



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 30 January, 2020

1. The House met at 11.33 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. **The House recited the National Pledge**
3. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 29 January, 2020.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.
4. **Oaths of Allegiance and Membership**
The following Members-elect took and subscribed the Oaths of Allegiance and Membership as prescribed by law:
 - (1) Abdullahi Ahmad Abubakar (*Sokoto North/Sokoto South Federal Constituency*).
 - (2) Osunsanya Kolapo Korede (*Ijebu Ode/Odogbolu/Ijebu North East Federal Constituency*).
 - (3) Jerry Alagbaoso (*Oru East/Orsu/Orlu Federal Constituency*).
 - (4) Nsikak Okon Ekong (*Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).
5. **Announcements**
 - (a) **Visitors in the Gallery:**
Mr Speaker recognised the presence of the following:
 - (i) Staff and Students of *Fairview School*, Guzape, Abuja;
 - (ii) Students of *Al-Nahda International University*, Niger Republic, Gusau Satellite Campus, Zamfara State.

(b) **Confirmation of Chairman of the Nigerian National Group of the Parliamentarian for Global Action (PGA):**

Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Abdulrazak Sa'ad Namdas (*Toungo/Ganye/Jada/Mayo-Belwa*) notifying the House of his confirmation as the Chairman of the Nigerian National Group of the Parliamentarian for Global Action (PGA) by the International Council of Parliamentarians for Global Action.

(c) **Appointment of Chairmen of Special and Standing Committees of the House:**

Mr Speaker announced the Chairmen of the following Committees:

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| (1) | Hon. Jerry Alagboso | — | <i>Committee on Public Petitions</i> |
| (2) | Hon. Kaoje Bello | — | <i>Committee on Constituency Outreach</i> |
| (3) | Hon. Edwin Anayo | — | <i>Committee on Reformatory Institutions</i> |

6. **Petition**

A petition from Chike Onyali Chambers (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Mr A. C. Ohamobi, on alleged unlawful dismissal, frame-up and denial of benefits by the Nigeria Customs Service, was presented and laid by Hon. Haruna Dederi Isa (*Karaye/Rogo Federal Constituency*).

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

(i) **Frequent Killing of Innocent Nigerians by Security Personnel through Negligence and Mishandling of Firearms in the name of "Accidental Discharge":**

Hon. Onyejeocha Nkeiruka (*Isuikwato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency and 3 others*) 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.

Frequent Killing of Innocent Nigerians by Security Personnel through Negligence and Mishandling of Firearms in the name of "Accidental Discharge":

The House:

Notes that the primary purpose of Security Agencies in Nigeria is the protection of lives, property and territorial integrity of Nigeria and Nigerians; hence they are authorized to carry firearms;

Aware that there have been several instances where the members of the Security agencies used firearms for purposes other than the protection of lives and properties including, but not limited to discharging/shooting at public events, rallies, weddings, burials, for amusement or wild celebrations;

Recalls that on Saturday, 26 January, 2020, Hon. Ndubuisi Emenike, a Member representing Ehimi Mbano, Imo State House of Assembly was killed by a personnel of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) in what was described as "accidental discharge" during their political victory party;

Also recalls that the indiscriminate and reckless killing by security agencies have become rampant, making regular headlines in our national dailies;

Worried that if no action is taken to address and regulate Security Agencies on the use of firearms, more lives will be wasted and Nigerians will lose faith in the ability of law enforcement agents to handle firearms;

Resolves to:

- (i) condemn in entirety the incidences of accidental discharges, wrongful use of firearms and commiserate with the families of the victims;
- (ii) urge the Inspector-General of Police to investigate the killing of Hon. Ndubusi Emenike and indeed other killings attributed to wrongful use of firearms by security agents, and bring the culprits to book in order to ensure justice;
- (iii) also urge the Nigeria Police Force, Nigerian Armed Forces, and all other Security Agencies authorised to carry firearm to desist from shooting firearms as a means of amusement, celebrations, jubilation or otherwise other than for the purpose of protection of lives and properties; and
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, Interior and other relevant Committees to invite the Inspector-General of Police, Commandant-General of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) and other stakeholders to brief the House of Representatives on measures being taken to ensure that such incidences are forestalled (*Hon. Nkeiruka C. Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency and 3 Others*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Prayer (v) as follows:

“Observe a minute silence in honour of Hon. Ndubuisi Emenike” (*Hon. Ugoma Ozurigbo — Nwangele/Nkwerre/Isu/Njaba Federal Constituency*)

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the primary purpose of Security Agencies in Nigeria is the protection of lives, property and territorial integrity of Nigeria and Nigerians; hence they are authorized to carry firearms;

Aware that there have been several instances where the members of the Security agencies used firearms for purposes other than the protection of lives and properties including, but not limited to discharging/shooting at public events, rallies, weddings, burials, for amusement or wild celebrations;

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- (v) observe a minute silence in honour of Hon. Ndubuisi Emenike (**HR. 04/01/2020**).

A minute in silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

(ii) *Need to Stop Further Killing in Mangu/Bokkos Communities, Plateau State:*
 Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren (*Mangu/Bokkos 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 to Stop Further Killing in Mangu/Bokkos Communities, Plateau State:

The House:

Notes the deteriorating security situation in Mangu/Bokkos Constituency of Plateau State, which has claimed several lives, and property worth millions of Naira destroyed;

Also notes that Kulben, Kwatas, Ruboi, Marish, Murish, Lokudung, Sabon Barki, Pil, Maja and Mbiri-Ishala villages were attacked, leaving 32 persons dead, 3 Churches and 200 houses burnt with food stuff and seedlings worth hundreds of millions of Naira destroyed and 10 shops looted;

Aware that these attacks which occurred within two (2) weeks were unprovoked and went on unabated without any intervention to stop it;

Concerned that if the killings continue, it will push citizens to start seeking for self-help which will compound the security situation in the country;

Disturbed that since the primary purpose of government is the security and welfare of the people, not protecting and giving welfare to our people, amounts to drifting from the ideals of our founding fathers, hence the need for the government to restore confidence of our people;

Worried that as 22 victims of the attacks are being buried today and several survivors in displace camps, there is need for a beef-up of security in the entire constituency and Plateau State in general to forestall any breakdown of law and order;

Resolves to:

- (i) condemn these killings and observe one minute silence in honour of the deceased;
- (ii) urge the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces to show sincerity and commitment in dealing with the matter and match words with actions to save the country from deepening into anarchy;
- (iii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), and the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs to provide relief materials, rebuild the destroyed homes, provide drugs and sanitation in the affected areas with immediate effect; and
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, Army, and National Security and Intelligence to monitor the situation and report back within two (2) weeks (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the deteriorating security situation in Mangu/Bokkos Constituency of Plateau State, which has claimed several lives, and property worth millions of Naira destroyed;

Also noted that Kulben, Kwatas, Ruboi, Marish, Murish, Lokudung, Sabon Barki, Pil, Maja and Mbiri-Ishala villages were attacked, leaving 32 persons dead, 3 Churches and 200 houses burnt with food stuff and seedlings worth hundreds of millions of Naira destroyed and 10 shops looted;

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- (iv) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, Army, and National Security and Intelligence to monitor the situation and report back within two (2) weeks (**HR. 05/01/2020**).

8. Privilege (Order Six, Rule 2)

Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai (*Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*) drew the attention of the House to the Order Paper of the day (Thursday, 30 January, 2020) concerning the Federal Polytechnic, Orogun, Delta State (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB.642) which was slated for First Reading.

He noted that the Bill had earlier been passed by the House and transmitted to the Senate for concurrence. He further disclosed that the Senate deferred the Bill as evident in Senate Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 12 December, 2019, No. 47, page 620. He considered the matter as a breach of his privilege and therefore urged the House to stand down action on the Bill until the matter is sorted out between both Chambers.

Ordered: *First Reading of the Bill deferred to allow for clarification with the Senate.*

9. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Federal University, Gashua (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 641).
- (2) Federal College of Education, Illo, Kebbi State (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 643).
- (3) Federal University of Education, Kontagora (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 644).
- (4) Federal University of Agriculture and Technology, Funtua (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 645).
- (5) Federal Polytechnic Daura Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 646).
- (6) Modibbo Adama University, Yola (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB.647).
- (7) Federal University of Health Science, Otukpo, Bill, 2020 (HB.648).
- (8) Federal College of Agricultural Technology, Otun,Ekiti Bill, 2020 (HB.649).
- (9) Federal College of Education (Technical) Kastina Ala, Bill, 2020 (HB.650).
- (10) Federal College of Education (Establishment) Ifon, Bill, Osun State (HB.651).
- (11) Federal University of Agriculture, Dadin Kowa, Gombe State (Establishment) Bill, (HB.652).

10. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Roads Fund for the Purpose of Financing Routine and Periodic Maintenance of National Roads and for Related Matters, 2020 (HB. 367) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Roads Fund for the Purpose of Financing Routine and Periodic Maintenance of National Roads and for Related Matters, 2020 (HB. 367) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (Establishment, etc.) Act, 2002 (as amended), the Federal Highways Act, 1971 and the Control of Advertisement Federal Highways Act, 1986 and Enact the Federal Roads Bill for Establishment of Federal Roads Authority, the Framework For Private Sector Participation, and for Related Matters (HB. 362) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (Establishment, etc.) Act, 2002 (as amended), the Federal Highways Act, 1971 and the Control of Advertisement Federal Highways Act, 1986 and Enact the Federal Roads Bill for Establishment of Federal Roads Authority, the Framework For Private Sector Participation, and for Related Matters (HB. 362) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

12. **Suspension of Plenary**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do take 15 minutes recess” (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

House on Recess — 1.02 p.m.

House in Plenary — 1.20 p.m.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigeria Minerals and Mining Act, 2007 and to Establish the Nigerian Minerals and Mining Commission; and for Related Matters (HB. 87) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigeria Minerals and Mining Act, 2007 and to Establish the Nigerian Minerals and Mining Commission; and for Related Matters (HB. 87) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Dachung Musa Bagos — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Debate adjourned till Tuesday, 4 February, 2020, to enable Members peruse both the Act and the Bill.

14. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency, Act and to Provide for Establishment of the Nigerian Infrastructure Management and Maintenance Agency; and for Related Matters (HB.543) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency, Act and to Provide for Establishment of the Nigerian Infrastructure Management and Maintenance Agency; and for Related Matters (HB.543) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Rollands Ben Igbakpa — Ethiope East/Ethiope West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Debate adjourned for further consultation.

- 15. A Bill for an Act to Establish Ramat Federal Polytechnic, Maiduguri, Borno State to Provide for Equity and Access to Tertiary Education in the Country, make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 498) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish Ramat Federal Polytechnic, Maiduguri, Borno State to Provide for Equity and Access to Tertiary Education in the Country, make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB.498) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Satomi Alhaji Ahmed — Jere Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question that the Bill be now read a Second Time — Agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services.

- 16. Adherence to House Resolutions by Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) and Need to Optimize the Functions of the Committee on Legislative Compliance**

Order deferred by leave of the House.

- 17. Alleged Use of Excessive Force and Abuse of Due Process by the Nigerian Air Force against the Blue Boulevard Limited**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that by an Agreement of 7 September, 2012, between the Nigerian Air Force Holding Company and the NAF Shopping Boulevard, the later also known as the Blue Boulevard Limited, was authorised to demolish the Mammy Market at the Nigerian Air Force Base, Port Harcourt Rivers State and in its place, build an Ultra-Modern Market, at the cost of over ten billion Naira (₦10B) after series of negotiations and approval by the Nigerian Air Force Authority;

Also notes that pursuant to the said agreement, Arc. Peter Osunde, the Chief Executive Officers (CEO) of the Blue Boulevard Ltd, took loan facilities from banks amounting to about three billion, six hundred million Naira (₦3.6B) only and financially settled over 100,000 shop owners and residents on the site and commenced immediate construction of the market;

Informed that long after commencement of the project by the Boulevard Ltd, some armed and gruesome looking personnel of the Nigerian Air Force invaded the project site, harassed and chased away over 1,000 workers on the site, including professionals and artisans, most of whom were widows of the Nigerian Air Force personnel, who were engaged by the developer to alleviate their poor conditions, on the pretext that there was a change of guard and authority;

Aware that Blue Boulevard Ltd had invested over ₦3.6 billion before the invasion, subsequently sold over 50 earth moving equipment, houses and property to ensure that it fulfills his own part of the agreement, while the bank loans continue to attract interests;

Also aware that following a Federal High Court judgment in suit No. FHC/PH/FHR/71/2017, ordering, among others, that the personnel of the Nigerian Air Force should vacate the project site, the Blue Boulevard Ltd continued the development and construction of the said market;

resolution published in its Journal, to direct or cause to be directed an investigation to expose corruption, inefficiency or waste in the execution and administration of laws;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Air Force to investigate the matter with a view to ensuring that justice is done and report back within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Tyough Robert Aondona — Kwande/Ushongo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

(i) In the Prayer immediately after the words “Air Force”, insert the words “and Justice” (*Hon. Kuye Ademorin Aliu — Shomolu Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

(ii) Leave out the Prayer and insert a new Prayer as follows:
“Mandate the Committees on Air Force, and Procurement to invite relevant stakeholders and report back within 4 weeks for further legislative action” (*Hon. Makki Abubakar Yalleman — Mallam Madori/Kaugama Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Negatived.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that by an Agreement of 7 September, 2012, between the Nigerian Air Force Holding Company and the NAF Shopping Boulevard, the later also known as the Blue Boulevard Limited, was authorised to demolish the Mammy Market at the Nigerian Air Force Base, Port Harcourt Rivers State and in its place, build an Ultra-Modern Market, at the cost of over ten billion Naira (₦10B) after series of negotiations and approval by the Nigerian Air Force Authority;

Also noted that pursuant to the said agreement, Arc. Peter Osunde, the Chief Executive Officers (CEO) of the Blue Boulevard Ltd, took loan facilities from banks amounting to about three billion, six hundred million Naira (₦3.6B) only and financially settled over 100,000 shop owners and residents on the site and commenced immediate construction of the market;

Informed that long after commencement of the project by the Boulevard Ltd, some armed and gruesome looking personnel of the Nigerian Air Force invaded the project site, harassed and chased away over 1,000 workers on the site, including professionals and artisans, most of whom were widows of the Nigerian Air Force personnel, who were engaged by the developer to alleviate their poor conditions, on the pretext that there was a change of guard and authority;

Aware that Blue Boulevard Ltd had invested over ₦3.6 billion before the invasion, subsequently sold over 50 earth moving equipment, houses and property to ensure that it fulfills his own part of the agreement, while the bank loans continue to attract interests;

Also aware that following a Federal High Court judgment in suit No. FHC/PH/FHR/71/2017, ordering, among others, that the personnel of the Nigerian Air Force should vacate the project site, the Blue Boulevard Ltd continued the development and construction of the said market;

Conscious of the provisions of Section 88 (2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to the effect that the House of Representatives shall have power, by resolution published in its Journal, to direct or cause to be directed an investigation to expose corruption, inefficiency or waste in the execution and administration of laws;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Air Force, and Justice to investigate the matter with a view to ensuring that justice is done and report back within four (4) weeks (**HR. 06/01/2020**).

18. Rehabilitation of the Irrigation Project in Ayamelum Local Government Area of Anambra State, Built by Anambra/Imo River Basin Development Authority (AIRBDA)

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the irrigation project in Ayamelum Local Government Area of Anambra State which was designed in 1982 by the Anambra/Imo River Basin Development Authority spans over 5000 hectares and was meant to complement agricultural projects and massive production of rice;

Also notes that River Basin Development Authorities are mandated to improve agriculture and rural development through irrigation, control of river pollution and assistance to farmers in food production and processing;

Aware that factors militating against the proper functioning of River Basin Development Authorities includes paucity of funds, inappropriate technology and dearth of manpower among others;

Also aware that farmers could produce crop in rainy and dry seasons with the help of irrigation but they can no longer do same nowadays, a situation that is impacting negatively on the quality and quantity of their agricultural produce;

Worried that several attempts by successive governments to rehabilitate irrigation projects failed majorly due to lack of political will and inconsistency in government policies;

Cognizant that the temporally closure of land borders by the Federal Government has boosted sales of locally produced rice the country which is witnessing a steady increase in production to meet the demands, thus creating the need for optimal use of the irrigation project;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to rehabilitate the Anambra/Imo River Basin Development Authority (AIRBDA) irrigation project to enable rice farmers achieve optimum production; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Water Resources, and Agricultural Production and Services to ensure compliance (*Hon. Vincent Ofumelu — Oyi/Ayamelum Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 07/01/2020).

Motion referred to the Committees on Water Resources, and Agricultural Production and Services, pursuant to Order Eight Rule 9 (5).

19. Call for Remediation, Shore Protection and Canalization of Rivers and Streams in Nigeria

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the dangers posed by climate change which manifested in excessive flooding have wrought unimaginable environmental disasters and social calamities in communities across the nation and have occasioned losses of lives and destruction of homes and properties, especially in Ideato Federal Constituency of Imo State;

Also notes that the phenomenon, which has led to over flooding of Orashi River in the federal constituency has led to displacement of people in those communities, destroying their sources of livelihood and general mode of existence in the process;

Cognizant that frequent over flooding of river banks across the country results from poor remediation of environmental problems, absence of shore line protection at the banks of the ocean and rivers and weak canalization, as evidenced with the Orashi River;

Believes that only the urgent intervention of the Federal Government through the construction of shore line protection, canalization of rivers and remediation of environmental problems will curb the continuous over flooding of river banks in the attendant harrowing experiences of communities along the banks;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the Federal Ministries of Works and Housing and Water Resources to prioritize the construction of shoreline protection and canalization of river banks in the country in any supplementary budget;
- (ii) urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to urgently embark upon remediation works in the flooded communities in Nigeria, especially those of Ideato Federal Constituency of Imo State;
- (iii) also call on the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide assistance and relief materials for the victims of the flooding;
- (iv) further call on the Federal Ministry of Information and Culture and the National Orientation Agency (NOA) to embark upon enlightenment campaigns to people living in houses and other outfits close to shores and banks of rivers on the dangers of such phenomenon; and
- (v) mandate the Committees on Works, Water Resources, Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values to ensure implementation (*Hon. Paschal Chigozie Obi — Ideato North/Ideato South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 08/01/2020).

Motion referred to the Committees on Works, Water Resources, Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values, pursuant to Order Eight Rule 9 (5).

20. Need to Investigate the Fire Disaster at Amu Building Materials, Amu Street, Mushin II, Lagos State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that on 25 January, 2020, fire raged down the Amu Building Materials Market in Amu Street, Mushin II in Lagos State, destroying goods worth Billions of Naira;

Also notes that the market which is the biggest market in the State has been affected with varying degrees of losses occasioned by fire outbreak;

Aware that the cause of the fire at Amu Building Materials Market is yet to be determined, but eye witnesses said that the fire started 12 midnight;

Informed that shops and other valuables were destroyed in the inferno thereby taking away the means of livelihood of the traders who are now worried about their inability to continue in business and also interests accruing on the loans they took from commercial banks to stock their shops;

Cognizant of the provision of Section 14 (2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) which provides that the Security and Welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government would become a mere dream if necessary actions are not taken to bring succor to the affected traders;

Resolves to:

- (i) commiserates with the Government and good people of Lagos State and in particular the victims of the fire out-break being the traders;
- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials for the affected people in order to ease their pains; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to investigate the remote cause of the incidence as well as visit the scene of the fire disaster and commiserate with the people and Government of Lagos State (*Hon. Bolaji Yusuf Ayinla — Mushin II Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 09/01/2020).

Motion referred to the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, pursuant to Order Eight Rule 9 (5).

21. Need to Investigate the Fire Incident at the Old Motor Spare Parts Market, Obosi, Anambra State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that at the early hours of January 11, 2020, fire erupted at the Old Motor Spare Parts Market, Ugwuagba-Obosi, popularly known as Mgbuka Obosi Market in Anambra State;

Informed that the fire outbreak razed more than four hundred (400) lockup shops and caused the death of one Mr Godwin Edozieuno;

Also informed that Anambra State accommodates over Seventy-Five (75) major markets where goods worth billions of naira are traded, yet there is no presence of Federal Fire Service in the State;

Recalls that a similar Motion was moved on October 29, 2019 in respect of the Upper Iweka/Ochanja Market Fire Incident and the House resolved, inter alia, to call on the Federal Government to establish a Federal Fire Service Station in Onitsha or its environs;

Worried that no feasible steps have been taken to establish any Federal Fire Service station in Anambra State, especially in Onitsha where over Thirty-Five (35) major markets are situated;

Disturbed that the absence of a Federal Fire Service contributed to the extent of damage wrecked by the Fire outbreak at the market;

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to investigate the immediate and remote causes of the fire outbreak and report back within Four (4) weeks;
- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to send relief materials to the victims of Mgbuka Obosi Fire Outbreak;
- (iii) remind the Federal Government of the House Resolution of October 29, 2019, calling for establishment of a Federal Fire Station in Onitsha, or its environs; and
- (iv) call on the House to observe one minute silence in the memory of one Mr Godwin Edozieuno who lost his life in the fire incident (*Hon. Okwudili Christopher Ezenwankwo — Orumba North/Orumba South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 10/01/2020).

Motion referred to the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, pursuant to Order Eight Rule 9 (5).

A minute in silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

22. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 4 February, 2020 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.47 p.m.

Femi Hakeem Gbajabiamila
Speaker