



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 12 February, 2020

1. The House met at 11.50 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 Tuesday, 11 February, 2020.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.
4. **Announcement**
Visitors in the Gallery:
Mr Speaker recognised the presence of the following:
 - (i) Staff and Students of **Bright College of Education**, Kachia, Kaduna State;
 - (ii) Members of **National Association of Jigawa State Students**, Jigawa State; and
 - (iii) Staff and Students of **St Augustine College**, Karu, Nasarawa State.
5. **Petitions**
 - (i) A petition from Falana & Falana Chambers, on behalf of Disu Kayode and 9 others, on the refusal by the Police Service Commission to comply with National Industrial Court Order in Suit No: NIC/ABJ/199/2017, was presented and laid by Hon. Olufemi Bandele Adebajo (*Alimosho Federal Constituency*);
 - (ii) Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Jude Ise-Idehen (*Egor/Ikpoba-Okha Federal Constituency*):
 - (a) Iserhienhien Lucky, on behalf of thirty (30) Academic Staff of the Nigerian Maritime University, Okerenkoko, Delta State, on their dismissal from service;
 - (b) E. S. Uwaifo & Associates (Barristers and Solicitors), on behalf of Fred Ehiorobo, on his dismissal from the service of the Nigeria Police Force;

- (iii) Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Benjamin Kalu Okezie (*Bende Federal Constituency*):
- (a) Movement for the Survival of Ogoni People (MOSOP), on the alleged mismanagement of Ogoni Clean-up funds by Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP); and
 - (b) George Uboh Whistleblowers Network against Anthony Aboloma, Director-General, Standard Organization of Nigeria (SON), on the alleged misappropriation of funds; and
- (iv) A petition from Chike Onyali Chambers (Barristers, Solicitors and Legal Consultants) on behalf of Kayode Adebayo and 8 others on the refusal by the Nigeria Customs Service Board to obey court order in Suit No: FHC/ABJ/CS/786/2011, was presented and laid by Hon. Dederi Haruna (*Karaye/Rogo Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

- (i) ***Recent Attack by the Boko Haram Insurgents at Auno Village, Borno State:***
Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno (*Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency and 5 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.

Recent Attack by the Boko Haram Insurgents at Auno Village, Borno State:

The House:

Notes the recent massacre of innocent citizens in Auno Village, Damaturu- Maiduguri road, Borno State by Boko Haram insurgents;

Also notes that due to the security challenges in the North-East Zone of the country, commuters on the Damaturu- Maiduguri road are compelled to suspend their journeys once it is 6.00 p.m.:

Aware that Auno village is one of the spots where the personnel of the Armed Forces advise commuters on the Damaturu -Maiduguri road to spend the night before continuing their journeys on the next day:

Also aware that on Sunday, 9 February, 2020, while the commuters in their hundreds were waiting at Auno Village, some military personnel left them to their fate;

Concerned that occupants of the two hummer buses and one Sharon bus were kidnapped, 18 vehicles burnt and 30 people killed including an infant:

Also concerned that the absence of a combatant military camp along the Damaturu-Maiduguri road has contributed to commuters being exposed to danger of being killed, maimed or kidnapped:

Regrets that keeping commuters waiting at night at that spot is dangerous in view of the security challenges in the North-East Zone of Nigeria.

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the military authorities to henceforth stop keeping commuters overnight at any particular period on the Damaturu-Maiduguri road;
- (ii) also call on the military authorities to allow commuters proceed on their journeys even after 6.00 p.m.;
- (iii) urge the Nigerian Army to establish a Super Camp in Auno; and
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Defence, and Army to ensure compliance (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency and Five Others*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) *Insert* a new Prayer (iv) as follows:
“mandate the Committees on Army, and National Security and Intelligence to investigate the remote and immediate causes of the Auno attack” (*Hon. Ahmed Jaha Babawo — Chibok/Dambo/Gwoza Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) *Insert* a new Prayer (v) as follows:
“mandate the Committee on Army to investigate the rationale behind the establishment of Super Camps and withdrawal of troops from various military formation on major roads” (*Hon. Ahmed Jaha Babawo — Chibok/Dambo/Gwoza Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (iii) *Insert* a new Prayer (vi) as follows:
“mandate Committees on Army, and National Security and Intelligence to visit the families of identified victims including the relatives of Fatima Mohammed, an undergraduate of University of Maiduguri” (*Hon. Mansur Manu Soro — Darazo/Ganjuwa Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (iv) *Insert* a new Prayer (vii) as follows:
“urge the National Emergency Management Agency to provide relief materials to those that lost their properties in the Auno attack” (*Hon. Ibrahim Mohammed Bukar — Dikwa/Konduga/Mafa Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (v) *Insert* a new Prayer (viii) as follows:
“urge the Executive Arm of Government to strengthen the intelligence gathering mechanism, so that the nefarious act is nipped in the bud” (*Hon. Egberongbe Mufutau Adewale — Apapa Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (vi) *Insert a new Prayer (ix) as follows:*
“urge the Federal Government to declare a state of emergency in the security sector” (*Hon. Ndudi Elumelu Godwin — Aniocha/Oshimili Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (vii) *Insert a new Prayer (x) as follows:*
“urge the security agencies to stop the practice of creating long queue of vehicles at security checkpoints because they are soft targets for insurgents and avenue for extortion” (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Kiri-Kasamma/Guri Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (viii) *Insert a new Prayer (xi) as follows:*
“mandate committees on Defence, Army, Air Force, and National Security and Intelligence to investigate the allegations of low morale among troops in the North East with a view to redressing the trend” (*Hon. Bamidele Salam — Ede North/Ede South/Egbedore/Ejigbo Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ix) *Insert a new Prayer (xii) as follows:*
“set up a high-powered Investigative Committee to investigate the incident and similar cases in the North East to determine if the people were deliberately harvested for Boko-Haram” (*Hon. Adekoya Abdel-Majid — Ijebu North/Ijebu East/Ogun Waterside Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

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Aware that Auno village is one of the spots where the personnel of the Armed Forces advise commuters on the Damaturu -Maiduguri road to spend the night before continuing their journeys on the next day:

Also aware that on Sunday, 9 February, 2020, while the commuters in their hundreds were waiting at Auno Village, some military personnel left them to their fate;

Concerned that occupants of two hummer buses and one sharon bus were kidnapped, 18 vehicles burnt and 30 people killed including an infant:

Also concerned that the absence of a combatant military camp along the Damaturu-Maiduguri road has contributed to commuters being exposed to danger of being killed, maimed or kidnapped:

Regretted that keeping commuters waiting at night at that spot is dangerous in view of the security challenges in the North-East Zone of Nigeria.

Resolved to:

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 - (ii) also call on the military authorities to allow commuters proceed on their journeys even after 6.00 p.m.;
 - (iii) urge the Nigerian Army to establish a Super Camp in Auno;
 - (iv) mandate the Committees on Defence, and Army to ensure compliance;
 - (v) also mandate the Committees on Army, and National Security and Intelligence to investigate the remote and immediate causes of the Auno attack;
 - (vi) further mandate the Committee on Army to investigate the rational behind the establishment of Super Camps and withdrawal of troops from various military formation on major roads;
 - (vii) still mandate the Committees on Army, and National Security and Intelligence to visit the families of identified victims including the relatives of Fatima Mohammed, an undergraduate of University of Maiduguri;
 - (viii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency to provide relief materials to those that lost their properties in the Auno attack;
 - (ix) further urge the Executive Arm of Government to strengthen the intelligence gathering mechanism, so that the nefarious act is nipped in the bud;
 - (x) still urge the Federal Government to declare a state of emergency in the security sector;
 - (xi) again urge the security agencies to stop the practice of creating long queue of vehicles at security checkpoints because they are soft targets for insurgents and avenue for extortion;
 - (xii) again mandate the Committees on Defence, Army, Air Force, and National Security and Intelligence to investigate the allegations of low morale among troops in the North East with a view to redressing the trend; and
 - (xiii) set up a high-powered Investigative Committee to investigate the incident and similar cases in the North East to determine if the people were deliberately harvested for Boko Haram (**HR. 27/02/2020**).
- (ii) ***Need to Tackle the Enduring Spate of Armed Attacks and Related Criminal Activities in Birnin Gwari and Giwa Local Government Areas of Kaduna State:***
Hon. Shehu Balarabe (*Birnin/Gwari/Giwa 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 Tackle the Enduring Spate of Armed Attacks and Related Criminal Activities in Birnin Gwari and Giwa Local Government Areas of Kaduna State:

The House:

Notes that the welfare and security of lives and property of the citizens, is the primary responsibility of government as stipulated by the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended);

Also notes that no country can achieve any reasonable economic and political growth or development, without prioritizing and securing the lives and properties of her citizens, as well as visitors;

Aware of the enduring and rising case of armed attacks across the country, particularly in Birnin Gwari and Giwa Local Government Areas of Kaduna State, which has continued unabated since 2016 till date;

Equally aware that the entire wards of Dogondawa, Kazage, Kutemeshi, Kuyello, Tabanni, Magajin Gari III, Kakangi, Gayam, Randagi, in Birnin Gwari Local Government Area, also Galadimawa, Kidandan, Idasu, Shika, Yakawada, Giwa Town in Giwa Local Government Area of Kaduna State, are being ravaged with series of attacks by armed bandits who indulge in kidnapping, robbery, killing, raping of women, cattle rustling and other related crimes, almost on daily basis;

Alarmed that between January 2016 to May 2019, over 588 persons have been killed, over 27,465 people have been displaced from their homes, over 3,251 houses have been deserted, more than 10,401 hectares of arable farmland have been abandoned, over ₦708,992,200.00 worth of cash, kidnap ransoms, vehicles, motorcycles, cows, goats, etc., have been lost across the entire wards of Birni Gwari Local Government Area;

Worried about the most recent activities of these bandits. last week in Randagi and Kakangi wards in Birnin Gwari Local Government Area, where they invaded and killed 12 people, injured over 100 persons, kidnapped a lot of persons and burnt down several houses and just yesterday they invaded Bakali village, Kidandan Ward, in Giwa Local Government Area, killed over 20 persons and burnt several cars, worst of all, they went ahead to burn alive, people who ran into their houses for safety;

Concerned that the situation have negatively impacted on agricultural and economic activities in the affected wards, resulting in joblessness, hunger, health epidemic and untold hardship on the people, who are mostly seeking refuge in public primary schools and the homes of their relatives. within and outside the State;

Also concerned that some of the inter-linking roads. such as the road linking Birnin Gwari to Funtua Local Government Area in Katsina State, Kaduna to Birnin Gwari road cannot be accessed by commuters for fear of being attacked, robbed, kidnapped or killed;

Acknowledges and commend the efforts so far made by the Federal Government, the Emir of Birnin Gwari and most especially, the Kaduna State Government led by His Excellency Mallam Nasir El-Rufai, the Governor of Kaduna State, who in affiliation with the security agencies are seeking ways to curtail the situation including establishing Air force detachment at Birnin Gwari;

Also worried that despite the current efforts of government and security agencies, the armed bandits have continued to attack the communities within the affected local governments with little or no resistance;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal government to prevail on the security agencies, and also tasks the Inspector General of Police, the Chef of Army Staff, the Chief of Air Staff, and the heads of other security agencies involved, to deploy more personnel and also intensify their operations within Birnin Gwari and Giwa Local Government Areas of Kaduna State and quickly restore normalcy in the area;
- (ii) also urge the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development, as well as relevant disaster management agencies like National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the National Commission for Refugees Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons to quickly intervene by assisting victims who are in need of food, medicare, clothes, shelter and other relief materials; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to visit the affected Local Government Areas to assess the situation by meeting and interacting with relevant stakeholders in the State and Local Government Areas, visiting displaced persons and report back within two (2) weeks (*Hon. Shehu Balarabe — Birnin/Gwari/Giwa Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

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- (iii) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to visit the affected Local Government Areas to assess the situation by meeting and interacting with relevant stakeholders in the State and Local Government Areas, visiting displaced persons and report back within two (2) weeks (**HR. 28/02/2020**).

7. **Presentation of Bills**

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Compulsory, Free Universal Basic Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB.665).
- (2) Compulsory, Free Universal Basic Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB.666).
- (3) Chartered Institute of Environment and Safety Management (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB.667).
- (4) National Health Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB.668).
- (5) Outsource of Contract of Employment Bill, 2020 (HB.669).

- (6) National Agency for Albinism and Hypo-Pigmentation (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB.670).
- (7) North-West Development Commission Bill, 2020 (HB.671).
- (8) Federal Medical Centre, Jebba, Kwara State (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB.672).
- (9) Pension Reform Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB.673).
- (10) Criminal Code Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB.674).
- (11) Courts Sanctity (Preservation) Bill, 2020 (HB.675).
- (12) Sheriffs and Civil Process Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB.676).
- (13) Federal Medical Centre, Billiri, Gombe State (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB.677).
- (14) Patents and Designs (Repeal and Enactment) Bill 2020 (HB.678).
- (15) Federal Medical Centre, Mubi, Adamawa State (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB.679).

8. Suspension of Plenary

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do take 15 minutes recess" (Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Kiri-Kasamma/Guri Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

House in Recess — 1.20 p.m.

House in Plenary — 1.35 p.m.

9. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Institute of Translators and Interpreters; and for Related Matters (HB. 136) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Institute of Translators and Interpreters; and for Related Matters (HB. 136) be read a Second Time" (Hon. Abdulrazak Sa'ad Namdas — Mayo Belwa/Ganye/Jada/Tounge 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 Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values.

10. A Bill for an Act to make Provision for Integration of Private Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Infrastructure into the National Security Network in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 421) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to make Provision for Integration of Private Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Infrastructure into the National Security Network in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 421) be read a Second Time" (Hon. Awaji-Inombek D. Abiante — Andoni-Opobo/Nkoro 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 National Security and Intelligence.

11. Need to Complete the Isolo-Ejigbo (NNPC Depot)/Mushin dual Carriage Road

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that over forty years ago, the Murtala/Obasanjo Administration awarded a contract to Strabag Construction Company for the construction of a 5km single carriage road to run through Mushin-Isolo-Ejigbo, giving the presence of NNPC Depot at Ejigbo;

Also notes that the Lagos State Government, in 1987, awarded a contract to Poat Construction Company for the Construction of a dual carriage road, commencing from Oke-Afa bridge where the Mushin- Isolo-Ejigbo Road terminated to run through Egbe and end at Ikotun;

Aware of the revised UN World Urbanization Prospects Statistics that the population of Lagos State, due to its initial federal capital status and vast economic opportunities, has experienced a monumental and geometric growth from about 1.4 million in 1970 to about 14 million in 2013;

Also aware that in 2017, the Chartered Institute of Project Management of Nigeria (CIPMN) stated that 12 trillion naira had been expended on about 56,000 projects across Nigeria that have been abandoned, warning that if this wasteful trend is not stemmed, it could further plunge Nigeria into economic distress;

Cognizant that the Isolo-Ejigbo dual carriageway and the Mushin road are critical to the socio-economic wellbeing of the teeming millions of residents in more than 20 suburban communities in that axis and upon completion, it will be the main outlet for vehicular traffic into one of the most important economic roads in Nigeria, the Apapa/Oshodi Expressway;

Recalls that in a bid to bridge the nationwide infrastructural deficit, the Federal Government has prioritized the construction and rehabilitation of road infrastructure, especially those classified as having strategic economic importance;

Worried that since the initiative by NNPC to reconstruct the road from the Ejigbo Depot to Jakande Oke-Afa in 2008 which was abruptly and unceremoniously stopped, the state of vehicular traffic has worsened as a result of the uncompleted stretch between Oke-Afa and Iyana-Isolo;

Convinced that given the strategic importance of the road in the supply chain of petroleum products nationwide, there is an urgent need to deploy resources to complete the road and bring it to the necessary standard it deserves;

Also convinced that lack of durable infrastructure, especially good roads and the penchant to abandon projects, has been the bane of the desired, rapid socio-economic development of the country;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Works to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to make provision for the dualization of Mushin road from Oke-Afa to Apapa/Oshodi Expressway in the 2021 budget estimates (*Hon. Ganiyu Abiodun Johnson — Oshodi Isolo II Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 29/02/2020).

Motion referred to the Committee on Works, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

12. Need to Re-award the Contract for the Construction of Panyam-Bokkos-Wamba Road, Plateau State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the contract for the construction of Panyam -Bokkos-Wamba road was awarded by the Federal Government in April, 2007 to State Company Nigeria Ltd and when completed, would link the North East through Plateau State to Nasarawa and the Federal Capital Territory, as well as help boost economic and agricultural activities within the area;

Also notes that the road was segmented into three phases, namely 1, 2 and 3 respectively and the contractor handling phase one (1) which is Payam-Bokkos-Daffo axis performed dismally, which made the Federal Government to revoke the contract in November, 2013;

Informed that following the revocation of the contract, the contractor went to court challenging the decision of Federal Government to revoke the contract but the matter was settled out of court in August 2018;

Also informed that the budgetary provision for the road has been grossly inadequate for the contractor to mobilize to site, especially as it relates to Wamba-Wanze road which is phase 3 of the project;

Concerned that despite the importance of the road to Nigeria's economy and in aiding transportation, the project has been abandoned for over six years since it was revoked and the road has now become a death trap for motorists due to gullies from erosion that has ravaged the road since it was abandoned;

Worried that if the contract is not re-awarded for work to resume, more lives will continue to be lost due to gullies formed as a result of excavation work earlier started on the road and may continue to slow down development in the area;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to include the construction of Panyam-Bokkos - Wamba Road in the 2021 budget estimates and re-award the contact to a competent company; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works to ensure compliance (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Bokkos/Mangu Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 30/02/2020).

*Motion referred to the **Committee on Works**, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).*

13. Need to Construct a Pedestrian Bridge at Madala Market, Suleja, Niger State

Order read; deferred by the leave of the House.

14. Need to Revive and Provide Modern Educational Facilities at Almajiri Integrated Schools

Order deferred by the leave of the House.

15. Need to Speed up Privatization of Public Enterprises in Nigeria

Order deferred by the leave of the House.

16. Need to Address the Menace of Baby Factories in Nigeria

Order deferred by the leave of the House.

17. Consideration of Reports

(i) ***A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, Cap. A18, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Arbitration and Mediation Bill to Provide a Unified Legal Framework for the fair and Efficient Settlement of Commercial Disputes by Arbitration and Mediation; make Applicable the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (New York Convention) to any Award made in Nigeria or in any Contracting State arising out of International Commercial Arbitration, the Convention on the International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation (the Singapore Convention); and for Related Matters (HB. 91) (Committee of the Whole):***

Order deferred by the leave of the House.

(ii) ***A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Institute of Environmental Practitioners of Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 353):***

Order deferred by the leave of the House.

18. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 13 February, 2020 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Peter Akpatason — Deputy House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.19 p.m.

Ahmed Idris
Deputy Speaker