



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

Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2020

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

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS**

1. Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act CAP B3 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 178)  
- *First Reading*  
Sen. Sani, Uba (*Kaduna Central*) & Sen. Apiafi, Betty Jocelyn (*Rivers West*)
  2. 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (SB. 415) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Ekwunife, Uche Lilian (*Anambra Central*).
  3. Allocation of Revenue (Federation Account, etc) Act CAP A15 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 416)  
- *First Reading*  
Sen. Akpan, Albert Bassey (*Akwa-Ibom North East*).
  4. Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act 2010 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 417)  
- *First Reading*  
Sen. Folarin, Teslim Kolawole (*Oyo Central*).
  5. 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (SB. 418) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Bamidele, Micheal Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central*)
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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

1. A Bill for an act to provide for the prevention, control and management of Sickle Cell Anaemia and for other purposes connected therewith, 2020 (SB. 166) - *Second Reading*  
Sen. Egwu, Samuel Ominyi (*Ebonyi North*).
  2. A Bill for an act to establish the Advanced Healthcare Development Fund and other related matters, 2020 (SB. 371) - *Second Reading*  
Sen. Onor, Sandy Ojang (*Cross River Central*).
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**MOTIONS**

1. Need to enforce Presidential Order banning Interstate Movement.  
Sponsor: Sen. Ekweremadu, Ike (*Enugu West*)

*The Senate:*

*Alarmed at the spike in the number of COVID-19 cases in the country, which currently stands at 4,641 cases and 150 deaths;*

*Also alarmed that confirmed daily cases of COVID-19 by the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control, NCDC is now in hundreds;*

*Aware that the President, in his wisdom and relying on advisories by relevant authorities and powers conferred on him by Section 3 of the Quarantine Act, CAP Q2 Laws of the Federation 2004 issued the Proclamation Order on the General Management of COVID-19 banning non-essential inter-state passenger travels until further notice in order to contain the deadly novel Coronavirus;*

*Also aware of the presidential order declaring dusk to dawn curfew all over the country;*

*Seriously worried by the numerous reports and trending videos on the flagrant breach of the curfew and interstate travel;*

*Aware that the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19 has raised alarm over what it described as "Increased level of interstate movement, worsened by the dubious concealment of people in food-carrying vehicles";*

*Further aware that the Nigeria Governors' Forum has equally raised serious concerns over the way Nigerians crisscross the country in their numbers despite the subsisting order to the contrary;*

*Conscious of the very grave implications of the brazen breach of the presidential order restricting interstate movements;*

*Equally Conscious of the fact that the nation's security agencies, particularly the police, have the responsibility to enforce law and order, including the presidential ban on interstate movement;*

*Very worried about reports of alleged complicity in the said breaches by those who are supposed to enforce compliance with the directives of the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.*

*Accordingly resolves to:*

- i. *Condemn in strongest terms the barefaced breach of the presidential order on interstate movements;*
  - ii. *Enjoin Nigerians to strictly comply with these orders for their own safety and to quicken the nation's victory over the COVID-19 pandemic;*
  - iii. *Direct the Inspector-General of Police, Commandant-General of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps and heads of all security agencies charged with enforcing the ban on interstate travel to investigate the alleged complicity of their officers in the breach of the curfew and ban non-essential interstate travels and bring to book anyone found wanting; and*
  - iv. *Direct the Inspector-General of Police and the Commandant-General of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps to fully enforce presidential orders on curfew and ban on non-essential interstate travel as well as ensure that their various commands cooperate with respective State authorities in enforcing the presidential orders and other protocols aimed at rolling back the COVID-19 pandemic.*
2. **Urgent need for the Federal Government to take drastic actions to bring an end the act of Banditry and Kidnapping in Niger East Senatorial District.**

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

*The Senate:*

*Notes that* the act of banditry and kidnapping has become a daily incidence now in Katsina, Kebbi, Kaduna, Niger and Zamfara States for sometimes now with huge consequence of loss of lives, means of livelihood and displacement of communities. Despite the present Covid-19 pandemic the attacks have continued;

*Further notes that* 22<sup>nd</sup> April this year bandits struck Communities of Madaka, Bakacin Hatsu, Tunga Bako, Uregi, Ushama, Sambuga, Ufaka, Pangu Gari Maguga in Rafi Local Government Area of Niger State where some members of the communities including 9 Vigilantes were killed, kidnapped and valuables including cows, farm produce, motorcycles and money carted away;

*Recalls that* on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2020 communities in Shiroro Local Government have been under consistent attacks, and this communities includes Zongoro, Kwaki, Magami, Masuku, Galadiman kogo, Yinakpa, Kapna, Aleyin, Rafin Senyin, Amuko, Farin Doki, Gope and Gangagi all in Erena Ward and many other villages in Gurmana Ward were all recently invaded such as Kokki, Sarkin Zama, Jabuki among others killing, taping and carted away with herds of cattle and other valuables this areas have been the epic center of banditry activities in Niger State;

*Notes that* exactly on the 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of May, 2020 Rafi Local Government came under siege again for almost five days stretch by these same bandits where they attacked residents of Godoro, karaya Makaranta, Kagara low cost communities and its environs in Rafi Local Government of Niger State and rustled several cows and kidnapped almost about 10 people including a five months old baby and killed a retired Secretary of Kagara General Hospital;

*Further recalls that* almost at the same time the people of Beni and Katarma and Hayin Dogo communities in Munya Local govt. were attacked with one man killed, while his wife and grandson were kidnapped. In Adunu ward of Paikoro Local Government able youths were kidnapped and 3 others were killed, the same attacks in Tufa in Gurara LGA and Tafa LGA all of Niger State, and which all shares border with the Federal Capital Territory and its environs witnessed the biggest callous attack ever in their communities by these bandits killing almost 50 people including soldiers, the police and civilians including a little girl and burning houses as well as rustled several cows and kidnapped many that till today have not returned;

*Aware that* sometimes ago Federal Government had made frantic effort in curbing the menace by setting up Operation Sharan Daji and inter-agency task force to tackle cases of banditry, cattle rustling and kidnapping in Kaduna, Katsina and Zamfara States then, but unfortunately that Operation Sharan Daji has not reached Niger state;

*Further aware that* the five states Governors who shared borders with Kamuku forest, which for long became the hub of armed bandits that terrorise Kaduna, Niger, Katsina, Kebbi and Zamfara states met with the Securities Agencies Chiefs sometime last year to find a common solution to the scourge of banditry, cattle rustling and kidnapping but up till now the menace continue by the bandits with bigot;

*Worried by* the rise in banditry in parts of the state in the last two months, Niger State Governor has declared an all-out war on the armed criminals terrorizing the state. The governor said the dialogue and amnesty offered the bandits in some of the States mentioned seems to have failed and that therefore the government needs to take drastic action against because, as government, we cannot fold our hands and see Criminals takes over the state;

*Cognizance that* inspire intense military and other securities operations and surveillance in Niger, Kaduna, Kastina and Zamfara, negotiation and granting of amnesty to the bandits by Zamfara and Kastina States, these bandits continue to unleashed their callous act of kidnap, destructions of properties and killing of innocent people in both states and Niger state unabated;

*Worried that* the continuous security challenges and related attacks by bandits on towns, villages and communities in Rafi, Shiroro and Munya as well as other villages in Niger East Senatorial District have meted untold hardship on the people and subjected the affected areas under serious survival threat;

*Further worried that if this menace is not drastically and promptly addressed now, these communities who are mostly farmers chased out of their homes and deserted their farms with no hope of returning soon with the current raining season, the consequence is going to be huge and it will negatively affect the food*

sufficiency, the fight against Covid-19 infection, economic diversification policy and recent border closure of the Federal Government which can cause food insecurity in the land.

*Accordingly resolves to:*

- i. *Urge the Federal Government to establish a permanent military base at the boundary between Alawa and Uregi areas of Shiroro and Rafi local Government areas of Niger State to restore confidence in the security and safety of the affected communities including commuters flying Kaduna – Mokwa Trunk ‘A’ route to Lagos;*
  - ii. *Call on the Chief of Army Staff to form a military operation similar to Operation Sharan Daji to mopped up these bandits in their safe new abode at Bakacin Hatsi along Madaka town and Uregi, the Alawa axis as well as Kamuku forest in Niger State and order the military base and Operation Sharan Daji to mopped up bandits operating within entire Niger East Senatorial District and its environs in Niger State; and*
  - iii. *Urge the Senate to make such further order as it deems fit in the circumstance to facilitate the realization of objective of this motion.*
3. **The rising spate of Armed Banditry Attacks and persistent killings in Katsina State.**

**Sponsor: Sen. Mandiya, Bello (Katsina South)**

*The Senate:*

*Notes with dismay and disapproval, the rising wave of coordinated armed attacks in several parts of Katsina State by murderous bandits which have led to mass killings of persons, in addition to other heinous criminal acts including cattle rustling, kidnapping and mass displacement of people from their ancestral lands;*

*Concerned that even while Katsina State, like the rest of the country. is groaning under the current plight of the Coronavirus pandemic, the plight of the indigenes of the State is daily being compounded by the devastating activities of the marauding bandits which have left many people in complete fear and despair;*

*Recalls that apart from the attacks that have been going on for months which were mostly unreported, very recently, between Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020, armed bandits carried out multiple attacks on several communities in Faskari, Kankara, Sabuwa, Dandume, Batsari and Jibia Local Government Areas of the State during which the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Aminu Abdulkareem, was shot and the Head of Administration of Danmusa was kidnapped together with his son to an unknown location. The DPO is yet to recover from the serious gunshot injuries inflicted on him by the bandits;*

*Further recalls that about the same period, armed bandits invaded several communities in Kankara Local Government of Katsina State killing so many people, while carrying out other heinous crimes including cattle rustling, kidnapping, and also causing forced displacement of the villagers from their ancestral homes;*

*Aware that in the last two weeks, so many people have been killed and more livestock rustled by the bandits across the state;*

*Aware also that during the same period, armed bandits launched more attacks on several villages during which several people were killed, others injured and cattle rustled. The bandits used sophisticated weapons including AK 47 during the deadly operations; in fact they are so emboldened that they now carry out their operations on a daily basis even in broad daylight;*

*Concerned that these communities are becoming desperate and may resort to self-help leading eventually to state of anarchy;*

*Previously Alarmed* by the rising wave of insecurity and upsurge of criminal activities across the country, on Wednesday, 29th January, 2020, resolved and set up an Ad-hoc Committee on Nigerian Security Challenges, highlighting the urgent need to restructure, review, and reorganize the current security architecture; and

*Convinced* that there is an urgent need to once again draw the attention of the Federal Government, particularly security agencies comprising the Nigerian Police, the Nigerian Army and other relevant security agencies to the grave security situation in Katsina State.

*According resolves to:*

- i. *Urge* the Federal Government to direct the Nigeria Police and Nigeria Army to beef up personnel and equipment deployment to flashpoints of armed banditry in Katsina State in order to flush out the bandits and restore peace in the State;
- ii. *Invite* the Security Chiefs to brief this Senate on the rising wave of Banditry across the country;
- iii. *Urge* the Federal Government to direct the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to immediately send relief materials to the victims of these attacks as many of them have lost their livelihoods habitats, and are in dire need of humanitarian assistance; and
- iv. *Urge* the Federal Government to immediately begin the implementation of the recommendations of the *“Report of the Senate Ad - Hoc Committee on Nigeria Security Challenges: Need to Restructure, Review, and Re-Organize the Current Security Architecture”* as a way of addressing holistically the current security challenges confronting the nation.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No. Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1. Ad-hoc Committee on Investigation of Alleged Financial Recklessness in the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC)	Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> May, 2020 (Inauguration/Maiden Meeting)	2.30pm	Conference Room 022 Senate New Building

