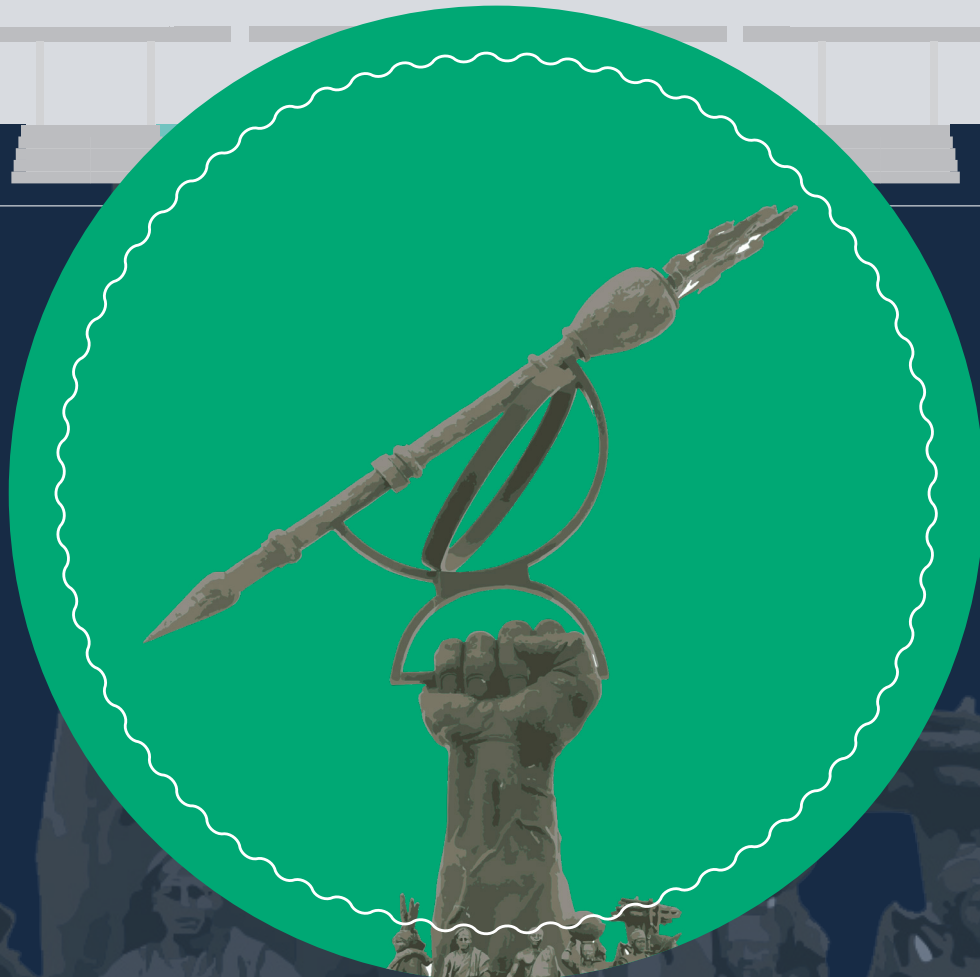
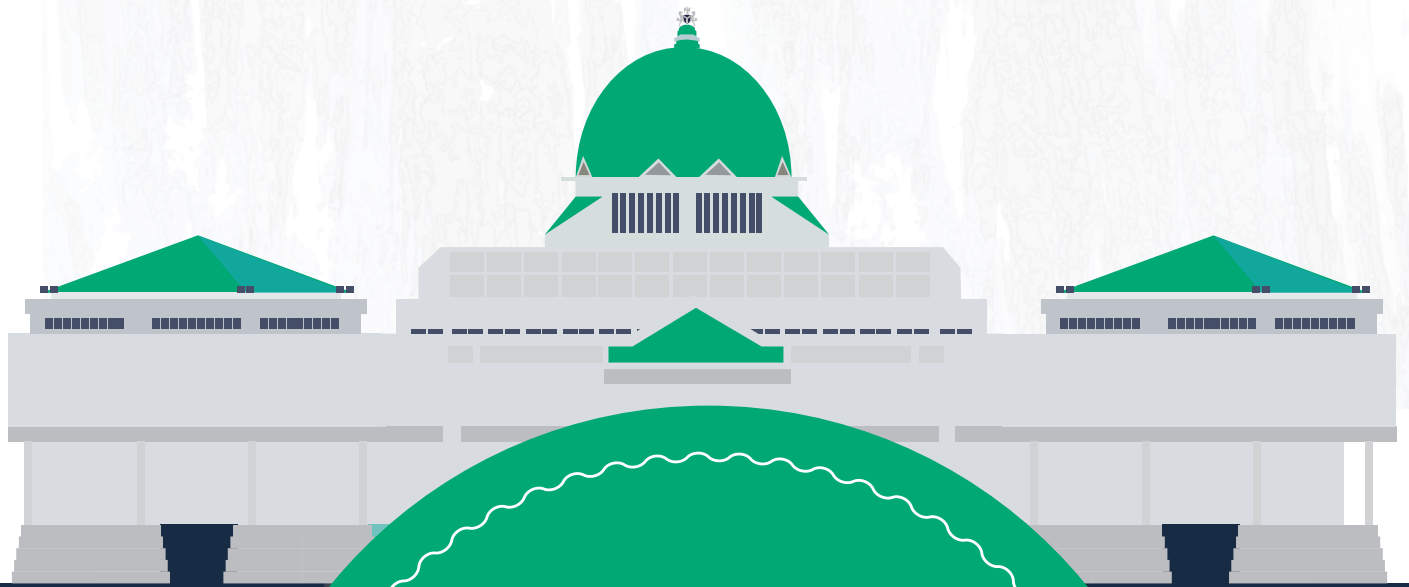


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Introduction

Policy and Legal Advocacy Centre commenced its 2021 Legislative Internship Programme in June with 39 (thirty-nine) young Nigerians drawn from the six geo-political zones of the country and the Federal Capital Territory. The interns were then deployed to various Committees in the Senate and the House of Representatives to learn legislative practices and procedures to improve their understanding of the National Assembly.

As part of the yearly internship programme, interns carry out a mock legislative plenary patterned after a live plenary session of the House of Representatives. At the mock session also known as a “Model Legislative Assembly”, interns take on the role of principal officers and Honourable Members to deliberate on topical issues affecting the country. PLAC’s Legislative Internship Programme is supported by the European Union to strengthen youth engagement and capacity with democratic institutions such as the National Assembly.

PRE-ACTIVITIES

Interns had conducted elections to select principal officers from among themselves. Sequel to the mock legislative plenary session, interns had also practiced severally at the PLAC office and the National Assembly on their roles.

The following persons emerged as Principal officers of the MLA from the internal elections conducted: -

1. **Speaker** - Unachukwu Victoria
2. **Deputy Speaker** - Umaru Zayyanu Bilya
3. **Majority Leader**- Rahila Dauda
4. **Deputy Majority Leader** – Ogboi Bubaraye
5. **Minority Leader**- Shehu Hussaina
6. **Deputy Minority Leader**- Victoria Okon Ukpong
7. **Chief Whip**- Hashimu Adamu
8. **Deputy Chief Whip**- Abbiyesuku Ibifubara
9. **Minority Whip**- Goodness Oluchi Obijuru
10. **Deputy Minority Whip** – Hauwa Yahi
11. **Clerk- Nasirudeen** - Adam Baba
12. **Sergeant at Arms** – Sam-Tsokwa Narimam Albert

Agenda

TIME	Tuesday, 10th August 2021
9:00am - 10:00am	Registration of Participants Guests, Resource Persons and Participants are seated
10:00am - 10:30am	SESSION ONE WELCOME AND OPENING CEREMONY – Introduction of guests, resource persons and participants Welcome Remarks Clement Nwankwo <i>Executive Director, PLAC</i> Opening Address Ms. Laolu Olawunmi <i>Programme Manager, Democracy and Rule of Law, Delegation of the European Union to the Federal Republic of Nigeria and ECOWAS</i> Goodwill Messages Prince Clem Agba <i>Honourable Minister of State, Budget and National Planning</i> Address Olatunde Ojo <i>Clerk, National Assembly</i>
10:30am - 10:45am	TEA BREAK

10:45am -11.45am	SESSION TWO MOCK LEGISLATIVE SESSION Plenary Session led by elected speaker of the Model Legislative Assembly Intern, Victoria Unachukwu <i>Speaker of the 2021 Model Legislative Assembly (MLA)</i>
11:45pm - 12:15pm	SESSION THREE Observations and Feedback from Panelists Hon. Abdul Oroh <i>Member, 5th House of Representatives</i> Chinedu Akubueze <i>Clerk of the House of Representatives</i> Gbenga Aruleba <i>Chief News Producer, AIT</i> Hon. Samson Osagie <i>Former Minority Whip, House of Representatives</i>
12:15pm - 12:30pm	PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES AND PHOTO SESSION Clement Nwankwo <i>Executive Director, Policy and Legal Advocacy Centre (PLAC)</i>
12:30pm	WRAP UP & LUNCH

Votes and Proceedings Produced for the Model Legislative Assembly

FOURTH REPUBLIC
9TH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SECOND SESSION
No. 331967



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Thursday, 5th August, 2021

1. The House met at 11:03 a.m. Madam Speaker read the Prayers.
2. The House recited the National Pledge.
3. **Votes and Proceedings**

Madam Speaker announced that she had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 4th August, 2021.

The Votes and Proceedings were adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Admittance into the Chamber**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do admit into the Chamber, Rt Hon. Umaru Zayyanu Bilya, Chairman, Peoples Democratic Party, Taraba State, Engr Isah Ahmed, Speaker Taraba State House of Assembly, and members of their entourage, to witness the swearing-in ceremony of Member-elect, Taraba North/Taraba South Federal Constituency, pursuant to Order Twenty-One, Rule 8(1)" (*Hon. Rahila Dauda— House Leader*).

Agreed to.

5. **Oaths of Allegiance and Membership**

A Member-elect, Mr Adewale Shokoya (Ogun North/Ogun South Federal Constituency), took and subscribed to the Oaths of Allegiance and Membership as prescribed by law.

6. **Announcement**

(iii) also urge the Nigeria Police Force to formulate strategies to destabilize those criminal operations, establish more police presence within the State and the country, rescue abductees and apprehend the abductors (HR. 70/04/2021).

(ii) ***Fire Disasters at Oshigbudu Agatu Local Government Area (LGA) of Benue State: A Call for Urgent Attention:***

Hon. Ene Omale (Apa/Agatu Federal Constituency) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

(a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and

(b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance —

Agreed to.

Question that the House do suspend Order Eight Rule 4 (3) 10 enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Fire Disasters at Oshigbudu in Agatu Local Government Area (LGA) of Benue State: A Call for Attention:

The House:

Notes with sadness and grief the tragic fuel Tanker explosions on Sunday-18 and Tuesday, 20 April, 2021, that razed down, leaving 10 people dead so far, several buildings and vehicles destroyed at Oshigbudu community in Agatu Local Government Area of Benue State;

Also notes that this unfortunate incidents have left the entire people of Agatu and indeed Benue State in anguish and agony as goods and properties worth hundreds of millions of Naira were also lost to the inferno;

Aware that the Oshigbudu Community is a major settlement for farmers, and commercial activities in Benue State due to its strategic location and the volume of goods and commodities traded the area, such a-s farm produce, building materials, poultry products, etc. and services to commuters plying the Abuja -Oweto-Otukpo route which links the Northern and Southern Nigeria;

Also aware that the destruction caused by this inferno has rendered thousands of Households, farmers, traders and retailers without shelter and means of livelihood;

Observes that the palliatives measures required to rebuild and resettle the affected persons is way beyond the capacity of Agatu Local Government Council and Benue State Government, hence there is an urgent need to draw the attention of the Federal Government and its relevant relief agencies to this unfortunate fire incidents that has consumed the populace and hit the nerve center of not only the Agatu people but the entire Benue State;

Resolves to:

- (i) Commiserate with the people of Oshigbudu in Agatu LGA and the Government and the people of Benue State over this fire disaster;
- (ii) Urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA); other relief agencies; and philanthropists to provide the necessary intervention to the affected members of the community;
- (iii) Call on the Federal Fire service to immediately establish a fire service station within the Apa and Agatu Local Government Areas to curtail such incidents in the future; these fire stations will serve over five Local Government Areas of Benue South including neighbouring Nasarawa State;
- (iv) Also urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to provide for the completion and dualization of the Keffi-Oweto -Otukpo Road Project and to also provide for the diversion or Bye Pass of the road from passing through Oshigbudu Township as a result of the numerous accidents being experienced;
- (v) Set- up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the causes of the two tanker explosions within 48 hours Intervals with a view proffering solutions and prevent reoccurrence and report back within three (3) weeks; and
- vi Observe a minute silence in honor of those who lost their lives as a result of these explosions (*Hon Samuel Godday Odagboyi — Apa/Agatu Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 71/04/2021).

Motion referred to the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (4) to enable it take more than 2 matters of urgent public importance" (Hon. Yusuf Buba Yakub — Gombi/Hong Federal Constituency)..

Agreed to,

(iii) ***Recent Attack on Kwapre Community in Hong Local Government Area of Adamawa State by Boko Haram:***

Hon. Shehu Hussaina (Gombi/Hong Federal Constituency) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) Consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) Suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance — Agreed to.

Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Recent Attack on Kwapre Community in Hong Local Government Area of Adamawa State by Boko Haram Insurgents:

The House:

Notes that in the early hours of Friday, 9 April, 2021, suspected Boko Haram insurgents, in their numbers, attacked Kwapre village, a community in Hong Local Government Area of Adamawa State;

Also notes that the insurgents killed some and maimed many other unsuspecting dwellers, most of whom are currently in hospitals and health facilities the Local Government Headquarters and they also destroyed homes, properties and abducted women and children;

Believes that the Federal Government and law- enforcement agencies must live up to the sworn duties of protecting lives and maintaining the welfare of the people in order to operate optimally and fulfil its ideals;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the North East Development Commission (NEDC), the National Emergency and Disaster Management Agency (NEMA) and the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development to provide relief materials to the victims of the affected community;
- (E) Call on the Nigerian Army and other relevant security Agencies to improve their operations in the Zone in order to forestall any further attacks on any of the communities In the North East.

10. Presentation of Reports

Committee on Customs and Excise:

Motion made and Question proposed "That the House do Receive the Report of Committee on Customs and Excise on the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigeria Customs Service the total sum of N1,678,715,061,014.00 (One Trillion, Six Hundred and Seventy-Eight Billion, Seven Hundred and Fifteen Million, Sixty-one Thousand, Fourteen Naira) only, the Nigeria Customs Service expected Revenue from the 7% collection and 60 % from the comprehensive Import Suspension Scheme (CASS) sum of 183,671,694.71 (Two Hundred and Fifty-Seven Billion, one Hundred and Eighty-Three Million, Six Hundred and Seventy-One Thousand, Six Hundred and Ninety-Four Naira, Seventy-One Kobo) only out of which N99.719.722.681 .7 1 (Ninety-Nine Billion, Seven Hundred and Nineteen Million, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Two Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty-One Naira, Seventy-One Kobo) only, is for Personnel Cost, while the sum of N19,530,769,000.00 (Nineteen Billion, Five Hundred and Thirty Million, seven Hundred and Sixty-Nine Thousand Naira) only, is for Overhead Cost and the sum of ₦ 137,933,270,013.00 (One Hundred and Thirty-Seven Billion, Nine Hundred and Thirty-Three Million, Two Hundred and Seventy Thousand, Thirteen Naira) only, is for Capital Cost of the Nigeria Customs Service for the year ending 31 December, 2021" (Hon.Ronke Aro — Yagba East/Yagba West/Mopamuro Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

Committee on Finance:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do Receive the Report of Committee on Finance on the Issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) the total sum of N216,646,579,231.00 (Two Hundred and Sixteen Billion, Six Hundred and Forty-Six Million, Five Hundred and Seventy-Nine Thousand, Two Hundred and Thirty-One Naira Naira) only, out of which the Sum of N107, 521, 496,984.00 (One Hundred and Seven Billion, Five Hundred and Twenty-One Million, Four and Ninety-Six Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty-Four Naira) only, is for Personnel Cost, 'While the sum of N56,469,218.415.00 (Fifty-Six Billion, Four Hundred and Sixty-Nine

Million, Two Hundred and Eighteen Thousand, Four Hundred and Fifteen Naira) only is for Over Head Cost, and the sum of N52,655,863,832.00

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(Fifty-Two Billion, Six Hundred and Fifty - Five Million, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Three Thousand, Hundred and Thirty-Two Naira) only, is for Capital Project of the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) for the year ending 31 December, 2021 " (Hon. Ajike Precious- Ikeja Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) *Committee on Public Petitions:*

Report on the Petition by U. C. Oparaugo and Co. against the Nigeria Police Force and the Police Service Commission on the Unlawful Dismissal of CPL Ezemadu Collins:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by U.C. Oparaugo and Co. against the Nigeria Police Force and the Police Service Commission on the Unlawful Dismissal of CPL Ezemadu Collins" (Hon. Anowai Uzundu Nzubechukwu— Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

11. Consolidation of Bills:

- (i) Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide a Legal Framework for the Establishment of the National Social Investment Programmes for the Assistance and Empowerment of Poor and Vulnerable in Nigeria; and to Establish the National Social Investment Programmes Coordination Office within the Federal Ministry Responsible for Social Development to Manage (he Implementation of the Programmes; and for Related Matters (HB- 1 153); and a Bill for au Act to Establish the National Social investments Trust Fund to Alleviate Poverty among Vulnerable Nigerian Citizens through Targeted Programmes for the Aged, Infirm, unemployed and Students: and for Related Matters (H B. 907) be consolidated" (Hon, Fahad Abubakar Longman-Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

- (ii) *Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Broadcasting Commission Act, Cap. N111, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Payment of all Monies Received by the Commission into the Federation Account in accordance with Section 162 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended); and

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for Related Matters (HB. 332) and a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Broadcasting Commission Act, Cap. N11, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Strengthen the Commission and make it more Effective to Regulate Broadcasting in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 332) and a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Broadcasting Commission Act, Cap. N11 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to encourage Liberal, Openness and Favourable Competition in the industry; and for Related Matters (HB. 833) be now consolidated" Fahad Abubakar Longman- — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

12. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Urban Development and Planning Commission for the Purpose of Formulation and Preparation of Physical Development Plans and the Improvement of Social Amenities within the FCT; and for Related Matters (HB.707— *Second Reading*)

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Urban Development and Planning Commission for the Purpose of Formulation and Preparation of Physical Development Plans and the improvement of Social Amenities within the FCT; and for Related Matters (HB. 707) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Jimoh Abdulraheem Olajide — Lagos Mainland Federal Constituency and 1 other*).

Debate.

Question that the Bill be now read a Second Time — Agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

13. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Medical Centre, Hong, Adamawa State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1264) *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Medical Centre,

Hong Adamawa State; and for Related Matters (HB, 1264) be read a Second Time" (*Hon Yusuf Buba Yakuts — Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Questions that the Bill be now read a Second Time— Agreed to.

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Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Health Institutions.

14. Need to Investigate the Delay in Conclusion of the Review and Renewal of Agreements for Concession of Seaports

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) and the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), behalf of the Federal Government of Nigeria, anchored the concession of Seaport Terminals between 2005 and 2006 for an initial period of 10 years, 15 years and 25 years across the NPA Port Complexes of Apapa, Tincan Island, Port Harcourt, Onne, Calabar, Koko and Warri, respectively;

Aware that some of the concessioned terminals with initial tenure of 10 and 15 years have expired while some will expire in May 2021 and needed renewal to avoid losses of hundreds of millions of dollars revenues accruable to the government and direct foreign investment by investors for further upgrade and rehabilitation of the Ports to achieve the modernization objectives of government;

Also aware that the review and renewal process had commenced in 2016 with the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Federal Ministry of Justice, the Federal Ministry of Transport, the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC), the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) and Private Terminal Operators;

Concerned that the Concession Agreements that have expired are deemed to have been automatically renewed without the benefit of full renegotiation, provided that concessionaires served the lessor requisite notice of intent to renew in line with the provisions of the Agreements;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Ports and Harbours, and Privatization and Commercialization to interface with parties to the Concession Agreement with a view to determining reasons for the delay in conclusion of the review and renewal of the Agreements for Concession of Seaports and report back within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Mohammed Shehu Koko— Koko-Besse/Maiyama Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In the Prayer, immediately after the word "on" insert the words "Treaties and Agreements" (*Hon. Ndudi Elumelu —Aniocha South/North/Oshimili South/North Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Negatived.

Question on the Motion — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) and the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), on behalf of the Federal Government of Nigeria, anchored the concession of Seaport Terminals between 2005 killed 2006 for an initial period of 10 years, 15 years and 25 years across the NPA Port Complexes of Apapa, Tincan Island, Port Harcourt, Onne, Calabar. Koko and Warri, respectively;

Aware that some of the concessioned terminals with initial tenure of 10 and 15 years have expired while some will expire in May 2021 and needed renewal to avoid losses Of hundreds of millions of dollars revenues accruable to the government and direct foreign investment by investors for further upgrade and rehabilitation of the Ports to achieve the modernization objectives of government;

Also aware that the review and renewal process had commenced in 2016 with the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Federal Ministry of Justice, the Federal Ministry of Transport, the Infrastructure

Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC), the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) and Private Terminal Operators;

Concerned that the Concession Agreements that have expired are deemed to have been automatically renewed without the benefit of full renegotiation, provided that concessionaires served the lessor requisite notice of intent to renew in line with 'the provisions of the Agreements;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Ports and Harbours, and Privatization and Commercialization to interface with parties to the Concession Agreement with a view to determining reasons for the delay in conclusion of the review and renewal of the

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Agreements for Concession of Seaports and report back within four (4) weeks (**HR. 74/04/2021**).

14. Curbing Sea Piracy, Kidnappings and Killings on Bonny, Bile, Ke and Bakana Waterways

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

15. Need to Rehabilitate the Dilapidated Isa-Kwanar Isa Road in Isa/Sabon Birni Federal Constituency of Sokoto State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the road from Isa to Kwanar-Isa connecting Sokoto and Zamfara States constructed in the early 1980s during the Administration of President Shehu Shagari has been useful for transportation of people, goods and facilitates commercial/agricultural activities in Sokoto and Zamfara States;

Worried that the 8 Kilometers stretch of road has not witnessed any form of rehabilitation since its construction despite its significance in boosting economic activities between the two states;

- (a) Visitors in the Gallery:

Madam Speaker recognised the presence of Members of the Student's Union, Supreme Council, University of Agriculture, Makurdi, Benue State.

- (b) Bereavement:

Madam Speaker read a communication from Hon. Rex Ogboi (Bayelsa South/Bayelsa West/Bayelsa North Federal Constituency), announcing the demise of His Majesty, Ogaga Iwowari of Nembe Kingdom, Bayelsa State.

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

- (c) Notification of Election into the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE);
Madam Speaker read a communication from Hon. Nanven Haruna Mamdam (Wase Constituency), notifying the House of his election as a Fellow, Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), on Monday, 16th August, 2021.

- (d) ***Appointment of a new Deputy Chairman, Committee on Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board:***

Madam Speaker announced Hon. Donatus I. Ozemhoya (*Etsako Federal Constituency*) as the Deputy Chairman of the Committee on Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board.

- (e) ***Need to Provide Relief Materials to Victims of Fire Incidence at the Katsina Central Market:***

Madam Speaker announced the Membership of the Delegation as follows:

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|--------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| (1) Hon. Ugwuala Prince | - | Leader of Delegation |
| (2) Hon. Ene Omale | - | Member |
| (3) Hon. Hauwa Yah | - | Member |
| (4) Hon. Ajayi O. Ademola | - | Member |
| (5) Hon. Suleiman Saidu Usman | - | Member |
| (6) Hon. Chris Odu | - | Member |
| (7) Hon. Yohanna Samuel Tagwai | - | Member |
| (8) Hon. Hashimu Adamu | - | Member |
| (9) Hon. Amina Abdulazeez | - | Member |

Also worried that the abandonment of the road is adversely affecting the means of livelihood of inhabitants of the Communities, thus making criminals to take undue advantage of its state to perpetuate their heinous activities;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to rehabilitate the dilapidated portion of the road Isa to Kwanar-Isa to enhance the livelihood of inhabitants of the Communities;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency to ensure compliance (*Hon. Mohammed Saidu Baragaja — Isa/Sabon Birni Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 75/04/2021)

*Motion referred to the **Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA)**, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule (5)*

16. Need to Prevail on Jos Electricity Distribution Company (JEDCO) to Restore Power Supply in the Communities of Darazo and Ganjuwa Local Government Area of Bauchi State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the provision of electricity is critical to the socio-economic development of any given society;

Aware that private companies are empowered by the Electricity Power Sector Reform Act, 2005 to participate in the generation and transmission of electricity and Jos Electricity Distribution Company (JEDC) is responsible for the distribution of electricity in Darazo and Ganjuwa Local Government Area of Bauchi State;

Observes that communities of Yuli Don, Badaromo, Dargomi, Gere, DabenKasuwa, Jalingo, Kamfanin Dan Fulani, Zalanga, Gagira, KamfanñuKutare, Gama-Dadi, GidanGona, Wailo, Kare-Kare, Marea, Konkivel, Gabarin, Kili. Kunchi, Tashan-Ladi, Yunbunga, Dale-Gobe. Zanciavn, Babaye, Sade, Wahu. Magume, Garin-Les•a, Sauke, Buiawa, Lanzai, -Tudun Wada, Lamba and Pana located on the Baucila -Maiduguri highway have been in darkness for the past ten (10) years;

Commends the Government of Bauchi State under the leadership of Senator Bala Abdulkadir Mohammed (Kauran Bauchi) for its commitments through the State Ministry of Power to address a similar problem in the State;

Worried that residents of the affected communities are being denied benefits associated with provision of electricity due to the failure of Jos Electricity Distribution Company to supply electricity to the communities;

Resolves to:

- (i) Mandate the Committee on Power to interface with the Managing Director, Jos Electricity Distribution Company to provide reasons for the failure of JEDC to supply electricity to Communities in Darazo and Ganjuwa Local Government Area;
- (ii) Also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (Hon- Mansur Manu Soro — Darazo/Ganjawa Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

(HR. 76/04/2021).

Motion referred to the Legislative Compliance, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9

(5).

17. Need to Control the Import and Export of Agricultural Commodities in Nigeria

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

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18. Consideration of Report***Committees on Interior, Federal Character, and Reformatory Institutions:***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committees on Interior, Federal Character and Reformatory Institutions on Call for Intervention in the On-going Recruitment Exercise into the Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC) and the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) (HR. 99/12/2020)" (Hon. Nasirul Sani Zango Daura — Zango/Baure Federal Constituency)-

Agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation (i):

"That the introduction of Computer Based Aptitude Test (CBAT) was to add value to the Civil Defense, Fire, Immigration and Prison Services Board's recruitment process and also ensure transparency and fairness" (*Hon- Nasiru Sani Zango Daura — Zango/Baure Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

"That the method (CBAT) employed by the Civil Defense, Fire, Immigration and Prison Services Board (CDFIPB) is faster, seamless, less cumbersome, devoid of almost 100% manipulation and above all in compliance with ICT since the Whole world is embracing ICT and our youth and Nigeria by extension, should not be left out" (*Hon. Nasiru Sani Zango Daura — Zango/Daura Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation

(iii):

"That the exercise should continue in earnest to ensure there is no delay in the assumption of duty of those officers who will form part of the solution to the internal security challenges the country is faced with and also reduce the overstretched labour market" (*Hon- Nasiru Sani Zango Daura —Zango/Baare, Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Madam Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committees on Interior, Federal Character and Reformatory Institutions on Call for Intervention in the On-going Recruitment Exercise into the Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC) and the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) and approved Recommendations (i)- (iii) of the Report-

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole —
Agreed to.

Petitions

- (i) A Petition from Chidi John Obicubana and one other, on the alleged non-disbursement of their invested fund by Union Homes Savings and Loans Limited, was presented and laid by Hon. Muhammad H. Abdullahi (Damatu/Gujba/Gulani/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency);
- (ii) A petition from Ifeanyi Uzor, on his dismissal from the service of the Nigeria Police Force, was presented and laid by Hon. Chukwuka E. Agbo (Mbaitoli/Ikeduru Federal Constituency);
- (iii) A petition from Castle Attorneys (Solicitors & Advocates), on behalf of Akinwale Odeyemi, on alleged non-payment of his medical bills by the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) and the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), was presented and laid by Hon. Bushrah Temitope Balogun (*Akoko South East/Akoko South West Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

7. Matter Requiring Urgent Intervention of the House

A Call to *Investigate Sheik Ali Ibrahim Pantami, Minister of Communication and Digital Economy's Link to Terrorist Groups — A Potential Threat to National Security:*

The House:

Notes that **Sheik Ali Ibrahim Pantami** is the Minister for Communication and Digital Economy of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the portfolio he currently occupies gives him the free latitude to administer, coordinate and manage flow of sensitive information within and outside the shores of Nigeria;

Also notes that there have been repeated insinuations that **Sheik Ali Ibrahim Pantami** has direct links and personally subscribes to the extreme Islamic beliefs of Al Queada, Taliban and Boko Haram sects;

Aware that there are compelling evidence in the cyber space to buttress and lend strong credence to a relationship and mutual collaboration between **Sheik Ali Ibrahim Pantami** and deceased Yemeni terrorist Al Barnawi, a mentor to the Nigerian born Christmas day bomber; **Umar Farouk Abdul-mutallab**;

Also aware that the Minister, while answering questions during his daily **Ramadan** lecture at **Annor Mosque** a few days back, owned up to the fact that he took extreme positions in support of the brutal exploits of Al Qaeda and the Taliban out of ignorance;

Concerned that these allegations and relevant evidence in the cyber space and other informative platforms have been overlooked and glossed over by relevant authorities, thereby refusing to take appropriate security measures in examining the strands of facts and its implication on national security;

Also concerned that for over ten years, the insurgency in the North East has cost Nigerian military high casualty levels, moral depletion amongst its personnel, billions of dollars in financial resources, huge human and material displacement, culminating in high level of unemployment amongst the populace of that region;

Worried that there have been instances in the recent past where top government officials have been complicit and acted as moles at divulging government strategy to the insurgents without traces, and some openly lend financial support to the insurgency in the North East;

Also worried that if these allegations are allowed to wear away without proper investigation and taking necessary actions, this may be the beginning of an end to our great country Nigeria (Hon. Ndudi Godwin Elumelu — Aniocha North/South/Oshimili North/South Federal Constituency).

Madam Speaker noted the matter.

9. Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)

- (i) ***Need for Intervention in the Numerous Kidnapping Incidents and Destruction of Farmlands in Oluyole Local Government Area, Oyo State:***
Hon. Opoola Dorcas (Oluyole Federal Constituency) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

(a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance;

and

(b) Suspend Order Eight, Rule 4(3) to allow debate on the matter

forthwith.

*Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance-
Agreed to.*

*Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable if debate
the matter forthwith – Agreed to.*

Need for Urgent Intervention on the Numerous Kidnapping incidents and
Destruction of Farmlands in Oluyole Local Government Area, Oyo State:

The House:

Notes that some unknown gunmen suspected to be kidnappers have, on
numerous occasions, stormed Oluyole Local Government Area of Oyo
State, kidnapping residents and destroying farms•, .

Also notes that on Saturday, 8th August, 2021, several newsprint reports
confirmed that no fewer than fifteen (15) residents of Oyo State have been
kidnapped in the last one month with majority of those kidnappings
occurring in the Idi Ayunre axis of Oluyole Local Government Area, Oyo
State, on the Idi Ayunre-Ijebu Ode Road;

Informed that some of the recent incidents include the kidnap of four
people along Ijebu-Ode/Ibadan Road on Monday, 15 July, 2021; the
kidnap of three farmers at Sanvo and Soka area on Monday, 29 July, 2021;
the kidnap of four people (among whom three were employees of
Megabolex Quarry Site) on Tuesday, 6 July, 2021 and the recent kidnap
of three women at Onipe village on Monday, 12 July, 2021; .

Also informed that though some of the victims had been released, they
were released by the abductors after the payment of millions of Naira as
ransom with a minimum ransom value of ₦5,000,000.00 paid for each
victim;

Further informed that there have been several other cases like that of
Lukman Jimoh, a former Councilor and car dealer, who was kidnapped in

the early hours of Sunday, 28 February; 2020. His abductors demanded for a ransom of 500,000.00 but the sum of N 1,000,000.00 was paid to the kidnappers before he was released, eight days after his return, another resident, Mr Wasiu Wahab, a cattle breeder, was kidnapped and only released upon the payment of a ₦2,000,000.00 ransom;

Aware that some of the kidnapping incidents in the State ended in casualties as on Wednesday, 17 March, 202k, some gunmen stormed a farm Fiditi, Afijio Local Government Area, Oyo State and kidnapped a security guard, unfortunately the invasion process led to the death of one person and there have been several of such cases resulting in loss of innocent lives:

Also aware that it has become very unsafe for residents of Oluyole Federal Constituency and Oyo State in general to about earning their livelihoods without the fear of being kidnapped and putting their families under undue pressure to source the ransom money;

Cognizant of the urgent need for the Federal Government to forge a lasting solution to the innumerable kidnappings and attacks on farmers' livelihood across the country thereby turning many of them into destitutes and also cases where their farms are intentionally dug up and fed to animals;

Also cognizant of the need for a compensation programme for victims of kidnapping and their families, in the case of loss of life and to farmers for loss of livelihood, among other sufferings caused by this menace;

Resolves to:

- (i) call for urgent intervention of the Federal Government to find a lasting solution to the innumerable kidnappings in the country;
- (ii) Urge the Federal Government to create a compensation programme for victims of kidnapping, the affected families who have lost loved ones, and farmers who have lost their sources of livelihood;
- (iii) Also urge the Nigeria Police Force to formulate strategies to destabilize those criminal operations, establish more police presence within the State and the country, rescue abductees and apprehend the abductors (*Hon. Tolulope Akande-Sadipe — Oluyole Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

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BUSINESS OF THE DAY PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. North Central Housing Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2021(HB. 1479) (Hon. Mohammed Abubakar Musa and 6 others) – First Reading.
2. South East Erosion Control and Prevention Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2021(HB. 1480) (Hon. Mansurah Baba-Ahmed and 5 others) – First Reading.
3. National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (Amendment) Bill, 2021(HB. 1481) (Hon. Oluwadara Onyebuchi Alarape and 6 others) – First Reading.

PRESENTATION OF REPORT(S)

1. Report of Committee on Human Rights:

Hon. Ene Mary Omale (Benue State):

“That the House do receive Report of the Committee on Human Rights on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Human Rights Commission Act, Cap. N46, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (as amended) and Enact the National Human Rights Commission Bill to strengthen the Commission to conduct Investigations and Sustain Activities in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1072) (Referred: 15/7/2021).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of Family Planning and Population Control Norms to Regulate the Fertility and Childbearing Rate in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 1430) (Hon. Hauwa Yahya and 6 others) – Second Reading.
2. A Bill for an Act to Establish a Specialized Cocoa Institute, Ilaje, Ondo State, to Cultivate, Explore and Harness Cocoa Farming and Charge It with the Responsibility of Producing Refined Products for Local and International Trade and Perform Regulatory Functions and for Related Matters (HB. 1431) (Hon. Bushrah Temitope Balogun and 5 others) – Second Reading.

MOTIONS

3. Need to Curb the Rising Cases of Highway Robbery and Kidnapping Along Abuja-Abaji-Lokoja Expressway:

Sponsors –Hon. Uzundu Anowai (Anambra State), Hon. Mohammed Abubakar Musa (Adamawa State), Hon. Obinna Nnoron-Dike (Abia State), Hon. Victoria Unachukwu (Anambra State), Hon. Victoria Okon Ukpang (Akwa Ibom State), Hon. Rahila Dauda (Bauchi State), Hon. Mustapha Tunau (Zamfara State):

The House:

Notes that 15 years after the award of the contract for the dualisation of the 200km road which connects the South-East, South-South and South-West geopolitical zones to the nation’s capital; it is yet to be completed;

Aware that the road was originally constructed to ease travelers’ movement but has in the past 24 months, been infamous for the activities of criminal elements, abducting unsuspecting commuters and motorists for ransoms;

Worried that the presence of security personnel on that road is barely enough to checkmate these nefarious activities;

Concerned that if nothing is done to curb future occurrences, these criminals would continue to perpetuate their ungodly acts;

Also concerned that since these hoodlums have taken centre stage on the road, no one has been caught or even prosecuted for the criminal acts;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to provide adequate security checkpoints/ patrol on the Abuja-Abaji-Lokoja expressway;
- (ii) mandate the Minister of Works and Housing to complete the road within a deadline date and begin the installation of streetlights to light up the road at night.

4. Urgent Need to Address the Issue of Drug Abuse Among Young People in the North-East Zone of Nigeria:

Sponsors –Hon. HauwaYahi (Borno State), Hon. Ene Mary Omale (Benue State), Hon. Christopher Odu (Cross River State), Hon. Eloka Felix Oduah (Delta State), Hon. Ogboi Rex Bubaraye (Bayelsa State), Hon. Umar Bilya (Taraba State), Hon. Donatus Ikhane Ozemhoya (Edo State):

The House:

Notes the ravaging effect of Drug Abuse among youths in the North-East zone;

Also notes that one factor causing and promoting violence in the North-East region results from drug abuse;

Further notes that most of the youths, not just within the North-East but both in other parts of the country, are indulging in drug abuse, thereby promoting a high level of violence, rape, accident, kidnapping, insurgency, suicide bombing, child abuse, domestic violence, and even untimely death. Also, it increases a very high rate of mentally unstable youths who are influenced by these illicit drugs intake;

Concerned that the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) and other regulatory bodies like The National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC), Pharmacist Council of Nigeria (PCN), etc. are not doing enough to stop contraband illicit drugs into the country, this is because some of them are compromised;

Worried that some youths, mostly in the North-East, hawk, and prescribe drugs on the street such as codeine, tramadol, etc. on the pretext of selling painkillers, with no knowledge nor health training which raises a fundamental question of how these youths get access to these drugs and prescribe them to the public;

Also worried that going by the World Bank 2020 population report, Nigeria's age population of 15-64 years is at 53.7%, which consist of our youths and therefore, there is every need to give this urgent attention;

Resolves to

- (i) Urge the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) to increase their capacity in surveillance in communities that border our neighboring countries to checkmate the high inflow of these illicit drugs;
- (ii) Also urge the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) to create awareness and educate parents and guardians in the North-East region on dangers surrounding drug abuse and also come up with better measures to curb drug prescription to underage in the North-East zone and also across the nation as a whole.

5. Urgent Need for the Federal Government to Set up a Price Regulatory Agency to Regulate the Prices of Foodstuffs:

Sponsors –Hon. Amina Abdulaziz (Kebbi State), Hon. Samuel Yohanna Tagwai (Kaduna State), Hon. Mansurah Baba-Ahmed (Kaduna State), Hon. Ronke Aro (Kogi State), Hon. Khadijah Muhammed (Kano State), Hon. Nasirudden Adam Baba (Jigawa State):

The House

Notes that the dawn of each day presents Nigerians with a hike in the price of one or more commodities especially foodstuff in our markets;

Also notes that food is necessary for humans to exist, reproduce, be mentally and physically active, develop and coexist;

Concerned that this regular hike in the prices of foodstuffs is capable of influencing the activities of the citizens, especially in what they do to get money to afford these commodities;

Also concerned that the continuous hike of foodstuffs will deny many Nigerians of food, thereby pushing them into committing crimes to earn a living and further compounding our already existing security challenges;

Aware that a good number of the food commodities such as palm oil, rice, beans, plantain, yam, tomato, garri to mention but a few are locally cultivated and processed;

Also aware that the hike is also influenced by the weakness of the Naira in the capital market, panic buying and greed of some of the traders to make big profits to buy more stock and expand;

Further aware that in the same market; traders A, B and C though they buy from the same manufacturer or wholesaler, yet do not have a uniform price as they sell based on the demand or even appearance of the customers;

Worried that Nigerians are already going through challenges, especially security and economic for some years now and the effects of the COVID-19 is still biting hard as some Nigerians lost their jobs and source of livelihood. Hence, cannot cope with the incessant hike and the cost of living;

Also worried that this can further plunge more people into poverty, the already poor to wretchedness, and make more people prone to perpetrating, aiding and abetting crimes just to earn a living if urgent steps are not taken to mitigate the situation at hand;

Believes that just as the price of petrol is controlled, and is almost uniformed in every fuel station nationwide, if a regulatory body is set up to check the uniformity of foodstuffs prices this menace will be controlled and eradicated;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to as a matter of urgency, set up a Commodity Price Regulatory Agency, if none is existing to effectively and efficiently manage this menace;
- (ii) give such body power to sanction those that are found wanting.

6. **Need for an Emergency Response to Address and Curb the Incessant and Tragic Traffic-Related Accidents Caused by Trucks and Fuel Tankers on Lagos Roads, by Constructing and Rehabilitating Inland Container Facilities (Dry Port):**

Sponsors: Hon. Adewale Shokoya (Ogun state), Hon. Ajike Precious (Ondo State) Hon. Hussaina Shehu (Niger State), Hon. Bushrah Temitope Balogun (Lagos State), Hon Dorcas Opoola (Kwara State), Hon. Adamu Auta Adamu (Nasarawa State):

The House:

Notes that the disastrous and gory nature of road accidents on highways and the number of lives that are being carelessly wasted to avoidable deaths. According to a report by the Nigerian Shippers Council; Dry Ports also known as Inland Container Facilities (ICDs) are simply ports on dry land linked by the use of railways and road networks. There are seven dry ports in Nigeria: Kaduna, Ibadan, Jos, Isiala ngwa Aba, Kano, Maiduguri, Zamfara Funtua. These Dry Ports were designated to be established on a Build, Own, Operate, Transfer model to ease persistent congestions at the seaports, improve the efficiency of inland transports, transform shipping from a port-to-port activity and reduce the cost of doing business;

Also notes that malfunctioning trucks and fuel tankers are plying inappropriate road channels while special travel routes and facilities are provided as means of transportation for such vessels in advanced countries, making the road user-friendly and drastically reduce accidents tendencies. January 2021, the Lagos State government closed the airport bridge at Toyota to vehicular traffic movements due to an inferno from a tanker collision explosion that occurred on the Apapa-Oshodi Expressway;

Further notes that traffic accidents predominantly affect the young and economic productive age group and that there are other alternative channels these trucks and tankers can ply in transporting their consignments and boycotting roads meant for commuters and pedestrians thereby preventing such tragedy. Of the seven Dry Ports in Nigeria, only Kaduna Dry Port is functional and in operation;

Aware that the third leading cause of overall deaths in Nigeria and the most common cause of disabilities are road traffic accidents;

Believes the situation is even more problematic due to poor traffic regulations, poor road design, poor enforcement of traffic rules and regulations, rapidly growing population and the increasing number of people driving cars;

Worried the rest of the populace live in perpetual fear of travelling occasioned by the unsafe roads and increasing death tolls if urgent steps are not taken to forestall the rising traffic accidents and curb these crises by utilizing other options of transportation;

Further worried the overall effect of these injuries constitute; social, economic and psychological loss. Nigeria losses billions of naira annually to traffic-related accidents which are inclusive of the economic cost of medical treatment, property and public amenities damaged, and the cost of productivity lost due to accidents. Yet there are alternative measures to avert these accidents, such as the existing dry port which has been redundant and non-operational for a long time and despite the accidents, there is no one taking action to that effect;

Cognizant of the fact that the dry port rehabilitation is long overdue and should be operating efficiently and even generate more funds as well as creating for jobs young people.

Resolves to

- (i) Reawaken the political will and social consciousnesses towards reviving the defunct dry port and the utilize it for its sole purpose of establishment;
- (ii) Charge the Ministry of Transport with the responsibility to regulate and manage the dry port properly and;
- (iii) Revive and construct new dry port facilities to decongest the road and curb the traffic and prevent deaths;
- (iv) Amend road user laws and ensure Law enforcement agencies ensure these road rules and regulations are abided to;
- (v) Set punitive measures for violators of rules and regulations;
- (vi) Urge the Federal Ministry of Transportation to partner with the Nigerian Shippers Council to rehabilitate and re-commission the six existing non-functioning Dry Ports in Nigeria and equip them with the much-needed facilities to save lives and properties.

7. Urgent Need to Deploy Security Operatives and Increase Security Measures on the Kaduna-Birnin Gwari Road to Forestall Criminal Activities:

Sponsors: *Hon Ugwuala S. Prince (Imo State), Hon Goodness Oluchi Obijuru (Imo State), Hon Oluwatosin Ademola Ajayi (Ekiti State), Hon Chukwuka Emmanuel Agbo (Enugu State), Hon Michael Ayeeni (Ekiti State), Hon Suleiman Saidu Usman (Gombe State):*

The House:

Notes that the Kaduna-Birnin Gwari road is a major link road between the FCT and some other Northern States and has become a flashpoint for gruesome activities of kidnappers, bandits, and armed robbers;

Further Notes that this Highway is of utmost importance to the Nigerian Economy as it is one of our most salient Highways because it mainly links the Northern and Southern Regions. The Highway system of Nigeria cannot be mentioned without the Kaduna-Birnin Gwari road and its importance;

Concerned that the constant and alarming rate of robbery, maiming, and kidnapping of road users has devastating effects on Transportation, Tourism, and overall well being of Nigerians who use this road or have loved ones who ply this route;

Also Concerned that due to the criminal activities that regularly occur on this road by armed bandits, many lives have been lost and several goods worth millions of Naira are also being lost;

Further concerned that the persistent attacks, armed robberies and kidnappings perpetrated by gunmen on this highway will hinder the movement of people from the North to the South and vice versa, crippling the commercial commitment of business people which will, in turn, affect the economy negatively;

Aware that although there has been several interventions by security operatives, the truth remains that the Kaduna-Birnin Gwari road remains unsafe for travel;

Cognizant of the fact that if we need to boost the confidence of road users, guarantee the safety of people and improve our dwindling economy through safe movements, we must find means to put a stop to the criminal activities that constantly occur on this highway;

Resolves to

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Defence to urgently address the high rate of insecurity of the Kaduna-Birnin Gwari road to forestall the occurrence of criminal activities by Armed Bandits and Kidnappers;
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Defence and Committee on National Security and Intelligence to investigate the reason(s) why the Kaduna-Birnin Gwari Highway has remained prone to the activities of these criminals despite the presence of security operatives;
- (iii) Mandate the Federal Ministry of Defence to deploy well-equipped security operatives to work together with the vigilante groups in the area to heighten the level of security on the Kaduna-Birnin Gwari Highway.

8. Urgent Need to Tackle the Lugubrious Armed Violence in South-South Region of Nigeria:

Sponsors: *Hon. Fahad Longman (Sokoto State), Hon. Nanven Mamdam (Plateau State), Hon. Muhammad Haruna Abdullahi (Yobe State), Hon. Ibifubara Abiyyesuku (Rivers State), Hon. Hashimu Adamu (Abuja-FCT), Hon. Narimam Albert Sam Tsokwa (Taraba State), Hon. Oluwadara Onyebuchi Alarape (Oyo State):*

The House:

Notes that armed violence has incredibly affected the economic, social and moral well being of Nigerians;

Also notes that the worrisome rising of armed violence in the south-south is directly linked to oil exploration and internal violence and armed conflicts are causes of instability and potential catalysts of state failure;

Aware that the perpetrators of this violence are largely youth who are un- or underemployed, politicians, corrupt business people and oil bunkerers;

Worried that vast amounts of resources in this region have been lost due to this violence;

Further worried that the continuance of this violence will display families and negatively affect the economy of this nation;

Cognizant that Nigeria's economy is largely dependent on petroleum resources and securing this region will facilitate economic growth and development of the nation;

Resolves to

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Defence to urgently address the issue of armed violence;
- (ii) Equally urge the Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports to empower the youth and provide employment opportunities;
- (iii) Also urge the Federal Ministry of Justice to bring perpetrators of this act to justice irrespective of who they are.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT(S)

9. Committee on Agricultural Production and Services:

Hon. Ajayi Oluwatosin Ademola (Ekiti State):

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Production and Services on a Bill for an Act To Repeal the Commodity Boards Act, Cap C4 LFN 2004, and to Re-Enact the Nigeria Grains Board as A Body Corporate to Promote, Off-Take, Regulate and Standardise the Production, Storage, Supply of Grains for the Enhancement of Domestic Economy, and Subsequent Exportation Of Such Grains, and For Related Matters (HB 1375) and approve the recommendations therein” (Laid: 23/6/2021).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Federal Character (Interactive Meeting)	Friday, 13 August 2021	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 (New Building) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (Investigative Hearing)	Friday, 13 August 2021	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	Public Accounts (Public Hearing)	Friday, 13 August 2021	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 340 (New Building) Assembly Complex

Bills Produced for the Model Legislative Assembly

- 1 A Bill for an Act to provide for the codification of Family Planning and Population Control norms into law, to regulate the fertility and Childbearing rate in Nigeria and for other related matters (HB. 1430) 2021.
Sponsors: Hon. Hauwa Yah, Hon. Ogboi Rex Bubaraye, Hon. Donatus Ikhane Ozemhoya, Hon. Christopher Enob Odu, Hon. Ene Mary Omale, Hon. Umar Bilya and Hon. Eloka Felix Oduah
- 2 A Bill for an Act to repeal the commodity boards act, cap c4 lfn 2004, And to re-enact the commodity and grain board as a body Corporate to promote, regulate and standardise Production, exportation of such commodities and grains, and For related matters
Sponsored By Hon. Chukwuka Emmanuel Agbo, Hon. Goodness Oluchi Obijuru, Hon. Oluwatosin Ademola Ajayi, Hon. Michael B. Ayeni, Hon. Prince S. Ugwuala and Hon. Suleiman Saidu Usman
- 3 A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency; and for Related Matters.
Sponsors: Hon. Fahad Abubakar Longman (Sokoto State), Hon. Nanven Mamdam (Plateau State), Hon. Muhammad Haruna Abdullahi (Yobe State), Hon. Ibifubara Abiyyesuku (Rivers State), Hon. Hashimu Adamu (Abuja-FCT), Hon. Narimam Albert Sam Tsokwa (Taraba State and Hon. Oluwadara Onyebuchi Alarape (Oyo State):
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- 5 A Bill for an Act To Provide For The Establishment Of The Erosion Control Prevention Commission In South East Nigeria And Vest It With The Responsibility For The Prevention Control, Management And Redress Of Erosion And For Related Matters
Sponsored by Hon. Ronke Aro, Hon. Naisurudden Adam Baba, Hon. Mansurah Baba Ahmed, Hon. Samuel Yohanna Tagwai, Hon. Khadijah Muhammed Abdulhameed and Hon. Amina Abdulazeez
- 6 A Bill for an Act to establish the North Central Housing Commission to administer a Public-Private Partnership arrangement for the provision of affordable well-planned housing for citizens, regulation of exorbitant rent rates, and supervision of activities of Real Estate companies and other matters connected therewith
Sponsors - Hon. Rahila Dauda (Bauchi), Hon. Victoria Unachukwu (Anambra), Hon. Uzundu Anowai (Anambra), Hon. Victoria Okon Ukpung (Akwa-Ibom), Hon. Muhammad Abubakar (Adamawa), Hon. Obinna Dike Nnorom (Abia), Hon. Mustapha Tunau (Zamfara)

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Sponsors - Hon Ugwuola S. Prince (Imo State), Co. Sponsors: Hon Goodness Oluchi Obijuru (Imo State), Hon Oluwatosin Ademola Ajayi (Ekiti State) Hon Chukwuka E. Agbo (Enugu State), Hon Michael Ayeni (Ekiti State) Hon Suleiman Saidu Usman (Gombe State)
- 2 Urgent Need to Address the Issue of Drug Abuse Among Young People Within the North-East Zone and Other Related Matters
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- 3 Urgent need for the Federal Government to Set up a Price Regulatory Agency to Regulate the Prices of Foodstuffs
Sponsored by Hon. Amina Abdulazeez (Kebbi), Hon. Ronke Aro (Kogi), Hon. Naisurudden Adam Baba (Jigawa), Hon. Mansurah Baba Ahmed (Kaduna), Hon. Samuel Yohanna Tagwai (Kaduna), and Hon. Khadijah Muhammed Abdulhameed (Kano)
- 4 Urgent Need to Tackle the Lugubrious Armed Violence in South-South Region of Nigeria
Sponsors: Hon. Fahad Abubakar Longman (Sokoto State), Hon. Nanven Mamdam (Plateau State), Hon. Muhammad Haruna Abdullahi (Yobe State), Hon. Ibifubara Abiyyesuku (Rivers State), Hon. Hashimu Adamu (Abuja-FCT), Hon. Narimam Albert Sam Tsokwa (Taraba State), Hon. Oluwadara Onyebuchi Alarape (Oyo State):
- 5 Need for an emergency response to address and curb the Incessant Traffic-Related Accidents Caused by Trucks on Lagos Roads
Sponsors: Hon. Adewale Shokoya (Remo Federal Constituency, Ogun state), Hon. Ajike Precious (Owo/Ose Federal Constituency, Ondo State) Hon. Hussaina Shehu (Bida/Gbako/Katcha Federal Constituency, Niger State), Hon. Bushrah Temitope Balogun (Eti-Osa Federal Constituency, Lagos State), Hon Dorcas Opoola (Ifelodun/Offa/Oyun Federal Constituency, Kwara State), Hon. Adamu Auta Adamu (Keffi/Karu/Kokona Federal Constituency, Nasarawa State).

- 6 Need to Curb the Rising Cases of Highway Robbery and Kidnapping along Abuja-Abaji-Lokoja Expressway – Hon Uzundu Anowai Need to Curb the Rising Cases of Highway Robbery and Kidnapping along Abuja-Abaji-Lokoja Expressway

Sponsors - Hon. Uzundu Anowai(Anambra), Hon. Rahila Dauda (Bauchi), Hon. Victoria Unachukwu(Anambra), Hon. Victoria Okon Ukpong(Akwa-Ibom), Hon. Muhammad Abubakar(Adamawa), Hon. Obinna Dike Nnorom(Abia), Hon. Mustapha Tunau (Zamfara)

Bills & Motions Drafted by Interns on Issues Affecting the Geopolitical Zones

NORTH
CENTRAL

A BILL

FOR

An Act to establish the North Central Housing Commission to administer a Public-Private Partnership arrangement for the provision of affordable well-planned housing for citizens, regulation of exorbitant rent rates, and supervision of activities of Real Estate companies and other matters connected therewith

Sponsors - Hon. Rahila Dauda (Bauchi), Hon. Victoria Unachukwu (Anambra), Hon. Uzundu Anowai (Anambra), Hon. Victoria Okon Ukpung (Akwa-Ibom), Hon. Muhammad Abubakar (Adamawa), Hon. Obinna Dike Nnorom (Abia), Hon. Mustapha Tunau (Zamfara)

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

PART I

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NORTH CENTRAL HOUSING COMMISSION

- 1- There is hereby established a body to be known as the North Central Housing Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”).
- 2- The Commission shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its name.
- 3- The Commission may acquire, hold, or dispose of any property, moveable or immovable, for any of its functions under this Bill.
- 4- The Headquarters of the Commission shall be located in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja

PART II

OBJECTIVES, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION

- 5- The objectives of the Commission shall be to
 - a- Build affordable housing units for citizens
 - b- Curtail exorbitant rent rates
 - c- Checkmate the activities of Real Estate Companies
- 6- The Commission shall have the following general functions –
 - a- Facilitating better administration and regulation of real estate agencies in terms of adherence to standards, contracts and other related matters.
 - b- Giving information or advice to any Ministry, Department or Agency on matters relating to any of the Commissions.

- c- Setting up and adherence to Public-Private Partnership on the provision of Housing.
 - d- Enforcement of agreed-upon rent modalities.
 - e- Reducing Housing deficit.
- 7- It shall be the duty of the Commission within the limit of its resources and following regulations made by the Commission under Section (Regulation) of this Bill, to through a Public-Private Partnership to follow through with objectives and functions of the Commission and;
- a- Subject to the **provisions** of this Bill, the Board may regulate its proceedings and its meetings shall be convened by the Chairman as and when required.
 - b- The Chairman shall preside at meetings of the Board but if the Chairman is absent at any meeting the Members present shall elect one of their members to preside at that meeting.
 - c- Eight members of the Board shall form a quorum.

PART III

COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION

- 8- There shall be established for the Commission a Governing Board (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") which shall be responsible for running the affairs of the Commission.
- 9- The Board shall consist of-
- (a) a Chairman
 - (b) one person representing each state in the geo-political zone and the Federal Capital Territory
 - (c) two persons representing all Real Estate Companies
 - (d) a representative of the following Federal establishments not below the rank of a Director:
 - i- National Planning Commission
 - ii- Federal Ministry of Works and Housing
 - iii- Federal Ministry of Finance
 - iv- Office of the Surveyor-General of the Federation; and
 - v- the Executive Secretary of the Commission
- 10- The Chairman and Members of the Board other than ex-officio members shall be:
- a- Appointed by the President subject to confirmation by the Senate
 - b- Persons of proven integrity, honour and ability; and
 - c- Part-time Members except for the Executive Secretary who shall be a full - time Member
- 11- The Chairman and other Members of the Board, other than the Executive Secretary and ex-officio members shall hold office -
- a- For a term of four years and may be reappointed for a further term of four years and no more; and

- b- Such terms and conditions may be specified in their letter of appointment
- 12-The Executive Secretary shall-
 - a- Hold office for a term of five years and maybe reappointed for a further term of five years and no more
 - b- Be paid such remuneration as may be prescribed in the letter of appointment; and
 - c- The ex-officio members may be replaced by their nominating organizations at any time provided the Executive Secretary is informed four weeks before the replacement is made.
- 13-Notwithstanding the provisions of Part III of this Bill, a member of the Board, may, at any time, be removed from office by the President on the occurrence of any of the following -
 - a- If the member becomes bankrupt
 - b- If the member is convicted for a felony or any offence involving fraud or dishonesty
 - c- Where the member becomes of unsound mind or is incapable of carrying out his duties.
 - d- If the member is guilty of aerious misconduct concerning his or her duties; or
 - e- In case of a person who has a professional qualification, the basis of which he or she was appointed, he or she is disqualified or suspended, other than at his or her request from practising the profession in any part of the World by an order of competent authority made in respect of that member
- 14-Members of the Board shall be paid such allowances and benefits as the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission shall from time to time direct.

PART IV

STAFF OF THE COMMISSION

- 15-There shall be an Executive Secretary for the Commission who shall be –
 - a- An architect, a surveyor, or builder of fifteen years post-graduation or a legal practitioner with no less than fifteen years call to bar experience.
 - b- The Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of the Commission; and
 - c- Responsible to the Chairman and the Board for the Execution of the strategies, policies and the administration of day to day activities of the Commission.
- 16-The Board shall appoint for the Commission –
 - a- Such officers and other employees as it may, from time to time, deem necessary for the performance of its functions under this Bill; and
 - b- The number of specialist employees which may, in the opinion of the Board, be required to assist the Commission in the discharge of its functions.
- 17-The Commission may make staff regulations relating generally to the conditions of service of the employees of the Commission –
 - a- The regulations may provide for:

- i- The appointment, promotion and disciplinary control (including dismissal) of employees of the Commission; and
 - ii- Appeals by such employees against the dismissal or other disciplinary measures
 - b- Until the regulations are made, any instrument relating to the conditions of service of officers in the Civil Service of the Federation shall be applicable.
 - c- Staff regulations made under this section shall not have effect until approved by the Commission, and when so approved, the regulations may be published in the Official Gazette, but the Commission shall cause them to be brought to the notice of all persons to be affected in such manner as it may, from time to time, determine.
- 18-Service in the Commission shall be approved service for the Pensions Act and accordingly, employees of the Commission shall be entitled to pension, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are prescribed in the Pensions Act, 2004.
- 19-Notwithstanding the provisions of Part IV (18) of this Bill, nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of pensions, gratuity or any other retirement benefit in respect of that office.

PART V

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

20- The Commission shall establish a Fund from which shall be defrayed all expenditure incurred by the Commission for this Bill. There shall be paid and credited to the Fund of the Commission:

- (a) adequate take-off grant from the Federal Government;
- (b) annual subventions and budgetary allocations from the Federal Government;
- (c) loans and grants in aid from national, bilateral and multilateral agencies;
- (d) counterpart funding as may be provided from time to time;
- (e) all sums accruing to the Commission by way of rents, fees and other internally generated revenues from services rendered by the Commission; and
- (f) all sums accruing to the Commission by way of gifts, endowments, bequeaths or other voluntary contributions by persons and organisations.

21- The Commission shall, from time to time, apply the funds at its disposal to –

- (a) the cost of establishing and maintaining the Head Office of the Commission at the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja and its offices located in other places in the geo-political zone;
- (b) the cost of compliance monitoring and enforcement activities;

- (c) pay allowances and other benefits of members of the Board and of its Committees;
- (d) pay the salaries and entitlements of the Executive Secretary and other Members of Staff of the Commission;
- (e) pay the personnel, overhead, allowances, pensions, gratuities, benefits and other administrative costs of the Commission;
- (f) pay for attendance at local and international conferences related to its functions;
- (g) build the capacity of members of staff of the Commission;
- (h) publicize and promote the activities of the Commission;
- (i) attend national and international scientific and professional seminars on housing matters;
- (j) develop and maintain any property vested in or owned by the Commission;
- (k) pay for services and contracts entered into by the Commission; and
- (l) undertake any other activity in connection with all or any of the functions of the Commission.

22- All income derived by the Commission from the sources specified in Part V (14) of this Bill shall be exempted from income tax and all contributions to the Fund of the Commission shall be tax-deductible.

23- The Commission shall submit to the President through the Minister, not later than 29th September each year, its programme of work and estimates of its income and expenditure for the following year.

24- The Board shall keep proper accounts of the Commission and proper records concerning those accounts. The accounts of the Commission shall be audited, not later than six months, after the end of the year to which it relates, by auditors appointed by the Commission from the list and per the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation.

25- The Commission shall prepare and submit to the Federal Executive Council, through the Minister, not later than 30th June in each year, a report on the activities of the Commission during the preceding year, and shall include in such report, a copy of the audited accounts of the Commission for that year and the auditor's report.

26- The Commission may, subject to the provisions of this Bill and the conditions of any trust created in respect of any property, invest all or any of its funds in any security prescribed by the Trustee Investment Act or in such other securities as may, from time to time, be approved by the Minister.

PART VI
OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

27- A person who obstructs an officer of the Commission in the performance of his duties under section (7) of this Bill commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of not less than N 2,000,000 for an individual or imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to both such fine and imprisonment, and an additional fine of N20,000 for each day the offence subsist and in the case of a body corporate, it shall be liable for a fine of N20,000,000, on conviction and an additional fine of N200,000 for every day the offence subsist

PART VII
LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

28- A suit shall not be commenced against the Commission before the expiration of a period of one month, after written notice of intention to commence the suit shall have been served on the Commission by the intending plaintiff or his agent and the notice shall clearly state the:

- a- cause of action
- b- particulars of the claim
- c- name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff; and
- d- relief which he claims.

29- The notice referred to in Section (28) of this Bill and any summons, notice or other document required or authorized to be served on the Commission under the provisions of this Bill or any other enactment or law may be served by-

- a- delivering the same to the office of the Executive Secretary; or
- b- sending it by registered post addressed to the Executive Secretary at the Head Office of the Commission.

30- Subject to the provisions of section 174 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999, (which relates to the power of the Attorney-General of the Federation to institute, continue or discontinue criminal proceedings against any person in a court of law), an officer of the Commission may, with the consent of the Attorney- General of the Federation, conduct criminal proceedings in respect of offences under this Bill or regulations made under this Bill.

31- In a judicial proceeding for an offence under this Bill or any regulation made under it, the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Act or depending on the venue, the Criminal

Procedure Code shall, with such modification as the circumstance may require, apply in respect of such matter to the same extent as they apply to the trial offences generally.

PART VIII

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

32- The Minister may, with the approval of the President, give the Board such directives as are necessary or expedient for giving full effect to the provisions of this Bill and for the due administration of its provisions and the Board shall comply with such directives

33- The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, make regulations to carry out or give full effect to the provisions of this bill.

PART IX

INTERPRETATION

34- In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires –

“Commission” means the North Central Housing Commission

“Board” means the Governing Board of the Commission

“Member” means a member of the Board and includes the Chairman and Executive Secretary

“Minister” means the Minister of Works and Housing; and

“President” means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

PART X

SHORT TITLE

35- This Bill may be cited as the North Central Housing Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2021

SCHEDULE

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COMMISSION

Proceedings of the Board

1- Subject to the provisions of this bill and section 17 of the Interpretation bill, the Board may make standing orders regulating its proceedings or those of any of its committees.

Motion

Need to Curb the Rising Cases of Highway Robbery and Kidnapping along Abuja-Abaji-Lokoja Expressway

Sponsors - Hon. Uzundu Anowai(Anambra), Hon. Rahila Dauda (Bauchi), Hon. Victoria Unachukwu(Anambra), Hon. Victoria Okon Ukpong(Akwa-Ibom), Hon. Muhammad Abubakar(Adamawa), Hon. Obinna Dike Nnorom(Abia), Hon. Mustapha Tunau (Zamfara)

The House:

notes that 15 years after the award of the contract for the dualization of the 200km road which connects the South-East, South-South and South-West geopolitical zones to the nation's capital; it is yet to be completed;

aware that the road was originally constructed to ease travellers' movement but has in the past 24 months, been infamous for the activities of criminal elements, abducting unsuspecting commuters and motorists for ransoms;

worried that the presence of security personnel on that road is barely enough to checkmate these nefarious activities;

concerned that if nothing is done to curb future occurrences, these criminals would continue to perpetuate their ungodly acts;

also concerned that since these hoodlums have been on the road, no one has been caught or even prosecuted for the criminal acts;

Resolves to:

Urge the Federal Government to provide adequate security checkpoints/ patrol on the Abuja-Abaji-Lokoja expressway.

Mandate the Minister of Works and Housing to complete the road within a deadline date and begin the installation of streetlights to light up the road at Night.

NORTH
EAST

[HB.1430]

A BILL

FOR

An Act to provide for the codification of Family Planning and Population Control norms into law, to regulate the fertility and Childbearing rate in Nigeria and for other related matters, Bill, (HB. 1430) 2021.

Sponsors: Hon. Hauwa Yah, Hon. Ogboi Rex Bubaraye, Hon. Donatus Ikhane Ozemhoya, Hon. Christopher Enob Odu, Hon. Ene Mary Omale, Hon. Umar Bilya, Hon. Eloka Felix Oduah

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Commencement

1 BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as follows;

2 PART I

3 OBJECTIVES, APPLICATION AND SCOPE

- 4 1. The primary objective of this bill is to establish and provide an effective strategy
5 to regulate the excessive growth of Nigeria's population through the use of
6 contraceptive and mandatory family planning for every family. This is very
7 essential to the sustainable development and growth of our economy and welfare
8 of the people. This includes the following-
- 9 a) Codification of population control norms for the implementation of
10 provisions related to family planning and birth control which will be
11 mandated to:
 - 12 b) National Population Commission and other population related ministries
13 to;
 - 14 c) Administration of a mandatory family planning system available to couples
15 that have at least (2) children or more;
 - 16 d) Collaborate with health institutions to gather data needed to effectively
17 carry out necessary exercises;
 - 18 e) Educate and sensitize households and communities on the need to adopt
19 family planning and its importance to their personal lives and society.

20 This Act applies to -

- 21 i. Every family, regardless of financial, religious or ethnic background;
- 22 ii. Couples with (2) children or more.
- 23 iii. Couples who are yet to bear children.
- 24 iv. Persons who are mentally stable.
- 25 v. Women not less than 18 years of age, and men who are at least 22
26 years of age.

Categories of people
applicable to this act

- 1 (c) five per cent increase in the employer's contribution Fund under national pension
2 scheme;
- 3 (d) insurance coverage and free health care facility and insurance coverage to spouse and
4 two children;
- 5 (e) Free education up to secondary level for the two children
- 6 (f) Scholarship for higher studies for a girl child; and
- 7 Such other benefits and incentives, as may be prescribed.

8 12.Extension of incentive to general public— (i) Any individual other than public Servant,
9 who adopts family planning by undergoing voluntary sterilization operation upon Himself
10 or spouse, shall be given the incentives and benefits as provided under clause 12(d), (e)
11 and (f), and such other benefits and incentives, as may be prescribed.

12 13. Special Benefit to Couples Living Below Poverty Line - A couple living below the poverty
13 line, and undergoing voluntary sterilization operation upon himself or spouse shall be
14 eligible for monthly payment from the Government, the same amount with the current
15 minimum wage. However, this is only subject to couples in existence before the
16 commencement of this bill, as it was earlier stated in clause 3, the couple must be capable
17 before bearing children.

18 **Revocation of Incentives**

19 14. Revocation of Incentives — Whosoever, after the commencement of this Act, in
20 contravention of population control, procreates more than two children shall be ineligible
21 to avail any incentives and benefits provided in clause 12 and, in addition thereto, shall be
22 subject to additional disincentives like -

- 23 (g) Debarring from benefit of Government-sponsored welfare schemes;
- 24 (h) Other disincentives as may be prescribed.

25 15. Barr on contesting election to Local Body - (I) Whosoever, after the commencement of
26 this Act, in contravention of the family planning norm procreates more than three children
27 shall be ineligible to contest elections to local authorities.

28 Provided that subsection (I) shall not apply in the case of an individual, who is already a
29 member of any local body, having more than two children at the time of commencement
30 of this Act.

31 (ii) Every member of any local body having more than three children at the time of
32 commencement of this Act, has to give an undertaking to not act in contravention to the
33 population control Act.

34 (iii) Every such application under sub-section (2) has to be made within a year from the
35 date of commencement of this Act, in the manner as may be prescribed.

1 (iv) If any action of a member of any local body is found to act in contravention of the
2 undertaking given by him under sub-section (2), he shall be dismissed from his post as a
3 member of the local body as the case may be, with immediate effect and shall be debarred
4 from contesting further election to any local body or anybody of the local self-government.

5 **PART IV**

6 **EXCEPTIONS**

7 16. Multiple Birth out of Second Pregnancy- An action of a couple Shall not be deemed to
8 be in contravention of the family planning under this Act, if they as the case may be, has
9 multiple births after a first child.

Exemption of individuals
and cases

10 17. Adoption- an action of an individual shall not be deemed to be in Contravention of the
11 family planning under this Act, if he or as the case may be, she having the three children
12 conceived from his marriage adopt a third child.

13 (i) This section shall apply only for individuals who have three children born out of their
14 marriage and have opted for the adoption of a fourth child.

15 (ii) This section is not applicable to individuals having any child or one child Born out of his
16 marriage, and subsequently has more than three children, as a result of Adoption.

17 18. Disability of the first or second child - Notwithstanding anything contained in this or any
18 other law for the time being in force, an action of an individual shall not be deemed to be
19 in contravention of the family planning under this Act, if the either, or both, of his children
20 born out of the earlier pregnancy, suffer from disability and the couple conceives another
21 child subsequently.

22 19. Death of the child - Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or any other law
23 for the time being in force, an action of an individual shall not be deemed to be in
24 contravention of the family planning under this Act, if either, or both, of his children born
25 Out of the earlier pregnancy, dies and the couple conceives another child subsequently.

26 20. Married couple expecting a child at the time of commencement of this Act—
27 Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or any other law for the time being In force,
28 an action of an individual shall not be deemed to be in contravention of the family planning
29 under this Act, if he already having three children conceived from his marriage, Conceives
30 a fourth child within one year from the date of commencement of this Act.

31 21. Provided that in no case shall the total number of children of the couple under this
32 section Shall be more than three, except in cases where

- 33 i. There have been multiple births.
34 ii. If the man has more than 2 wives as the Islamic religion has a provision for a man
35 to marry up to 4 wives, then each woman shall only bear 1 child.

1 22. Effect of contravention of family planning in cases of polygamous marriages- (1) if
2 actions of a husband of polygamous marriage is in contravention of the family planning,
3 he shall be precluded from receiving any benefits and incentives under this Act, and in
4 addition as a consequence of such contravention, shall not be a beneficiary of the
5 incentives provided under this Act.

6 23.Actions when in contravention to the family planning norm in cases of polygamous
7 Marriages: In cases of a polygamous marriage, where the husband has more than one wife;

8 (i) it shall be deemed that the Action of the husband is in contravention of the family
9 planning norm if he has more than four children, from all his marital relationships.

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PART V

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INTERPRETATION

13 24. In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires.

14 The term "disability" for the purpose shall have same meaning as the term person with
15 disability section 57(a) of the Discrimination Against Persons with Disability (Prohibition)
16 Act, 2018.

Interpretation

17 "Codification" The term *codification* denotes the creation of codes, which are compilations
18 of written statutes, rules, and regulations that inform the public of acceptable and
19 unacceptable behavior.

20 "Polygamy" means the practice or custom of having more than one wife.

21 "adoption" means the action of legally taking another's child and bringing it up as one's
22 own.

23 "Incentive" means a payment or concession to stimulate greater output or investment.

24 "Norm" a required standard; a level to be complied with or reached.

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PART VI

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SHORT TITLE

28 25. This Bill may be cited as the Population Control Bill, 2021.

Citation

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PART VII

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SCHEDULES

31 26. Illustrations

32 a. The personal law governing e. g A allows polygamy. A has two wives B and C. A with his
33 first wife B conceived a child. A subsequently marries C and conceives another child. A has

1 a total of two children from all his marital relations and has not acted in contravention of
2 the family planning.

3 b. It shall be deemed that the action of the wife of a polygamous marriage, is in
4 Contravention of family planning only if she has more than two children from her marital
5 relationships with the husband, irrespective of the total number of children the husband
6 may have from all his marital relationships.

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PART VIII

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Nigeria is the most populated Black Nation in the world. As the population rises, so will poverty. Being a developing country, the increasing growth rate is dragging Nigeria into a vicious cycle of population and poverty, which leads to an underdevelopment trap. This further increases other problems like illiteracy, unemployment and inflation.

Overpopulation is a hindrance in the path of Nigeria's economic development. Family planning awareness should be shown among the younger generations. Smaller families contribute to the well-being of the individual as well as Nigeria's economy. Therefore, Population control is the appropriate alternative for Nigeria to promote, sustain and enhance development. Another thing to note is that, higher population results in lower resource availability. Rapid population growth affects capital formation, food shortages, consumer prices, social and political unrest.

Therefore, it is necessary to enact a law to mitigate the ever-increasing population at its earliest and make effective provisions to control the population of Nigeria.

Hence this Bill.

Motion

Urgent Need to Address the Issue of Drug Abuse Among Young People Within the North-East Zone and Other Related Matters:

Sponsors – Hon. Christopher E. Odu (Cross River State), Hon. HauwaYahi (Borno State), Hon. Donatus Ikhane Ozemhoya (Edo State), Hon. Ene Mary Omale (Benue State), Hon. Eloka Felix Oduah (Delta State), Hon. Ogboi Rex Bubaraye (Bayelsa State), Hon. Umar Bilya (Taraba State):

The House:

Notes the ravaging effect of Drug Abuse among youths in the North-East zone;

Also notes that one factor causing and promoting violence in the North-East region results from drug abuse;

Further notes that most of the youths, not just within the North-East but both in other parts of the country, are indulging in drug abuse, thereby promoting a high level of violence, rape, accident, kidnapping, insurgency, suicide bombing, child abuse, domestic violence, and even untimely death. Also, it increases a very high rate of mentally unstable youths who are influenced by these illicit drugs intake;

Concerned that the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) and other regulatory bodies like The National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC), Pharmacist Council of Nigeria (PCN), etc. are not doing enough to stop contraband illicit drugs into the country, this is because some of them take a bribe;

Worried that some youths, mostly in the North-East, hawk, and prescribe drugs on the street such as codeine, tramadol, etc. on the pretext of selling painkillers, with no well-informed knowledge nor health training which raises a fundamental question of how these youths get access to these drugs and even go a step further in prescribing them to the public;

Also worried that going by the World Bank 2020 population report, Nigeria's age population of 15-64 years is at 53.7%, which consist of our youths and therefore, there is every need to give this urgent attention;

Resolves to:

- (i) Mandate the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) to increase their capacity in surveillance in communities that border our neighboring countries to checkmate the high inflow of these illicit drugs;
- (ii) urge the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) to create awareness and educate parents and guardians in the North-East region on dangers surrounding drug abuse and also come up with better measures to curb drug prescription to underage within the North-East zone and also across the nation as a whole.

NORTH
WEST

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO REPEAL THE COMMODITY BOARDS ACT, CAP C4 LFN 2004,
AND TO RE-ENACT THE COMMODITY AND GRAIN BOARD AS A BODY
CORPORATE TO PROMOTE, REGULATE AND STANDARDISE
PRODUCTION, EXPORTATION OF SUCH COMMODITIES AND GRAINS, AND
FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Chukwuka Emmanuel Agbo (Enugu State)
Hon. Goodness Oluchi Obijuru (Imo State)
Hon. Oluwatosin Ademola Ajayi (Ekiti State)
Hon. Michael B. Ayeni (Ekiti State)
Hon. Prince S. Ugwuala (Imo State)
Hon. Suleiman Saidu Usman (Gombe State)

[] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National assembly, Federal Republic
of

Nigeria as follows:

1. 1.-(1) There is hereby established a body to be known as the Establishment
of the Nigeria
Grains Board
2. Nigeria Grains Board (hereinafter referred to as "the Board").
3. (2) The Board shall be a corporate body with perpetual succession,
4. and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name.
5. (3) The Board may, for the performance of its functions under this
6. Bill acquire and hold movable or immovable property and may dispose of
7. that property and enter into a contract or any other transaction.
8. 2. The corporate Headquarters of the Board shall be situated in
9. Abuja, with branches at the following locations: Headquarters
and
Branches of
the Board
10. (a) Birnin Kebbi;
11. (b) Kano;
12. (c) Abakaliki
13. (d) Calabar;
14. (e) Ado Ekiti;
15. (f) Minna; and
16. (g) Makurdi;

1. (i) to conduct research into the production, handling, marketing of
2. the grain and any other matter relating to the relevant grain
3. and any products derived from or connected therewith;
4. (j) to promote the development and the rehabilitation of the
5. producing areas generally and in particular to ensure that adequate supply of
6. fertilizers and other requisite inputs are made available to promote the
7. benefit and prosperity of the producers; and
8. (k) to do any other thing as may be necessary or expedient for
9. giving full effect to the provisions of this Bill.
10. **5.-(1)** There is established for the Board, a Governing Board
11. (herein called the Board) which shall consist the following;
12. (a) the Minister responsible for Agriculture and Rural
13. Development, who shall be the Chairman;
14. (b) a representative of the Federal Ministry of Trade and
15. Investment not below the rank of a Director;
16. (c) a representative of the Central Bank of Nigeria not below the
17. rank of a Deputy- Governor;
18. (d) a person each to represent the areas where grain is produced
19. in commercial quantity;
20. (e) two persons to represent the special interests in agriculture, and
21. (f) the Director-General of the Board.
22. (2) The Chairman and the other members of the Board, not being Ex-
23. officio members, shall be appointed by the President on the
24. recommendation of the Minister.
25. (3) The supplementary provisions contained in the Schedule to
26. this Bill shall have effect with respect to the tenure of office of the
27. members of the Board and other matters therein mentioned.
28. **6.-(1)** There shall be appointed by the President,
29. on the recommendation of the Minister, a Director-General for the Board,
30. who shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Board
31. and be responsible for the execution of the policies
32. and the day-to-day running of the affairs of the Board.
33. (2) The Director-General shall possess relevant and cognate
34. experience in Agriculture and Agric. – related disciplines and has been so
35. qualified for a period of not less than 10 years.
36. **7.** Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Board may appoint

Membership of
The Board

Staff Generally

1. such persons as members of staff of the Board as it considers necessary and
2. may approve conditions of service including provision for the payment of
3. pensions.
4. **8.-(1)** The Board shall have an officer to be designated as the General Counsel
5. General Counsel, who shall be appointed by the Board.
6. (2) (a) he shall be the Chief Legal Officer of the Board;
7. (b) he shall be a legal practitioner of not less than 10 years post-call
8. experience;
9. (c) he shall be the Secretary to the Board at their meetings and shall,
10. subject to the directions of the Director-General, arrange the business and
11. record of the Board
12. **9.** The Funds of the Board shall be: Financial Provisions
13. (a) Such sums as may be appropriated for in each year's national
14. budget;
15. (b) Moneys derived from the activities of the Board;
16. (c) Moneys earned or arising from any investment
17. by the Board;
18. (d) All sums as may from time to time be lent to the Board;
19. (e) All sum or asset which may in any manner become payable to or
20. vested in the Board.
21. **10.** The Board may, from time to time apply the funds at its Expenditure
22. disposal:
23. (a) to or in connection with the purchase of the grain of this Bill;
24. (c) to the cost of administration of the Board;
25. (d) to the development and rehabilitation of the producing areas
26. and supply of in-puts to producers;
27. (e) to the advancement of agricultural research;
28. (f) for and in connection with all or any of the functions of the Board
29. under this Bill of any other enactment;
30. **11.** The Central Bank of Nigeria may, subject to the provisions of Role Of the Central Bank
31. Central Bank Act, grant advances and provision for securities to the board
32. upon reaching an agreement and satisfying criteria stipulated by
33. the Central Bank.
34. **12.-(1)** The Board shall keep proper accounts in respect of each Account and Audit
35. financial year and proper records in relation to such accounts.
36. (2) The financial year shall be such as may be determined by the Board.

1. **13.**-(1) Subject to any directive as may be issued by the Minister,
2. the Board shall be the Price Fixing Authority. Price Fixing Authority
3. (2) The Authority:
4. (a) Shall have power to fix for each season the price at which the
5. Board shall purchase each produce (hereinafter referred to as "the Produce
6. Price"); and
7. (b) May give guidelines concerning the price at which the Board
8. shall sell such produce (hereinafter referred to as "the Sale Price")
9. and monitor application of price as fixed whether or not for export.
10. (3) In determining the price, the Authority shall be guided by the
11. need to constantly review trends in world prices, local production costs
12. and other factors relevant to the production and marketing of each grain as
13. Specified, and in doing so shall consult with the National Council of States.
14. **14.**-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, any person who
15. engages in industrial processing of any grain to which this Bill applies: Industrial Processing
16. (a) Shall be entitled to purchase the relevant grain at
17. a price and percentage of grains not less than that fixed to be supplied from
18. time to time by the Price Fixing Authority; and
19. (b) Where such a person is a private foreign investor and primary
20. producer of such commodity or grain, shall not be under any obligation
21. to sell such grains to the Board.
22. (2) In this section:
23. "Industrial Processing" means any industrial or large-scale process or
24. operation which has the effect of altering the character, nature or composition
25. of any grain to which this Bill applies, and
26. "Primary Producer" means a person who grows or tend any grain
27. to which this Bill applies.
28. **15.** The Board shall appoint an agent, in consultation with the Minister, Representation
29. to conduct its business and Agent licenses shall be issued to that effect
30. and subject to renewal.
31. **16.**-(1) For the purpose of this Bill, the relevant grains has been specified Application
32. In section 3 of this Bill.
33. (2) The branches as aforementioned in Section 2, shall oversee and conduct
34. the business relating to the grains to which this Bill applies in their respective
35. Geographical locations and in which they have comparative advantage.
36. **17.** The President may by order publishe in the Official Gazette Power to Amend

1. delete from, add to or otherwise vary the list of grains contained in the
2. Second Schedule to this Bill.
3. **18.** Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Minister may, with the
4. prior approval of the President, make regulations generally for carrying into
5. effect the provisions of this Bill as he sees fit.
6. **19.**-(1) The Commodity Boards Act, Cap C4, LFN 2004 is hereby repealed.
7. (2) The six bodies collectively called "Commodity Boards" are
8. hereby dissolved; the assets and liabilities of the dissolved bodies are hereby
9. transferred to the Board hereto established under section (1) of this Bill.
10. **20.** In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:
11. "agent" or "licensed agent" means any buying or other agent
12. licensed by the Board pursuant to this Bill;
13. "Authority" means the Price Fixing Authority referred to in this Bill;
14. "Grains" means any product in Section 3 of this Bill;
15. "Board" means the Nigeria Grains Board established
16. pursuant to section 1 of this Bill;
17. "Export" with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions means to
18. take or cause to be taken out of Nigeria;
19. "Produce" means any grains dealt in by the Board;
20. "Produce Price" and "Sale Price" have the meanings respectively assigned
21. thereto in this Bill;
22. "Minister" means the Minister responsible for Agriculture and
23. Rural Development.
24. **24.** This Bill may be cited as the Nigeria Grains Board
25. (Establishment) Bill, 2019.
26. SCHEDULE(S)
27. SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
28. BOARD. S. 5 (3)
29. *Proceedings of the Board*
30. 1. Subject to the provisions of Section 27 of the Interpretation Act
31. (which provides for decisions of a statutory body to be taken by a majority of its
32. members and for the person presiding to have a casting vote), the Board may
33. make Standing Orders regulating its proceedings or nay Committee thereof.
34. 2. The Quorum for a meeting of the Board shall be ten of whom at
35. least one shall be a member appointed to represent State Government whose the

Second Schedule
etc

Regulations

Repeal and
Savings

Interpretation

Short Title

1. grain is produced.
2. 3. The Board shall meet not less than four times in each year and on
3. such occasions as the Board may consider necessary.

4. *Tenure of Office*

5. 4. A member of the Board, not being an ex-officio member, shall hold
6. office for a period of five years from the date of his appointment and shall be
7. eligible for reappointment for another term and no more.
8. 5. A member of the Board, not being an ex-officio member, may
9. resign his appointment by a letter addressed to the President and the resignation
10. shall take effect on the date of receipt of the letter by the President

11. *Export Grain Coordinating Committee*

12. 6. The Board shall establish a body to be known as the Export
13. Grain Coordinating Committee
14. The committee appointed shall consist of such number of persons
15. as determined by the board and a person shall hold office on the committee in
16. accordance with the terms of his appointment.
17. 7. The Coordinating Committee shall have power to regulate its
18. own proceedings.
19. 8. The Coordinating Committee shall be responsible for advising
20. the Board on the export of any grain (whether processed or
21. not) and for other matters ancillary thereto.

22. *Miscellaneous*

23. 9. The fixing of the seal of the Board shall be authenticated by the
24. signature of the Chairman or any member of the Board authorized in that
25. behalf by the Board.
26. 12. Any document purporting to be a document executed under the
27. seal of the Board and authenticated as aforesaid shall be received in
28. evidence and shall unless the contrary is proved, be presumed to be executed.
29. 13. The validity of any proceedings of the Board shall not be
30. affected by any vacancy in the membership of the Board or by any defect in the
31. appointment of a member of the Board.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to Repeal the Nigeria Commodity and Grains Board Act and Re-enact the Nigeria Grains Board, to capitalize on the gains of the rice revolution and effectively boost production output to first satisfy local demand, control price fluctuation of grains, drive the transformation of the Agricultural Sector as it relates to grains and consequently, improve the capacity of the country to meet the grain demand of the international market.

URGENT NEED TO DEPLOY SECURITY OPERATIVES AND INCREASE SECURITY MEASURES ON THE KADUNA-BIRNIN GWARI ROAD TO FORESTALL CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

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The House:

Notes that the Kaduna-Birnin Gwari road is a major link road between the FCT and some other Northern States and has become a flashpoint for gruesome activities of kidnappers, bandits, and armed robbers;

Further Notes that this Highway is of utmost importance to the Nigerian Economy as it is one of our most salient Highways because it mainly links the Northern and Southern Regions. The Highway system of Nigeria cannot be mentioned without the Kaduna-Birnin Gwari road and its importance;

Concerned that the constant and alarming rate of robbery, maiming, and kidnapping of road users has devastating effects on Transportation, Tourism, and overall well being of Nigerians who use this road or have loved ones who ply this route;

Also Concerned that due to the criminal activities that regularly occur on this road by armed bandits, many lives have been lost and several goods worth millions of Naira are also being lost;

Further concerned that the persistent attacks, armed robberies and kidnappings perpetrated by gunmen on this highway will hinder the movement of people from the North to the South and Vice Versa, crippling the commercial commitment of business people which will, in turn, affect the economy negatively;

Aware that although there have been several interventions by security operatives, the truth remains that the Kaduna-Birnin Gwari road remains unsafe for travel;

Cognizant of the fact that if we need to boost the confidence of road users, guarantee the safety of people and improve our dwindling economy through safe movements, we must find means to put a stop to the criminal activities that constantly occur on this highway;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Defence to urgently address the high rate of insecurity of the Kaduna-Birnin Gwari road to forestall the occurrence of criminal activities by Armed Bandits and Kidnappers.
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Defence and Committee on National Security and Intelligence to investigate the reason(s) why the Kaduna-Birnin Gwari Highway has remained prone to the activities of these criminals despite the presence of security operatives.
- (iii) Mandate the Federal Ministry of Defence to deploy well-equipped security operatives to work together with the vigilante groups in the area to heighten the level of security on the Kaduna-Birnin Gwari Highway.

SOUTH
EAST

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

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SCHEDULE

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EROSION CONTROL PREVENTION COMMISSION IN SOUTH EAST NIGERIA AND VEST IT WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PREVENTION CONTROL, MANAGEMENT AND REDRESS OF EROSION AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Amina Abdulazeez (Kebbi), Hon. Ronke Aro (Kogi), Hon. Naisurudden Adam Baba (Jigawa), Hon. Mansurah Baba Ahmed (Kaduna), Hon. Samuel Yohanna Tagwai (Kaduna), and Hon. Khadijah Muhammed Abdulhameed (Kano)

[] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

PART I - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EROSION CONTROL AND PREVENTION COMMISSION

1.-(1) There is established a body to be known as Gully Erosion Control and Prevention Commission (in this Bill referred to as "the Commission").

Establishment of the Commission

(2) The Commission shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

(3) The Head office of the Commission shall be in Abuja with operational Offices in Imo, Anambra, Abia, Enugu and Ebonyi.

Head office of the Commission

2.-(1) There is established a Governing Council for the Commission (in this Bill referred to as "the Council") which shall be responsible for the discharge of the functions of the Commission.

Establishment and membership of the Governing Council

(2) The Council shall consist of:

(a) a chairman;

(b) a representative each from the states set out in section 1 (3);

(c) A representative of the Federal Ministries in charge of:

- 1 (i) Environment;
2 (ii) Transportation;
3 (iii) Works;
4 (iv) Agriculture and Rural Development;
5 (v) Finance;
6 (vi) Mines and Steel, and
7 (vii) National Planning.
8 (d) The Executive Secretary of the Commission.
9 (e) Two representatives of recognized professional associations of
10 environmentalists in Nigeria.
11 (3) The Chairman and members of the Council of the Commission
12 shall be:
13 (a) Appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister
14 subject to confirmation by the Senate;
15 (b) Persons of proven integrity, honour and ability; and
16 (c) Part-time members except the Executive Secretary who shall be a 17
full-time member.

18 *Schedule*

- 19 (4) The supplementary provisions set out in the Schedule to this Bill
20 shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Council and other
21 matters contained therein.

Tenure of Office

- 22 3. The Chairman and members of the Council other than the
23 Executive Secretary shall each hold office:
24 (a) for a term of 4 years and may be re-appointed for a further term of 4
25 years and no more; and
26 (b) on such terms and conditions as may be specified in their letters of
27 appointment.

Cessation of
Membership

- 28 4.-(1) A person shall cease to hold office as a member of the Council
29 on the occurrence of any of the following:

1 (a) he becomes bankrupt, suspends payment or compounds with
2 his creditors;

3 (b) he is convicted of a felony or any offence involving dishonesty
4 or fraud;

5 (c) he becomes of unsound mind or is incapable of carrying out his
6 duties;

7 (d) he is guilty of a serious misconduct in relation to his duties;

8 (e) in the case of a person who possesses any professional
9 qualification and he is disqualified or suspended, other than at his own
10 request from practicing his profession in any part of the world by any order
11 of a competent authority made in respect of that member; or

12 (f) he resigns his appointment by a letter addressed to the President.

13 (2) Where a member of the council ceases to hold office for any
14 reason whatsoever, before the expiration of the term for which he is
15 appointed another person representing the same interest as that member
16 shall be appointed to the Council for the expired term.

17 (3) A member of the Council may be removed by the President on
18 the recommendation of the Minister if he is satisfied that it is not in the
19 interest of the Commission or the public that the member continues in office.

20 (4) Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Council, it
21 shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold office for the
22 remainder of the term of office of his predecessor.

23 **5. Members of the Council shall be paid such allowances and**
24 **expenses as the Government may direct from time to time.**

Allowances of
members

25 **6. The Council shall have power to :**

Powers of the
Council

26 (a) manage and superintend over the affairs of the Commission;

27 (b) make, alter and revoke rules and regulations for the effective
28 running of the Commission;

29 (c) employ and pay the staff of the Commission such
30 remunerations and allowances as payable to persons in similar organization

Functions of the
Commission

- 1 in the country;
- 2 (d) enter into contracts and do such other things as may be necessary
- 3 or expedient for the discharge of its functions and ensure the efficient
- 4 performance of the functions of the Commission; and
- 5 (e) receive, disburse and account for funds of the Commission.
- 6 PART II - FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE COMMISSION
- 7 7. The Commission shall:
- 8 (a) carry out an extensive survey of the extent of gully erosion in the
- 9 country;
- 10 (b) manage, control redress and prevent gully erosion in the country;
- 11 (c) formulate policies and guidelines for the prevention, control and
- 12 management of gully erosion in the country;
- 13 (d) advise on balanced and responsible use of land in the country;
- 14 (e) conceive, plan and implement in accordance with set rules and
- 15 regulations projects and programmes for gully erosion prevention, control and
- 16 management;
- 17 (t) co-ordinate and promote research activities relating to gully
- 18 erosion control, management and prevention;
- 19 (g) adopt an integrated approach addressing the physical, biological
- 20 and socio-economic aspects of the process of gully erosion;
- 21 (h) monitor the state of preparedness of all organisations or agencies
- 22 which may contribute to the control of gully erosion;
- 23 (i) integrate strategies for poverty eradication into the process with
- 24 participation of affected local communities;
- 25 (j) educate and inform the public on gully erosion prevention and
- 26 control measures.
- 27 (k) examine and implement innovative ways of promoting alternative
- 28 livelihoods including training in new skills;
- 29 (l) collate data from relevant agencies so as to enhance planning and
- 30 field operation of gully erosion prevention, management and control;

- 1 (m) c o o p e r a t e with relevant inter-governmental organisations;
- 2 (n) facilitate through International cooperation the transfer of
- 3 technology knowledge and know how on the prevention, control and
- 4 management of gully erosion;
- 5 (o) ensure sound and efficient management of the resources
- 6 available to the Commission from the Federation Account;
- 7 (p) receive financial and technical aid from international
- 8 organisations and governmental agencies for the purpose of prevention
- 9 management and control of gully erosion:
- 10 (q) carry out such other functions as the President may from time to
- 11 time direct.
- 12 **8.-(1)** The Commission shall have power to do anything which will
- 13 facilitate the carrying out of its functions and in particular may:
- 14 (a) sue and be sued in its corporate name;
- 15 (b) acquire, hold, manage and alienate movable and immovable
- 16 property;
- 17 (c) monitor and control gully erosion in the affected areas;
- 18 (d) enter into contracts for the prevention, control and management
- 19 of all gully erosion problems;
- 20 (e) purchase or acquire any asset, business or property considered
- 21 necessary for the proper conduct of its functions;
- 22 (f) sell, let, lease or dispose of any of its property;
- 23 (g) undertake or sponsor research where necessary for the
- 24 performance of its functions; and
- 25 (h) train managerial, technical or other category of staff for the
- 26 purpose of running the affairs of the Commission;
- 27 (i) enter into partnerships, combines, relationships,
- 28 understandings, agreements and joint ventures for the purpose of carrying out
- 29 any of the functions.
- 30 (2) The powers conferred on the Commission may be exercised by

Powers of the
Commission

	1	it or through any of its officers, employees, agents authorized in that behalf by
	2	the Commission.
	3	PART III -APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND OTHER
	4	STAFF OF THE COMMISSION
Appointment and duties of the Executive Secretary of the Commission	5	9.-(1) There shall be an Executive Secretary of the Commission who
	6	shall be appointed by the President.
	7	(2) The Executive Secretary shall:
	8	(a) be the chief executive and accounting officer of the Commission;
	9	and
	10	(b) be responsible to the Council for the execution of the policies and
	11	the administration of the daily affairs of the Commission.
Tenure of and office term of remuneration of the Executive Secretary	12	10.-(1) The Executive Secretary shall be appointed for a term of 5
	13	years in the first instance and may be r appointed for a further term of 5 years
	14	and no more, subject to satisfactory performance.
	15	(2) The Executive Secretary shall:
	16	(a) be paid such remuneration as may be prescribed in his letter of
	17	appointment; and
	18	(b) ensure compliance with the provision of section 21 of this Act
	19	relating to power to borrow.
Executive Secretary	20	11. The Executive Secretary shall hold office on such terms and
	21	conditions as are specified in his letter of appointment, and may resign his
	22	appointment by writing under his hand delivered to the Minister.
Appointment and duties of Administrative Secretary	23	12. The Council shall appoint for the Commission an Administrative
	24	Secretary who shall:
	25	(a) be a legal practitioner and is so qualified for a period of not less
	26	Than 10 years;
	27	(b) keep the records of transactions and correspondence of the
	28	Commission; and
	29	(c) perform such other functions as the Councilor Executive Secretary
	30	may direct.

1	13. The Council shall appoint for the Commission such number of	Staff of the
2	employees as may in the opinion of the Council be expedient and necessary	Commission and
3	for the proper and efficient performance of the Commission and pay them	their functions and
4	remuneration and allowances as it determines.	remuneration
5	14.-(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 12 and 13 of	Appointment and
6	this Act, the Council shall have power to appoint for the Commission on either	Secondment from
7	directly or on secondment from any public service in the Federation, of	Public Service
8	employees may, in the opinion of the Council be required to assist the	
9	Commission in the discharge of any of its function under this Act.	
10	(2) The person seconded under this section may elect to be	
11	transferred to the service of the Commission, and all previous service he may	
12	render in the public service shall count as service to the Commission for the	
13	purpose of all pension subsequently payable by the Commission.	
14	15. Without prejudice to the provisions of sections 13 and 14 of this	Engagement of
15	Act, the Council may engage such consultant and advisers as it may require	Consultants and
16	for the effective discharge of the functions of the Commission.	Advisers
17	16.-(1) There shall be established in the Head Office of the	The structure of
18	Commission, the following Departments:	the Commission
19	(a) Administration and Finance;	
20	(b) Education and Public Awareness;	
21	(c) Works and Services;	
22	(d) Planning, Research and Statistics;	
23	(e) Monitoring and Evaluation; and	
24	(f) Legal Services.	
25	(2) The Council shall set up its own monitoring panel to monitor	
26	the projects being executed by the Commission.	
27	(3) The Council, may with the approval of the President, increase	
28	the number of Departments as it may deem necessary and expedient to	
29	facilitate the realization of the objectives of the Commission .	

	I	PART IV - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS AND AUDIT
Pensions and Gratuity	2	17. The staff of the Commission shall be entitled to pensions,
	3	gratuities and other retirement benefits as are enjoyed by persons holding
	4	equivalent grade in the Civil Service of the Federation.
Provision of Super-annuation	5	18. The Commission shall pay gratuities or provide and maintain
	6	superannuation scheme (whether contributory or not) for the employees.
Funds of the Commission	7	19.-(1) The Commission shall establish and maintain a fund into
	8	which all moneys accruable to the Commission shall be paid and from which
	9	all the activities of the Commission shall be funded.
	IO	(2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund:
	11	(a) all moneys in the accounts of the Ecological Fund relating to the
	12	states affected by erosion;
	13	(b) Federal Government contribution to the Fund of the Commission
	14	equivalent of 100 percent of the total money due to member state of the
	15	Commission from the Ecology Fund;
	16	(c) donations, gifts, grants and testamentary disposition from
	17	individuals or corporate organisations at home or abroad;
	18	(d) all other assets that may, from time to time, accrue to the
	19	Commission.
	20	(3) The funds of the Commission shall be disbursed according to the
	21	approved formula.
	22	(4) The Commission shall apply the proceeds of the Fund established
	23	pursuant to section 19 (I) of this Act to:
	24	(a) the cost of administration of the Commission.
	25	(b) the payment of salaries, fees, remuneration, allowances, pensions
	26	and gratuities payable to the members of the Governing Council and the
	27	employees of the Commission;
	28	(c) the payment of all contracts, including mobilisation, fluctuations
	29	Variations, legal fees and cost on contract Administration;
	30	(d) the payment for all purchases; and

1 (e) undertaking such other activities as are connected with all or
2 any of the functions of the Commission under this Act.

3 (5) The Council shall cause the accounts of the Commission to be
4 audited quarterly and shall be externally audited once every year.

5 **20.-(1)** The Commission may accept gifts of land, money or other Power to accept
6 property on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the gifts
7 person or organisation making the gift.

8 (2) The Commission shall not accept any gift if the conditions
9 attached are inconsistent with the functions of the Commission under this
10 Act.

11 **21.-(1)** The Commission may, from time to time, borrow money as Power to borrow
12 it may require to execute or complete some special projects of the
13 Commission.

14 (2) The Commission shall not, without the approval of the
15 President, borrow money which exceeds N1,000,000.00 at any one time.

16 **22.-(1)** The Council shall not later than 30th September, of each Annual estimates
17 year, submit to the National Assembly through the Minister an estimate of and expenditure
18 the expenditure of the Commission during the next succeeding year.

19 (2) The Council shall approve all expenditure of the Commission.

20 **23.** The Commission shall:

21 (a) cause to be kept proper accounts and records of the transactions Proper account
to be kept by
Commission .

22 and affairs of the Commission and ensure that all payments out of its moneys
23 are correctly made and properly authorized;

24 (b) ensure that adequate control is maintained over the assets
25 belonging to or in the custody of the Commission and over its incurring of
26 liabilities;

27 (c) prepare in respect of each financial year a statement of accounts
28 in such forms as the Auditor-General may direct.

29 **24.-(1)** The Auditor-General of the Federation shall: Audit

30 (a) inspect and audit the accounts and records of financial

	1	transaction of the Commission;
	2	(b) inspect records relating to assets of the Commission; and
	3	(c) draw the attention of the Minister to any irregularity revealed and
	4	disclosed by the inspection and audit.
	5	(2) The Auditor-General may dispense with all or any part of detailed
	6	inspection and audit of any account or record referred to in subsection.
	7	(3) The Auditor-General or any officer authorized by him is entitled at
	8	all reasonable time to a full and free access to all accounts, records, documents
	9	and papers of the Commission relating directly or indirectly to the receipt or
	10	payment of money by the Commission or to the acquisition, receipt, custody or
	11	disposal of assets by the Commission.
Annual Report	12	25. The Commission shall submit to the President through the
	13	Minister not later than 30th June, of each financial year, a report of its activities
	14	during the preceding financial year and it shall include a copy of the audited
	15	accounts of the Commission for that year and a copy of Auditors Report on it.
Power to acquire land Cap. 202 LFN	16	26.-(1) For the purposes of providing offices and premises necessary
	17	for the performance of its functions under this Act, the Commission may,
	18	Subject to the Land Use Act:
	19	(a) purchase or take on lease any interest in land, or other property;
	20	and
	21	(b) construct offices and premises and equip and maintain same.
	22	(2) The Commission may, subject to the Land Use Act, sell or lease
	23	out any office or premises held by it, which office or premises is no longer
	24	required for the performance of its functions under this act.
	25	PART V - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS
Limitation of Suits against the Commission Cap. 379 LFN	26	27.-(1) The provisions of the Public Officers Protection Act shall
	27	apply in relation to any suit instituted against the Commission or any of the
	28	officers or employees of the Commission.
	29	(2) No suit shall be commenced against a member of the Council, the
	30	Executive Secretary, officer or employee of the Commission before the

1 expiration of a period of one month after written notice of intention to
2 commence the suit shall have been served upon the Commission by the
3 intending plaintiff or his agent.

4 (3) The notice referred to in subsection (2) shall state the cause of
5 action the particulars of the claims, the name and place of abode of the
6 intending plaintiff and the relief which he claims.

7 **28.** A notice, summons or other document required or authorized to
8 be served upon the Commission under the provisions of this Act or any other
9 Law or enactment may be served by delivering it to the Executive Secretary
10 or by sending it by registered post and addressed to the Executive Secretary
11 at the principal office of the Commission.

service of
Documents

12 **29.-(1)** No execution or attachment of process shall be issued
13 against the Commission or its properties in any action or suit without the
14 consent of the Attorney-General of the Federation.

Restriction on
Execution against
Property of the
Commission

15 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this
16 section, in any action or suit against the Commission, no execution or
17 attachment of process in the nature thereof shall be issued against the
18 Commission unless not less than three months' notice in writing of the
19 intention to execute or attach has been given to the Commission.

20 (3) Any sum of money which by the judgement of any Court is
21 awarded against the Commission shall, subject to any direction given by the
22 Court where notice of appeal of the said judgement has been given, be paid
23 from the general reserve fund of the Commission.

24 **30.** A member of the Council, the Executive Secretary, any officer
25 or employee of the Commission shall be indemnified out of the assets of the
26 Commission against any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which
27 judgement is given in his favour, or in which he is acquitted, if any such
28 proceeding is brought against him in his capacity as a member of the Council,
29 the Executive Secretary, officer or employee of the Commission.

Indemnity of
Officers

Engagement of Professionals other than staff	1	31. The Executive Secretary may with the approval of the Council
	2	engage persons with knowledge or experience in gully erosion control and
	3	prevention or in matters relevant to the functions of the Commission to assist
	4	otherwise than on the basis of full- time employment.
Power of the Minister to give direction	5	32. The Minister may give to the Commission directives of a general
	6	or special nature with respect to any of its functions.
Regulations	7	33. The Council may, with the approval of the Minister, make
	8	Regulations for the purpose of carrying out or giving full effect to the
	9	provisions of this Bill.
Interpretation	10	34. In this Bill unless the context otherwise requires:
	11	"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Governing Council of the
	12	Commission;
	13	"Commission" means Erosion Control and Prevention Commission;
	14	"Council" means a Governing Council of the Commission;
	15	"Gully Erosion" means land degradation and destruction resulting from
	16	various factors including natural causes (activities of rivers, rain, weathering)
	17	and human activities creating thereby gullies, ravines, craters, landslides and
	18	mudslide;
	19	"Member" means a member of the Council and includes the Chairman.
	20	"Minister" means the Minister in charge of matters relating to the
	21	Environment;
	22	"Power" includes functions and duty; and
	23	"President" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
Citation	24	35. This Bill may be cited as the Erosion Control and Prevention
	25	Commission Bill, 2015.

SCHEDULE

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL, ETC.

Cap. 192 LFN.

1 .-(1) Subject to this Act and section 27 of the Interpretation Act, the Council may make standing orders regulating its proceedings or those of any of its Committees.

(2) The quorum of the Council shall be the Chairman or the person presiding at the meeting and five other members of the Council, one of whom shall be ex-officio member and the quorum of any Committee of the Council shall be as determined by the Council.

2.- (1) The Council shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman and if the Chairman is required to do so by notice given to him by not less than eight other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Council to be held within fourteen days from the date on which the notice is given.

(2) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Council may co-opt him to the Council for such a period as it deems fit, but a person who is in attendance by virtue of this subparagraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council and shall not count towards a quorum.

Committees

3.- (1) The Council may appoint one or more Committees to carry out, on behalf of the Council such functions as the Council may determine.

(2) A Committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of such number of persons as may be determined by the Council and a person shall hold office in the Committee in accordance with the terms of his appointment.

Miscellaneous

4.- (1) The fixing of the seal of the Commission shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Chairman or any other member of the Council generally or specifically authorized by the Council to act for that

1 purpose and the Executive Secretary.

2 (2) Any contract or instrument which if made or executed by a person
3 not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal may be made
4 or executed on behalf of the Commission by the Executive Secretary or any
5 person generally or specifically authorized by the Council to act for that
6 purpose.

7 (3) A document purporting to be a document duly executed under the
8 seal of the Commission shall be received in evidence and shall unless and until
9 contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.

10 5. The validity of any proceedings of the Council or of a Committee
11 shall not be adversely affected by:

12 (a) a vacancy in the membership of the Council or Committee;

13 (b) a defect in the appointment of a member of the Council or
14 Committee;

15 (c) reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the
16 proceedings of the Council or Committee.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of the Erosion Control and Prevention Commission as a statutory body and to vest it with the responsibility to prevent, manage, control and redress erosion in the affected States.

Motion

MOTION

Urgent need for the Federal Government to Set up a Price Regulatory Agency to Regulate the Prices of Foodstuffs:

Sponsored by Hon. Amina Abdulazeez (Kebbi), Hon. Ronke Aro (Kogi), Hon. Naisuruddin Adam Baba (Jigawa), Hon. Mansurah Baba Ahmed (Kaduna), Hon. Samuel Yohanna Tagwai (Kaduna), and Hon. Khadijah Muhammed Abdulhameed (Kano)

The House:

Notes that the dawn of each day presents Nigerian with a hike in the price of one or more commodities especially foodstuff in our markets.

Also notes that food is necessary for humans to exist, reproduce, be mentally and physically active, develop and coexist.

Concerned that this regular hike in the prices of foodstuffs is capable of influencing the activities of the citizens, especially in what they do to get money to afford these commodities.

Also concerned that the continuous hike of foodstuffs will deny many Nigerians of food, thereby pushing them into committing crimes to earn a living and further compounding our already existing security challenges.

Aware that a good number of the food commodities such as palm oil, rice, beans, plantain, yam, tomato, garri to mention but a few are locally cultivated and processed.

Also aware that the hike is also influenced by the weakness of our dear Naira in the capital market, panic buying and greed of some of the traders to make big profits to buy more stock and expand.

Further aware that in the same market; traders A, B and C though they buy from the same manufacturer or wholesaler, yet do not have a uniform price as they sell based on the demand or even appearance of the customers.

Worried that Nigerians are already going through challenges, especially security and economic for some years now and the effects of the COVID-19 is still biting hard as some Nigerians lost their jobs and source of livelihood. Hence, cannot cope with the incessant hike and the cost of living.

Also worried that this can further plunge more people into poverty, the already poor to wretchedness, and make more people prone to perpetrating, aid and abet crimes just to earn a living if urgent steps are not taken to mitigate the situation at hand.

Believes that just as the price of petrol is controlled, and us almost uniformed in every fuel station nationwide, if a regulatory body is set up to check the uniformity of foodstuffs prices this menace will be controlled and eradicated.

Resolves to:

- (I) Urge the federal government to as a matter of urgency, set up a Commodity Price Regulatory Agency if none is existing to effectively and efficiently manage this menace.
- (II) Give such body power to sanction those that are found wanting.

SOUTH
SOUTH

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL OIL SPILL DETECTION AND RESPONSE AGENCY;
AND FOR RELATED MATTERS.

Sponsors: Hon. Fabad Abubakar Longman (Sokoto State), Hon. Nanven Mamdam (Plateau State), Hon. Muhammad Haruna Abdullahi (Yobe State), Hon. Ibifubara Abiyyesuku (Rivers State), Hon. Hashimu Adamu (Abuja-FCT), Hon. Narimam Albert Sam Tsokwa (Taraba State and Hon. Oluwadara Onyebuchi Alarape (Oyo State):

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

1. The National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (Establishment Act, CAP No.15) Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2006 hereinafter referred to as “Principal Act” In Part I, Section 1(1) of the Principal Act) is amended as set out hereunder.
2. Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended to read thus: “There is established an Agency to be known as the ‘National Pollution Detection And Response Agency’ with the responsibility for preparedness, detection and response to oil spillage, gas flaring, earth excavation and other activities that pollute the environment in Nigeria.
3. Section 1(1) Paragraph 3 of the Principal Act delete “the headquarters of the agency shall be in the Federal Capital Territory” and replace it with “the headquarters shall be in the Niger-Delta region of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
4. Section 5 of the Principal Act where “National Oil Spill Contingency Plan” shall be deleted and replaced with “National Environmental Pollution Contingency Plan”.
5. Section 6(1), paragraph (a) and (b) of the Principal is amended by deleting “oil spill” and inserting the words “environmental pollution”.
6. Section 6(2), Fine shall be increased from five hundred thousand naira (N500,000) to two million naira (N2,000,000). (3), fine shall be increased from one million naira (N1, 000,000) to four million naira (N4, 000,000).
7. Section 19(4) amend the Second Schedule of the Principal Act to include the following Ministries and Agencies as part of the contingency plan for pollution detection and response:
 - Federal Ministry of Social Development, Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management
 - Federal Fire Service
 - Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps
 - Nigeria Immigration Service
8. This bill may be cited as the National Oil spill Detection and Response Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The bill seeks to amend section 1(1) which seeks to change the name of the agency to capture other challenging environmental pollution phenomena. Section 1(3) seeks to amend the location of the corporate

headquarters in line with the new government policy of moving all oil related agencies' corporate headquarters to the Niger Delta Region. Section 5 and section 6(1) paragraph (a) and (b) is to be amended to enable a holistic approach to Environmental Pollution by providing for a National Pollution Detection and Response Plan by replacing Oil Spill with Environmental Pollution. Section 6(2) and (3) seeks to amend the fine imposed as penalty, the value of the naira has quadrupled from 2006 when the act first became law and as such an upward review of the fine for defaulters has been revised upward to quadruple the value of the principal fine. Section 19(4) is to be amended to incorporate more agencies of the Federal Government that will play pivotal roles in execution of the National Environmental Pollution Contingency Plan but where hitherto not captured in the principal act.

Motion

URGENT NEED TO TACKLE THE LUGUBRIOUS ARMED VIOLENCE IN SOUTH-SOUTH REGION OF NIGERIA

Sponsors: Hon. Fabad Abubakar Longman (Sokoto State), Hon. Nanven Mamdam (Plateau State), Hon. Muhammad Haruna Abdullahi (Yobe State), Hon. Ibifubara Abiyyesuku (Rivers State), Hon. Hashimu Adamu (Abuja-FCT), Hon. Narimam Albert Sam Tsokwa (Taraba State), Hon. Oluwadara Onyebuchi Alarape (Oyo State):

The House:

Notes that armed violence has incredibly affected the economic, social and moral well-being of Nigerians.

Also notes that the worrisome rising of armed violence in the south-south is directly linked to oil exploration and internal violence and armed conflict are causes of instability and potential catalysts of state failure

Aware that the perpetrators of the violence are largely youth who are unemployed or underemployed, politicians, corrupt business people and oil bunkerers.

Worried that vast amounts of resources in this region have been lost due to this violence.

Further worried that the continuance of the violence will display families and negatively affect the economy of this nation.

Cognizant that Nigeria's economy is largely dependent on petroleum resources and securing this region will facilitate economic growth and development of the nation.

The House resolves to:

- i. Urge the Federal Ministry of Defence to urgently address the issue of armed violence.
- ii. Urge the House Committee on Police affairs to investigate and facilitate the deployment of personnel to the region.
- iii. Equally urge the Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports to empower the youth and provide employment opportunities.
- iv. Urge the CBOs and CSOs to educate and enlighten the people on the effects of this violence.
- v. Further urge the Federal Ministry of Justice to bring perpetrators of this act to justice irrespective of who they are.
- vi. Provide scholarship and employability skills through constituency outreach.

SOUTH
WEST

[HB. 1431]

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SPECIALIZED COCOA INSTITUTE, ILAJE, ONDO STATE, TO CULTIVATE, EXPLORE AND HARNESS COCOA FARMING AND CHARGE IT WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PRODUCING REFINED PRODUCTS FOR LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND PERFORM REGULATORY FUNCTIONS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS.

Sponsored by: Hon. Adewale Shokoya (Remo Federal Constituency, Ogun state), Hon. Ajike Precious (Owo/Ose Federal Constituency, Ondo State), Hon. Hussaina Shehu (Bida/Gbako/Katcha Federal Constituency, Niger State), Hon. Bushrah Temitope Balogun (Eti-Osa Federal Constituency, Lagos State), Hon Dorcas Opoola (Ifelodun/Offa/Oyun Federal Constituency, Kwara State), Hon. Adamu Auta Adamu (Keffi/Karu/Kokona Federal Constituency, Nasarawa State).

[] Commencement

1 BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of
2 Nigeria:

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4 Establishment of the Specialized Cocoa Institute

5 (1) There is hereby established a body to be known as the Specialized Cocoa
6 Institute (in this bill referred to as “the institute”) which shall have the
7 functions specified in this bill.

Establishment
of the
Specialized
Cocoa Institute

8 (2) The institute shall consist of the following departments, that is:

- 9 a) Cocoa farming and cultivation site
- 10 b) Cocoa Research and development centre
- 11 c) Cocoa beans, pods and seeds processing unit
- 12 d) Cocoa Products Factory
- 13 e) Training and Manpower Development
- 14 f) Administrative and Finance: and
- 15 g) Such other Departments as may be approved by the Ministry of
16 Agriculture and Ministry
17 of Health on the recommendation of the Director-General.
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3	Objectives of the bill	
4	2. (1) To reinvent the political will resuscitate the moribund cocoa	Objective of the bill
5	farming and provide an economic model for local and international	
6	trade;	
7	(2) to upscale and expand the value chain and maximize cocoa	
8	production and its refined and products;	
9	(3) To explore and improve agricultural and scientific research ;	
10	(4) To provide employment opportunities and institutionalize new	
11	industry;	
12	(5) To develop a Funding strategy to augment small- and large-scale	
13	farming and research programme;	
14	(6) periodically arrange, host, and organize national and international	
15	seminars, conferences, workshops, lectures on sustainable cocoa	
16	practices, land use laws, crop protection, harvesting systems and	
17	exportation laws and	
18	(d) To prepare and publish records, books, reports, journals as needed	
19	for the dissemination of findings of lectures, workshops , seminars and	
20	research as stated above.	
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22	Responsibilities of the Specialized Cocoa Institute	
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24	3. (1) revive the viable cocoa farming and exploration and provide national	Responsibilities of
25	leadership in research development, treatment, the exportation of cocoa	the Specialized
26	products and seedlings	Cocoa Institute
27	(2) carry out biological research for agricultural and medicinal purposes	
28	(3) processing cocoa plant components for multi-functional use.	
29	(4) production of cocoa refined products for local and internal trade	
30	(5) provide regulations for cocoa farming, production and exploration of	
31	finished products.	
32	(6) work with other relevant ministries and authorities to monitor , co-	
33	ordinate and facilitate permits for engagements involving cocoa farming and	
34	resources within the meaning of this Bill.	
35	(7) work with other Ministries Universities and other training providers	
36	to promote research programmes within the cocoa farming field.	

- 1 (8) engage with other sectors and financial bodies in achieving the
2 objectives of the institute
- 3 (9) provide funding and mentorship to persons who are graduates of its
4 programmes;
- 5 (a) and internship opportunities to graduates of the institute and will
6 farmers to gain hands-on experiences on related matters above.
- 7 (10) encourage the development of standard requirements for research
8 on agricultural and medicinal explorations
- 9 (11) establish and manage a registry to monitor and cocoa farming
10 facilities and programmes
- 11 (12) provide regulatory and oversight functions for export commodities
12 and internal trade
- 13 (13) development research programmes for young innovative
14 researchers to improve cocoa seed, pod and bean processing.
- 15 (14) initiate the Cocoa Exploration Fund to support and empower small
16 farm holders to scale up mechanized farming and increase cocoa
17 production.
- 18 (15) to assist in the implementation of government policies and
19 programmes related to cocoa production
- 20 (16) Undertake such reporting duties as are required by this institute.

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22 **Membership of the Advisory Board**

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24 **4.** (1) There shall be established an advisory arm of the institute to be known
25 as the Advisory Board which shall consist of the Director-General of the
26 Institute:

Membership of the
Advisory Board

27 (2) the other members shall be professionals representing the following
28 Ministries, Government Agencies or professional organizations, that is to say
29 –

- 30 a) Agriculture
- 31 b) Education
- 32 c) Finance
- 33 d) Environment
- 34 e) Nigerian Export Promotion Council and National Institute
35 of Marketing
- 36 f) Nigerian Cocoa Research Institute
- 37 g) Science and Technology

- 1 h) The committee may co-opt, when necessary, any suitable
2 Nigerian whose contribution may be needed by the board.
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4 **Proceedings of Advisory Board:**

5 **5.** (1) The board shall have the power to regulate its proceedings and may
6 make standing orders for that purpose and, subject to such standing orders,
7 may function notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership or the absence
8 of any member.

9 (2) The Board shall set rules for their day-to-day proceedings.

10 (3) The Board shall meet at quarterly to review its responsibilities under
11 this bill.

12 (4) Five members shall form a quorum at any meeting of the board

13 (5) The chairman and other members shall hold office for a term of two
14 years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more tenure.

15 (6) Members of the Board shall be part-time members

16 (7) The office of the chairman shall become vacant:

17 a. If he resigns his office by notice in writing under his hand addressed to
18 the president:

19 b. If he is convicted of a felony or any other punishable offence.

20 c. If he is guilty of serious misconduct concerning its duties.

21 (8) There shall be paid to the members of the council allowances in respect
22 of travelling and other reasonable expenses at such rates as may, from time
23 to time, be fixed by the president.

24 (9) The board shall be responsible for the determination of the overall
25 policy of the Institute and in particular for the financial and operational
26 programmes of the institute and for ensuring implementation of such
27 policies and programmes.

28 (10) without bias to the generality of subsection (2) of this section, it shall
29 be the duty of the council to :

- 30 a. approve the research and training programmes of the institute;
31 b. ensure the acquisition of sustainable and improved skills for
32 agribusiness with the provision of technologically driven methods
33 of cocoa production for the students and
34 c. promote or undertake any other activity that will help achieve the
35 goals of the institute by the board.
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Proceedings of Advisory
Board

1 **Establishment of Cocoa Exploration Fund**

2 **6.** (1) There is established by this bill, the Cocoa Exploration Fund

Establishment of
Cocoa Exploration
Fund

3 (2) Money from the Funds Shall be used for –

- 4 a. the promotion development and sustainable management
5 and utilization of cocoa farming, cocoa plant components and
6 products;
7 b. the promotion of research and exploration projects
8 especially community based;
9 c. the promotion of cocoa for industrial use;
10 d. scientific, and innovative research into cocoa fields;
11 e. Production of cocoa products for utilization, development
12 and commerce;
13 f. The expansion of large-scale cocoa farming and support to
14 small farm holders;
15 g. Development of infrastructure for cocoa products processing
16 and
17 h. Support capacity building for research and development.

19 **Source of the Fund**

20 **7.** (1) The amounts of money in the fund shall be derived from –

Source of the Fund

- 21 a. appropriated by the National Assembly;
22 b. registration fees of individuals and organizations involved in cocoa
23 research and exploration for commercial gains;
24 c. donations, grants and gifts received from cocoa development
25 activities;
26 d. money generated by the Institute for provision of services for cocoa
27 exploration and scientific purposes;
28 e. a certain percentage of from the revenue generated through export
29 of cocoa products
30 f. any levy that may be introduced by the Government.

33 **Management of Fund**

34 **8** (1) The Agency is responsible for the management of the Fund and to that
35 end shall –

Management of Fund

- 36 a. pursue policies to achieve the object of the Fund;
37 b. collect or arrange to be collected, sums of money lawfully due
38 to the Fund through procedures determined by the Director-
39 General;

- 1 c. keep the money of the Fund in bank accounts separate from
- 2 other funds of the Institute;
- 3 d. ensure accountability of the Fund by setting appropriate
- 4 measures for the utilization of the Funds;
- 5 e. prepare and publish the criteria for the disbursement of money
- 6 from the Funds with the approval of the Director-General;
- 7 f. disburse money from the Fund;
- 8 g. receive and scrutinize reports from the designated institution
- 9 in respect to financial aids and assistance;
- 10 h. perform any other function assigned to it under this Act or
- 11 incidental to the achievement of the object of the Fund.
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13 **Tax Exemption**

- 14 **9.** The Funds is exempted from the payment of tax.

Tax Exemption

15 **Account and Audit**

- 16 **10.** (1) The institute shall within three months before the end of each
- 17 financial year, prepare and submit to the Ministry of Agriculture for
- 18 approval, estimates of the income and expenditure of the Fund for the
- 19 succeeding financial year.

Account and Audit

- 20 (2) The institute shall keep proper records and books of account of
- 21 the income and expenditure of the Funds for each financial year.

- 22 (3) The institute shall within two months of the end of each financial
- 23 year, submit the statement of accounts of the Funds to the Auditor General
- 24 of the Federation for auditing.

25 **Director-General and other staff of the Institute**

- 26 **11.** (1) There shall be appointed by the President, a Director-General who
- 27 shall be responsible for the day-to-day running of the affairs of the institute.

Director-General and
other staff of the
Institute

- 28 (2) The other staff of the Agency shall be officers in the civil services of
- 29 the Federation.

30 **Short title**

- 32 **12.** The Bill may be cited as the Specialized Cocoa Institute Establishment
- 33 Bill 2021.

Short title

34 **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

35

- 36 This Bill seeks to revive, study and optimize Cocoa farming, invent innovative
- 37 frameworks to improve biological research for medicinal and agricultural

1 purposes. And, promote the production of cocoa refined product for
2 international and local trade and consumption, leveraging on the recent
3 Africa Continental Free Trade Agreement (AFCFTA) provisions as well as
4 instituting funding programmes to upscale and capacitate small scale
5 farmers with improved and modernized farming techniques for large and
6 industrial-scale cocoa farming and produce.

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Motion

Need for an emergency response to address and curb the Incessant Traffic-Related Accidents Caused by Trucks on Lagos Roads.

Sponsors: Hon. Adewale Shokoya (Remo Federal Constituency, Ogun state), Hon. Ajike Precious (Owo/Ose Federal Constituency, Ondo State) Hon. Hussaina Shehu (Bida/Gbako/Katcha Federal Constituency, Niger State), Hon. Bushrah Temitope Balogun (Eti-Osa Federal Constituency, Lagos State), Hon Dorcas Opoola (Ifelodun/Offa/Oyun Federal Constituency, Kwara State), Hon. Adamu Auta Adamu (Keffi/Karu/Kokona Federal Constituency, Nasarawa State).

THE HOUSE:

Notes that not less than ninety percent of Lagos' mobility needs are satisfied through the road transport mode without maximizing the potential contribution of other modes. The overdependence on the road system has contributed to the increasing pressure on the highways in Lagos. The situation has been made worse by the overloading of trucks/trailers causing rapid dilapidated roads, and an increase in tragic accidents which has led to the loss of lives and properties and the leading cause of disabilities.

Also Notes that the menace caused by malfunctioning trucks plying inappropriate road channels is alarming. Hence the need to maximize other alternative transports modes like the railway. A special provision called a dry port that will link the seaports to dry land using a railway is needed.

Further Notes that there are seven (7) dry ports in Nigeria and the closest to Lagos is the Ibadan dry port. Yet, the Ibadan dry port despite its commitment to start operations has not commenced operation. Furthermore, the recent commissioning of the Lagos rail project in 2021 can help fast-track the completion of the abandoned Ibadan dry port. This dry port will create a one-point shipment i.e., a point of destination and origin, it will perform the same functions as the seaport with a modern terminal cargo equipped with modernized transport, storage, and haulage services for quick and safe freight delivery. Freight services within and outside the Lagos seaports will be

carried out using the Ibadan dry port which will be linked by railway. This will in turn bring a drastic reduction in the number of trucks/trailers on Lagos highways.

Aware that traffic accidents predominantly affect the young and economically productive age group. This is aggravated by the traffic infrastructural decay and poor enforcement of traffic rules and regulations. Also, it is the third leading cause of overall deaths in Nigeria and the most common cause of disabilities.

Believes, that dry port has become a sustainable alternative to traffic de-congestion along with seaports. The protection of lives and properties; ease of doing business; the preservation of existing road networks; the creation of employment opportunities for youths and the host communities are benefits it would bring.

Worried that the rest of the populace live in perpetual fear of traveling occasioned by the unsafe roads and increasing death toll

Further Worried that if no urgent action is taken to reduce the number of trucks on Lagos highways and curb the negative effects on other road users, this may continue to lead to tragic accidents that would have devastating human and economic consequences on the nation.

Cognizant that management and maintenance of this dry port will not be the sole responsibility of the federal government but through the internally generated revenue will cost of operations be accrued.

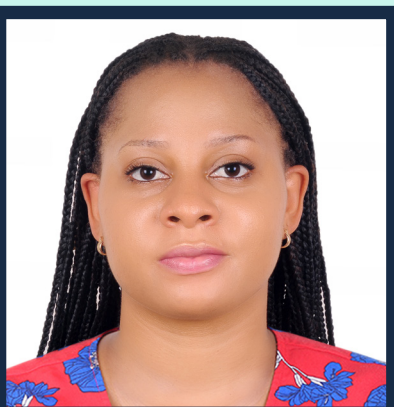
Resolves to

1. Mandate its committees on Works, Finance, and Planning to jointly interface with the Ministry of Works, Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), and other relevant stakeholders to provide a sustainable plan for transitioning using the dry port, plan and report to the house within eight(8) weeks.
2. Mounting of transport modeling scale on its roads constantly used by trucks to check the gross vehicle weights and avoid overloading.

3. Synergy among traffic enforcement agencies like the Federal Road Service Corps and other relevant stakeholders and the Nigerian Shipper Council to monitor and enforce the complete adherence to traffic laws by trucks.
4. Creation of a private-public partnership that will be responsible for the operations and management of the dry port.
5. The Federal Ministry of Transportation should partner with the Nigerian Shippers Council to rehabilitate and re-commission the non-functioning Dry Port and equips it with the much-needed facilities to save lives and properties.

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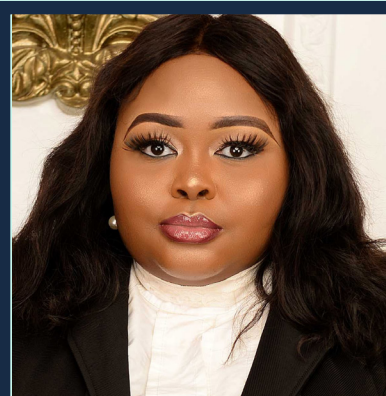
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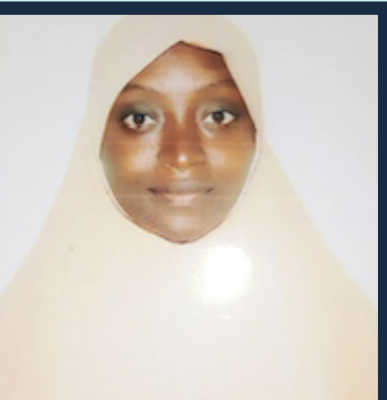
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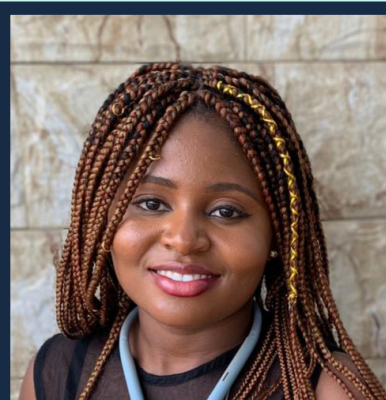
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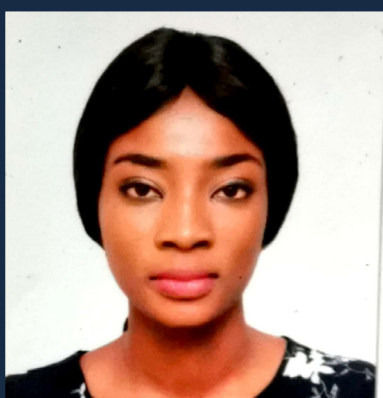
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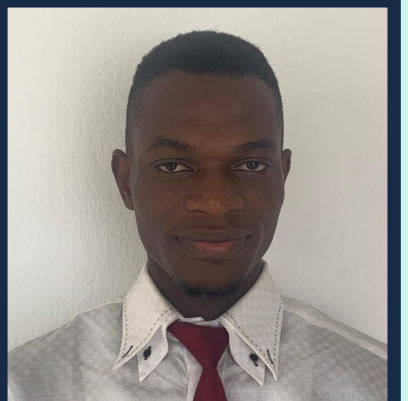
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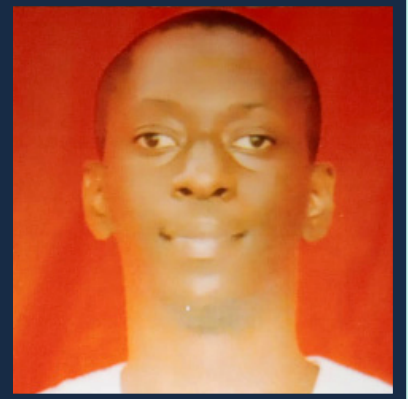
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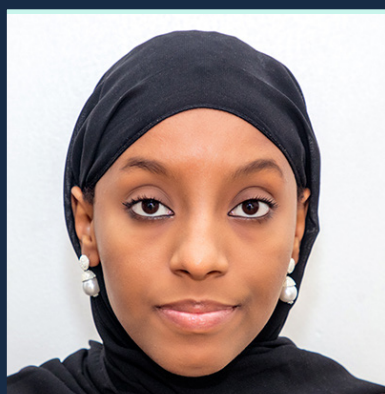
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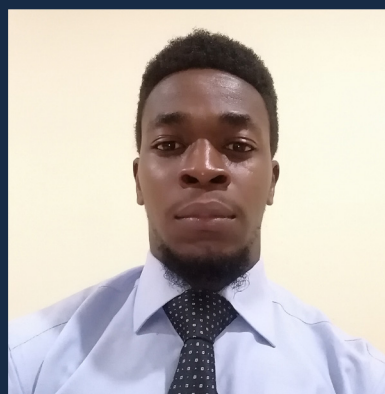
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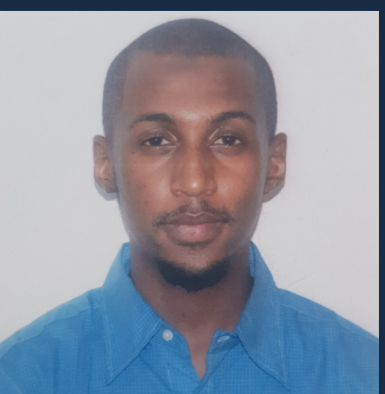
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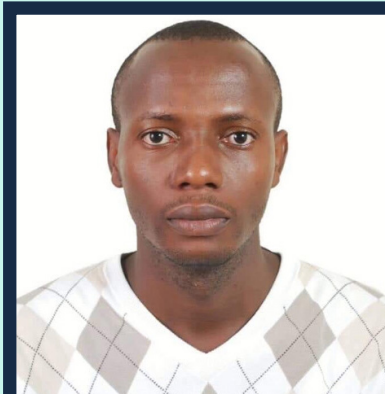
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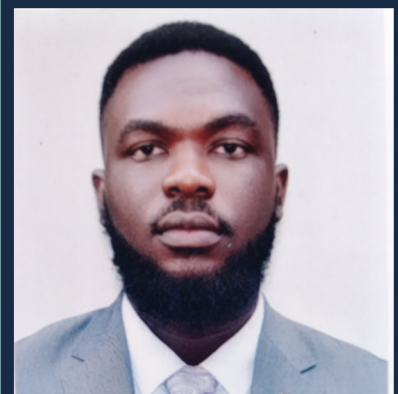
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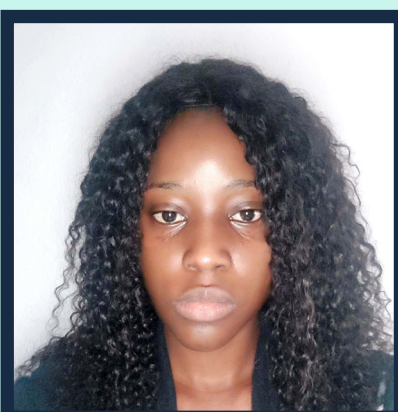
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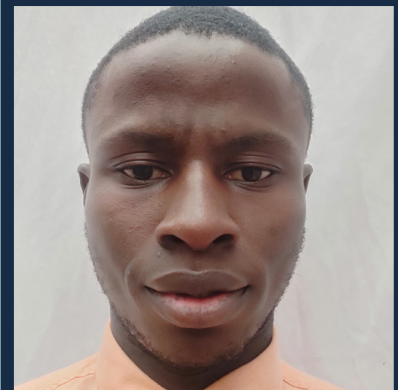
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