



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

Wednesday, 3rd March, 2021

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

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. National Centre for Agricultural Mechanization Act Cap N13 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 452) - *First Reading*
Sen. Bima, Muhammad Enagi (*Niger South*).
 2. National Examination Management Commission Bill, 2021 (SB. 656) - *First Reading*
Sen. Barkiya, Abdullahi Kabir (*Katsina Central*).
 3. Nigeria Postal Services Bill, 2021 (SB. 657) - *First Reading*
Sen. Tinubu, Oluremi Shade (*Lagos Central*).
 4. Nigeria Salt Development Council Bill, 2021 (SB. 658) - *First Reading*
Sen. Nnachi, Michael Ama (*Ebonyi South*).
 5. Federal Orthopedic Hospital Lafiagi, Kwara State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 660) - *First Reading*
Sen. Umar, Sadiq Suleiman (*Kwara North*).
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

1. Executive Communication
2021 Budget of the Nigeria Police Trust Fund
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
-That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President C-in-C on the 2021 Budget of the Nigeria Police Trust Fund in accordance with Sections 4, 5 and 21 of the Nigeria Police Trust Fund (Establishment) Act, 2019.
2. Executive Communication
Confirmation of the Nomination of Muhammed Dattijo Usman for Appointment as Federal Commissioner, National Population 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 Muhammed Dattijo Usman for appointment as Federal Commissioner representing Niger State in the National Population Commission in accordance with Section 154(1) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended).

3. Executive Communication

Confirmation of the Nomination of Mr. Halilu Ahmad Shaba for Appointment as Director General of the National Space Research and Development Agency

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 Mr. Halilu Ahmad Shaba for appointment as Director General of the National Space Research and Development Agency in accordance with Sections 14(1) and (2) of the National Space Research and Development Agency Act, 2010.

4. Executive Communication

Confirmation of the Nomination of Haliru Nababa as Controller-General, Nigerian Correctional Service

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

-That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President C-in-C on Confirmation of the Nomination of Haliru Nababa as Controller-General, Nigerian Correctional Service in accordance with Section 3(1)(b) of the Correctional Service Act, 2019.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to establish the Specialized National Dermatology Hospital at Garkida for the prevention, diagnostic, curative, promotive, rehabilitative, cosmetic, allergy of all condition and diseases affecting the skin and for other matters connected therewith, 2021 (SB. 631) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Dahiru, Aishatu Ahmed (*Adamawa Central*).
2. A Bill for an Act to amend the University Teaching Hospitals (Reconstitution of Boards, etc) Act Cap U15 LFN 2004 and for related matters, 2021 (SB. 617) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Al-Makura, Umaru Tanko (*Nasarawa South*).
3. A Bill for an an Act to provide for the establishment of Federal University of Health and Medical Sciences Suleja and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2021 (SB. 633) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Musa, Mohammed Sani (*Niger East*)

MOTIONS

1. Need for the construction of the Badagry/Sokoto Expressway to promote economic growth and development.
Sponsor: Sen. Umar, Sadiq Suleiman (*Kwara North*).

Co-Sponsor:

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

Sen. Mandiya, Bello (*Katsina South*)

Sen. Ashiru, Oyelola Yisa (*Kwara South*)

Sen. Amosun, Ibikunle Oyelaja (*Ogun Central*)

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

Sen. Oloriegbe, Yahaya Ibrahim (*Kwara Central*)

Sen. Odebiyi, Tolulope Akinremi (*Ogun West*)

The Senate:

Notes that the Badagry-Sokoto Expressway is a Federal Government road which connects 12 states; Lagos/Badagry, Ogun/Agbara, Oyo/Abeokuta, Kwara, Niger, Kebbi and Sokoto States at the national level, with Benin, Togo and Niger at the International level, also in addition to being the Nigerian section of the Trans- West Coastal Highway project to link 12 West African coastal nations;

Aware that the Badagry-Sokoto Expressway was initiated as part of 4th National Development Plan, which was commenced by the General Olusegun Obasanjo regime in 1978, but was abandoned in 1979 (Over 40 years now) after he handed over power to Alhaji Shehu Shagari;

Further aware that the original conception of this expressway was a linkage road between the North and South Nigeria and some West African countries through Seme Border; to ease carriage of goods across the borders as it connects Apapa seaports and Seme land border as well as one of the largest industrial hubs in the country, the Agbara Industrial Estate;

Cognizant that in 2009 the Federal Government in collaboration with the Lagos State Government started the reconstruction and expansion of the Lagos-Badagry part of the Badagry-Sokoto expressway, from 6 to 10 lanes, prompting economic development around the area, but the project was abandoned due to lack of fund, thereby affecting these economic activities negatively;

Further Cognizant that in 2019, the Federal Government in collaboration with the Lagos State Government resumed the reconstruction of the Lagos-Badagry part of the Badagry-Sokoto expressway but nothing is being done to construct the rest of the express way;

Assured that the road if constructed will boost food and agricultural production and connect these rural communities to major urban corridors, a necessary condition for improved agriculture value chain. The connection to urban corridors will increase offseason employment for rural youth and sustain youth employment and employability;

Further assured that the proximity to western neighbours of the country, will improve cross border market and international trade and help advance Nigeria's commitment to regional and continental trade; and

Convinced that the construction of this road will add to the number of North South roads, enhance the durability of the roads, reduce distance and help integrate the western flack of the country into national roads and help Integrate the western flack of the country into the national road structure with strong implication for national integration and development. The Western and Eastern flacks of the country are the least integrated in terms of road network and therefore the poorest using disaggregated national data.

Accordingly resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Works, Finance and National Planning & Economic Development to jointly inter-face with the Ministry of Works, Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) and other relevant stakeholders to determine why the Badagry-Sokoto Expressway has been abandoned for such a long time, provide a permanent and sustainable solution/plan and report to the Senate within 2 weeks; and

2. Need for Immediate Completion of the Abadigba-Egwume Power Plant Project in Dekina Local Government Area of Kogi State.

Sponsor: Sen. Isah, Jibrin (*Kogi East*)

The Senate:

Notes that sometime in 2007, the Federal Government embarked on a power plant project at Abadigba-Egwume in Dekina Local Government Area of Kogi State to light up Kogi East Senatorial District, against the backdrop of the persistent poor power supply in the area;

Further Notes that the project advanced with the installation of various equipment, including three giant power plants and two transformers, in readiness for connection with GEREGU Power station at Ajaokuta;

Concerned that the project has become one of the abandoned projects in the country as no effort has been made to complete it in line with the laudable intentions of the government, thirteen years after initiating it;

Worried that this continued abandonment of the project has led to the destruction of some of the connecting wires and cables due to bush burning, in addition to vandalization by criminals, thereby occasioning avoidable losses to the government;

Informed that the project is at 70% completion stage, according to information from engineers, and only requires minimal additional resources to make it functional; and

Convinced that completing the Abadigba power project will boost production activities and facilitate economic development, as most companies and business outfits currently rely on generators with the attendant increase in cost of production, leading to high prices of goods and services.

Accordingly resolves to:

Mandate the Senate Committee on Power to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Power to take necessary steps for the immediate completion of the Abadigba-Egwume power project, and report back to the Senate accordingly.

BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

1. Environmental Health Officers (Registration, etc) Act No. 11 2002 (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 44)
- Concurrence
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
2. Plant Variety Protection Bill, 2021 (HB. 68) - Concurrence
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
3. Institute of Agriculturists (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 104) - Concurrence
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Public Accounts	Wed. 3 rd & Thu. 4 th March, 2021 (Public Hearing)	11.00am	Hearing Room 4 White House Building
2.	National Security and Intelligence	Wednesday, 3 rd March, 2021	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
3.	Power	Thursday, 4 th March, 2021 (Interactive Session)	1.00pm	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
4.	Ecology and Climate Change	Thursday, 4 th March, 2021	2.00pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building
5.	Lands, Housing and Urban Development	Tue. 9 th & Thu. 11 th March, 2021	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
6.	Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Tue. 9 th & Wed. 10 th March, 2021	1.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
7.	Diaspora & Non-Governmental Organizations	Wednesday, 10 th March, 2021	3.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building