



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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6. Federal University of Environmental Technology, Saakpenwa, Ogoni, Bill, 2021 (HB.1219) (*Senate*) – *First Reading*.
7. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1211) (*Hon. Kingsley Chima*) – *First Reading*.
8. National Institute of Oil and Gas Technology and Entrepreneurial Studies (Establishment) Bill, 2021(HB. 1212) (*Hon. Kingsley Chima*) – *First Reading*.
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10. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2021(HB.1216) (*Hon. Sergius Ogun*) – *First Reading*.
11. Legal Practitioners Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB.1217) (*Hon. Francis E. Waive*) – *First Reading*.
12. Compulsory, Free Universal Basic Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021(HB.1218) (*Hon. Francis E. Waive*) – *First Reading*.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. **Ad-hoc Committee on Non-Implementation of Pay-As-You-Go and sudden Increment of Tariffs plan by Broadcast Digital Satellite Service Providers:**
Hon. Unyime Idem:
 “That the House do receive the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on Non-Implementation of Pay-As-You-Go and sudden Increment of tariffs plan by Broadcast Digital Satellite Service Providers (*HR. 168/06/2020*) (*Referred: 2/6/2020*).
2. **Committee on Water Resources:**
Hon. Sada soli:
 “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Water Resources on the Need to Complete the Abandoned Kafin Zaki Dam Project in Bauchi State” (*HR.86/03/2020*) (*Referred: 5/03/2020*).
3. **Committee on Water Resources:**
Hon. Sada soli:
 “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Water Resources on the Need to Address the Challenges Facing Residents of Gurara Dam in Kaduna State” (*HR.197/11/2019*) (*Referred: 13/11/2019*).
4. **Committee on Water Resources:**
Hon. Sada soli:
 “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Water Resources on the Need to Complete the Abandoned Owena Multipurpose Dam Project” (*HR.65/02/2020*) (*Referred: 27/02/2020*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. **Need to Rehabilitate Okpella/Okene Expressway:**
Hon. Nkeiruka C. Onyejeocha

The House:

Notes that the deplorable state of Okpella/Okene Expressway connecting the South -East and South-South States from the Federal Capital Territory;

Also notes that the state of the road has led to dire economic losses and untold hardship on motorists and commuters who spend days on the road due to its deplorable condition;

Worried that as the year 2021 raining season approaches, it reminds us of the harrowing experiences that motorists and commuters go through every year on the road, of particular note is the Okpella/Okene portion of the highway;

Also Worried that state of the road has encouraged criminal activities such as kidnappings and armed robberies and if rehabilitation work is not carried out on this portion of the road before the rain sets in, travelling that road would be a nightmare;

Aware that the dualization of Lokoja-Benin road, Obajana Junction-Benin sectional Phase 1 Obajana – Okene, Kogi State has been an ongoing Project by the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing;

Also aware that the objectives of the Federal Roads development in the country are to reduce passenger travel times, vehicle operating cost and traffic-related injuries or fatalities on targeted federal roads;

Cognizant that in the face of funding challenges, it is the responsibility of the Federal Government through the Federal Ministries and Agencies to sustainably manage the Federal roads for the overall benefits of the citizenry;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge President Muhammadu Buhari to direct the Hon Minister Federal Ministry of Works and Housing through its relevant Government Agencies to commence urgent rehabilitation work on the Okpella/Okene portion of the road;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works to ensure compliance.

2. **Extension of Time for the Committee on Public Procurement to conclude its Assignment:**
Hon. Uju Kingsley:

The House:

Notes that on Wednesday 10 February 2021 passed a resolution to investigate the procurement, staff victimization and ongoing management problem at the Project Development Institute (PRODA) Enugu;

Aware that the motion was referred to the Committee on Public Procurement and was given 7 days to conclude its investigation and report back to the House;

Concerned that the Committee having commenced the investigation will require more time in order to accommodate more submissions as well as interview critical stakeholders who missed the first sitting on Thursday, 17 February 2021;

Resolves to:

Extend the time for the Committee for another (2) weeks to conclude its assignment.

3. **Need for Proactive Measures to prevent the spread of Cervical Cancer in Nigeria:**
Hon. Bamidele Salam:

The House:

Notes that cervical cancer is the most common type of cancer in African region which accounts for 22% of female cancers and 12% of newly diagnosed cancers with about 17 people dying of cancer worldwide, 26 women are estimated to have died of cancer in Nigeria, while every two minutes' women die of cervical cancer caused by the Human Papillomavirus (HPV);

Worried that the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is the most common sexually transmitted infection that has no cure but there is a vaccine (HPV Vaccine) that can prevent it if given before a girl or woman is exposed to the virus;

Disturbed that in 2017, the World Health Organization (WHO) reported that 14,089 Nigerian women suffers from cervical cancer annually, making it the second leading cause of cancer death in Nigeria;

Aware that Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccinations have helped reduce this deadly disease in developed world, but is not part of the National routine vaccination in Nigeria despite its availability and its capacity to prevent cervical cancer among girls and women;

Cognizant of the fact that the World Health Organization (WHO) recommends Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine as part of the routine vaccination in all countries of the world and over 71 countries have included it in their routine vaccination;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Health to add the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine to the list of National routine vaccination/immunization program in Nigeria;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministries of Women Affairs, Health and Youth Development to create awareness on the causes, prevention, and management of cervical cancer, the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and the vaccine recommended by the World Health Organisation;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Health Care Services to ensure compliance.

4. Need for Regulation of Recreation Centers in the Federal Capital Territory:

Hon. Kabir Idris:

The House:

Notes the tragic death of a 10 years old, Master Khalifah Suleiman, in a Go-Karting (Car Race) accident in Abuja Amusement Park on 17 January, 2021, when a Go-Karting driven by another child lost control and rammed into Kahlifah Suleiman's Go-Karting;

Also notes that the accident occurred as a result of non-compliance with safety regulations of Go-Karting, among which are:

- (i) mandatory wearing of proper protective equipment (helmets/caps) according to the coach's instruction; and
- (ii) fastened seat belts at all times;

Further notes that Khalifah Suleiman's death could have been avoidable if the instructors had ensured that he wore a protective helmet before getting on the Go-Karting with the seat belt fastened;

Concerned that due to lack of monitoring and enforcement of compliance with safety regulations, several accidents resulting in injuries and sometimes death have been occurring in some of the amusement parks/centres, particularly the Go-Karting race tracks, and the incidents are mostly unreported, and as such, no penalties imposed on defaulting operators;

Aware of the possibility of further injuries or loss of lives of fun-seekers, particularly children, if the authorities and regulators do not beam their searchlight on the activities of Amusement Parks/Centres, and ensure that they comply with all safety regulations and guidelines.

Resolves to:

- (i) Observe a minute silence in honour of Master Khalifa Suleiman;
- (ii) urge the Minister of the Federal Capital Territory to scrutinize the operations of Recreation Centres in the FCT to ensure full compliance with safety standards, regulations and guidelines and ensure that all defaulters face appropriate sanctions and prosecution where necessary; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

5. **Call to Address the Spate of Communal Clashes and killings in Bali Local Government Area of Taraba State;**

Hon. Abdulsalam Gambo Mubarak:

The House:

Notes the spate of clashes between the Jukum and Tiv Communities in Bali Local Government Area of Taraba State which started in March, 2020 and has recently taken another dimension;

Also notes that the lingering crisis has claimed lives, several people injured and properties worth millions of naira destroyed with over five thousand (5000) persons internally displaced;

Aware that on 4 and 5, June 2020, the Village head of Bagony and the Imam along with many others were murdered, a similar incident occurred at Wurbo village of Bali Local Government Area in a midnight attack by militia living many dead as reported in the Daily Trust of 6 June 2020;

Also aware that the rate of Arm Banditry, Kidnapping, Wanton killings and Destruction of Properties is increasing daily;

Disturbed that the development has hampered peace and paralysed the economic and agricultural activities in the area as farmers no longer go to their farms for fear of being attacked by militia and this may lead to poverty and hunger;

Concerned that the IDPs Camps are in shabby and sordid condition, hence the needs for urgent help as there are not enough space and food to accommodate the displaced persons as well as lack of basic health care as this may lead to the spread of contagious infections such as COVID-19, Cholera, among others;

Also concerned that no stringent security measures have been put in place to complement the effort of State Government to restore law and order as people are daily fleeing from their ancestral homes for fear of being attacked;

Worried that if Communal Clashes, Arm Banditry, Kidnapping and Killings are allowed unabated, peace may not only elude the areas but may escalate to other Local Governments and or other States;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Inspector General of Police (IGP), Army and other relevant Security Agencies to immediately deploy more security to the affected areas to arrest the situation and forestall future occurrences;
- (ii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the North-East Development Commission to provide relief materials to the IDPs and restore destroyed Communities;
- (iii) set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the matter with the view to getting to the remote causes of frequent Communal Clashes, Arm Banditry, Kidnappings and Killings in the area and other parts of the country and report back within three (3) weeks for further legislative action.

6. **Need to Reverse the Executive Order and Police Directive banning Possession and Issuance of New Licenses for Firearms in the Country:**

Hon. Uzoma-Nkem Abonta.

The House:

Notes that in 2019, President Muhammadu Buhari (GCFR) signed an Executive Order to remove, revoke and banish all firearm or shotgun Certificates or Licenses in Nigeria;

Also notes that in addition to the Executive Order, the Nigeria Police Force has also suspended the issuance of new firearms licenses;

Concerned that with escalation of various forms of insecurity in the country, it is clear that security agents are gradually being overwhelmed, given that the Minister of Defence, Maj. Gen. Bashir Magashi Rtd, was

recently quoted in the media, where he charged Nigerians not to be cowards and stand up to fight banditry and aggressions;

Also concerned that recently criminals and armed bandits have become very powerful that they have resulted in sending notices informing innocent Nigerians ahead of their heinous visits; where they eventually carry out these threats sometimes lasting for more than one day, after which they leave scot free using the same routes of entry, only to return another day;

Recalls that if not for being in possession of firearms and the use of self-defence by one of our colleagues in a recent attack on his home, perhaps the Legislature and indeed, Nigerians would have been mourning the loss of another Member of the House of Representatives;

Observes that with the position of the Minister of Defence, Nigerians have no choice but to defend themselves in these trying times of escalating banditry, insurgency, kidnappings and other forms of criminal activities;

Worried that without a clear policy or plan to mop up illegal small arms and light weapons that are responsible for proliferating these crimes, the ban on licensed arm ownership and issuance of new licences further encourages those perpetrating the evil acts to do more.

Resolves to:

Call on the Federal Government to immediately reverse the ban on ownership of licensed and documented firearms by allowing Nigerians to defend themselves and complement the efforts of security personnel towards reducing further escalation of crimes in the society.

**7. Fire Incident at Ufuma Junction Market in Orumba North of Anambra State:
Hon. Okwudili Christopher Ezenwankwo:**

The House:

Notes that on 6 December 2020, an outbreak of fire erupted Ufuma Junction Market in Orumba North Local Government Area of Anambra State, destroying properties worth millions of naira;

Informed that the fire outbreak could not be controlled by the community members due to the absence of firefighting equipment/personnel, until it razed down many lockup shops belonging to market traders, forcing them out of business;

Also informed that the shops affected by the fire outbreak are stocked with goods such as foodstuff, assorted drinks, drugs, motorcycle spare parts and building materials to meet up with the usual high demands;

Worried that the traders affected by the fire incident secured credit facilities, not minding the high rate of foreign exchange to meet up with high demands of the season;

Concerned that the effect of the incident would cause undue economic hardship to the affected traders, the host community and its environs;

Also worried that the continued absence of Federal Fire Service in Anambra State has contributed to the extent of damage wrecked in the Ufuma Junction Fire Outbreak.

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to send relief materials to the affected victims of Ufuma Junction Fire Outbreak in Anambra State;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Government to establish a Federal Fire Station in Onitsha and its environs which is the hub of business activities in Anambra State;

- (iii) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to investigate the causes of the Ufuma Junction Market Fire Outbreak and report back in four (4) Weeks for further legislative action.

8. **Need to Re-invigorate the National Orientation Agency (NOA) for impactful discharge of its Mandate:**

Hon. Shina Peller:

The House:

Notes that National Orientation Agency was established in 1993 and by virtue of its enabling Act, the Agency is established to re-orientate Nigerians and encourage them to take part actively and freely in discussions and decisions affecting their collective's welfare;

Also notes that the functions of the National Orientation Agency as stipulated in Sections 3 of the Act which includes to enlighten the general public on Federal Government Policies and Programmes; mobilize favourable opinion of Federal Government Policies and Programmes; collect and collate feedback to the Public on Federal Government programmes and Policies; energize the conscience of all categories of Nigerians on their rights, privileges, responsibilities and obligations as citizens of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; re-orientate Nigerians on their general attitude to waste and affluent lifestyles; propagate on the need to eschew all vices in public life, such as corruption, dishonesty, ethnic, parochial and religious bigotry;

Aware that Section 4 of the Enabling Act also stipulates the novel objectives of the Agency. Based on the NOA Enabling instrument, the Agency is a social re-engineering organization with omnibus mandate and its core functions include re-orientate and attitudinal transformation, public enlightenment and mass mobilization etc.;

Also aware that since 1999, Nigeria has been bedevilled with several problems, ranging from communal clashes, religious and ethnic bigotry, religious and ethnic killings, terrorism, religious extremism, large scale corruption and very recently became victims of xenophobic attacks in South Africa. All these vices have affected Nigeria image outside the country, which to a large extent has led to ill-treatment of Nigerians abroad, that even the recent reprisal domestic attacks following the xenophobic Attacks in South Africa would have been avoided if the National Orientation Agency was properly positioned to orientate Nigerians properly;

Further aware that more than ever before the unity of the Federal Republic of Nigeria needs be strengthen and all efforts by the Federal Government to tackle these problems must be effectively disseminated to the people at the grassroots, hence the need for more efficient performance of the National Orientation Agency;

Worried that the National Orientation Agency has failed to rise up to its Responsibility of disseminating information and re-orienting Nigerians during this COVID-19 Pandemic;

Cognizant that by virtue of the enabling instruments of the Agency, it is required to have presence at the Federal, State and Local Government levels for optimal performance and this has a lot of financial implications;

Again aware that the Strategic Plan for the National Orientation Agency 2017-2021 reveals that the Statutory Allocations to the Agency in the past years is inadequate for optimal performance of the Agency's mandate as it is presently bedeviled with poor statutory allocation, poorly motivated staff, inadequate vehicles and other public enlightenment equipment, hence the need to increase the budgetary allocation of the Agency in the 2021 Appropriation Budget Estimates in order for the Agency to achieve its

- (i) Value Orientation;
- (ii) Public Education and Mass Mobilization Programmes; and
- (iii) Political and Civic Education Programmes.

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the National Orientation Agency to wake up to its legal responsibilities and be more efficient in Value reorientation and public education of Nigerians and further synergize with the Federal Government on combating social vices such as Terrorism, Xenophobic Attacks, Anti-Corruption War etc.;
- (ii) invite the Director-General of the National Orientation Agency to appear before the Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Value and table the activities, strengths and weaknesses within the next two weeks;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values to ensure increase in the budgetary allocation of the National Orientation Agency in the 2021 Appropriation Budget Estimate for optimal performance.

9. **Need to Upgrade Ogbunike Cave in Oyi Local Government Area of Anambra State to International Standards:**

Hon. Vincent Ofumelu:

The House:

Notes that Ogbunike Cave, discovered by Ukwa over 4000 years ago, is a major tourist attraction in the South Eastern part of Nigeria, and records an annual patronage of over 2 million tourists from within and outside the country to behold the wonders of nature;

Also notes that the main cave is made up of a massive structure with a big open chamber linked by small tunnels and passages taking its name from Ogbunike, a town in Oyi Local Government Area of Anambra State;

Further notes that beyond serving as a tourist centre, it also serves as a place of refuge and worship, especially for indigenes of the community who believe that it was created by a deity who lives in the cave;

Aware that in 2007, the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) included Ogbunike Cave in its tentative list of treasures to be considered as World Heritage Site after it was submitted by the National Commission for Museums and Monuments;

Also aware that Anambra State Government has contributed immensely to the preservation and upgrading of the site, but there are still lots of work left to be done to raise Ogbunike Cave to the status of a world heritage site;

Cognizant that the Country is currently suffering huge revenue losses as a result, in part, to the neglect of most of its tourist sites, like Ogbunike Cave, at a time that most Countries are trying to diversify their economies to cushion the effects of COVID-19 Pandemic;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation (NTDC) and the National Commission for Museums and Monuments to urgently carry out a feasibility study on the cave and mobilize resources needed to upgrade the cave to International Standards;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Culture and Tourism and, Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

10. **Need to Infuse Transformational Funds/ into Basic Primary Healthcare in Nigeria.**

Hon. Haruna Mshelia:

The House:

Notes that the National Primary Healthcare Development Agency (NPHCDA), in collaboration with International Development Partners such as the World Health Organization, United Nations International

Children's Emergency Fund and Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI), has strengthen Logistics and Vaccines Storage Capacity at the National, Zonal, States, Local Government Areas and Health Facility levels.

Aware that the provisions of logistics and vaccines storage capacity has helped in eradicating Polio even though only about 80% of the estimated 10,000 Primary Health Care Facilities have adequate Vaccine Storage equipment (SDD);

Also aware that National Primary Health Care Development Agency is to shoulders 70% of Healthcare Services which requires Human Resources and Basic Medical Equipment, but less than 50% of the existing Primary Health Care Facilities in the Country lacks inadequate Human Resources and Basic Medical Equipment needed to provide the Services;

Also notes that many unemployed graduates of Health Technology, Nursing and Midwifery and with the current Policy of Primary Health Care "under one roof" which requires the transfer of all Senior Technical Staff to States Primary Healthcare Development Agencies, majority of States are having problems paying staff salaries before the transfer due to lack of funds;

Aware that Manpower and Basic Medical Equipment are grossly inadequate to make the Primary Health Care Facilities functional as required by Government Policy due to lack of funds;

Worried that most Primary Health Care Facilities built across the country either as ZIPS, Core Capital Projects, States and Local Government Areas are lying fallow due to lack of critical resources;

Cognizant that unless urgent stage is taken, the concept of Universal Health Coverage (70% of which should be provided by Primary Health Care Services) will be a mirage;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning to liaise with Relevant Ministers, Departments and Agencies to include a Transformational Funds in the Supplementary Budget as COVID-19 Vaccine Procurement to also include a Game Changing intervention in the Primary Health Care Sector;
- (ii) mandate the Committees of Finance and Appropriations to ensure that the Transformational (Game Changing) Funds, is included in the Supplementary Budget;
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to quickly liaise with relevant Ministry Departments and Agencies (MDAs) for proper information and sensitization on Transformational Funds in the Basic Primary Healthcare Services in Nigeria
- (iv) again mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance to achieve Universal Health Coverage.

11. Call for Restoration of Eight (8) State Constituencies into Oyo State House of Assembly:

Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun Dokun

Hon. Akeem Adeyemi

Hon. Olajide Olatunbosun

Hon. Ojerinde Olumide

Hon. Olaide Akinremi:

The House:

Notes the decision of the Federal High Court of Nigeria, Ibadan Division on 8 March 2013 in Attorney General of Oyo State Vs Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) which ordered INEC to make the restored Eight (8) State Constituencies operational forthwith;

Aware that, from the day of Judgment till date, no equal or superior court has set aside the Court decision under reference;

Disturbed that delay in complying with the order of the Federal High Court to make the restored Eight (8) State Constituencies in Oyo State operational is in violation of the provisions of section 91 and 115 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and has unlawfully denied people in Ibadan North II, Ibadan South-West all, Ibarapa Central, Irepo, Itesiwaju, Oyo East, Saki East and Surulere State Constituencies of their right to proper representation in the Oyo State House of Assembly.

Resolves to;

- (i) approve the restoration of Ibadan North 1, Ibadan South-West Ibarapa Central, Irepo, Itesiwaju, Oyo East, Saki East and Surulere State Constituencies as directed by the Federal High Court;
- (ii) mandate Independent National Electoral Commission to make the restored Ibadan North III, Ibadan South-West III, Ibarapa Central, Irepo, Itesiwaju, Oyo East, Saki East and Surulere State Constituencies in Oyo State operation and take effect in the succeeding State House of Assembly election under the provision of section 115 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) mandate the House Committee on Electoral Matters to ensure compliance.

12. Call for Intervention in the ongoing Killings, Maiming and Destruction of Properties in Oku Iboku, Itu Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State:

Hon. Henry Archibong:

The House:

Notes that the people of Odukpani in Cross River State have been brutally killing and destroying the properties of the indigenes of Oku Iboku, a border town in Akwa Ibom State sharing boundary with Odukpani in Cross Rivers State;

Also notes that the assailants regularly patrol the waterways with gunboats shooting sporadically at the Fishermen and farmers in communities leaving many wounded by stray bullets, drowned or beheaded, thus scaring fishermen and the farmers from carrying out their farming activities

Aware that since 2017 over 300 people have been killed with their properties destroyed, some cannibalized as shown in video footage from a phone that fell from one of the assailants during one of the invasions of Oku Boku;

Also aware that because of the regular patrol of the river bank and fishing settlements by the assailants, the affected communities and the people cannot access the river for their fishing activities and cannot also access their farmlands for their farming activities. These have brought untold hunger and hardship to the community, the Local Government and the State at large as this part of Akwa Ibom State is a major food basket of the state;

Concerned that because people cannot access the river and their farmlands, which are their only source of the lively hood, they have fled their homes because of hunger and insecurity and are taking shelter in neighbouring villages. These have resulted in a humanitarian crisis that also needs to be addressed;

Recalls that in January 2017 a motion of urgent public importance on this same issue was passed following which several meetings had been held between the two states but the crisis, rather than decrease has assumed an unhealthy dimension that led to the loss of over 300 people from Oku Boku;

Informed that in 2015, the Supreme Court in a judgement demarcated the boundaries between the two states and therefore the tension and hostilities between the two states should have seized;

Worried that apart from the vandalization and the loss of properties, the continuous killings and the loss of lives, and the resultant humanitarian crises consequent upon the incessant assault by the socio-economic activities of the Oku Iboku, Akwa Ibom State and Nigeria have been greatly affected thereby worsening the security of the state and the nation;

Resolves to:

- (i) Observe a minute of silence in honour of those killed since the beginning of the crises;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Internally Displaced Persons (IDP's) and Refugees, the Emergency Management Disaster Preparedness Agency NEMA to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development to send relief materials to the affected communities to ameliorate the sufferings of the people;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Army, Navy, Police and Interior to liaise with the Federal Government to set up a joint patrol team of the security agencies on the waterways to beef up security in the coastal areas.

**13. Need to Lift the Embargo placed on Employment by Federal Ministries, Departments and Agencies and the Private Sector to Ameliorate the Effects of COVID-19 Pandemic in the Country:
Hon. Sani Bala:**

The House:

Notes that the President, during the Budget presentation in October 2019, announced an embargo on recruitment in Federal Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs);

Also notes that the President recently maintained the Federal Government stand on the existing embargo placed on recruitment in reaction to the devastating effects of the CoronaVirus Pandemic and fall in Global Oil prices on Nigerians;

Aware that by virtue of its role as the major employer of labour in the country, the action of the Federal Government not to sack or reduce salaries of its workers at the time has been applauded and has no doubt helped to reduce the worsening effects of the pandemic;

Also aware that in the attempt to address the adverse effects of the pandemic, the federal government instituted stimulus packages of ₦65Billion to assist a coalition of private sector operators, ₦50billion survival funds for Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and ₦15billion guaranteed uptake scheme to save 500,000 jobs, among other interventions;

Concerned that in view of the projection made by the Minister of Labour in 2018 that Nigeria would record an unemployment rate of 33.5% by 2020, the pandemic had only worsened the situation, with the Vice President, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo alleging that 39.4 million job losses were anticipated by December 2020;

Also concerned that as a fallout from the pandemic, the Nigeria Bureau of Statistics reported that the unemployment rate was put at about 27.1 percent in the second quarter of 2020, the highest on record since 2018 when unemployment rate was put at 23.1 percent in the third quarter of that year;

Disturbed that in addition to the 2 million Nigerians previously projected by the World Bank to become impoverished, a further 5 million Nigerians have been said to be facing poverty as a result of COVID-19 Pandemic;

Also disturbed that given the rate of youth corps members who continue to pass out on completion of the mandatory service year at various intervals, the unemployment statistics in Nigeria shows that the most agile working-class population in the country remain unemployed;

Worried about the dire consequences of youth unemployment in the society under critical periods like this, including poverty as well as rising criminal activities and other social vices which are currently prevalent in various parts of the country as the effects of the pandemic continue to bite harder;

Cognizant of the fact that Nigeria, like many other countries, ought to have begun a Post COVID-19 Era by implementing measures geared towards revamping the economy and improving other socio-economic sectors;

Also cognizant of the correlation between unemployment and poverty as well as the proposition that the latter can be reduced by creation of productive employment or creating income opportunities for the poor;

Desirous to consider lifting the embargo on recruitment by the federal government, as a means of addressing further decline of Nigerians into extreme poverty.

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to lift the embargo placed on employment by directing the Head of Service of the Federation to declare existing vacancies and direct the Federal Civil Service Commission to embark on recruitment exercise;
- (ii) also urge Members of the Organized Private Sector to fill existing vacancies in order to reduce the rate of unemployment in the country, given the interventions it may have enjoyed from the Federal Government and other development partners.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

14. Committee on Police Affairs:

Hon. Usman Bello Kumo

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Police Affairs on the issuance from the consolidated revenue of the Nigeria Police Trust Fund the sum of Eleven Billion, Three Hundred and Fifty-Two Million, Four Hundred and Fifty-Seven Thousand, One Hundred and one Naira, Seventy Kobo (₦ 11,352,457,101.70 only for total Capital Expenditure for the Year ending 30 April 2021" - *Committee of Supply*;

- (i) That the Nigeria Police Trust Fund total projected income was ₦34,984,314,243.00 but the Joint Committee recommended ₦11,354,457,101.70 which is the capital component of the Budget and will be terminated on the 31st of March, 2021 while the balance of ₦23,631,857,141.30 will be carried over to 2021 Budget of the Nigeria Police Trust Fund;
- (ii) that the purchase of the utility vehicles has been replaced with the procurement of COVID-19 Protection Kits for the Police Personnel amounting to ₦358,379,191.00;
- (iii) that the sum of ₦533,894,117.70 would be used to procure Drugs and Medical equipment for the police personnel being amongst the core mandate of the Nigeria Police Trust Fund.

15. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Mohammed Ibrahim and 53 Others:

Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mohammed Ibrahim and 53 Others against the Nigeria Defence Academy on the unlawful withdrawal and relegation of Mohammed Ibrahim and 53 Others and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid: 1/12/2020*).

- (i) Urge the Minister of Defence and the Chief of Defence Staff to instruct the Commandant of the Respondent who in this case is the Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna to, as a matter of urgency, reinstate the following 15 Cadet Officers who have completed their courses and were graduated but wrongly dismissed.

S/N	Name	Categories
1.	DJ Mohammed	Nigerian Navy
2.	Y.Y Bello	Nigerian Navy
3.	D.O Adebayo	Nigerian Navy
4.	D.C Obioha	Nigerian Navy
5.	U. Zakariyya	Nigerian Navy
6.	A.H Timson	Nigerian Airforce

7.	H.O Mohammed	Nigerian Airforce
8.	I. Salisu	Nigerian Airforce
9.	A. Yusuf	Nigerian Army
10.	A.O Akiri	Nigerian Army
11.	E.Y El Nathan	Nigerian Army
12.	E.A Emmanuel	Nigerian Army
13.	U.S Zango	Nigerian Army
14.	U.S Kashim	Nigerian Army
15.	A.A Oyebanjo	Nigerian Army

- (ii) that the 15 Cadet Officers in question had completed their courses of study, passed the prescribed examinations and were graduated and convocated prior to the dossier review that indicted them against this backdrop, it is judiciously expedient that they should be given their academy Certificates and posted to their various Commands for onward redeployment;
- (iii) that after their reinstatement, the 15 Cadets should be accorded all the requisite courtesies and privileges due to them as Officers of the Nigerian Army without any discrimination;
- (iv) urge the Commandant to temper justice with mercy by releasing the Degree Certificates of those Cadets whose disciplinary entries were below seven (7) so that they can seek integration in the larger society;
- (v) that these exclude those whose cases border on academic ineptitude and were withdrawn on such grounds.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 24 February, 2021	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (Investigative Hearing)	Wednesday, 24 February, 2021	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	ICT and Cyber Crime	Wednesday, 24 February, 2021	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 344 (New Building) Assembly Complex
4.	Electoral Matters	Wednesday, 24 February, 2021	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 305 (New Building) Assembly Complex

