

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 10th February, 2021

- 1. Prayers
- 2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
- 3. Oaths
- 4. Announcements (if any)
- 5. Petitions

BUSINESS OF THE DAY

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

- 1. Chartered Institute of Forensic Investigative Professionals of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 615) First Reading
 - Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (Kebbi North).
- 2. Federal Medical Centres (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 613) First Reading Sen. Dahiru, Aishatu Ahmed (Adamawa Central).
- 3. Federal University Lafia Teaching Hospital (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 616) First Reading Sen. Al-Makura, Umaru Tanko (Nasarawa South).
- 4. National Unity Day Bill, 2021 (SB. 619) First Reading Sen. Okorocha, Anayo Rochas (Imo West).
- 5. Emergency Powers Bill, 2021 (SB. 620) First Reading. Sen. Amosun, Ibikunle Oyelaja (Ogun Central).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

1. Executive Communication

Confirmation of the Nomination for Appointment as Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs for the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (Kebbi North-Senate Leader)

-That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President C-in-C on the confirmation of the nomination of the following persons for Appointment as Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs for the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in accordance with the provisions of Section 18(1) of the Armed Forces Act, Cap A20 LFN 2004.

NO.	NAMES	POSITION
1.	Maj. General Lucky Eluonye Onyenucheya Irabor	Chief of Defence Staff
2.	Maj. General Ibrahim Attahiru	Chief of Army Staff
3.	Rear Admiral Awwal Zubairu Gambo	Chief of Naval Staff
4.	Air Vice Marshal Isiaka O. Amao	Chief of Air Staff

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2. Executive Communication

Confirmation of the Nomination of Barr. Victor Chinemerem Muruako for Appointment as Chairman Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC)

Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (Kebbi North-Senate Leader)

-That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President C-in-C on the Confirmation of the Nomination of Barr. Victor Chinemerem Muruako for Appointment as Chairman, Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC) in accordance with the provision of Section 5(3) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007.

3. Executive Communication

 $Confirmation\ of\ the\ Nomination\ for\ Appointment\ as\ Non-Career\ Ambassador-Designate$

Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (Kebbi North-Senate Leader)

-That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President C-in-C on the confirmation of the nomination of the following persons for appointment as Non-Career Ambassador-Designate in accordance with Section 171(1), (2) (c) & Sub-section (4) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as amended.

NO.	NAMES	STATE
1.	General Abayomi G. Olonisakin (Rtd)	Ekiti
2.	Lt. General Tukur Y. Buratai (Rtd)	Borno
3.	Vice Admiral Ibok-Ete E. Ibas (Rtd)	Cross River
4.	Air Marshal Sadique B. Abubakar (Rtd)	Bauchi
5.	Air Vice Marshal Muhammad S. Usman (Rtd)	Kano

4. Executive Communication

Confirmation of the Nomination of Larry Obinna Collins Chukwu for Appointment as Commissioner for the Nigerian Law Reform Commission

Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (Kebbi North-Senate Leader)

-That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President C-in-C on the Confirmation of the Nomination of Larry Obinna Collins Chukwu for Appointment as Commissioner for the Nigerian Law Reform Commission in accordance with the provision of Section 2(2) of the Nigerian Law Reform Commission Act, Cap N118 LFN 2004.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions

Confirmation of the Nomination for Appointment as Managing Director and Executive Directors of the Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria (AMCON)

Sen. Sani, Uba (Kaduna Central)

-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions on the confirmation of the nomination of the following persons for appointment as Managing Director and Executive Directors of the Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria (AMCON).

NO.	NAMES	POSITION
1.	Ahmed Lawan Kuru	Managing Director
2.	Eberechukwu F. Uneze	Executive Director
3.	Aminu Ismail	Executive Director

2. Report of the Committee on Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions

Confirmation of the Nomination for Appointment as Managing Director and Executive Director of Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC)

Sen. Sani, Uba (Kaduna Central)

-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Banking, Insurance and other Financial Institutions on the confirmation of the nomination of the following persons for appointment as Managing Director and Executive Director of the Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC).

NO.	NAMES	POSITION
1.	Bello Hassan	Managing Director

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MOTIONS

1. General insecurity in Nigeria.

Sponsor: Sen. Boroffice, Robert Ajayi (Ondo North)

Sen. Abaribe, Enyinnaya Harcourt (Abia South)

Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (Kebbi North)

Sen. Adamu, Muhammad Aliero (Kebbi Central)

Sen. Adetunmbi, Olubunmi Ayodeji (Ekiti North)

Sen. Ahmad, Babba Kaita (Katsina North)

Sen. Akpan, Albert Bassey (Akwa-Ibom North East)

Sen. Alhaji, Ya'u Sahabi (Zamfara North)

Sen. Alkali, Saidu Ahmed (Gombe North)

Sen. Amos, Bulus Kilawangs (Gombe South)

Sen. Apiafi, Betty Jocelyn (Rivers West)

Sen. Balogun, Kola Ademola (Oyo South)

Sen. Basiru, Surajudeen Ajibola (Osun Central)

Sen. Barau, I. Jibrin (Kano North)

Sen. Barkiya, Abdullahi Kabir (Katsina Central)

Sen. Yusuf, Abubakar Yusuf (Taraba Central)

Sen. Bulkachuwa, Adamu Muhammad (Bauchi North)

Sen. Dahiru, Aishatu Ahmed (Adamawa Central)

Sen. Dimka, Hezekiah Ayuba (Plateau Central)

Sen. Egwu, Samuel Ominyi (Ebonyi North)

Sen. Ekweremadu, Ike (Enugu West)

Sen. Henry, Seriake Dickson (Bayelsa West)

Sen. Fadahunsi, Francis Adenigba (Osun East)

Sen. Gaidam, Ibrahim Alhaji (Yobe East)

Sen. Gobir, Ibrahim Abdullahi (Sokoto East)

Sen. Gumau, Lawal Y. (Bauchi South)

Sen. Hadejia, Hassan Ibrahim (Jigawa North-East)

Sen. Isah, Jibrin (Kogi East)

Sen. Jika, Dauda Halliru (Bauchi Central)

Sen. Kwari, Suleiman Abdu (Kaduna North)

Sen. La'ah, Danjuma Tella (Kaduna South)

Sen. Nora, Ladi Daduut (Plateau South)

Sen. Mandiya, Bello (Katsina South)

Sen. Mohammed, Hassan (Zamfara Central)

Sen. Moro, Patrick Abba (Benue South)

Sen. Musa, Mohammed Sani (Niger East)

Sen. Na'allah, Bala Ibn (Kebbi South)

Sen. Nnachi, Michael Ama (Ebonyi South)

Sen. Nnamani, Chimaroke Ogbonnia (Enugu East)

Sen. Odebiyi, Tolulope Akinremi (Ogun West)

Sen. Ogba, Joseph Obinna (Ebonyi Central)

Sen. Okorocha, Anayo Rochas (Imo West)

Sen. Omo-Agege, Ovie Augustine (Delta Central)

Sen. Onyewuchi, Ezenwa Francis (Imo East)

Sen. Oriolowo, Adelere Adeyemi (Osun West)

Sen. Orker-Jev, Emmanuel Yisa (Benue North West)

Sen. Sani, Uba (Kaduna Central)

Sen. Sekibo, George Thompson (Rivers East)

Sen. Shekarau, Ibrahim (Kano Central)

Sen. Suswam, Gabriel Torwua (Benue North East)

Sen. Tofowomo, Nicholas Olubukola (Ondo South)

Sen. Urhoghide, M. Aisagbonriodion (Edo South)

Sen. Abdullahi, Aliyu Sabi (Niger North)

Sen. Adamu, Abdullahi (Nasarawa West)

Sen. Adeola, Solomon Olamilekan (Lagos West)

Sen. Olujimi, Biodun (Ekiti South)

Sen. Akinyelure, Patrick Ayo (Ondo Central)

Sen. Akwashiki, Godiya (Nasarawa North)

Sen. Alimikhena, Francis Asekhame (Edo North)

Sen. Al-Makura, Umaru Tanko (Nasarawa South)

Sen. Amosun, Ibikunle Oyelaja (Ogun Central)

Sen. Ashiru, Oyelola Yisa (Kwara South)

Sen. Bamidele, Micheal Opeyemi (Ekiti Central)

Sen. Bassey, Gershom Henry (Cross River South)

Sen. Bima, Muhammad Enagi (Niger South)

Sen. Bomai, Ibrahim Mohammed (Yobe South)

Sen. Buhari, Abdulfatai (Oyo North)

Sen. Bwacha, Emmanuel (Taraba South)

Sen. Degi-Eremienyo, W.Biobarakuma (Bayelsa East)

Sen. Cleopas, Moses Zuwoghe (Bayelsa Central)

Sen. Ekpeyong C. Stephen (Akwa Ibom North West)

Sen. Ekwunife, Uche Lilian (Anambra Central)

Sen. Eyakenyi, Akon Etim (Akwa-Ibom South)

Sen. Folarin, Teslim Kolawole (Oyo Central)

Sen. Gaya, Kabiru Ibrahim (Kano South)

Sen. Goje, Mohammed Danjuma (Gombe Central)

Sen. Gyang, Istifanus Dung (Plateau North)

Sen. Isa, Shuaibu Lau (Taraba North)

Sen. Ishaku, Elisha Cliff (Adamawa North)

Sen. Kalu, Orji Uzor (Abia North)

Sen. Kyari, Abubakar Shaib (Borno North)

Sen. Lawali, Hassan Anka (Zamfara West)

Sen. Manager, James Ebiowou (Delta South)

Sen. Adeyemi, Smart (Kogi West)

Sen. Mohammed, Sabo (Jigawa South-West)

Sen. Mpigi, Barinada (Rivers South-East)

Sen. Mustapha, Olalekan Ramoni (Ogun East)

Sen. Ndume, Mohammed Ali (Borno South)

Sen. Tinubu, Oluremi Shade (Lagos Central)

Sen. Nwaoboshi, Peter Onyeluka (Delta North)

Sen. Oduah, Stella Adaeze (Anambra North)

Sen. Odey, Stephen Adi (Cross River North)

Sen. Oloriegbe, Yahaya Ibrahim (Kwara Central)

Sen. Onor, Sandy Ojang (Cross River Central)

Sen. Ordia, Akhimienmona Clifford (Edo Central)

Sen. Orji, Theodore Ahamefule(Abia Central)

Sen. Abiru, Mukhail Adetokumbo (*Lagos East*)

Sen. Sankara, D. Abdullahi (Jigawa North-West)

Sen. Ibrahim, A. Danbaba (Sokoto South)

Sen. Shettima, Kashim (Borno Central)

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

Sen. Ubah, Ifeanyi Patrick (Anambra South)

Sen. Umar, Sadiq Suleiman (Kwara North)

Sen. Utazi, Chukwuka Godfrey (Enugu North) Sen. Yakubu, Oseni (Kogi Central) Sen. Wamakko, Aliyu Magatakarda (Sokoto North) Sen. Yaroe, Binos Dauda (Adamawa South)

The Senate:

Notes with deep concern the general state of insecurity in Nigeria;

Notes with sadness reports of killings, and kidnappings in Ondo State, Edo State, Oyo State, Imo State, Kaduna State, Zamfara State, Niger State, Nasarawa State, Kebbi State and in other parts of the Country;

Aware of reports of kidnappings and killings in Ibarapa axis and other parts of Oyo State consequent upon which eviction notice was given to Fulani herdmen on 16th January, 2021, sequent to which houses and cars belonging to Fulani herdsmen were burnt in Igangan, Ibarapa North LGA of Oyo State;

Aware also that in January, 2021, gunmen invaded Kaduna communities, killed the traditional head of Baranje Village, Dogara Yahaya and another resident in Baranje village near Buruku in Chikun Local Government Area of the State. Similarly, armed bandits killed one person after failed attempt to kidnap him at Ungwan Sada in Giwa Local Government Area, a herder was also killed by armed bandits along Kangimi axis on the Kaduna - Jos Road in Igabi Local Government Area;

Further aware that on Friday - 29th of January, 2021, gunmen clad in military uniform intercepted some vehicles at Idon village in Kajuru Local Government Area on Kaduna-Kachia Road in Kaduna State, abducting no fewer than 19 travellers and taking them in to the forest. Just like the dangerous Kaduna - Kachina road, there are still reports of kidnappings on the Kaduna - Abuja expressway;

Notes that in Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory, on Saturday, 24th of January, 2021, armed men attacked Rachael orphanage in Naharati, Abaji Area Council, kidnapped seven children of age range 10 to 13 years and also kidnapped a staff member of the orphanage. Like this abduction, there are also pockets of reports of abductions in Abuja;

Notes also that in Ondo State, kidnappers often operate freely on Akure - Owo road, Owo - Akungba road, Akure - Ilesha expressway, Ise Akoko - Isua Akoko Road and other parts of the State. Recently, gunmen killed a first class traditional ruler, the Olufon of Ifon, Oba Isreal Adeusi;

Notes further that mass killings and banditry in Kebbi State hitherto localized in four (4) Local Government Areas in Zuru Emirate have extended to Shanga (Yawuri Emirate) and Koko-Besse, Bagudo and Maiyama Local Government Areas (Gwandu Emirate);

Notes again that in Nasarawa State, On Monday, 4th of January, 2021, gunmen killed the former education secretary of Nasarawa Local Government Area of the State Malami Salihu and Kidnapped 20 people along mungi sharp Conner Buga Gwari, Gadabuke area of Toto Local Government Area;

Further aware that in Ogun State, on Monday, 1st February, 2021, suspected hoodlums set ablaze the house of Seriki Fulani in Eggua, Yewa North LGA, killing one person and scores of cows;

Notes that in Delta State, in January, 2021, gunmen killed 3 mobile policemen, carted away AK-47 rifles and 120 rounds of ammunition in Ughelli, Ughelli North Local Government Area of the State;

Notes also that in Niger State, between 6th December and 12th December, 2020, gunmen invaded and launched multiple attacks in Ogu and Tegina communities in Rafi Local Government Area, 19 persons were kidnapped and a pastor with the Evangelical Church Winning All, ECWA, Jeremiah Ibrahim was killed in Chukuba, Shiroro Local Government Area of the State;

Further notes that in Zamfara State, killings and kidnappings have continued unabated. On Friday, 8th of January, 2021, armed kidnappers invaded Kadauri village in Maru Local Government Area and kidnapped six children from one family;

Aware that in Imo State, unrest ensued on 25th of January, 2023 at Orlu when armed members of Eastern Security Network (ESN) clashed with security agents, this led to many killings and burning of properties;

Aware also that in Abia State, few days ago, armed members of members of Eastern Security Network (ESN) invaded the camp of Fulani herdsmen in Isiukwuato, chasing them away and killing dozens of cows;

Aware that in Edo State, kidnappers often operate freely on Benin-Auchi road as well as Benin Bypass with the recent kidnapping of Chief Dennis Abuda, a US based Nigerian who was returning to the US after the yuletide on the 31st January, 2021 and was killed afterwards after ransom has been collected from his family;

Concerned that security challenges have led to issuance and counter - issuance of eviction notices by some ethnic entrepreneurs and groups posing as ethnic nationalists and champions;

Further observes that even though many perpetrators of killings, kidnappings and banditry in Nigeria are illegal immigrants, they are harboured and nourished by Nigerian informants, collaborators and arm suppliers;

Concerned that many Nigerians have injected ethnic sentiments into insecurity issues and this is capable of plunging the Nation into ethno-religious crises of ominous proportions;

Further concerned that if the present spate of insecurity across the Nation is not curtailed, it will lead to food insecurity and famine as many farmers can no longer access their farmlands;

Observes that the Nation is entering a very dangerous phase in its governance trajectory characterized by manufactured conflicts, fueled by ethnic and religious entrepreneurs with divisive rhetorics, and amplified by irresponsible social media activists and platforms;

Notes that it is the responsibility of leaders at all levels to address the security challenges of Nigeria; the local actors and authorities should not absolve themselves of responsibility;

Further notes that President Muhammadu Buhari has nominated new Service Chiefs for Senate's consideration and hopes the new Service Chiefs will rejig and reinvigorate the security architecture for optimal efficiency and maximum effectiveness;

Condemns extra judicial killings, banditry, robbery, kidnappings and other forms of violent behavior in Nigeria; and

Maintains that Section 43 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (As Amended) is sacrosanct, as every citizen of Nigeria has the right to live and acquire properties in any parts of the country.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Commander-in-Chief of Armed Forces, President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR to direct the National Security Adviser and the Newly nominated Service Chiefs and the Inspector General of Police to device a proposal to rejig the nation's security architecture and disposition of forces for more effective counter measures against the current security challenges, particularly in the rural areas
- ii. *Urge* the State Governors to re-invigorate rural governance and convene state-wide inter-communal conclaves and dialogues to promote local conflict resolution and inter-ethnic harmony;
- iii. *Urge* the Federal Government to immediately embark on an operation to checkmate proliferation of firearms and enforce the laws against illegal possession of firearms by arresting, disarming and punishing anyone in illegal possession of arms;
- iv. *Urge* the State to Governors implement the National Livestock Transformation Plan which is a modern scheme designed to eliminate transhumance in order to prevent farmer-herder conflicts and activate highly productive livestock sector in Nigeria;
- v. *Urge* the Security Agencies to actively deploy drones and helicopters to monitor forests and ungoverned areas in Nigeria, to identify illegal camps of armed bandits;

- vi. *Urge* the Federal Government to adequately equip the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) and the Nigerian Customs Service (NCS) to police and monitor our borders using technology to check illegal immigrants, and checkmate smuggling of fire arms and light weapon; and
- vii. *Urge* the Federal Government to resuscitate and inaugurate the National Task Force (Commission) to combat the proliferation of Light Weapons, Small Arms and Ammunition.
- 2. Proper constitution of the Delta State House Of Assembly by restoring Ethiope West State Constituency (1) with Code SC/11/DT, by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of the federal republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as altered) and order of the federal high court.

Sponsor: Senator Ovie Omo-Agege (Delta Central)

The Senate:

Notes that the Delta State House of Assembly has 29 elected members which is less than three (3) or four (4) times the numbers of seats which Delta State has in the National Assembly, and hence does not conform with the combined effects of the provisions of sections 6, 36, 91 and 112 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as altered);

Reminded that Ethiope West State Constituency (1) with Code SC/11/DT in Ethiope West Local Government Area of Delta State was duly created and approved by the National Assembly as a separate and distinct State Constituency to be represented by an elected member in the Delta State House of Assembly and this constituency has been duly stated and identified in gazettes of the Federal Government under different captions, including "... Know your Senatorial District, Federal Constituencies and Electoral Wards in Delta State..."

Further reminded that Ethiope West State Constituency (1) was/is made up of the following Electoral Wards: Jesse Ward I, Jesse Ward II, Jesse Ward IV, Mosogar Ward I, and Mosogar Ward II;

Observes that Ethiope West State Constituency (1) consisting of Jesse Ward I, Jesse Ward II, Jesse Ward III, Jesse Ward IV, Mosogar Ward I and Mosogar Ward II satisfies the requirements of section 113 of the 1999 Constitution (as altered) and this justifies its creation, and approval by the National Assembly;

Worried that despite Ethiope West State Constituency (1) being a duly created and approved State Constituency by the National Assembly pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) wilfully, negligently, unlawfully or arbitrarily omitted or removed this State Constituency (1) with code no SC/11/DT from the "Approved List of State Constituencies previously Suppressed" addressed to the Clerk of National Assembly on 2nd June, 2004;

Concerned that this singular wilful, negligent, unlawful or arbitrary act by INEC has created a real and continuing political suppression and oppression of the electorate, stakeholders and the good people of Ethiope West State Constituency (1);

Cognizant that to stop the continuing suppression of their constitutionally guaranteed right to proper parliamentary representation, representatives of the electorate, stakeholders and the good people of Ethiope West State Constituency (1) lawfully took their grievances to the Federal High Court, Holden in Warri and challenged the actions of INEC in Suit No. FHC/WR/CS/21/2015 for omitting/removing their constituency from the "Approved List of State Constituencies previously suppressed" addressed to the Clerk of the National Assembly on 2nd June 2004;

Aware that in a well-considered judgment delivered by Hon. Justice M. Shitu Abubakar on 25th March, 2015, the Federal High Court upheld the arguments of the representatives of the electorate, stakeholders and the good people of Ethiope West State Constituency (1), and granted their reliefs: The Judgment and Judgment Order of the Court are attached herewith;

Notes that in its judgment, the Federal High Court unequivocally declared that the Delta State House Assembly as it currently stands is not properly constituted in line with the provisions of sections 6, 36, 91 and 112 of the 1999 Constitution (as amended) and ordered INEC to restore Ethiope West Constituency (1) as a state constituency with an elected member in the State House of Assembly;

Further notes that the Federal High Court also declared that INEC does not have the discretion or power whatsoever to suppress the existing Ethiope West State Constituency (1) with code SC/11/DT having been lawfully approved by the National Assembly, hence the suppression is illegal, unlawful, null and void;

Recognizes that, amongst others, the Federal High Court equally directed INEC to immediately restore and conduct election to fill the seat for Ethiope West State Constituency (1) in the Delta State House of Assembly and the electoral area covered by this constituency shall be the present Jesse Ward I, Jesse Ward II, Jesse Ward IV, Mosogar Ward I and Mosogar Ward II; and

Observes that the INEC is yet to comply with this unambiguous decision, declarations and directives of the Court made since the 25th day of March, 2015.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. Approve the immediate restoration of Ethiope West State Constituency (1) with code SC/11/DT comprising of Jesse Ward I, Jesse Ward II, Jesse Ward III, Jesse Ward IV, Mosogar Ward I, and Mosogar Ward II in line with the decision, declarations and directives of the Federal High Court;
- ii. Direct INEC to immediately restore Ethiope West State Constituency (1) with code SC/11/DT comprising of Jesse Ward I, Jesse Ward II, Jesse Ward III, Jesse Ward IV, Mosogar Ward I and Mosogar Ward II;
- iii. Direct the Independent National Electoral Commission to comply with this resolution ahead of the next General Election and election of the members of the next Delta State House of Assembly in compliance with section 115 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended), by restoring Ethiope West State Constituency (1) in Ethiope West Local Government Area of Delta State consistent with the orders of the Federal High Court; and
- *iv.* Seek the concurrence of the House of Representatives to this resolution in line with Section 115 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as altered).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS No. Committee Date Time Venue 1. Science and Technology Wednesday, 10th February, 2021 2:00pm Committee Room 204 Senate New Building