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**LEAD DEBATE ON A MOTION TITLED: "URGENT NEED TO ADDRESS  
INCESSANT KIDNAPPING IN KOGI LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA OF KOGI  
STATE"**

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**Protocol**

- Mr. Speaker, Hon. Colleagues, permit me to express my appreciation for the opportunity to lead debate on this important motion which seeks to address incessant and alarming insecurity characterised with kidnappings and killings coupled with armed robbery in Kogi Local Government Area along Lokoja-Abuja highway.
- Mr. Speaker, it is time to cry loud about the terrible incidence of kidnapping and related heinous crimes in the Lokoja/Kogi Federal Constituency, a Constituency where the major highway that links the Federal Capital City with the Southern part of the country is situated.
- It may displease this Hon. House to note that between March and December 2019, not less than forty (45) people were killed out of the eighty five (85) cases of armed robbery and kidnappings reported. Just recently, precisely on 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 2020, more than 25 people murdered by unknown gun men in Tawari village leaving hundreds hospitalized. With an entire community almost totally displaced. Similar, Achara, kpokpolobi, Aseni, Idu, Chakaruku, Adabo, Ahoko were attacked few

weeks ago with the hoodloms, carting away with more than 96 persons. My Aides narrowly escaped being victims on Sunday December 8, 2019 in an incidence that consumed five (5) lives, 14 people kidnapped and scores injured. In the morning of 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 about 27 people were reportedly kidnapped along Ahoko and Adabo road on the same Abuja- Iokoja Federal Highway.

- Despite the alarming rate of killings, kidnappings and attacks on the Abuja-Lokoja highway and the communities along the road, the federal government who is vested with the responsibility of protecting lives and property as provided for under section 14 (2) (b) of the 1999 Constitution as amended has not taken any purposeful and result oriented step to end the menace. People are left under the fear of future attacks.
- Mr. Speaker, hon colleagues, Abuja –Lokoja highway is a gateway to South and North, the flow of vehicular traffic is very high; this has increased the vulnerability of commuters plying this route given the strategic nature of the highway, particular with terrible bad spots dotting the highway
- Just on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> of February, 2020 unknown gun men numbering more than thirty invaded Ahoko community in military uniforms killing a guest at an on-going wedding ceremony and carting away with so many people.
- It is important to note that part of the responsibility of this hon. House is to ensure that peace, order and good governance is enjoyed by all citizens of this country as enshrined in the constitution of the federation through effective legislation.
- Also, worthy of note is the importance of this hon house and the entire National Assembly concurrent role with the executive in realising the primary purpose of government in the provision of security and welfare of the people through effective law making.

- May I therefore solicit the support and Co-operation of mr. Speaker and my esteemed colleagues in ensuring the passage of the resolutions pursuant to this motion.
- I am indeed indebted to you all for your kind and speedy consideration.

Most obliged, sir