



**SENATE OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER**

Tuesday, 17th January, 2017

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1. Prayers
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PRESENTATION OF A REPORT

1. Committee on Public Accounts
Sen. Andy Uba(*Anambra South*)

-That the Senate do receive the report on of the Committee on Public Account on the Status of Compliance of Parastatals of Submission of Audited Accounts to the Office of the Auditor General for the Federation.
- *To be Laid.*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MINISTERIAL BRIEFING

1. Briefing by Minister of State, Aviation, Minister of Power, Works and Housing on the proposed closure of Abuja Airport
Sen. Ahmad Lawan I. (*Senate Leader*)
-That the Senate do receive the Minister of State, Aviation, Minister of Power, Works and Housing to brief this Distinguished Senate on the planned closure of the Abuja Airport.
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MOTIONS

1. The state of the Humanitarian Relief Effort in the North East amidst high level of funding so far.

Sponsor: Senator Ali Ndume

The Senate:

Notes the growing severity in the humanitarian crisis in the North East;

Observes that there have been over 73% increase in donor funding for the humanitarian response in the North East. The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) reported that over \$426 Million have been received as at December 2016 which is equivalent to about N130 Billion Naira;

levels in parts of Borno, Adamawa and Yobe with 4.7 million people projected to be in the integrated food security phase classification (IPC) 3 to 5.2 by June 2017;

Confirms that up to 7.0 million people in the North East are in need of humanitarian assistance. 2.5 million children are said to be malnourished, majority of them are in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe, and 1.0 million children are in need of access to school;

Observes further that though over N5.7bn has been donated to help the region deal with health and sanitation issues, health needs remain extreme with many people already in critical health conditions and high prevalence of severe morbidity and mortality;

Notes that lack of basic shelter, water, latrines and shower facilities which is a clear harbinger of communicable diseases including cholera and this exacerbates malnutrition among children under five years old which remains a major health hazard;

Aware that the United Nations, IRC, International Donor Agencies, Non-Governmental Agencies, Federal Government Agencies like PCNI, NEMA Refugees Commission, Borno state government have all been operating in some of the affected areas spending colossal sums of money;

Observes that there is no visible synergy, coordination or engagement between the participating agencies and local authorities;

Acknowledges that there is gap between what is reported to be the level of funding response and the reality on the ground which continue to remain dire and grave due to lack of oversight, accountability, transparency, synergy and coordination between operating agencies;

Concerned that the way things are going even if N1trillion is thrown into the mix without synergy, oversight, engagement, transparency and better coordination, nothing would improve in the condition of the displaced persons and the victims of the insurgency for whose benefit the donations have been made in the first place,

Accordingly resolves to:

Mandate Committee on Special Duties to initiate the process of synergizing between United Nations, Donor Agencies, NGOs, Federal, State and Local Governments to ensure effective coordination of the humanitarian response for the benefit of the displaced persons and victims of insurgency in the North East and report back to the Senate in two weeks.

2. Deplorable State of the National Stadium, Surulere, Lagos.

Senator Obinna Ogba (Ebonyi Central)

The Senate:

Notes that many years ago, after football ceased to be a mere novelty exercise in Nigeria the Federal Government decided to build a National Stadium in Lagos. The goal principally, was to help improve the standard of the game and peradventure stimulate private participation in the sponsorship of football matches and other sporting events in the long run as it is done worldwide to achieve the aforesaid goals. Therefore, when the stadium was built in 1972, to among other things, host the *All African Games* in 1973, it had a capacity of 55,000, which was then reduced to 45,000 in 1999. It recorded the highest attendance of 85,000 during the final match of the African Cup of Nations in 1980 between Nigeria and Algeria, which Nigeria won and it was the first time ever that the country won the African Cup of Nations;

Notes also that the National Stadium, Surulere, Lagos was at a time in this country, a national monument and a symbol of national pride, which has played host to several national, continental and international competitions, including the *All African Games* in 1973, *Africa Cup of Nations* in 1980, the *FIFA Under-20*

World Youth Championship in 1999 and the 2000 Africa Cup of Nations co-hosted by Nigeria and Ghana, etc;

Worried that this once iconic stadium and pride of the nation has become a shadow of itself where you can only see dead electronic scoreboards, non-functioning floodlights and a totally dis-repaired pitch. The last major competition that was held there was the final of the 2000 Africa Cup of Nations, jointly hosted by Nigeria and Ghana, where the rusty billboard, advertising a television station as the host broadcaster of the tournament is still seen in the premises of the stadium as a testament of its state of neglect;

Worried also that the stadium now serves as a parking lot for the smaller Teslim Balogun Stadium, which is located opposite it. At nights, under the cover of darkness, without functioning floodlights, it becomes home to shady characters and miscreants who loiter around its premises to carry out nefarious activities. Other indoor sporting facilities in the stadium are not any better; from the dirty-algae-infested swimming pool which has not been used for years and the worn-out tartan tracks, to the boxing gym, all are in need of urgent renovation and rehabilitation;

Observes that if all the national stadia along with all their facilities are maintained and updated with state of the art equipment, Nigeria will not be wasting colossal amount of money on overseas' trainings for our sportsmen and women. Also, it will afford the country the opportunity of not expending huge sums of money for the purpose of maintenance or construction of new stadia when the country is to host continental or international sporting events in the future;

Further Observes that the National Stadium Abuja is also in terrible state of disrepair due to the inability of the Federal Government to meet up its financial obligations with Julius Berger, the company hitherto responsible for the day-to-day maintenance of the stadium,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i.* Urge the Federal Government to as a matter of urgency, renovate and rehabilitate the national stadium Surulere, Lagos with a view to revamping it to meet international standard for effective and efficient use so that such a monument that huge amount of money was spent to put together, will not be lying waste;
- ii.* Urge the Federal Government to empower the Federal Ministry of Youths and Sports through its department on Stadia and Facilities Management with adequate budgetary provisions for regular, routine and turnaround maintenance, refurbishment and rehabilitation of all national stadia in the country;
- iii.* Urge the Senate Committee on Sports and Social Development to, from time to time and as part of their mandate, embark on inspection/tour of all national stadia across the country as part of its legislative oversight responsibilities to ensure that the stadia are adequately maintained and rehabilitated by the relevant authority; and
- iv.* Mandate the Federal Government to as a matter of National interest hand over the management and maintenance of the stadium back to Julius Berger.

CONSODERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to provide for a Legal Framework for the Cassava Inclusion Policy of the Federal Government to encourage Cassava Farming and for other matters connected therewith, 2017 (SB. 152) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Rose Oko(Cross River North).
2. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Health Insurance Scheme Act CAP N42 LFN 2004 and to enact the National Health Insurance Commission and for other matters connected therewith, 2017 (SB. 278)
- *Second Reading*
Sen. Lanre Tejuoso(Ogun Central).
3. A Bill for an Act to make comprehensive provisions for the Confiscation, Forfeiture and Management of Properties derived from unlawful activities and for connected matters, 2017 (SB. 376) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Mohammed Hassan (Yobe South).

4. A Bill for an Act to provide for Secured Transactions, Registration and Regulation of Security Interest in Movable Assets and for related matters, 2017 (SB. 261) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Rafiu Adebayo Ibrahim (*Kwara South*).
5. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the AlvanIkoku Federal University of Education Owerri and for other matters connected therewith, 2017 (SB. 398) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Samuel Anyanwu (*Imo East*).
6. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Fraud Examiners and for matters connected therewith, 2017 (SB. 167) – *Second Reading*
Sen. Foster Ogola (*Bayelsa West*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Environment	Tuesday, 17 th January, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 313 Senate New Building
2.	Drugs and Narcotics	Tuesday, 17 th January, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 327 Senate New Building
3.	Foreign Affairs	Tuesday, 17 th January, 2017 (Meeting with E.S NCPC	2.00pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building
4.	Police Affairs	Tuesday, 17 th January, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 328 Senate New Building
5.	Trade and Investment	Tuesday, 17 th January, 2017	2.30pm	Committee Room 312 Senate New Building
6.	Ah-hoc Committee on the Crises in Southern Kaduna & other parts of Nigeria	Tuesday, 17 th January, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 438 Senate New Building
7.	Aviation	Tuesday, 17 th January, 2017	1.30pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
8.	Petroleum Downstream	Tuesday, 17 th January, 2017	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
9.	Joint Committee on Agriculture & Rural Devt. and Trade & Investment	Wednesday, 18 th January, 2017 (Inaugural Meeting)	12.00noon	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
10.	Communications	Wednesday, 18 th January, 2017 (Oversight)	1.00pm	Senate Front Entrance
11.	Joint Committee on Agriculture & Rural Devt. and Trade & Investment	Wednesday, 18 th January, 2017 (Conference Committee)	1.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building