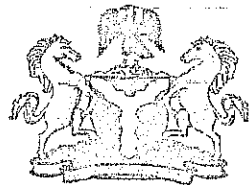


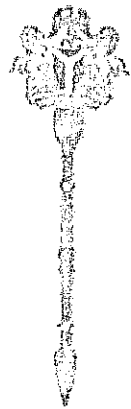
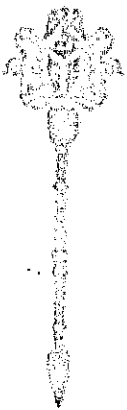
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THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF DEFENCE AND ARMY.

REPORT

ON THE
CONFIRMATION OF NOMINATION OF MAJOR GENERAL
FARUK YAHAYA FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OF
ARMY STAFF OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA.



TUESDAY, 15TH JUNE, 2021

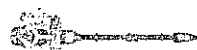


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1.0 INTRODUCTION

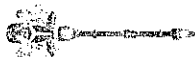
1.1 The Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria at its sitting on Wednesday, 2nd June, 2021, considered the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, on the confirmation of nomination of *Major General Faruk Yahaya* for Appointment as *Chief of Army Staff* of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria the *Second Time* and referred same to your Committee for further legislative action, to report back within two (2) weeks.

2.0 MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE JOINT COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE AND ARMY

2.1 The Senate Joint Committee of Defence and Army comprises of the following Members:

2.2 SENATE COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE

1. Senator Aliyu M. Wamakko	-	Chairman
2. Senator Istifanus Dung Gyang	-	Vice Chairman
3. Senator Ibrahim Hassan Hadejia	-	Member
4. Senator Abubakar Kyari	-	Member
5. Senator Bulus K. Amos	-	Member
6. Senator Saidu Alkali	-	Member
7. Senator Abdullahi Adamu	-	Member
8. Senator Abba P. Moro	-	Member
9. Senator Buhari Abdulfatai	-	Member
10. Senator Oluremi Tinubu	-	Member
11. Senator George T. Sekibo	-	Member
12. Senator Rochas Okorochoa	-	Member
13. Senator Haliru Dauda Jika	-	Member
14. Senator Elisha Cliff Ishaku	-	Member
15. Senator Hassan Muhammed Gusau	-	Member
16. Senator Yakubu Oseni	-	Member
17. Senator Seriake Henry Dickson	-	Member



2.3 SENATE COMMITTEE ON ARMY

1. Senator Muhammed Ali Ndume	-	Chairman
2. Senator Patric Abba Moro	-	Vice Chairman
3. Senator Bulus K. Amos	-	Member
4. Senator Sabo Mohammed Nakudu	-	Member
5. Senator Lawali Hassan Anka	-	Member
6. Senator Tanko Al-Makura Umaru	-	Member
7. Senator Olubunmi Ayodele Adetunmbi	-	Member
8. Senator Buhari Abdulfatai	-	Member
9. Senator Suleiman Abdul Kwari	-	Member
10. Senator Mpigi Barinada	-	Member
11. Senator Christopher S. Ekpenyong	-	Member
12. Senator Kola A. Balogun	-	Member
13. Senator Ifeanyi Ubah	-	Member
14. Senator Hassan Muhammed Gusau	-	Member
15. Senator Yakubu Oseni	-	Member

3.0 SECRETARIAT

1. Mrs. Vivian Njemanze - Clerk, Committee on Defence
2. Mr. Lawan Sani Rimingado - Clerk, Committee on Army
3. Mrs. Nonye Uzodi - Asst. Clerk, Committee on Defence
4. Mr. Akinkunmi B. Johnson - Asst. Clerk, Committee on Army

4.0 METHODOLOGY

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

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

5.0 PETITIONS

5.1 There was no petition against the Nominee.

6.0 SUMMARY OF RESUME OF THE NOMINEE

6.1 MAJOR GENERAL FARUK YAHAYA *NOMINEE FOR THE CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF*

- 6.1.1 MAJOR GENERAL FARUK YAHAYA was born on 5th January, 1966 in Sifawa, Bodinga Local Government Area of Sokoto State. He holds a Bachelor Degree of Art (B.A) history in 1990 from Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto. He also holds a Master Degree in International Affairs and Diplomacy in 2008 from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.
- 6.1.2 Major General Faruk Yahaya is a member of the 37th Regular Course of the Prestigious Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA). He started his Cadet training on 27th September, 1985 and was commissioned into the Nigerian Army Infantry Corps on 22nd September, 1990.
- 6.1.3 He had held several notable appointments in his Military Career. He served as the Garrison Commander Headquarters Guard Brigade Garrison Headquarter guards brigade, Directing Staff at the Armed Forces Command and Staff College (AFCSC), Deputy Director Military Secretary 3,2 and 1, Army Headquarters Department of Military Secretary (Army). Deputy Director Research and Development, Army Headquarters Department of Army Policy and plans and the Chief of Staff, Headquarters Joint Task Force (Operation Pulo Shield).
- 6.1.4 Major General Faruk Yahaya also served as Principal General Staff Officer (PGSO) to the (Honorable Minister of Defence), Ministry of Defence. He was the Commander, Headquarters 4 Brigade and Commander, Headquarters 29th Task Force Brigade, Director Manpower planning, Army Headquarters, Department of Army Administration. Military Secretary

(Army), Army Headquarters Department of Military Secretary (Army). General Officer Commanding Headquarters 1 Division Nigerian Army.

6.1.5 Theatre Commander, Headquarters Theatre Command (Operation LAFIYA DOLE and Operation HADIN KAI). Responsible for Counter - Terrorism and Counter - Insurgency operations in North - East Nigeria.

6.2 HONOURS AND AWARDS

He has been honoured with the following:

- Forces Service Star.
- Meritorious Service Star.
- Distinguished Service Star.
- Grand Service Star.
- Passed Staff Course (Dagger).
- Fellow National Defence College (Chile).
- Command Medal.
- Field Command Medal.
- General Operations Medal.
- Silver Jubilee Medal.
- Golden Jubilee Medal.
- Nigeria Army Medal.
- Operation LAFIYA DOLE Medal.
- Economic Community of West African States Monitoring Group Medal.
- Fellow Nigerian Army Resource Centre.
- Fellow Disaster Management and Safety Science.
- Member Historical Society of Nigeria.

7.0 SCREENING/INTERACTION WITH THE NOMINEE

7.1 The Committee interviewed the *Nominee* and he responded satisfactorily to questions asked by the Committee Members relating to his previous experiences as reflected in his Curriculum Vitae and in relation to his nomination as the Chief of Army Staff of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

7.2 MAJOR GENERAL FARUK YAHAYA
NOMINEE FOR THE CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF

7.2.1 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.

7.2.2 With his strong resume, the Committee 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.

7.2.3 His knowledge of military funding was impressive and comprehensive. The Nominee's knowledge of the strategic capabilities of the Army was exhaustive and impressive. He showed a clear knowledge of the Army with apt for a Chief of Army Staff. 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.

7.2.4 The Nominee is a high caliber Administrative and Command Officer with experience in research and development and ability to streamline procedures to improve personnel performance and safety. The Nominee comes to this appointment with a long and impressive achievement on his resume. He is a self-motivated and highly skilled professional military officer with 36 years of Military experience. 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.

- 7.2.5 He agreed to the need for the command to have more transparency and disclosure to the Committees on Security in the Legislature in order to ensure a harmonious working relationship, considering that they are critical Stakeholders in the Security Sector Governance.
- 7.2.6 He reassured the Committee that military budget and expenditure will be well managed and greater efficiency achieved under his leadership. These include procurement of right equipment and hardware for officers and men. He also promised a strategic programme to study the budget in terms of personnel for reinforcement and budgetary input and ensure that postings, promotions are inclusive in the spirit of one Nigeria.
- 7.2.7 He aligned with the Committee's concern for the need to ensure peace towards the forth coming elections for which every hand must be on deck and the need to effectively deal with non-kinetic issues such as the settlement of IDPs from Boko Harams Insurgency.
- 7.2.8 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 among other requirements for officers.
- 7.2.9 He stated that he knows the dynamics of the challenges of the North East. Under his command, in January 2021, the Nigeria troops advanced into enclaves of Shekau-led position in the Alagarno forest-Timbukbu triangle axis. He however reckoned his achievements to have been with the support of NASS by providing requirements for military operations.

7.2.10 The Committee in the course of the interaction with Nominee recognized the current security challenges confronting the Nation and COAS being the head of operational force, urged the COAS and the Military to do everything they can to ensure that peace is maintained in the Nation. While promising to work closely with the Senate, the Nominee assured the screening Committee of his determination to deliver peace across the country for all Nigerians.

7.2.11 He said that there are many lines of operations to address the current security challenges confronting the nation both through kinetic and non-kinetic approach. This therefore calls for all to bring to bear and participate as respective leaders in their environment. Line of support must be activated up to the Community level.

7.2.12 He reassured the Committee that the Nigeria Army has been a professional Army of over 100 years and with his vast and enormous experiences, the problem of insecurity will be tackled and become a thing of the past.

7.2.13 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.

8.0 OBSERVATIONS/FINDINGS

8.1 The Committee screened the Nominee for the Chief of Army Staff. Questions covering a wide range of subjects. Areas in which he was 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 for the Army
- 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

8.2 This topical focus led to lots of questions being put to the Nominee. The Committee was satisfied with the comprehensive and robust nature of the engagement and interactions with the Nominee.

8.3 At the end of the screening exercise of the Nominee, the Committee's findings are as follows:

1. That his nomination is 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 Nominee;
3. That the Nominee has been cleared by the Department of State Security Service (DSS);
4. That the Nominee has presented his Code of Conduct Acknowledgement Slip;
5. That the Nominee possess the required academic qualifications as well as wide ranging experiences to be the Chief of Army Staff for the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;



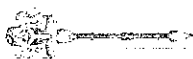
6. That he has experiences as seasoned Public Servant where he rose to the rank of Major-General, that qualified him for the position of Chief of Army Staff ;
7. That the Nominee was very articulate and meticulous in his responses to questions by the Committee.

9.0 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE

- 9.1 The Joint Committee on the screening has carefully and thoroughly screened the Nominee and was satisfied with his qualifications, exposures, conducts, characters, experiences and general performances. The Nominee has displayed wide and in-depth knowledge on strategies, tactics and military operations.
- 9.2 The Committee was further impressed by the Nominee's grasp of details, passion and vision for the Nigerian Army.
- 9.3 This Joint Committee of the Senate on the Screening of the nominated Chief of Army Staff, having engaged extensively with the Nominee and undertaken a detailed and comprehensive screening exercise according to law, do hereby recommend to the Senate as follows:

That Major General Faruk Yahaya, 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.

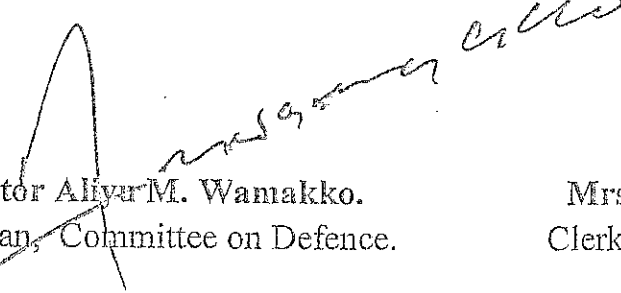
- 9.4 Above is hereby submitted to the Senate at plenary for consideration.




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.

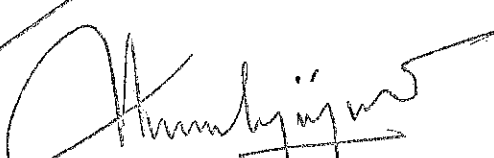
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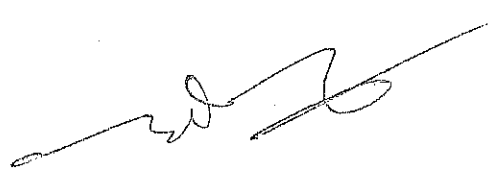
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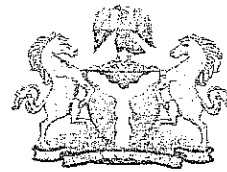
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