



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

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2016

1. Prayers
2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
3. Oaths
4. Announcements (if any)
5. Petitions

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS**

1. Federal Polytechnic Kabo (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2016 (SB. 406) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Jibrin Barau (*Kano North*).
2. Child Right Act 2003 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 410) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Benjamin Uwajumogu (*Imo North*).
3. Facial Mutilation (Prohibition) Bill, 2016 (SB. 407) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Dino Melaye (*Kogi West*).

**PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**

1. Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on Mounting Humanitarian Crisis in the North East  
-That the Senate do receive the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee in respect of the Motion on Mounting Humanitarian Crisis in the North East  
Sen. Shehu Sani (*Kaduna Central*) - *To be Laid.*
2. Report of the Committee on Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy  
*Screening of Chairman and Commissioners for the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC)*  
Sen. Enyinnaya Abaribe (*Abia South*)  
-That the Senate do receive the report of the Committee on Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy on the *Screening of Chairman and Commissioners for Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC)* - *To be Laid.*
3. Report of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions  
Sen. Samuel Anyanwu (*Imo East*)  
-That the Senate do receive the reports of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of:
  - a. Petition from Sani Abakura against the Niger Delta Power Holding Company Ltd, for Unlawful Disengagement from Service;
  - b. Petition from Mr. Philips Ororho against the Federal Medical Centre, Asaba over Alleged Wrongful Termination of his Appointment by the Centre;
  - c. Petition from Umoru Abdulmiminu Odafe against the National Board for Technology Incubation for Alleged Malicious Transfer from Technology Incubation Centre, Warri to Yenagoa;
  - d. Petition from I. O. Ngene Esq. on behalf of Mbulu-Owo/Owo Communities in Nkanu East Local Government Area of Enugu State against Soldiers of the 82 Division of the Nigerian Army for Unwarranted Invasion/Displacement/Threatened Ejection from their Ancestral Land;
  - e. Petition from Yahaya Ibrahim Shinko against the Nigerian Army over his Wrongful and Abrupt Compulsory

- Retirement from the Nigerian Army in 1999 without reason;
- f. Petition from Y.B. Aminu on behalf of the Next of Kins of Alh. Haruna Musa (Deceased) of Koko Town, against the Nigerian Army for Extra Judicial Execution of APC Supporters at Koko Besse LGA and Suru LGA, Kebbi State;
  - g. Petition from War Affected Pioneer Officer Cadets of the Nigerian Airforce against the Nigerian Air Force for Non Payment of Gratuity and Pensions by the Military Pensions Board;
  - h. Petition from Mr. Anoke Wilson Akuma against the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) and the West African Examination Council (WAEC) over Unlawful Termination of his Appointment by the FIRS on False Assumption of Forged Certificate; and
  - I. Petition from Farouk Umar Ibrahim against the Nigerian Navy for Alleged Wrongful Dismissal from the Navy - *To be Laid.*

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT

1. Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on Mounting Humanitarian Crisis in the North East  
That the Senate do consider the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee in respect of the Motion on Mounting Humanitarian Crisis in the North East  
Sen. Shehu Sani (*Kaduna Central*).

## MOTIONS

1. Church Building Collapse in Uyo and the need to curtail the Spate of Building Collapse in Nigeria.

Sponsor: Senator Godswill Akpabio (*Akwa-Ibom North-West*)

*The Senate:*

*Notes with sadness the shocking and unfortunate incidence of the collapse of Reigners Bible Church, a new generation church located along Uyo Village Road which occurred on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2016;*

*Notes with great concern, the recurring problem of building collapse in the country due to lack of strict enforcement of building codes by the authorities;*

*Notes also that this trend which is mostly synonymous with private buildings has crept into sacred buildings of worship leading to high casualty records due to the number of persons attending worships at such centres;*

*Concerned that the ugly incident in Uyo occurred at about 11:00am, just a few minutes after His Excellency Governor Udom Emmanuel and his entourage entered the church;*

*Aware that Akwa Ibom State Governor, Mr. Udom Emmanuel and some members of the state Executive Council, narrowly escaped death when this incident occurred. However, most worshipers were not that lucky, as many lives were lost and several others injured when the building collapsed over them;*

*Recalls that on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 a Six Story Guest House located within the Synagogue Church of All Nations (SCOAN) premises in Ikotun, Lagos State collapsed leaving in its toll the death of many people, including South Africans, Nigerians, Beninois and Togolese;*

*Aware that statistics had indicated that in the last two years alone, most major cities in Nigeria have witnessed nothing less than 3-4 building collapse incidences. Further statistics indicate that 60 percent of structures in Nigeria were built without authorization and the 85 percent of building materials in Nigeria are sub-standard while over 80 percent of the materials are imported into Nigeria;*

*Worried that the factors attributed to this menace are numerous and include among others lack of necessary and proper building approval and supervision, use of substandard materials, population density, lack of professional competence and activities of quacks, bad workmanship, compromising standards due to bribery and corruption, lack of adequate maintenance, greedy attitude of contractors, and wear and tear to mention but a few;*

*Deeply Worried* that although there is provision for summary trial of violators and offenders of building codes in our laws, there is no record of persons convicted or seriously tried or sanctioned for incidence of building collapse either by the Ministry of Justice, the Nigeria Police or other law enforcement agents of government;

*Concerned* that this is the right time to act in order to save lives and properties of Nigerians from continuous destruction due to this national catastrophes,

*Accordingly resolves to:*

- i. ~~Observe a minute silence in honour of those who lost their lives at the Reigners Bible Church Building collapse in Uyo;~~
- ii. ~~Urge all the rescue operators in the country including NEMA, Fire Service, Red Cross, Nigerian Police, Nigerian Army and the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps to always be at alert to facilitate rescue operations of lives in similar circumstances;~~
- iii. ~~Send a high powered delegation to visit and Commiserate with the State Governor and the good people of Akwa-Ibom on this tragic incident that had befallen the State;~~
- iv. ~~Urge the Federal government to direct NEMA and Federal Ministry of Health and other relevant Agencies to immediately provide relief materials such as vital drugs and other essentials to alleviate the plight of the victims in various hospitals across the country; and~~
- v. ~~Urge the Federal government to direct professional bodies to withdraw licenses of their counterparts who are culpable in any building collapse in any part of Nigeria.~~

## 2. Recent Suicide Attacks on Madagali Market in Adamawa State.

Sponsor: Senator Binta Garba Marsi (Adamawa North)

*The Senate:*

*Notes* with a deep sense of grief the dastardly twin bomb attacks that took place on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 at a busy market in the town of Madagali, Adamawa State;

*Notes also* that the coordinated bomb attack masterminded by two teenage bombers who disguised as customers at the section of the market selling grains and second-hand clothing went off simultaneously when the Madagali market was filled to the brim;

*Aware* that no fewer than 56 lives were lost, even as 177 others were said to have been injured in the attacks that happened in the Madagali Market;

*Aware also* that Madagali was among the territory captured by Boko Haram insurgents in 2014 before Nigerian troops, supported by a Regional Force, liberated it in 2015;

*Further aware* that Friday's incident was the third in the town since two female suicide bombers attacked in December 28, 2015, at a busy motor park killing scores;

*Worried* that the relative peace enjoyed in Adamawa State in the last one year has now been truncated;

*Convinced* that terrorism of any form is condemnable and an outright offence against humanity;

*Accordingly resolves to:*

- i. *Observe* a minute silence in honour of those who lost their lives;

- ii. *Condemn* the attacks in its entirety;
- iii. *Commend* NEMA for its quick response to the humanitarian crisis;
- iv. *Call* on the Federal Government of Nigeria to adequately compensate the victims of the bereaved families while taking care of the wounded; and
- v. *Call* on the Security agencies to embrace modern technology in explosive detection and also to expand their intelligence networks especially now that the insurgents are being embattled in the North East.

### 3. Joint Session of the National Assembly

Sen. Ali Ndume (*Senate Leader*).

-That the Senate do now proceed to the House of Representatives to receive an Address by Mr. President Commander in Chief, President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR on the 2017 Appropriation Bill.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

| No. | Committee                                 | Date                                                         | Time   | Venue                                     |
|-----|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Primary Healthcare & Communicable Disease | Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December, 2016                   | 2.00pm | Committee Room 117<br>Senate New Building |
| 2.  | Legislative Compliance                    | Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December, 2016<br>(Inauguration) | 2.00pm | Committee Room 301<br>Senate New Building |
| 3.  | Works                                     | Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December, 2016                   | 4.00pm | Committee Room 211<br>Senate New Building |
| 4.  | Employment, Labour & Productivity         | Thursday, 15 <sup>th</sup> December, 2016                    | 2.00pm | Committee Room 327<br>Senate New Building |
| 5.  | Water Resources                           | Thursday, 15 <sup>th</sup> December, 2016                    | 2.00pm | Committee Room 324<br>Senate New Building |