

The Demise of Senator Mustapha Bukar (31st December, 1954 to 4th April, 2018).

Sen. Ahmad Lawan (Yobe North-Senate Leader).

The Senate:

Notes with shock the demise of Senator Mustapha Bukar on Wednesday, 4th April 2018 at the Nizamiye (Turkish) Hospital, Abuja at the age of 63 years. The Distinguished Senator was born in Daura on December 31, 1954;

Notes that he was first taken to a Qur'anic teacher to master the art of recitation of the Holy Quran from 1957 to 1961 before he was enrolled into Elementary school. He attended Daura Primary School from 1961 to 1968; proceeded to Government College Katsina from 1969 to 1973. For his University Education, he attended the prestigious Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria from 1974 to 1978 where he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He thereafter did his compulsory one year National Youth Service (NYSC) in Imo State;

Observes that Senator Mustapha Bukar, later became a Chartered Engineer. He was a member of the Institute of Civil Engineers, Council of Registered Engineers of Nigeria, Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), American Water Work Association and also the President-Nigerian Water Supply Association; Chairman-African Water Resources and Member, Nigeria Institute of Management;

Aware that Between 1978 and 1987 he worked on the first World Bank financed Kaduna Water Supply extension projects as an engineer and later became project manager of the project which was officially commissioned in 1987;

Recalls that with the creation of Katsina State in 1987, Engineer Bukar was deployed to help set up the project department of the new State Water Board as Chief Engineer, projects. As head of the new department, he was responsible for the design, supervision and execution of all water supply projects of the board. He was later appointed General Manager/Chief Executive Officer of the Katsina State Water Board and was made the commissioner of Agriculture, Water Resources after the rationalization of ministries;

Aware that he was appointed Director of Social Duties in the Federal ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Rural Development in 1992, a position that placed him in charge of many large scale water supply projects including the world Bank financed national water rehabilitation project which was aimed at physical rehabilitation of urban water schemes in the 36 states, including Federal Capital Territory (FCT) as well as the institutional development of the 36 states with State Water Agencies. Others were the preparation and implementation of water sector reform programmes, which included private sector participation in water supply in urban centers and small towns and water resources management strategy for the country.

Aware also that it is in recognition of his remarkable achievements in his chosen career that he was honoured by the Construction Digest Forum with the highest Award for Excellence in Engineering;

Observes that as a result of his achievements, the people of Daura in particular and Katsina as a whole, persuaded him to join politics with the good intention and hoped that he would continue

with his good works of rendering services to humanity, thus he registered with the APC and contested for the Katsina North Senatorial District seat where he emerged as the Senator representing the Senatorial District;

Notes that Senator Mustapha Bukar made his mark through his progressive and pro-people legislative interventions, particularly through his Chairmanship of the Senate Committee on Capital Market, Vice Chairman Senate Committee on Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy by sponsoring the following Bills and Motions;

Bills:

- Federal Polytechnic Daura (Est, etc) Bill 2018;
- Nigerian Building and Road Research Institute (Est, etc) Bill, 2018;
- Nigerian Assets Management Agency (Establishment and Regulations) (Amendment) Bill 2018; and
- Legal Framework for Public Private Partnership (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2018.

Motions:

- Financial Inclusion: A tool for Socio-Economic Development and Stability;
- Urgent need to stop the plan to raise a federal government-secured bond of N309 billion to finance the shortfall in the Nigerian electricity market;
- Non usage of Coin Currencies in Nigeria and its negative effects on the economy;
- The demise of Senator Kanti Bello; and
- The need to establish and delegate special purpose vehicles to execute and operate major Power Sector Development Projects.

Observes that the late Senator Mustapha Bukar stood out for the quality articulation and eloquence of his contributions to debates, his pragmatism and his work to strengthen the institution of the legislature. We shall sorely miss his vibrancy and progressive mindset;

Adieu, Senator Mustapha Bukar.

May Allah SWT grant him Aljanatu Firdaus and give his family the fortitude to bear the loss,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Observe* a minute silence in his honor; and
- ii. *Revisit* the resolution of the 7th Senate on the Immortalization of Senators for further legislative actions.