against Nigerians as a way of finding lasting solution; and
- (vi) mandate the Senate to send a high powered delegation to the South African Parliament to express our displeasure on this matter and evolve a strategy at resolving the crisis (S/Res/013/01/19).

5. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**

Rising on Rules 42 and 52, Senator Michael O. Bamidele (Ekiti Central) drew the attention of the Senate to the urgent need for the intervention in the Edo State House of Assembly crisis. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter forthwith:

The Senate:

notes with concern the ongoing crisis in the Edo State House of Assembly over inauguration; and

worried that there is the need to save democracy in Edo State and Nigeria in general; and to prevent a breakdown of law and order.

Accordingly resolves to:

constitute an Ad hoc Committee to investigate the crisis in Edo State House of Assembly and to liaise with a similar Committee in the House of Representatives to find the way forward.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:

Question: That the Senate do constitute an Ad hoc Committee to investigate the crisis in Edo State House of Assembly and to liaise with a similar Committee in the House of Representatives to find the way forward — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do constitute an Ad hoc Committee to investigate the crisis in Edo State House of Assembly and to liaise with a similar Committee in the House of Representatives to find the way forward (S/Res/014/01/19).

Ad hoc Committee:

The President of the Senate named the following Senators as Members of *Ad hoc* Committee on Crisis in Edo State House of Assembly:

(i)	Senator Aliyu S. Abdullahi	—	Chairman
(ii)	Senator Aishatu D. Ahmed	—	Member
(iii)	Senator Nicolas O. Tofowomo	—	Member
(iv)	Senator Ahmed Babba Kaita	—	Member
(v)	Senator Gabriel T. Suswam	—	Member
(vi)	Senator Chukwuka G. Utazi	—	Member
(vii)	Senator Wangagha B. Degi-Eremienyo	—	Member

6. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Albert B. Akpan (*Akwa-Ibom North East*) drew the attention of the Senate to its current legislative calendar that stipulates that annual vacation commences by end of July, 2019. He stated that the delay in the presentation of Ministerial list by Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation to the Senate, might affect the date of pending vacation. He also expressed concern at attaining the January-December budget period as proposed by the present administration. He urged Mr. President to be more proactive on these issues.

The Senate hopes to receive the Ministerial List from the Executive in due course.

7. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Matthew A. Urhoghide (*Edo South*) drew the attention of the Senate to the constituted Ad hoc Committee on Edo State House of Assembly crisis. He expressed profound gratitude to the President of the Senate and indeed the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for this resolution.

8. Confirmation of Nomination:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation on the confirmation of the nomination of the following persons as Non-Executive Commissioners of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC):

S/No	Name	Position	Geo-political Zone
1.	Aliyu Sa'idu Abubakar	Non-Executive Commissioner	North East
2.	Prof. Millionaire Abowei	Non-Executive Commissioner	South South
3.	Abdulazeez Mohammed Salman	Non-Executive Commissioner	North Central
4.	Engr. Uba A. S. Maska	Executive Commissioner	Re-Appointment (Senate Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

By the leave of the Senate, the confirmation was referred to the Committee of the Whole for screening on the next Legislative Day.

9. Rescission of Order:

Rising on Rules 53(6), Senator Aliyu S. Abdullahi (*Niger North*) drew the attention of the Senate to the confirmation of Non-Executive Commissioners and Executive Commissioner of Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) referred to the Committee of the Whole for screening. He moved for the rescission of the Senate decision to refer the nominees to the Committee of the Whole. He further moved that the nominees be referred to an Ad hoc Committee for screening.

Question put and agreed to.

By leave of the Senate, an Ad hoc Committee was constituted and mandated to conduct the screening of the nominees and report on Tuesday, 16th July, 2019.

Ad hoc Committee:

The President of the Senate named the following Senators as Members of *Ad hoc* Committee on Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC); and National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS):

(i)	Senator Teslim K. Folarin	—	Chairman
(ii)	Senator James E. Manager	—	Member
(iii)	Senator Yahaya I. Oloriegbe	—	Member
(iv)	Senator Oluremi S. Tinubu	—	Member
(v)	Senator Obinna J. Ogba	—	Member
(vi)	Senator Barau I. Jibrin	—	Member
(vii)	Senator Yusuf A. Yusuf	—	Member

10. Confirmation of Nomination:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of the Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation on the confirmation of the nomination of Prof. Habu S. Galadima for appointment as the substantive Director General, National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to an Ad hoc Committee to report on Tuesday, 16th July, 2019.

11. Motions:

- (a) ***Unfair Competition - Urgent Need to Protect Nigeria's Indigenous Airlines from Extinction due to Multiple Designations and Multiple Frequencies granted Foreign Airlines in Nigeria:***

Motion made: That the Senate notes that foreign airlines are now designated to multiple routes within Nigeria. For example, Ethiopia Airlines operates in five cities namely; Enugu, Kano, Kaduna, Abuja and Lagos; Turkish Airlines operates in four cities: Abuja, Kano, Lagos and Port Harcourt and Emirates Airlines operates two frequencies daily into Lagos and one to Abuja;

worried about the fate of the indigenous airlines with the spate of multiple designations given to the foreign airlines;

notes further that besides multiple designations, foreign airlines are now being encouraged to do multiple frequencies into the country and within the country, which is not allowed in other countries. For instance, Turkish Airlines has just started Istanbul to Abuja, Abuja to Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt to Abuja, then Abuja to Istanbul. Lufthansa and Air France are also doing same, thereby running indigenous airlines out of business;

concerned that while Emirates has two frequencies into Lagos and one to Abuja, it has announced plans to introduce a third flight in and out of Lagos to start very soon making it three flights daily to Lagos;

notes gladly that Air Peace being Nigeria, Central Africa and West Africa's biggest Airline commenced international flight operations into Sharjah and Dubai on the 5th of July, 2019, an initiative that can be stifled with the unfair advantage given to foreign airlines;

cognizance of the fact that other Nigerian Airlines such as ARIK, Virgin Nigeria, Medview and others, have in the past ran out of international routes by this trend of unfair advantages allowed foreign airlines in Nigeria;

aware equally that our indigenous airlines have the capacity to cover all the domestic routes being operated now by these foreign airlines;

further aware that the practice in international aviation is for foreign airlines to partner with local airlines to help them distribute their passengers within the domestic routes;

notes that the unrestrained grant of designations and multiple frequencies to foreign airlines is not only hurting the growth of our indigenous carriers but also a monumental disservice to the economy of Nigeria in several ways. Besides threatening the continuous existence of our indigenous carriers, the capital flight out of Nigeria engendered by this unwholesome practice is monumental and harmful to our economy;

notes equally that Nigerian jobs are seriously at risk as a result of this dire situation since it is the indigenous airlines that provide massive job opportunities for our people; the number of jobs created by all the foreign airlines put together is not up to what Air Peace alone created in its first one year of existence. That airline alone has over 3,000 employees and has also created over 8000 ancillary jobs;

disturbed that this unwholesome practice is not only threatening the survival and growth of Nigeria's aviation industry but, to a large extent, harming the economy of the nation; and

afraid that if this practice is not checked immediately, it would ultimately lead to the collapse of Nigeria's indigenous Airlines;

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) summon the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Transportation; the Director General of Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA); and Managing Director of Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) to explain to the Senate why foreign airlines are allowed to fly multiple routes within Nigeria to mop up passengers; a practice not allowed in other countries;
- (ii) urge the foreign airlines to provide statistics of Nigerians in their employment, encourage them to employ more Nigerians and to partner with indigenous Airlines;
- (iii) urge the Federal Government to give the indigenous Airlines the necessary support and protection to keep them afloat; and
- (iv) invite the indigenous airline operators to explain to the Senate the challenges they are facing in the aviation industry in Nigeria as well as to point the way forward (*Senator Ifeanyi P. Ubah — Anambra South*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do summon the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Transportation; the Director General of Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA); and Managing Director of Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) to explain to the Senate why foreign airlines are allowed to fly multiple routes within Nigeria to mop up passengers; a practice not allowed in other countries.

Amendment Proposed

Leave out the word "summon" in line 1 and insert the word "invite" instead thereof (Senator James E. Manager — Delta South).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the foreign airlines to provide statistics of Nigerians in their employment, encourage them to employ more Nigerians and to partner with indigenous Airlines — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to give the indigenous Airlines the necessary support and protection to keep them afloat — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iv):

Question: That the Senate do invite the indigenous airline operators to explain to the Senate the challenges they are facing in the aviation industry in Nigeria as well as to point the way forward — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) invite the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Transportation; the Director General of Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA); and Managing Director of Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) to explain to the Senate why foreign airlines are allowed to fly multiple routes within Nigeria to mop up passengers; a practice not allowed in other countries;
- (ii) urge the foreign airlines to provide statistics of Nigerians in their employment, encourage them to employ more Nigerians and to partner with indigenous Airlines;
- (iii) urge the Federal Government to give the indigenous Airlines the necessary support and protection to keep them afloat; and
- (iv) invite the indigenous airline operators to explain to the Senate the challenges they are facing in the aviation industry in Nigeria as well as to point the way forward (*S/Res/015/01/19*).

(b) *Ijegan Pipeline Explosion: Urgent Need to Prevent Pipeline Vandalisation and Explosion Resulting in Deaths and Massive Destruction of Properties:*

Motion made: That the Senate notes the disastrous pipeline explosion in Ijegan, Alimosho Local Government in the early hours of Thursday, 4th July, 2019;

further notes that in the ensuing conflagration 12 persons were burnt to death, 40 persons sustained various degree of burns, 30 vehicle were burnt, two secondary schools namely Ijegan Junior and Senior Secondary School, 20 other buildings as well as goods worth millions of naira were all destroyed in the inferno;

aware that the immediate cause of the pipeline explosion was the activities of oil thieves' vandalisation of pipelines for siphoning of petroleum products;

worried that the pipeline explosion followed the pattern of similar explosion at Abule-Egba, Ajeromi-Ifelodun in Lagos State on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 and elsewhere with similar huge losses;

regrets that despite the reoccurrence of these explosions over the years from mostly the activities of vandals, ~~no enduring solution has been found to prevent the ugly incidents;~~ and

further aware that in addition to official/general security for pipelines protection from vandalism, the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) and Pipeline and Product Marketing Company (PPMC) in time past engaged local/community vigilantes to monitor and help secure the pipelines.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of innocent Nigerians that lost their lives in the explosion;
- (ii) commiserate with the people and Government of Lagos State for the disaster and loss of lives;
- (iii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA); and the Federal Ministry of Health to urgently come to the aid of families in distress at Ijegan and environs as well as attend to the medical needs of those that were hospitalized;
- (iv) urge the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC); and Pipeline and Product Marketing Company (PPMC) to improve its security architecture for its pipelines as well as reconsider the engagement communities and local vigilantes in such architecture;
- (v) urge that the Ijegan Pipeline Explosion be added to the investigative mandate of the Ad hoc Committee set up by the Senate on Rivers State Explosion in view of their similarities and occurrence at almost the same period of time (*Senator Solomon O. Adeola — Lagos West*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do observe a minute silence in honour of innocent Nigerians that lost their lives in the explosion — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do commiserate with the people and Government of Lagos State for the disaster and loss of lives — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the Federal Ministry of Health to urgently come to the aid of families in distress at Ijegan and environs as well as attend to the medical needs of those that were hospitalized — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iv):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Nigeria National Petroleum Company (NNPC) and Pipeline and Product Marketing Company (PPMC) to improve its security architecture for its pipelines as well as reconsider the engagement communities and local vigilantes in such architecture — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (v):

Question: That the Senate do urge that the Ijegun Pipeline Explosion be added to the investigative mandate of the Ad hoc Committee set up by the Senate on Rivers State Explosion in view of their similarities and occurrence at almost the same period of time — *Agreed to.*

Additional Proposed Resolution

Insert Additional Proposed Resolution as follows:

“That the Senate do mandate the Committee on Petroleum Resources when constituted to immediately begin work on the defunct Petroleum Industries Bill in the Senate to bring a lasting solution to incessant oil and gas pipeline vandalization across the country” (*Senator Albert B. Akpan — Akwa-Ibom North East*).

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of innocent Nigerians that lost their lives in the explosion;
- (ii) commiserate with the people and Government of Lagos State for the disaster and loss of lives;
- (iii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the Federal Ministry of Health to urgently come to the aid of families in distress at Ijegun and environs as well as attend to the medical needs of those that were hospitalized;
- (iv) urge the Nigeria National Petroleum Company (NNPC) and Pipeline and Product Marketing Company (PPMC) to improve its security architecture for its pipelines as well as reconsider the engagement communities and local vigilantes in such architecture;
- (v) urge that the Ijegun Pipeline Explosion be added to the investigative mandate of the Ad Hoc Committee set up by the Senate on Rivers State Explosion in view of their similarities and occurrence at almost the same period of time; and
- (vi) mandate the Committee on Petroleum Resources when constituted to immediately begin work on the defunct Petroleum Industries Bill in the Senate to bring a lasting solution to incessant oil and gas pipeline vandalization across the country (*S/Res/016/01/19*).

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of victims.

Extension of Time:

Motion made: That the Senate do sit this day beyond the time appointed for the termination of the Sitting of the Senate (Rule 13) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

- (c) ***Rampant Kidnapping and Killing of People in Some Villages of Sokoto East Senatorial District:***

Motion made: That the Senate is concerned with way and manner bandits/kidnappers are currently terrorizing Sokoto East Senatorial District, having relocated to the area after being pushed out of Zamfara State. Isa and Rabah are bordering Zamfara State, it is therefore very easy to move into these areas without much difficulty;

worried that the road from Gusau to Shinkafi through Kauran Namoda is actually a death trap because it is under constant attack of the bandits and kidnappers;

observes that in Rabah Local Government Area in Gandi in particular more than 125 people were killed and still people are living as IDPs in Gandi for fear of more attacks by the bandits. In Goronyo Local Government more than 25 people have been killed and some were also kidnapped by the bandits/kidnappers, many of these people are still held by the bandits due to lack of funds to pay ransom for their release;

worried that more than 50 people were killed and more than 30 were kidnapped for ransom in Isa Local Government Area of Sokoto State. Currently Gebe A and B; and Turba; are under siege by the bandits. The people killed are from the areas of Yan fako, Katanga, Aikawa, Satiru, Gidan Rama, Babu dole and Gidan Sale. The most annoying thing about these attacks is that they are rampant and cyclical, therefore effort must be made to stop these killings. In fact in one of the encounters three members of the armed forces helping the villages were shot and wounded and their Hilux Vehicle was also burnt to ashes;

further concerned that many of these villages have relocated to either Goronyo or Isa towns to avoid the bandits and kidnappers. In fact in Sabon Birni Local Government more than 40 villages have been affected which includes Doma, Magira, Dadin Kowa, Asha Banza, Katsallen Kafe and Katsallen Tanko, Koshin Ruwa and Gamji. More than 55 people were killed from these villages and more than 30 have been kidnapped and are awaiting ransom to be paid for them to be released;

alarmed that about 5000 people from these villages have crossed over to a neighboring village in the Republic of Niger called Basira. The influx of these our nationals into this small village is causing a lot of hardship to the people; and

further worried that Burkusuma, Dankura, Gangara, Mallamawa and Gyangyadi are areas that people in these villages cannot move freely, infact economic activity in these areas is greatly affected by the activities of these bandits.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of those killed by the bandits;
- (ii) urge the Federal Government to send relief materials to these villages affected by this disaster and those people who fled to the Republic of Niger; and
- (iii) urge the Federal Government to send enough military personnel and fighter jets to apprehend the bandits and restore normalcy in these areas (*Senator Ibrahim A. Gobir — Sokoto East*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do observe a minute silence in honour of those killed by the bandits — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to send relief materials to these villages affected by this disaster and those people who fled to the Republic of Niger — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to send enough military personnel and fighter jets to apprehend the bandits and restore normalcy in these areas — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of those killed by the bandits;
- (ii) urge the Federal Government to send relief materials to these villages affected by this disaster and those people who fled to the Republic of Niger; and
- (iii) urge the Federal Government to send enough military personnel and fighter jets to apprehend the bandits and restore normalcy in these areas (S/Res/017/01/19).

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the victims.

- (d) ***Urgent Need for Federal Government to take Drastic Actions to address the Act of Banditry and Kidnapping in Shiroro, Munya and Rafi Local Government Areas of Niger State:***

Motion made: That the Senate notes that sometime in February this year bandits struck Communities around Kagara and Pandogari in Rafi Local Government Area of Niger State where many members of the communities were killed, kidnapped and properties destroyed including farm produce, motorcycles and money carted away;

further notes that Bandits recently struck on Saturday, 6th July, 2019 and more than 18 people were killed. In the month of June precisely from the 6th through to Monday 10th June, 2019 these hoodlums attacked residents of Kwaki, Ajatayi, Gwassa, Barden Dawaki and Gyammamiya communities in Shiroro and Munya Local Government Areas of Niger State killing over 37 innocent people, about 18 others unaccounted and leaving over 1,000 displaced, while over 500 were sheltered at Primary Schools turned temporary camps at Erena, Galadima-Kogo, Zubba, Kodobi and other communities;

aware that the Federal Government had made frantic efforts in curbing the menace by setting up Operation Sharan Daji and Inter-Agency Task Force to tackle cases of banditry, cattle rustling and kidnapping in Kaduna, Katsina, Zamfara and Niger States;

further aware that the five State Governors who shared borders with Kamuku forest, which for long became the hub of armed bandits that terrorise Kaduna, Niger, Katsina, Kebbi and Zamfara States met with the Security Chiefs to find a common solution to the scourge of banditry, cattle rustling and kidnapping;

cognizance that despite intense military and other security operations and surveillance in Kaduna, Katsina and Zamfara States, these bandits have now turned Kamuku forest to a hidden place thereby taking advantage to attack communities in Shiroro, Rafi and Munya Local Government Areas of Niger State;

worried that the continuous security challenges and related attacks by bandits on towns, villages and communities in Shiroro, Rafi and Munya Local Government Areas of Niger State have meted untold hardship on the people and has subjected the affected areas to serious survival threat; and

~~further worried that if this menace is not drastically addressed these communities, which are mostly farming communities, may desert their farms this season and this will~~ negatively affect the food sufficiency and economic diversification policy of the Federal Government.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to establish a military base at Shiroro to restore confidence in the security and safety of the affected communities and to safeguard the national asset located within the area, such as the Shiroro Hydro-electric Power Dam;
- (ii) urge the Federal Government to strengthen the operations of the Kamuku National Park with equipments and Forest Guard or Rangers who will together with the Air Force provide constant and effective patrol and aerial surveillance of the Kamuku Forest;
- (iii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials and medical team to the victims immediately; and
- (iv) do make further order as it deems fit in the circumstance to facilitate the realization of the objective of this motion (*Senator Mohammed S. Musa — Niger East*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to establish a military base at Shiroro to restore confidence in the security and safety of the affected communities and to safeguard the national asset located within the area, such as the Shiroro Hydro-electric Power Dam) — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to strengthen the operations of the Kamuku National Park with equipments and Forest Guard or Rangers who will together with the Air Force provide constant and effective patrol and aerial surveillance of the Kamuku Forest — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials and medical team to the victims immediately — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iv):

Question: That the Senate do make further order as it deems fit in the circumstance to facilitate the realization of the objective of this motion — *Agreed to.*

Additional Proposed Resolution

Insert Additional Proposed Resolution as follows:

“That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to immediately release the intervention fund of Zamfara State in 2019 budget” (*Senator Ya’u S. Alhaji — Zamfara North*).

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to establish a military base at Shiroro to restore confidence in the security and safety of the affected communities and to safeguard the national asset located within the area, such as the Shiroro Hydro-electric Power Dam);
- (ii) urge the Federal Government to strengthen the operations of the Kamuku National Park with equipments and Forest Guard or Rangers who will together with the Air Force provide constant and effective patrol and aerial surveillance of the Kamuku Forest;
- (iii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials and medical team to the victims immediately;
- (iv) do make further order as it deems fit in the circumstance to facilitate the realization of the objective of this motion; and
- (v) urge the Federal Government to immediately release the intervention fund of Zamfara State in 2019 budget (S/Res/018/01/19).

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the victims.

- (e) *Operators in Nigeria that have Robbed Nigerians of their Hard Earned Billions of Naira:*

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

- (f) *Nigeria's Membership of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AFCTA):*

Consideration of Motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Adjournment:

And it being 3.17 p.m. the President of the Senate adjourned the Senate till Thursday, 11th July, 2019 at 10.00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 3:17 p.m.

Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan, CON
President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.