



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

Senate order paper, Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

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1. **Prayers**
  2. **Approval of the Votes and Proceedings**
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**BUSINESS OF THE DAY**

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS**

1. 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (SB. 400) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Oduah, Stella Adaeze (*Anambra North*).
  2. 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (SB. 337) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Gyang, Istifanus Dung (*Plateau North*).
  3. University of History and Archeology (Est, etc) Bill, 2020 (SB. 328) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Ashiru, Oyelola Yisa (*Kwara South*).
  4. Terrorism Prevention Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 377) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Suswam, Gabriel Torwua (*Benue North East*).
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**PRESENTATION OF AND CONSIDERATION REPORTS**

1. Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on Nigerian Security Challenges  
*Urgent need to Restructure, Review and Reorganize the Current Security Architecture*  
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*)  
-That the Senate do receive the report of the Ad-hoc Committee on Nigerian Security Challenges on the need to Restructure, Review and Reorganize the Current Security Architecture in Nigeria - *To be Laid*.
2. Report of Joint Committees on Finance, Appropriations, National Planning & Economic Affairs and Petroleum Resources (Upstream)  
*Sharp drop in Oil Prices and other economic issues caused by the outbreak of deadly Coronavirus (Covid-19)*  
Sen. Adeola, Solomon Olamilekan (*Lagos West*)  
-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of Joint Committees on Finance, Appropriations, National Planning & Economic Affairs and Petroleum Resources (Upstream) on the urgent need to Monitor and Examine the current economic reality of the sharp drop in the price of Oil and other economic issues caused by the outbreak of deadly Coronavirus (Covid-19) and the uproar within the OPEC Community.

ORDERS OF THE DAY  
CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to define who is an indigene of a State and for related matters, 2020 (SB. 323) - *Second Reading*  
Sen. Omo-Agege, Ovie Augustine (*Delta Central*).
2. A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to enable women to be identified as indigenes of a State by virtue of Marriage when running for an Office and for related matters, 2020 (SB. 324) - *Second Reading*  
Sen. Omo-Agege, Ovie Augustine (*Delta Central*).
3. A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to make provisions for Independent Candidate in an election and for other matters therein, 2020 (SB. 335) - *Second Reading*  
Sen. Oduah, Stella Adaeze (*Anambra North*).
4. A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to specify the minimum number of Youths and Women to be appointed as Ministers, Ambassadors and State Commissioners and for related matters, 2020 (SB. 325) - *Second Reading*  
Sen. Omo-Agege, Ovie Augustine (*Delta Central*).
5. A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 CAP C23 LFN 2004 to make provision for change of name of the area referred to as Egbado" in Ogun State to "Yewa" as contained in the First Schedule of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (As amended), 2020 (SB. 357) - *Second Reading*  
Sen. Odebiyi, Tolulope Akinremi (*Ogun West*).
6. A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to specify the time frame for the conduct of Population Census, 2020 (SB. 326) - *Second Reading*  
Sen. Omo-Agege, Ovie Augustine (*Delta Central*).
7. A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to change the selection process of Judges serving as members of an election Tribunal, 2020 (SB. 327) - *Second Reading*  
Sen. Omo-Agege, Ovie Augustine (*Delta Central*).
8. A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to make provisions for Independent Candidate in an Election and for other matters therein, 2020 (SB. 339) - *Second Reading*  
Sen. Moro, Patrick Abba (*Benue South*).
9. A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to allow for more representation in the National Assembly for the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja and for related matters, 2020 (SB. 361) - *Second Reading*  
Sen. Tanimu, Philip Aduda (*F.C.T*).
10. A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to reduce the period within which the President or the Governor of a State may authorize the withdrawal of monies from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in the absence of an Appropriation Act from 6 months to 3 months and for other purposes, 2020 (SB. 48) - *Second Reading*  
Sen. Oko, Rose Okoji (*Cross River North*).
11. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Child Right Act 2003, to provide for a person convicted of attempted rape to be unsuitable to work with children and for Other Matters Connected Thereto, 2020 (SB. 227) - *Second Reading*  
Sen. Amosun, Ibikunle Oyelaja (*Ogun Central*).
12. A Bill for an Act to provide certain rights and privileges for Older Persons in order to ensure health and economic reliefs and protection for their social and civil rights and for other related matters, 2020 (SB. 114)

- *Second Reading*

Sen. Onyewuchi, Ezenwa Francis (*Imo East*).

13. A Bill for an Act to establish the Federal College of Forestry Technology and Research, Akamkpa to provide full-time courses in forestry technology, preservation, development and other fields of studies and make provisions for general administration of the College and for other connected matters therewith, 2020 (SB. 99)

- *Second Reading*

Sen. Bassey, Gershom Henry (*Cross River South*).

#### MOTIONS

1. The demolition of properties in Dakwa a settlement in Tafa Local Government Area of Niger State by the Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA) and the Non-payment of land compensation to Niger State by the Federal Government: Urgent need for intervention to prevent further demolition and encroachment by the FCDA and immediate settlement of all compensation arrears to Niger State by the Federal Government of Nigeria.

Sponsor: Sen. Musa, Mohammed Sani (*Niger East*)

Co. Sponsors:

Sen. Abdullahi, Aliyu Sabi (*Niger North*)

Sen. Bima, Muhammad Enagi (*Niger South*)

Sen. Tanimu, Philip Aduda (*F.C.T Senate*)

Sen. Umar, Sadiq Suleiman (*Kwara North*)

Sen. Mandiya, Bello (*Katsina South*)

*The Senate:*

*Notes* with serious concern the Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA) demolition exercise in Dakwa and other communities that are part of Tafa Local Government Area of Niger State, a boarder settlement with FCT;

*Recalls* that on the 21<sup>st</sup> December, 1991, Abuja officially became the country's political capital. But the move came at a huge cost to local inhabitants, especially the inhabitants from Niger State;

*Aware* that Abuja was chosen as the ideal place as it is located in the centre of the nation. Because of Nigeria's ethnic and religious makeup, the government deemed the then-sleepy area a neutral place for all;

*Recalls* that despite the Niger State Government several efforts at resolving this lingering land dispute, at many instances there had been quest for a peaceful resolution of the lingering border dispute between the two territories in Dakwa part of Tafa Local Government Area of Niger State, as well as Gwagwalada and Bwari Area Councils of FCT;

*Aware* that all the Four Area Councils of the FCT had continued to lay claims to the various disputed pieces of land;

*Aware* that there were over 800 villages who were the original inhabitants of what is called the Federal Capital Territory today. All efforts by successive governments to compensate them remained a mirage till today;

*Aware also* Most of this original inhabitants were resettled in places with no water and no land to farm. All the water, electricity and schools they were promised till date are not provided by the FCT Administration or the Federal Government of Nigeria;

*Worried* that these people are left neglected and are today impoverished and yet faced with another systematic land encroachment and demolition by those that should have compensated them for the land taken over;

*Concerned* that there is inherent danger that may cost lives and properties, as most inhabitants of Dakwa and other resettled communities in Niger State despite having title documents for their lands from Niger State are aggrieved as they are faced with illegal demolition. They believe is that the FCDA has exhausted its Abuja land in that axis and is now seeking to encroach and disposes them of their legally acquired lands through desperate unlawful means;

*Afraid* that the action of FCDA is capable of endangering the lives of law abiding citizens. And if no action is taking urgently to intervene in this matter to avert a foreseeable disaster, to save lives and properties and the disruption of economic activities within the FCT in finding ways to resolve the issues amicably; and

*Further believes* that the intervention of this Senate will definitely enable the speedy resolution of this matter of land dispute and settlement of compensation.

*Accordingly resolves to:*

- i. *Urge* the Hon. Minister of the Federal Capital Territory to direct the FCDA to as a matter of urgency to stop further demolition and desist from any encroachment and on the Dakwa Land and other communities that are part of Niger State boundary and vacate any part of this land that has been encroached upon.
- ii. *Mandate* its Committee on Federal Capital Territory and that of States and Local Government to investigate this matter, and ensure that all boarder matters with Niger State regarding the land issues in Abuja are settled amicably.
- iii. *Mandate* its Committee on States and Local Government to investigate the non-payment of compensation to all the affected communities in Niger State despite some actions taken by the Federal Government in the past to compensate Niger state regarding the land issue in Abuja.

## 2. The need to Upgrade, Decongest and Disinfect Correctional Centers Nationwide.

Sponsor: Sen. Ekwunife, Uche Lilian (*Anambra Central*)

*The Senate:*

*Notes* that Nigerian maintains about 250 correctional centers formerly known as prisons, comprising of maximum, minimum, satellite prisons and others, accommodating about 74,000 inmates, spread all over various locations in the country;

*Worried* that of the 74,000 inmates, only 24,000 are convicted, while the remaining 50,000 are awaiting trials. Report from National Bureau of statistics covering the period from 2011 to 2015, shows that 72.5% of Nigeria's total prison populations are serving time while awaiting trial. This number include also, those with petty issues such as shoplifting and traffic offences. The unfortunate aspect being that some of these inmates must have spent more time in prison than they would have served if convicted;

*Very worried* that it is common knowledge that overcrowding has created a very unhygienic and in humane environment in our correctional centers. Indeed, overcrowding is one of the biggest challenges faced by the inmates. Facilities meant for say 800 inmates now hold about 4,000 inmates. These congestions have over the years been responsible for outbreak of diseases in our correctional centers, orchestrated also by poor medical facilities. God forbid, if epidemic such as Corona virus or lasser fever outbreak should occur in these centers, it will be totally uncontrollable and a national disaster which can spread out into the general public;

*Concerned* that although our Prisons have been given the new name "Correctional Centers", they are so by names only, they are in no way near the standards of Correction Centers anywhere in the world. In many instances, first offenders are lumped up with hardened criminals. This singular act has virtually turned what should have been a Correctional Center into places where new criminal gangs are formed. Confessions from recently arrested bank robbery gang members, and the confession of the first armed robber to be publicly executed in this country corroborates this position, that in prisons, "first offenders learn from hardened criminals". As a correctional center, infrastructure must be improved and provisions made for correctional facilities such as academic, skilled training, and recreational facilities.

*Accordingly resolves to:*

*Urge the Nigeria Prison and Correctional Services to adequately profile inmates and separate them accordingly to avoid lumping of light/first offenders with hardened criminals and undertake a National Clean Up and Fumigation of all correctional facilities in the country to avoid outbreak of epidemics;*

- i. *Urge the Ministry of Interior to commence the process of upgrading facilities in our prisons to truly transform them into correctional centers;*
- ii. *Urge the Judiciary, the Ministry of Interior and Nigerian Prison Services to work together and come up with a workable modality on how to fast track the process of decongesting the correctional centers in the country; and*
- iii. *Urge its Committees on Interior, and committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters to undertake a critical oversight on the state of our correctional centers and report back to the Senate within 4 weeks.*

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

No. Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1. Rules and Business	Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> March, 2020	2:00pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building
2. Agriculture and Rural Development	Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> March, 2020 (Oversight Visit)	10:00am	Front of Senate Wing Senate New Building
3. Legislative Compliance	Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> March, 2020	2:00pm	Committee Room 324 Senate New Building
4. Establishment and Public Service	Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> March, 2020	2:00pm	Committee Room 305 Senate New Building
5. Science and Technology	Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> March, 2020	3.00pm	Committee Room 428 Senate New Building
6. National Planning and Economic Affairs	Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> March, 2020 (Oversight Visit)	2:00pm	Front of Senate Wing Senate New Building
7. Public Procurement	Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> March, 2020	12.00noon	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
8. Environment	Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> March, 2020	1:00pm	Committee Room 328 Senate New Building
9. Privatization	Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> March, 2020 (Oversight Visit)	10:00am	Front of Senate Wing Senate New Building
10. Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> March, 2020	12.00noon	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
11. Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Mon. 30 <sup>th</sup> & Tue. 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2020	12.00noon	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building

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