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THE JOINT COMMITTEES OF DEFENCE, ARMY, NAVY AND AIRFORCE.

REPORT

ON THE
CONFIRMATION OF NOMINATIONS OF THE CHIEF OF
DEFENCE STAFF AND SERVICE CHIEFS FOR THE
ARMED FORCES OF THE FEDERATION



TUESDAY, 2ND MARCH, 2021

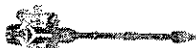


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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Senate at its sitting on *Wednesday, 10th February, 2021* considered the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, on the confirmation of nominations of the Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs for the Armed Forces of the Federation of Nigeria as follows:

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| 1. Major-General Lucky E.O Irabor | - | Chief of Defence Staff |
| 2. Major-General Ibrahim Attahiru | - | Chief of Army Staff |
| 3. Rear Admiral Awwal Zubairu Gambo | - | Chief of Naval Staff |
| 4. Air-Vice Marshal Isiaka Oladayo Amao | - | Chief of Air Staff |

The Senate referred the assignment to the Joint Committee vide Votes and Proceedings of *Wednesday 10th February, 2021* and referral letter dated *Thursday, 11th February, 2021* for further legislative action to report back within two (2) weeks.

2.0 MEMBERSHIP

The Joint Committee of Defence, Army, Airforce and Navy comprises of the following Members:

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| 1. Senator Aliyu M. Wamakko | - | Chairman |
| 2. Senator Mohammed A. Ndume | - | Member |
| 3. Senator George T. Sekibo | - | Member |
| 4. Senator Bala Ibn Na' Allah | - | Member |
| 5. Senator Istifanus Dung Gyang | - | Member |
| 6. Senator Patric Abba Moro | - | Member |
| 7. Senator Ishaku Elisha Abbo | - | Member |
| 8. Senator Ama Micheal Nnachi | - | Member |

3.0 SECRETARIAT

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| 1. Mrs. Vivian Njemanze | - | Clerk, Committee on Defence |
| 2. Mr. Lawan Sani Rimingado | - | Clerk, Committee on Army |
| 3. Mr. Dauda Adeleke | - | Clerk, Committee on Airforce |
| 4. Mr. Angulu Danladi | - | Clerk, Committee on Navy |



4.0 METHODOLOGY

The Committee wrote to the Senior Special Assistant to the President on National Assembly Matters (Senate), to forward the following documents of the Nominees:

1. Curriculum Vitae (CVs)
2. Credentials
3. Birth Certificate/Age Declaration
4. NYSC Discharge Certificate
5. Code of Conduct

5.0 PETITIONS

There was no petition against any of the Nominees.

6.0 SUMMARY OF RESUME OF THE NOMINEES

6.1 MAJOR GENERAL LUCKY ELUONYE ONYENUCHEA IRABOR GSS FCM psc ndc *NOMINEE FOR THE CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF*

MAJOR-GENERAL LUCKY ELUONYE ONYENUCHEA

IRABOR was born on 5th October, 1965 in Aliokpu Agbor, Ika South Local Government Area of Delta State. He attended Young Officer's Course, Infantry at the Nigerian Army School of Infantry (NASI), Jaji and Young Officers Course Signals at Nigerian Army Signals School Apapa. He also attended Mortar Platoon Comd's Course at NASI Jaji and passed the Junior Staff Course at Armed Forces Command and Staff College (AFCSC) in 1995. He was in Ghana for Senior Staff Course at Ghana Armed Forces Staff College Teshi, Accra, Ghana in 2000/2001 among others.

MAJOR-GENERAL LUCKY IRABOR graduated from Obafemi

Awolowo University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical/Electronic Engineering. He holds two Master's degrees in Arts (International Affairs) and Strategic Studies from the University of Ghana and Bangladesh University of Professionals respectively.



MAJOR-GENERAL LUCKY IRABOR has undergone tactical, operational and strategic military professional trainings, spanning almost three (3) decades of his military career. These include:

Senior Staff Course at Ghana Armed Forces Staff College Teshi, Accra, Ghana in 2000/2001, Communications Management Course in Nigerian Army Signals School, Apapa, Regimental Commander's Course (Signals) in Nigerian Army Signals School, Apapa, National Defence College in Bangladesh in 2010, National and International Security in Harvard Kennedy School of Government, USA in 2012, United Nations Peacekeeping Courses (Series), Seminar on Combatting Weapons of Mass Destruction and Terrorism at the European Centre for Security Studies in Garmisch, Germany in 2011 and Leadership Decision Making Course in Harvard Kennedy School, USA in 2017.

MAJOR-GENERAL LUCKY IRABOR held several military appointments such as Brigade Signals Officer/Brigade Camp Commander – 15 ECOMOG Brigade, Communications Officer - NIBATT 3, UNAMSIL, Deputy Chief Communications Officer – Force HQ UNMIL, Liberia, Academy Adjutant – Nigerian Defence Academy, Commanding Officer– 515 Regiment, Deputy Director Staff Duties– Army Headquarter, Principal Staff Officer to Chief of Army Staff, Commander -53 Signals Brigade, Coordinator Nigerian Army Aviation, Deputy Theatre Commander/Land Component Commander –Operation LAFIYA DOLE, Theatre Commander – Operation LAFIYA DOLE, Force Commander – Multinational Joint Task Force, Chief of Defence Training and Operations and Commander Training and Doctrine Command Nigerian Army.

He participated in several operations both home and abroad under the auspices of the ECOWAS and United Nations, including ECOWAS Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) in Liberia and Sierra Leone, United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL), United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL), Operation ZAMAN LAFIYA, Operation LAFIYA DOLE and Multinational Joint Task Force (MNJTF) Chad.



The nominee attended several seminars and workshops which includes the Seminar on Combatting Weapons of Mass Destruction and Terrorism at the European Centre for Security Studies in Garmisch, Germany in 2011.

Numerous achievements are attributed to the nominee thus; he established and pioneered the coordination of Nigerian Army Aviation. He supervised the establishment of the Military Command and Control Centre, Maiduguri. He created Theatre Command Intelligence Fusion Cell to centralize the flow of intelligence cell, which helped in diminishing Boko Haram Terrorist capabilities significantly. The nominee was responsible for the capture of Alargano Forest – the claimed spiritual base of Boko Haram Terrorists (BHT). He planned and executed the conduct of Operations CRACK DOWN 1 and 2, RESCUE FINALE and DEEP PUNCH which led to the clearance of SAMBISA FOREST, destruction of BHT camps and enclaves, capture of several weapons, vehicles and equipment belonging to BHT as well as rescued well over 20,000 civilians abducted by BHT, including 103 Chibok Girls and Conducted operations, which forced the BHT to release a total of 103 Chibok Girls in two instances. He successfully planned and conducted Operation AMNI FAKAT within the Lake Chad Basin Area which led to the clearance and domination of Gashigar, Arege and Metele as well as destruction of several terrorist camps and IED making factories and ensured the liberation of over 25,000 hostages among others.

He is a recipient of several Awards and Medals including the Forces Service Star (FSS); Meritorious Service Star; Distinguished Service Star; Grand Service Star; Command Medal; Field Command Medal; Passed Staff Course (Ghana); National Defence Course (Bangladesh) and Chief of Army Staff Commendation Award.

He is happily married with children and enjoys reading, jogging and listening to music.



**6.2 MAJOR GENERAL IBRAHIM ATTAHIRU GSSFCMH
CMH psc(+) ndc(K) MSMPS MSc
NOMINEE FOR THE CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF**

MAJOR GENERAL IBRAHIM ATTAHIRU was born on 19th August, 1966 in Doka, Kaduna North Local Government Area of Kaduna State. He graduated from the Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA), Kaduna, Armed Forces Command and Staff College and Nigerian Army School of Infantry. He commenced his Cadets Training in January, 1984, where he was commissioned with the rank of Second Lieutenant in December 1986 as Infantry Officer.

MAJOR GENERAL IBRAHIM ATTAHJIRU was a Military Teacher with several years of supervisory and teaching experience. He is a motivated and skillful Professional Military Officer for over 32 years of experience.

Major General Attahiru holds a Master Degree in Strategic Management and Policy Studies from the Nigerian Defence Academy. He also has a Master of Science in Human Resources Management and Development from Sanford University, United Kingdom and a graduate Diploma in International Studies from the University of Nairobi, Kenya.

Major General Attahiru held several appointments on the Staff, instructional and in command in the course of his military career. He was Commanding Officer 146 Battalion Nigerian Army (Operation Harmony IV), Commander 13 Brigade Nigerian Army (Operation PULO SHIELD). He later became General Commanding Officer 82 Division Nigerian Army and was one time Theatre Commander Operation LAFIA DOLE (the Counter Terrorism and Counter Insurgency Outfit in the Northern Nigeria).

Also it is on record that he brought relative stability to the region with the surrender of several Boko-Haram combatants. He underwent a tour of duty with the United Nations in Sierra Leone as a Military Observer, where he facilitated the United Kingdom military engagements, Operation BARASS in September, 2000.



Major General Attahiru was Operations Officer and later Company Commander in NIBATT 19 ECOMOG Operation in Liberia.

He is happily married and blessed with children.

6.3 REAR ADMIRAL AWWAL ZUBAIRU GAMBO

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NOMINEE FOR THE CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF

Rear Admiral Awwal Zubairu Gambo, was born on 22nd April, 1966. He attended Rumfa College, Kano, where he obtained West Africa School Certificate (WAEC), in 1984. He then proceeded to Nigeria Defence Academy (NDA), in 1984 and was commissioned as a Sub Lieutenant in 1989.

The nominee obtained Post Graduate Diploma in Transport Management at Ladoke Akintola University, Ogbomosho, in 2008, and Masters of Transport Management in Logistics from the same University in 2009.

He has undergone Military Professional Training/Courses, spanning for over two (2) decades, which include Sub-Lieutenant Technical Course, NNS Quorra, Apapa Lagos; Young Officers Course (Intelligence); Junior Staff Course at Staff College, Jaji, Kaduna State; Officers Long Course (Under Water Warfare) at NNS Quorra, Apapa, Lagos; Senior Staff Course, at Staff College, Jaji, Kaduna State; National Defence College, South Africa and National Security Programme, Galilee International Management Institute, Israel.

Rear Admiral Awwal Zubairu Gambo served/held several Military Appointments such as Watch Keeping Officer at NNS Amba and NNS Damisa; Watch Keeping Duties, at NNS Ayam and NNS Damisa; Officer in Charge TUG Apayi Joe; Staff Officer Grade II Intelligence, Maritime Component Operation HARMONY; Base Intelligence Officer NNS Delta; Staff Officer Grade I Plans Naval Training Command; Executive Officer NNS Ayam; Deputy Director



Order of Battle, Headquarters Defence Intelligence Agency; Director Search and Rescue at the Defence Headquarters, Abuja; Chief of Staff Officer, Headquarters Naval Training Command, Lagos; Director of Procurement, Defence Space Administration amongst others.

He participated in several operations at home and abroad including ECOMOG Peace keeping Mission in Liberia where he earned Peace Keeping Medal.

Rear Admiral Awwal Zubairu Gambo was the pioneer Defence Adviser to the Defence Section in Luanda, Angola with accreditation to Namibia and most countries in Central Africa between 2010 – 2013. During this period, he helped establish the Defence Section to shape the nation's defence imperatives for engagement with Angola, several countries in Central Africa as well as Gulf of Guinea Commission.

As the Deputy Director of Defence Affairs in the office of the National Security Adviser, he played key roles in developing and implementing measures in defence of homeland security, especially as a crucial member of the Committee to check the proliferation of small arms and light weapons in the region. In 2017, he served as the Security Coordinator of the Presidential Relief Committee on the North East, where he was also instrumental to ameliorating the condition of victims of insurgency in the Region.

As the Director of Procurement in the Defence Space Agency, he developed several cost saving measures, which enhanced prudent and optimal resource management in the Agency.

The nominee is a recipient of several awards and medals including Passed Staff Course (PSC), Force Service Star (FSS), Meritorious Service Staff, Distinguished Service Star, General Service Star, Fellow of National Defence College South Africa ensp (RSA) and Admiralty Medal.



He is a member of several professional bodies including US Naval Institute, Nigerian Institute of Management, Institute of Safety Professionals and a fellow in the following institutions; Certified Institute of Shipping, International Institute of Professional Security, Chartered Institute of Public Diplomacy Management and Institute of Corporate Administration of Nigeria.

The nominee enjoys cycling, playing golf, watching nature and reading books on psychology.

**6.4 AIR VICE MARSHAL ISIAKA OLADAYO AMAO
(NAF/1907) DFS GSS DSS RBS QFI psc fndu Msc MMSc
*NOMINEE FOR THE CHIEF OF AIR STAFF***

Air Vice Marshal Isiaka Oladayo Amao was born on 14th September, 1965 at Enugu. He hails from Oshogbo Local Government Area of Osun State. He attended Nuhu Bamali Primary School Kaduna from 1971 – 1977, Command Secondary School Kakuri, Kaduna (1977 – 1982), Federal College of Freshwater and Fisheries Technology, (FCFFT) New Bussa (1994 – 1996), University of Madras India (2002 – 2003), Kaduna Polytechnic (2005 – 2006) and National Defence University China (2012 – 2013). He was enlisted into the Nigerian Air Force on 19th January, 1984 as a member of 35th NDA Regular Course and was commissioned as Pilot Officer on 20th December, 1986. He was promoted to Air Vice Marshal on 19th January, 2015.

AVM Amao attended courses in military and civil institutions. He attended military courses such as Junior Division Course at Armed Forces Command Staff College Jaji from June - December, 1986, Primary Flying Training at 401 Flying Training School, from 1987 - 1989, Basic Flying Training at 403 FTS Kano from 1990 – 1992, Tactical Fighter Training at 407 Air Combat Training Group Kainji from 1993 – 1999, Senior Division Course at Defence Services Staff College India from 2002 – 2003, Instructor Pilot Course at 401 Flying Training School Kaduna from 2004 – 2005, Defence Course at National Defence University China from 2012 – 2013. He also



attended civil courses which included M.Sc in Defence and Strategic studies from University of Madras, India, Master of Military Science and Strategy (MMSc) and Advance Diploma in Defence and Strategy Studies from NDU China, Post Graduate Diploma in International Relations and Diplomacy from Kaduna Polytechnic, National Diploma in Freshwater and Fisheries Technology from FCFPT New Bussa, Nigerian Defence Academy Certificate of Education.

AVM Amao served as Commander, 407 Air Combat Training Group Kainji from 25th January, 2014 – 20th January 2015, Commander 103 Strike Group; Yola, from 20 January, 2015 – 16th February 2016, Air Component Commander of operation ZAMAN LAFIYA/LAFIYA DOLE (North East Operation) from 13th February – 16th February, 2016. Also doubled as Acting Deputy Theater Commander (Air Ops) for operation LAFIA DOLE, Air Officer Commanding Tactical Air Command Makurdi from 23 January 2018 - 25th January, 2019, Commandant of the Armed Forces Resettlement Centre, Oshodi from 4th November 2020 – 26 January 2021.

AVM Amao was also Air Assistant to Chief of the Air Staff from September 2008 – May 2010, Deputy Defence Adviser at the Nigerian High Commission, London from May 2010 - August 2012, Acting Defence Adviser at the Nigerian High Commission London from November 2011 - February 2012, Assistant Director of operation at the Defence Headquarters from August 2013 - January 2014, Director of Policy at Headquarters Nigerian Air Force, Abuja from 16th February – 27th May 2016, Director of Operations at Headquarters Nigerian Air Force, Abuja from 27th May - 6th September, 2016, Director of Training from 6th September – 22nd December, 2016, Director of Operations at Headquarters Nigerian Air Force, Abuja from December 2016 - January 2018, Chief of Training and Operations Headquarters Nigerian Air Force Abuja from 25th January 2019 - 7th January 2020. Chief of Policy and Plans Headquarters Nigerian Air Force from 7th January - 3rd



November, 2020. In addition he was an Instructor Pilot at 401 FTS Kaduna from 2004 – 2007.

AVM Amao participated in various operations such as the Draw Down of AFISMA operation in Mali from August 2013 - January, 2014, operation ZAMAN LAFIYA from 20th February – 19th July, 2015 and operation LAFIYA DOLE (North East Operations) from 19th July 2015 - February 16th, 2016.

His major awards and decorations include: Distinguished Flying Star (DFS), General Service Star (GSS), General Service Medal (GSM), River Benue Star (RBS), Passed Staff College (psc), Fellow National Defence University (fndu) China, and Qualified Flight Instructor (QFI).

AVM Amao is happily married with children. His hobbies include reading, dancing, travelling, playing volleyball and golf as well as farming.

7.0 SCREENING/INTERACTION WITH THE NOMINEES

The Committee interviewed the nominees and they responded satisfactorily to questions asked by the Committee Members relating to their previous experiences as reflected in their Curriculum Vitae and in relation to their nomination as the Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs for the Armed Forces of the Federation.

1. MAJOR-GENERAL LUCKY E.O IRABOR NOMINEE FOR THE CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF

The Committee was impressed by the sterling pedigree of this nominee and noted some of his many achievements so far as already enumerated in his citation.

With his strong resume, we engaged with the nominee during the screening process. This nominee responded fully and expansively to all questions of the Committee. He displayed a grasp of the issues and engaged well with critical topics he was asked.



His knowledge of military funding was impressive and comprehensive. He showed a clear knowledge of all the Armed Forces, which is apt for a Chief of Defence Staff. When asked, he explained his analysis of Nigeria's military standing in comparison with neighbouring countries in West Africa. His knowledge on these matters was excellent.

He convinced the Committee of his capacity to create a joint and harmonious working environment across the Armed Forces and bring operational synergy to the top of his leadership agenda.

While promising to work closely with the House of Representatives, the nominee assured the screening Committee of his determination to deliver peace across the country for all Nigerians.

2. MAJOR-GENERAL IBRAHIM ATTAHIRU *NOMINEE FOR THE CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF*

The nominee comes to this role with a long and impressive achievement on his resume. He is a self-motivated and highly skilled professional military officer with over 32 years of experience. He is also a military teacher with several years of supervisory and teaching experience and ability to streamline procedures to improve personnel performance and safety. He has completed all requisite professional courses up to the Higher Management of the defence level and possesses the ability to undertake strategic and operational defence/security analysis and academic research in conflict, peace, security, international politics, international studies and International Peace Support Operations. The nominee's resumé showed that he has extensive military training and has also studied widely.

Despite the Army being the largest of the Armed Forces, the nominee was clear in his vision to encourage joint operational synergy with other services for success in all theatre of operations.

He reassured the Committee that budgetary allocations will be well managed and greater efficiency achieved under his leadership. He also promised a strategic programme to increase the size of the Army over the next few years. The nominee's knowledge of the strategic capabilities of the Army was exhaustive and impressive.



On the Super-Camp strategy that has been pursued by his predecessors, the nominee agreed with the need for them, however that they must now be supported by a Mobile Brigade compliment.

He also spoke of his vision to increase the Air capabilities of the Army as a complement to the Air Force for easier operational responses. With copious details, he expressed his plans to increase the MRAP stock of the Army for more effective response in all theatres of operations.

When asked, the nominee confirmed the presence of a Code of Conduct Handbook for the Army and that he will actively promote its implementation within the Army for better attitudinal engagement by the soldiers.

On the need to promote local content in military procurement, the nominee agreed with the principle but felt the urgency of our security situation as a nation may necessitate an immediate need to buy tried and tested equipment alongside local content development.

Overall, this nominee engaged effectively with the Committee during the screening exercise and impressed the Committee with his overall grasp of the need, function and responsibilities of the Nigerian Army in a way that reassured the Committee he will do an excellent job as the Chief of Army Staff.

3. REAR ADMIRAL AWWAL ZUBAIRU GAMBO *NOMINEE FOR THE CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF*

As a diligent Intelligence Officer of the Executive Branch, Rear Admiral A. Z. Gambo made significant contributions to the nation's maritime security, fight against criminality and resource theft. He also made tangible gains as a Defence Diplomat and contributed to the national efforts against the proliferation of small arms and light weapons as well as the effect of insurgency in North East.



His numerous achievements and awards are already captured in his resume.

The nominee spend some time explaining the role of the Navy inland operations across all Nigerian theatres of war, especially the role of the Navy's Special Boat Service in the North East and other regions. This was particularly important because, many assume the Navy only operate in coastal and riverine locations. The extensive involvement of the Navy across all land operations came out clearly from the nominee's response. He also gave the Committee details of numbers of Naval officers involved in all the theatres of war in Nigeria. The nominee however, asked for more funding for the Navy to allow it do even more in the fight against terrorism, insurgency and other forms of insecurity in Nigeria.

When asked, the nominee promised to make promotion in the navy to be based on seniority and merit. The nominee further warned against overstretching the military as a whole, especially as the military now perform many civil security duties originally meant for the Police.

The nominee stated that he is keen to promote the use of local manufacturers and promised to grow the use of local firms in future procurements as a way of stimulating local content of military equipment.

With his impressive pedigree, the nominee passionately engaged with the Committee during screening. The Committee was satisfied with the responses of the nominee and with his vision and passion.

4. AIR VICE MARSHAL ISHIAKA OLUDAYO AMAO *NOMINEE FOR THE CHIEF OF AIR STAFF*

This nominee comes with an impressive resume containing records of valuable trainings and commands under his belt. He is a distinguished fighter pilot with a wealth of instructional experience at the Primary/Basic Flying as well as Tactical Flying Training phases. He also has a rich operational experience having participated in various operations such as the Draw Down of AFISMA operation in Mali from Aug 2013 - Jan 14; Operation ZAMAN LAFIYA from 20 Feb - 2019 Jul 2015 and operation



LAFIYA DOLE (North East operations) from 19 Jul 2015 - 16 Feb 2016 and has received several awards as already captured in his resume.

Despite these antecedents, the Committee vigorously screened the nominee and he engaged with the Committee openly and comprehensively, sharing his vision and mission particularly for the Nigeria Airforce and generally for the entire Armed Forces of Nigeria.

When asked, the nominee agreed that the military may be overstretched, but that increasing the capacity (human and equipment) of the Armed forces will help to increase output and success. Speaking on the welfare of officers and men of the Nigerian Air Force, the nominee displayed commitment to improving the welfare and morale of his officers.

He stated that his focus of improvement in this area will include:

- Officers Training
- Officers Accommodation
- Officers Equipment
- Officers Pay and Allowances

He promised to build on what his predecessors have done in raising the morale of Airforce personnel across board. Furthermore, he stated his plan to innovatively improve the retirement benefits and support for officers and men of the Service.

When asked, the nominee stated that he does not have any objection to the Army having its own limited air capabilities as a complement to support the Airforce in the overall interest of peace and security for the country.

He therefore promised to work in partnership with the Chief of Defence Staff and other Service Chiefs especially because they all have a long history of professional relationship. According to him, the long friendship should re-assure Nigerians of a seamless working relationship amongst the Chiefs.



When asked, the nominee was emphatic that the military has no business commenting on and participating in political matters and activities. He further reiterated his passion for promoting local content in military procurement and promised to work towards developing and supporting local sourcing of equipment as much as practicable.

The Committee was impressed by the nominee's grasp of details, passion and vision for the Nigerian Airforce

8.0 OBSERVATIONS/FINDINGS

The Committee screened the CDS as one and the Service Chiefs collectively. We asked questions covering a wide range of subjects. Areas in which they were questioned included;

- Ethics and Integrity
- Professional Skill and Experience
- Nigeria's war on terror and insurgency and banditry.
- Funding of the Military
- Strategic security knowledge and vision of the Nominees
- The role of the Military in politics
- Inter-agency synergy
- Personal and Troops health and welfare
- Leadership style and temperament
- Strategic Communication skill
- Decisiveness as a leader
- External Military relationships
- Military Hardware and upgrades
- Military-Civilian relationship

This topical focus led to lots of questions being put to the nominees. We are satisfied with the comprehensive and robust nature of the engagement and interactions with the Nominees.

At the end of the screening exercise of the Nominees the Committee's findings are as follows:



1. That their nominations are in line with section 217 (2abc) of the 1999 Constitution as amended and in accordance with the provision of sections 18(1) of the Armed Forces Act, Cap A20 Law of the Federation of Nigeria 2004;
2. That the Committee did not receive any petitions on the nominees;
3. That the nominees have been cleared by the Department of State Security Service (DSS);
4. That the nominees have presented their Code of Conduct Acknowledgement Slip;
5. That the nominees possess the required academic qualifications as well as wide ranging experiences to be the Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs for the Armed Forces of the Federation;
6. That they have experiences as seasoned Public Servants where they rose to the rank of Major-General, Rear Admiral and Air-Vice Marshal, that qualified them for the position of Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs respectively;
7. That the nominees were very articulate and meticulous in their responses to questions by the Committee.

9.0 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE

The Joint Committee on the screening has carefully and thoroughly screened the four (4) nominees and was satisfied with their qualifications, exposures, conducts, characters, experiences and general performances. The nominees have displayed wide and in-depth knowledge on strategies, tactics and military operations.

This Joint Committee of the Senate on the Screening of nominated Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs, having engaged extensively with the nominees and undertaken a detailed and comprehensive screening exercise according to law, do hereby recommends to the Senate as follows:



1. That **Major-General Lucky E.O Irabor**, be CONFIRMED as the CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; having successfully undergone the screening process of this committee.
2. That **Major-GeneralI brahim Attahiru**, be CONFIRMED as the CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; having successfully undergone the screening process of this committee.
3. That **Rear Admiral Awwal Zubairu Gambo**, be CONFIRMED as the CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; having successfully undergone the screening process of this committee.
4. That **Air Vice Marshal Ishiaka Oladayo Amao**, be CONFIRMED as the CHIEF OF AIR STAFF of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; having successfully undergone the screening process of this committee.

Above is hereby submitted to the Senate at plenary for consideration.




10.0 CONCLUSION

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues on behalf of the Joint Committee, I wish to thank the Leadership of the Senate and the entire Senate for the confidence reposed in us to undertake this National assignment on behalf of this Distinguished Senate.

Thank you and God bless.



Senator Aliyu M. Wamakko
Chairman, Joint Committee on Defence



Mrs. Vivian N. Njemanze
Clerk, Senate Committee on Defence





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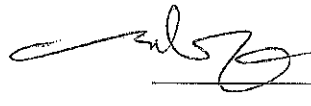


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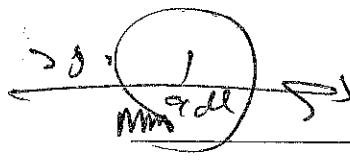
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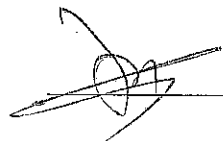
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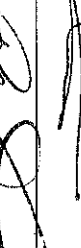
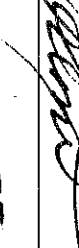
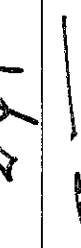






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