



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 15 September, 2021

1. The House met at 11.48 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. The House recited the National Pledge
3. **Votes and Proceedings**  
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 14 September, 2021.  
  
*The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.*
4. **Admittance into the Chamber**  
*Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do admit into the Chamber, Hon. Saudatu Sani to observe the proceedings of the House, pursuant to Order Twenty-One, Rule 8 (1) (iv)" (Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader).*  
  
*Agreed to.*
5. **Oaths of Allegiance and Membership**  
A Member-elect, Ahmed Mohammed Munir (*Lere Federal Constituency*) took and subscribed the Oaths of Allegiance and Membership as prescribed by law.
6. **Address by Mr Speaker**  
Mr Speaker read the following address:

**Protocols:**

1. *Good morning honourable colleagues. I welcome you all back to the hallowed chamber of the House of Representatives, and I thank you all for being here. I thank God almighty by whose grace and mercy we have reconvened this morning to do the people's work in the parliament of our beloved nation. I know that the time away has been a time of consultation and engagement with constituents. I hope that we have each used the time to rest and recuperate, reflect and prepare for the tasks that lie ahead and the hard work required to accomplish the ambitions we each, and together, hold for our country.*

2. *Already, in this 9th House of Representatives, we have done a lot of what we said we would do, and we have made giant strides towards keeping the promises we made to the Nigerian people in our legislative agenda. Yet, with every new accomplishment, we confront the unavoidable truth that our work is not nearly done, and the cares that concern us and animate our governing efforts have not been met.*
3. *But rather than be discouraged, we draw inspiration from the things we have achieved, we learn the lessons from the times we tried and failed, and we endeavour with each new day and each new effort to do better than our previous best. In this way, through our individual and joint efforts, we will ensure that in the final judgment of history, it will be said that in the time we had, we strived, and we kept the faith to the best of our abilities.*
4. *In the last week before our recess, we laid the Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill report before the House. For two days, members engaged in intense and impassioned debates inspired by our varied understandings of the ideal, yet motivated by our shared desire to deliver for our country an electoral system that reflects the best aspirations of our people. This is our duty for which there is no alternative and from which we cannot deviate.*
5. *Inevitably, as is always the case, the final count of votes disappointed some. This is democracy in practice, and the democratic process rarely makes for universally acceptable outcomes. Therefore, honourable colleagues, I urge as many as are disappointed to set aside their disappointments in the sure knowledge that as the work of parliament never ends, what is done can be revisited until perfection is attained from repeated efforts over time. Let us remember the things we have done well and that we can and still must do well together.*
6. *In this 9th Assembly, we have considered and passed the Companies and Allied Matters Act (CAMA), the Finance Act, 2020, the Petroleum Industry Act, the Deep Offshore and Inland Basin PSC (Amendment) Act, amongst other such legislation focused on the economy. Each of these Bills includes in their provisions critical reforms of the way we do business in Nigeria. Taken together, they represent a wholesale and long-awaited legislative intervention to improve ease of doing business, encourage investment and drive economic growth.*
7. *Let the joint effort required when we took up the cause of police reform in our country and passed the Police Act 2020 inspire us to do the same with the Police Service Commission (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill. So that we can finally, using the instrument of legislative power, enact a statutory framework for holding swiftly and fairly to account those officers of the Nigeria Police Force who choose to abuse the authority of the state against the citizens they are commissioned to serve and to protect.*
8. *Insecurity remains an overwhelming threat to all our nation's people and a hindrance that further delays the attainment of the critical development objectives necessary to put our country on the path to peaceful prosperity. Therefore, the 9th House of Representatives will continue to take action as required to address statutory deficiencies that limit the ability of our national security apparatus to respond effectively to the myriad manifestations of insecurity in our country.*
9. *In our last session, we convened a National Security Summit to deliberate on the issue and articulate recommendations for executive and legislative action. The leadership of the House of Representatives presented the report of that Summit to His Excellency, President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, and we received assurances that the recommendations will be duly considered and implemented. We will follow through to ensure that commitment is met.*
10. *At the same time, we have begun to take legislative action to implement the Summit's recommendations on statutory reform, amendments and the enactment of new legislation. Several such Bills have already passed the second reading and now await action in the responsible Committees. I urge the Chairmen and members of those Committees to act quickly and conscientiously to bring those Bills to the floor as soon as is practicable.*

11. *In this parliamentary session, we will prioritise national security Bills that seek to implement the varied recommendations of the Summit. This is not to suggest that we will abdicate action on other matters of national concern. We only reaffirm our commitment to do all that we can to defeat those who have made it their cause to impose on our country an unending orgy of carnage and inflict our people with devastating grief. Let it be apparent to those who have made themselves enemies of Nigeria that this 9th House of Representatives will respond to the audacity of their evil with every tool and resource at our disposal, and we will not be deterred.*
12. *Thus far, we have rightly focused our national security concerns on the machinations of extremist insurgents who seek to remake our world in the image of their discredited theocracy and bandits who maraud and terrorise whole regions for profit. We must now add to these concerns an emerging threat that presents the same clear and present danger. In the South of Nigeria, East and West, miscreants and criminals masquerading as separatist activists have emerged to wreak havoc, take lives and commit economic sabotage against fellow Nigerians and against the State.*
13. *These people, in their inclination for devastating violence against fellow citizens, their appetite for the destruction of private property, their disruption of academic activities, commerce, and industry, their propensity for defiling institutions of the state, society and community, their refusal to engage in debate, or to consider the possibility of dissenting opinions and alternative viewpoints, are no different from Boko Haram and ISWAP. Given space and time, they will take our nation down the same path of destruction.*
14. *We know from experience that neither appeasement nor overwhelming violence alone will work. We have been down this road before; we know what the consequences of inaction can be. We also know that we cannot afford to be reactionary in our approach. This is the time to convene our best efforts to articulate a political, economic, military and policing strategy to address both the manifestations and root causes of this emerging threat. Let nobody be under the impression that there is a political opportunity in exploiting this moment. This is a time for statesmen to act beyond the petty considerations of politics, to do the hard things and achieve greatness.*
15. *During our recess, I observed some media organisations reporting on the performance of individual members of the House of Representatives, using the numbers of Bill sponsored as a metric for assessing Members' contributions in the past legislative year. It is not always the case that the solution to a problem lies in enacting new legislation. Often, Members are most effective when advocating for their constituents in the arenas of government where decisions are made. They fulfil their role in the Committees when their measured contributions help to ensure that Bills are of the highest quality and solve the intended problems.*
16. *Legislators also honour their mandate when through meticulous oversight of public spending and incisive questioning of public officials, they ensure that government resources are efficiently utilised to meet governing objectives. Therefore, reducing the sum of a legislator's contributions to the number of Bills sponsored is uninspired journalism that reveals a fundamental misunderstanding of the legislative function and the role of members in ensuring that parliament delivers on its objectives to the Nigerian people. It is an unhealthy practice, and it should not be encouraged.*
17. *Across the world, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to cut a devastating path through communities. It remains an ongoing source of economic distress, social anxiety and political upheaval. Religious and cultural hesitancy, coupled with political suspicion and an abundance of misinformation, has resulted in a global resistance to vaccination that threatens our collective ability to defeat this pandemic. Every day this crisis persists, delays our rebuilding of broken things, and inhibits our efforts to recover the things we have lost to this pandemic.*
18. *Here in Nigeria, the conversation about vaccines, individual rights, the safety of communities, and the proper role of government in ensuring public health began last year with the Control of Infectious Diseases Bill. Then, the public debate was quickly hijacked in ways that did not make for*

a factual and informed examination of the critical questions of law and policy around this crucial legislation. Since then, the House Committee on Health Services has embarked on a broad-based effort at public and private engagement and collaboration to produce final legislation that hopefully meets our country's present and future needs. The Committee will shortly present its report to the House. I sincerely hope that our debate this time will be a marked improvement from what came before.

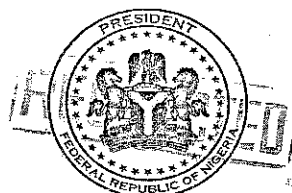
19. As I said at the beginning of my remarks this morning, honourable colleagues, 'we have a lot of work to do. Much depends on how well we can continue to work together in a joint effort at nation-building, united by our shared ambitions of peace and prosperity for all our nation's people. I have seen what this House can accomplish when we give our full measure of devotion, and as such, I am confident of our ability to deliver on the commitments we have made to the people in whose name and on whose behalf we sit here in this hallowed chamber.

20. I welcome you all once more to the House of Representatives, and I thank you all for being here this morning. I look forward to a productive legislative year. I pray for the wisdom of God to guide us and his grace to shield us as we do the work of the people. May God bless you, and God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

## 7. Messages

Mr Speaker read the following messages from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

(i)



**PRESIDENT,  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

24th August, 2021

*Rt. Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila*  
Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
National Assembly Complex,  
Three Arms Zone,  
Abuja.

*Dear Rt Hon. F. Gbajabiamila,*

**ADDENDUM TO THE REQUEST FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES'  
CONCURRENT APPROVAL OF MULTILATERAL FUND PROJECTS UNDER THE  
2018-2021 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EXTERNAL BORROWING (ROLLING) PLAN**

*I write in respect of the above subject and to submit the attached addendum to the proposed 2018 - 2021 Federal Government External Borrowing (Rolling) Plan for the consideration and concurrent approval of the House of Representatives for same to become effective (See Annex I).*

2. *The Right Honourable Speaker may wish to recall that I earlier transmitted a request on the proposed 2018-2020 Federal Government External Borrowing Plan for the concurrent approval of the House of Representative in May 2021. However, in view of other emerging needs and to ensure that all critical projects approved by FEC as at June 2021 are incorporated, I hereby forward an addendum to proposed Borrowing Plan.*

3. The Projects listed in the addendum to the 2018-2021 Federal Government External Borrowing Plan are to be financed through sovereign loans from the World Bank, French Development Agency (AFD), China-EXIM Bank, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Credit Suisse Group and Standard Chartered/China Export and Credit (SINOSURE) in the total sum of USD4,054,476,863.00 plus Euro 710,000,000.00 and Grant Component of USD125,000,000.00;

the contribution they would make to the socio-economic development of the country including employment generation and poverty reduction as well as protection of the most vulnerable and very poor segments of the Nigerian society.

4. The House may also wish to note that all the listed projects in the addendum form part of the 2018 -2021 External Borrowing Plan and covered both the Federal and States Governments' Projects and are geared towards the realization of the Nigeria Economic Sustainability Plan that cut across key sectors such as Infrastructure, Health, Agriculture and Food Security, Energy, Education and Human Capital Development and COVID-19 Response efforts. A summary of some key projects in each of the six geo-political zones and a summary on the expected impacts on the socio-economic development of each of the six (6) geopolitical zones are attached herewith as Annex II and III.

5. Given the importance attached to the delivery of the projects in the Borrowing Plan and the benefits both the Federal and States Governments stand to gain from their implementation, I hereby wish to request for, the kind consideration and concurrent approval of the House of Representatives for the projects listed in the addendum to the 2018 - 2021 Federal Government External Borrowing (Rolling) Plan to enable the projects become effective.

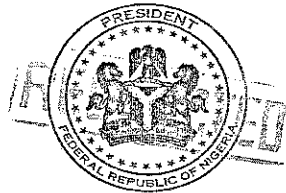
6. Please accept, Right Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my warm personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

(ii)



**PRESIDENT,**  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

26th August, 2021

**Rt. Hon. Femi Gbajamila**  
Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
National Assembly Complex,  
Three Arms Zone,  
Abuja.

Dear Rt Hon. F. Gbajamila,

**TRANSMISSION OF THE CONTROL OF SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS  
BILL, 2021 TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR CONSIDERATION**

Pursuant to Section 58 (2) of the 1999, Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended) I forward herewith, the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons Bill, 2021 for the kind consideration by the House of Representatives.

The Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons Bill, 2021 seeks to transform the Presidential Committee on Small Arms and Light Weapons into a National Centre for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons under the Office of the National Security Adviser.

National Centre for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons, when fully operationalized, would go a long way at expressing Nigeria's optimism and practical commitment to the global fight against the proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons, including the mopping up of existing Small Arms and Light Weapons which have become a significant driver of insecurity across the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

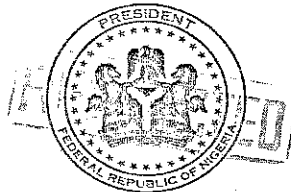
While hoping that this submission will receive the usual expeditious consideration of the House, Please accept, Rt. Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

(iii)



**PRESIDENT,**  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

27th August, 2021

**Rt. Hon. Femi Gbajabamila**  
Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
National Assembly Complex,  
Three Arms Zone,  
Abuja.

Dear Rt Hon. F. Gbajabamila,

**TRANSMISSION OF THE EXPLOSIVES BILL, 2021 TO  
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR CONSIDERATION**

Pursuant to section 58 (2) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended), I forward herewith the Explosives Bill, 2021 for the kind consideration by the House of Representatives.

The Explosives Bill, 2021 seeks to repeal the Explosives Act, 1964 and enact the Explosives Act, to regulate the manufacture, storage, possession, use, distribution, purchase, sale, transportation, importation, and exportation of explosives and for related matters.

*While hoping that this submission will receive the usual expeditious consideration of the House, Please accept, Rt. Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*(Signed)*

*Muhammadu Bukari*

**8. Announcement**

***Bereavement:***

Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Joseph Asuku Bello (*Adavi/Okehi Federal Constituency*), announcing the demise of his father, Sir Justice Moses A. Bello (JP), OFR, on Thursday, 2 September, 2021.

*A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.*

**9. Petitions**

- (i) Petitions from the following were presented and laid by Hon. Dederi Haruna Isa (*Karaye/Rogo Federal Constituency*):
- (a) Agbateyini Weyinmi and one other, on behalf of Itsekiri National Youths Council (INYC) on their alleged marginalization by the Niger- Delta Presidential office;
  - (b) Victor Inyama & Co. (Chartered Accountant), on behalf of the Management of Nnamdi Azikwe University Teaching Hospital, Nnewi, Anambra State, on the alleged non-compliance with the Resolution of the Fourth Republic, 8<sup>th</sup> House of Representatives, National Assembly, by the Central Bank of Nigeria and First Bank Nigeria Limited;
  - (c) Umezulike Okechukwu Obinna, on the non-payment of his contractual sum of ₦3,500,000 (Three Million, Five Hundred Thousand Naira) by Thank God Ode;
  - (d) Benedicta I. Andrew, on behalf of residents of Igbema Close, Queen Amina Street, Phase 2, Site 2, Kubwa, Abuja, on the alleged installation of MTN Telecommunication mast in a residential area;
  - (e) Tonia Ify John-Nweze, on the alleged non-refund of her National Provident Fund deduction of the sum of ₦748,800 (Seven Hundred and Forty-Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Naira) only by the Management of the National Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF), Headquarters, Abuja;
  - (f) Accurate Solicitors (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Suleyman Mohammed Ajasa and one other, on the non-payment of their death benefits by the Management of Premium Pension Limited;
- (ii) A petition from Okon Edet, on his alleged dismissal by the Nigeria Police Force, was presented and laid by Hon. Aniekan John Umanah (*Abak/Etim Ekpo/Ika Federal Constituency*); and
- (iii) A petition from Alfred Wremani, on his alleged dismissal by the Nigeria Police Force, was presented and laid by Hon. Ben Igbakpa Rollands (*Ehtipoe East/Ethiopo West Federal Constituency*).

*Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.*

**10. Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)****(i) *The Incessant and Barbaric Killings in Plateau State:***

Hon. Yusuf Adamu Gagdi (*Kanke/Pankshin/Kanam 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.*

**The Incessant and Barbaric Killings in Plateau State:**

The House:

*Notes* that within the duration of the House recess, a lot of ugly events bothering on the insecurity of Nigerians took a hydraheaded and monstrous turn;

*Also notes* that, the series of attacks and reprisal attacks that engulfed some parts of Plateau State in the recent past, raging from the unprovoked attacks on Bassa Communities, where scores of people were killed, destruction of farmlands and properties worth hundreds of millions, killing of peaceful commuters on Rukuba Road in Jos North enroute to Ondo State from Bauchi, pocket of silent killings of some students of University of Jos along the University community to the most recent killings in Yelwan Zargam community of Jos North Local Government;

*Aware* that these barbaric killings have caused serious breach of peace in some parts of the Jos North and Bassa Local Government Areas, but for the efforts of the Executive Governor of Plateau State, that contained the ugly trend and avoid its escalation to other parts of the State;

*Also aware* that with death of Hon. Maitala Haruna, the elected representative of that Community on 2 April, 2021, the communities have no voice in the House to air their grievances;

*Further notes* the recent open letter to the President by Hon. Yusuf Adamu Gagdi (*Pankshin/Kanke/Kanam Federal Constituency*) on the happenings in Plateau State, with suggestions on how best to handle the crisis in the State and beyond;

*Acknowledges* and appreciate the visit of National Inter-Religious Council to Plateau State headed by the Chairman, Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), the Sultan of Sokoto and that the Chief of Defence Staff, where they variously interfaced with stakeholders in Plateau State;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) observes a minute silence in honour of victims of the recent killings in Plateau State;
- (ii) mandate the Speaker of the House to lead a high powered delegation to pay a condolence visit to the Government of Plateau State and commiserate with the Governor on the lives and properties lost;



- (iii) urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development, the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and other relevant humanitarian agencies to as matter of urgency, provide relief materials to the victims of the attacks, in order to assuage the sufferings of their survivors;
- (iv) commend the Governor of Plateau State for taking active steps that prevented the escalation of the reprisal attacks that was imminent following the killings, and the input of the security operatives in that regard;
- (v) also urge the Federal Government to redeem their earlier pledge of 10 billion Naira for the resettlement of victims of Plateau attacks, and to also extend similar privileges accorded to victims of crises in the North East and other parts of the country; and
- (vi) further urge the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to as a matter of urgency, conduct bye election to filled the vacant seat of Jos North and Bassa Local Government Areas without further delay, so that they can also have their voice back in this Honourable House (*Hon. Yusuf Adamu Gagdi – Pankshin/Kanke/Kanam Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that within the duration of the House recess, a lot of ugly events bothering on the insecurity of Nigerians took a hydraheaded and monstrous turn;

*Also noted* that, the series of attacks and reprisal attacks that engulfed some parts of Plateau State in the recent past, raging from the unprovoked attacks on Bassa Communities, where scores of people were killed, destruction of farmlands and properties worth hundreds of millions, killing of peaceful commuters on Rukuba Road in Jos North enroute to Ondo State from Bauchi, pocket of silent killings of some students of University of Jos along the University community to the most recent killings in Yelwan Zargam community of Jos North Local Government;

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*A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.*

**(ii) *Need to Urgently Stem the Tide of Spiralling Insecurity Situation and Avert Further Humanitarian Crises in Bodinga, Dange-Shuni and Tureta Local Government Areas of Sokoto State:***

Hon. Shehu Balarabe Kakale (*Bodinga/Dange-Shuni/Tureta 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.*

**Need to Urgently Stem the Tide of Spiralling Insecurity Situation and Avert Further Humanitarian Crises in Bodinga, Dange-Shuni and Tureta Local Government Areas of Sokoto State:**

The House:

*Notes with grave concern the acute and spiralling deterioration of the security situation in Bodinga, Dange-Shuni and Tureta Local Government Areas of Sokoto State in the last few weeks which climaxed with the gruesome murder/massacre of innocent people in Galma, Dutse, Buolere and Hausare villages of Wababe district between 1 and 3 September, 2021 by bandits;*

*Also notes* another set of coordinated attacks on the communities of Jibuwal, Fajaldu, Waramu, Bissallam, Illelar Bissalam of Dange district and Tauma of Bodinga district between 6 and 8 September followed by yet another brazen attack on Lambar Tureta of Tureta Local Government in the late hours of Wednesday, 8 and Thursday, 9 September, 2021 resulting in the death of about 10 innocent farmers, traders, students and civil servants;

*Further notes* that more than 60 men, women and children were kidnapped by the bandits and taken to their evil camps along with stolen food items, cash, hundreds of seized phones and other commodities and in the process killing 10 innocent people, maiming dozens and forcefully carting away their year round food reserves and emptying food stores/local silos leaving the villagers with no food to eat in their communities;

*Concerned* that the Bodinga, Dange-Shuni and Tureta Local Government Areas of Sokoto State are bordering and contiguous to Bakura, Maradun and Shinkafi Local Government Areas of Zamfara State where currently a heavy military onslaught on the bandits with strategic Telecoms, Transport, Fuel and Market shut down is in place has pressured the fleeing criminal elements into the forests and communities of Eka, Kampani, Dimasa, Dutsin Disa, Rakumni, Akali and adjoining Jar Kuka forests of my constituency;

*Aware* that security of lives and properties of citizens is the primary constitutional responsibility of government;

*Also aware* of the unending senseless blood letting, kidnappings, banditry, sexual molestation of women and arsons perpetrated by criminals and terrorists against innocent citizens across the country leading to the death of dozens of Nigerian lives widely reported by both local and international media had heightened fears, confusion, alarm and panic amongst citizens especially with their recent tactics of sending "horror" "advance" threat letters to communities announcing their imminent brutal attacks with impunity;

*Genuinely panicked and alarmed* by the amassing numbers of bandits and terrorists in their hundreds flooding the forests of the aforementioned Local Governments from Zamfara State, more than 100 households with over 500 people and families are currently displaced from Tureta and Dange-Shuni Local Government Areas into towns and urban areas of the local government headquarters with growing and worsening exodus of women, children and the vulnerable into the State capital of Sokoto city resulting in acute additional humanitarian crises in the State;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) observe a minute silence for the repose of the souls of the departed and also pay a condolence visit to Sokoto State;
- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to immediately come to the aid of the displaced victims and their bereaved families with food and non food items especially in this raining season where the risk of spreading Cholera epidemic and COVID-19 could be worsened with the waves of IDPs created by these crises;
- (iii) also urge the National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons (NCRMI) to support the victims in their relocation, resettlement and sustainable durable solutions for them to return to their homes, livelihoods and communities as part of the the non kinetic humanitarian interventions of the federal government in solving the insecurity challenges of this nation;
- (iv) further urge the National Communication Commission (NCC) to also impose Telecom shut down in the adjourning Local Government Areas to Zamfara State;

- (v) again urge the Military and other security agencies to re-enforce the Forward Operation Bases in Dange-Shuni and Tureta Local Government Areas with more personnel and equipment to neutralize the bandits and criminals and secure the region; and
- (vi) mandate the Committees on Emergency and Disaster preparedness, and Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) to ensure compliance (*Hon. Shehu Balarabe Kakale — Bodinga/Dange/Shuni/Tureta Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

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*Aware* that security of lives and properties of citizens is the primary constitutional responsibility of government;

*Also aware* of the unending senseless blood letting, kidnappings, banditry, sexual molestation of women and arsons perpetrated by criminals and terrorists against innocent citizens across the country leading to the death of dozens of Nigerian lives widely reported by both local and international media had heightened fears, confusion, alarm and panic amongst citizens especially with their recent tactics of sending "horror" "advance" threat letters to communities announcing their imminent brutal attacks with impunity;

*Genuinely panicked and alarmed* by the amassing numbers of bandits and terrorists in their hundreds flooding the forests of the aforementioned Local Governments from Zamfara State, more than 100 households with over 500 people and families are currently displaced from

Tureta and Dange-Shuni Local Government Areas into towns and urban areas of the local government headquarters with growing and worsening exodus of women, children and the vulnerable into the State capital of Sokoto city resulting in acute additional humanitarian crises in the State;

*Resolved to:*

- (i) observe a minute silence for the repose of the souls of the departed and also pay a condolence visit to Sokoto State;
- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to immediately come to the aid of the displaced victims and their bereaved families with food and non food items especially in this raining season where the risk of spreading Cholera epidemic and COVID-19 could be worsened with the waves of IDPs created by these crises;
- (iii) also urge the National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons (NCRMI) to support the victims in their relocation, resettlement and sustainable durable solutions for them to return to their homes, livelihoods and communities as part of the the non kinetic humanitarian interventions of the federal government in solving the insecurity challenges of this nation;
- (iv) further urge the National Communication Commission (NCC) to also impose Telecom shut down in the adjourning Local Government Areas to Zamfara State;
- (v) again urge the Military and other security agencies to re-enforce the Forward Operation Bases in Dange-Shuni and Tureta Local Government Areas with more personnel and equipment to neutralize the bandits and criminals and secure the region; and
- (vi) mandate the Committees on Emergency and Disaster preparedness, and Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) to ensure compliance (HR. 49/09/2021).

*A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.*

#### 11. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Federal University of Science and Technology, Lau, Taraba State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB.1587).
- (2) National Emergency Medical Services Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB.1588).
- (3) National Electoral Offences Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB.1589).
- (4) Federal University of Agriculture and Technology, Aboh (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB.1590) — *First Reading deferred by leave of the House.*
- (5) Nigerian School of Economics, Lagos (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1574).
- (6) National Poverty Eradication Programme (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1579).
- (7) Nigeria Foreign Service Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1572).
- (8) Nigerian Military Academy, Igbo-Eze, Enugu State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1573).
- (9) Coastal and Inland Shipping Cabotage) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1575).

- (10) Anti-Kidnapping and Hostage Taking Bill, 2021 (HB. 1576).
- (11) National Agricultural Tool Development Centre, Aboh Mbaise, Imo State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1582).
- (12) Federal College of Medical Laboratory Sciences, Ngor Okpala, Imo State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1583).
- (13) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1584).
- (14) Federal University Teaching Hospital, Lokoja (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1586).
- (15) Agricultural Credit Guarantee Scheme Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1591).

**12. Presentation of Report**

***Committee on Navy:***

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Navy on a Bill for an Act to Establish Nigerian Maritime Trust Fund for the Purpose of Training, Provision of Security Equipment, and Related Facilities, enhance the Skills of the Personnel of the Nigerian Navy; and for Related Matters (HB. 1243)" (*Hon. Yusuf Adamu Gagdi — Kanke/Paskshin/Kanam Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

**13. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Education, Gwoza, Borno State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1485) — *Third Reading***

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Education, Gwoza, Borno State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1485) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader*).

*Agreed to.*

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

**14. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Facilities Management Agency charged with Responsibility to Ensure that Federal Real Property Assets are Properly Managed and Maintained; and for Related Matters (HB. 611 and HB. 1252) — *Second Reading***

*Order read; deferred by leave of the House.*

**15. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Agriculture, Igboora, Oyo State to make Comprehensive Provision for its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 413) — *Second Reading***

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Agriculture, Igboora, Oyo State to make Comprehensive Provision for its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 413) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Muraina Saubana Ajibola — Ibarapa Central/Ibarapa North Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Agricultural Institutions.*

16. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Amagu Ikwo, Ebonyi State; and for Related Matters (HB.1326) — Second Reading**  
*Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Amagu Ikwo, Ebonyi State; and for Related Matters (HB.1326) be read a Second Time" (Hon. Chinedu Ogah — Ikwo/Ezza North Federal Constituency).*

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Health Institutions.*

17. **Need to Mitigate the Ravaging Floods and Cholera Outbreak in Kirikasamma, Guri and Birninwa Local Government Areas of Jigawa State**  
*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that since the first week of July, 2021, there have been heavy rainfalls that have resulted to ravaging floods and cholera outbreak which have affected Kirikasamma, Guri and Birninwa Federal Constituency of Jigawa State, throwing the communities into chaos as residents have been forced to relocate to neighbouring Local Government Areas;

*Also notes* that in Karanka in Birninwa Local Government Area, Musari, Una, Kadira and Guri towns in Guri Local Government Area, Turabu, Baturiya, and Gishinawo in Kirikasamma Local Government Area, the floods destroyed farmlands and over 500 houses collapsed while others were submerged;

*Worried* that according to recent reports, over 200 people, mostly children and the elderly have died due to collapse of buildings and cholera as a result of the flooding;

*Also worried* that the situation has left the people of the affected communities in dire straits as they are exposed and vulnerable to the elements and disease which the General Hospital in Guri town has been cut off after the heavy rainfalls, and as a result, residents have been denied access to health care services;

*Disturbed* that the flood has polluted all sources of drinking water in the three Local Government Areas, hence the outbreak of cholera which is claiming hundreds of lives daily;

*Concerned* that Jigawa State has suffered greatly from the effects of flooding and if the situation is left unchecked, considering that the State is known for production of food crops, it could worsen Nigeria's current food insecurity which could lead to further increase in prices of staple foods which the affected communities are known to cultivate;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to, as a matter of urgency and as a temporary measure, provide food, medical services and other relief materials for victims of the flood disaster in the affected Local Government Areas in Jigawa State;
- (ii) also urge the Executive Arm of Government to assist the Jigawa State Government by making provisions for temporary shelters to ensure safety and dignity of the flood victims;

- (iii) further urge the Ecological Fund Office to take measures towards finding lasting solutions to forestall future occurrences of the disaster;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and Refugees to ensure compliance (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Kiri-Kasamma/Guri/Birninwa Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

**Amendments Proposed:**

- (i) In Prayer (i), immediately after the word "Jigawa", *leave out* the words "State Government", and *insert* the words "and Kano State Governments" (*Hon. Dederi Haruna Isa — Karaye/Rogo Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.*

- (ii) In Prayer (ii), immediately after the word "Jigawa", *leave out* the word "State", and *insert* the words "and Kano States" (*Hon. Dederi Haruna Isa — Karaye/Rogo Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.*

*Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that since the first week of July, 2021, there have been heavy rainfalls that have resulted to ravaging floods and cholera outbreak which have affected Kirikasamma, Guri and Birninwa Federal Constituency of Jigawa State, throwing the communities into chaos as residents have been forced to relocate to neighbouring Local Government Areas;

*Also noted* that in Karanka in Birninwa Local Government Area, Musafi, Una, Kadira and Guri towns in Guri Local Government Area, Turabu, Baturiya, and Gishinawo in Kirikasamma Local Government Area, the floods destroyed farmlands and over 500 houses collapsed while others were submerged;

*Worried* that according to recent reports, over 200 people, mostly children and the elderly have died due to collapse of buildings and cholera as a result of the flooding;

*Also worried* that the situation has left the people of the affected communities in dire straits as they are exposed and vulnerable to the elements and disease which the General Hospital in Guri town has been cut off after the heavy rainfalls, and as a result, residents have been denied access to health care services;

*Disturbed* that the flood has polluted all sources of drinking water in the three Local Government Areas, hence the outbreak of cholera which is claiming hundreds of lives daily;

*Concerned* that Jigawa State has suffered greatly from the effects of flooding and if the situation is left unchecked, considering that the State is known for production of food crops, it could worsen Nigeria's current food insecurity which could lead to further increase in prices of staple foods which the affected communities are known to cultivate;



*Resolved to:*

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to, as a matter of urgency and as a temporary measure, provide food, medical services and other relief materials for victims of the flood disaster in the affected Local Government Areas in Jigawa and Kano States;
- (ii) also urge the Executive Arm of Government to assist the Jigawa and Kano State Governments by making provisions for temporary shelters to ensure safety and dignity of the flood victims;
- (iii) further urge the Ecological Fund Office to take measures towards finding lasting solutions to forestall future occurrences of the disaster;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and Refugees to ensure compliance (**HR. 50/09/2021**).

**18. Call on the Federal Government to Takeover and Complete MKO Abiola International Airport, Ido-Osun, Osun State**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that the MKO Abiola International Airport is situated in Ido-Osun, Egbedore Local Government Area of Osun State, a community where aviation activity first took place in the entire West Africa;

*Also notes* that after the acquisition of the site, an airstrip, which served as a take-off and landing platform for the West African Frontier Force during the Second World War, was constructed by the British Empire in the area;

*Further notes* that the site spans over 839 hectares of land located in a flat area which the British considered a perfect site for aviation activities and thereafter made it the first landing strip in British West Africa during the preparation for the Second World War;

*Aware* that historical sites such as this are meant to be revitalized and preserved to foster the appreciation of national history and heritage;

*Also aware* that the Administration of former Governor Oyinlola made attempt to construct a modern Airport on the same expanse of land, but that could not be achieved before the end of the tenure of that Administration;

*Further aware* that subsequent Administrations of former Governor Rauf Aregbesola and the incumbent Governor Gboyega Oyetola attempted to complete the Airport, but were constrained by several factors;

*Worried* that the construction of 3.5 kilometers runway project was abandoned despite billions of Naira expended on the project;

*Cognizant* that the massive potentials of tourism in Osun State is capable of shoring up Nigeria and the State's revenues in dollars and can best be encouraged with the establishment of an Airport in the State given that the state has a population of over 4 million with huge economic and agricultural potentials;

*Again aware* that Osun State is one of the most urbanized and cosmopolitan States in Nigeria with the presence of eight leading public and private Universities and several other prominent higher institutions of learning;

*Acknowledges* that the Airport will facilitate trade, generate economic growth and ultimately create jobs for the teeming unemployed youths in the State;

*Worried* that the current state of finance of Osun State may not be able to complete the construction of the Airport as huge capital will be required to do so and if nothing is done to complete the project in Ido-Osun, the several billions of naira already spent would have gone down the drains;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government to take over and complete the MKO Abiola Airport, Ido-Osun, Osun State;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Aviation and the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority to liaise with Osun State Government to look at the possibility of partnership on the project;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Aviation to ensure compliance (*Hon. Bamidele Salam — Ede North/Ede South/Egbedore/Ejigbo Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

**Amendment Proposed:**

*Leave out Prayers (i) and (ii), and insert as follows “urge the Executive Arm of Government to enter into agreement with Osun State Government to take over the project and ensure its completion” (Hon. Sada Soli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency).*

*Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.*

*Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that the MKO Abiola International Airport is situated in Ido-Osun, Egbedore Local Government Area of Osun State, a community where aviation activity first took place in the entire West Africa;

*Also noted* that after the acquisition of the site, an airstrip, which served as a take-off and landing platform for the West African Frontier Force during the Second World War, was constructed by the British Empire in the area;

*Further noted* that the site spans over 839 hectares of land located in a flat area which the British considered a perfect site for aviation activities and thereafter made it the first landing strip in British West Africa during the preparation for the Second World War;

*Aware* that historical sites such as this are meant to be revitalized and preserved to foster the appreciation of national history and heritage;

*Also aware* that the Administration of former Governor Oyinlola made attempt to construct a modern Airport on the same expanse of land, but that could not be achieved before the end of the tenure of that Administration;

*Further aware* that subsequent Administrations of former Governor Rauf Aregbesola and the incumbent Governor Gboyega Oyetola attempted to complete the Airport, but were constrained by several factors;

*Worried* that the construction of 3.5 kilometers runway project was abandoned despite billions of Naira expended on the project;

*Cognizant* that the massive potentials of tourism in Osun State is capable of shoring up Nigeria and the State's revenues in dollars and can best be encouraged with the establishment of an Airport in the State given that the state has a population of over 4 million with huge economic and agricultural potentials;

*Again aware* that Osun State is one of the most urbanized and cosmopolitan States in Nigeria with the presence of eight leading public and private Universities and several other prominent higher institutions of learning;

*Acknowledged* that the Airport will facilitate trade, generate economic growth and ultimately create jobs for the teeming unemployed youths in the State;

*Worried* that the current state of finance of Osun State may not be able to complete the construction of the Airport as huge capital will be required to do so and if nothing is done to complete the project in Ido-Osun, the several billions of naira already spent would have gone down the drains;

*Resolved to:*

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government to enter into agreement with Osun State Government to take over the project and ensure its completion;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Aviation to ensure compliance (**HR. 51/09/2021**).

**19. Need to Extend Railway Line from Apapa Port to Tincan and Ijegun Ports:**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that the Tin Can Port in Lagos is the second busiest Port in Nigeria after Apapa Port, with a storage capacity of 28,000 metric tonnes of grain which is transported by Fleetwood transportation;

*Also notes* that the terminal handles wheat, maize and malt and can take delivery of about 4,000 metric tonnes of grain daily and the port facilities can handle ships of about 30,000 tonnes;

*Aware* that the Port handles diversified Cargoes with each terminal operator specializing in unique forms of cargo such as Dry and Wet bulk cargoes and Box- containerized Cargoes;

*Also aware* that currently, Ijegun Port absorbs 25 per cent of the 60 per cent of the nation's petroleum products and would be able to absorb 50 per cent with greater co-operation from the government and handles millions of tons of containers and various goods daily;

*Cognizant* that over 50 Oil Tank Farms have relocated to Ijegun in Amuwo Odofin Federal Constituency of Lagos thereby causing oil tankers to occupy all sides of old Ojo Road and every street in Ijegun, Kirikiri and Satellite town, thus leading to constant traffic jam in Oshodi Apapa Expressway;

Also cognizant that fully loaded tankers of several capacities would line up on the community roads in Ijegun Egba/Satellite town, from the beginning of Mumuni Adio Badmos Road to the end of Pioneer Road, from various points of the Tank farms to the Mumuni Adio Badmos Road junction, and from Finger through the Old Ojo Road to Dantata junction onward to Mile 2 for the whole day and most worrisome at nights;

*Further notes* that the constant gridlock along this axis of Lagos - Oshodi Apapa Expressway is creating both economic and social stagnation in Lagos and the nation at large as valuable time is wasted daily in goods delivery both containers and petroleum products;

*Observes* that a railway line has been linked to Apapa Port while Tincan Port which is the largest port in Nigeria and Ijgun Port where over 50 Oil Tank Farms are located still depends on tankers to evacuate them through land transportation, in addition to the millions of tons of containers and various goods that cause Lagos roads to be blocked almost all the time which causes the country to waste billions of naira through time wastage and accidents resulting from the traffic jam;

*Also observes* that oil tankers and heavy-duty vehicles carrying containers of different sizes and tonnes of goods are caused so much damage to the roads that cost the Government trillions of naira to build and maintain;

*Further observes* that if a railway line could link Apapa Port to Ijgun Port through Tincan Port it would create an alternative route of transporting petroleum products, containers and various goods, thereby decongesting the roads and save the country billions of Naira and less road damage;

*Conscious* that with a railway line linking Tincan Island Port and Ijgun Port, goods going to the North and other parts of the country would be easily and cheaply transported, thereby saving Nigerian roads from destruction and reduction in accident rate;

*Also conscious* that the distance between Apapa port to Tincan Island Port and Ijgun Port in Satellite town is less than fifteen kilometers and the extension of the railway line could be minimal in cost due to its short distance in length and would bring huge financial benefit to the country;

*Informed* that the present Lagos-Kano railway line being constructed is 2,700 kilometres in length, therefore, an extension of 15 kilometers railway line from Apapa port to Tincan Island Port and Ijgun Port in Satellite town will no doubt be of huge economic benefits to the nation as it will enable the Federal Government to move more goods to other parts of the country and reduce damage done to the roads;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government to extend the railway line from Apapa Port through Tincan Port to Ijgun Port tankers terminal in Satellite town;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Transportation and the Nigerian Railway Corporation to, as a matter of urgency, include the construction of a railway line from Apapa Port to Ijgun Port through Tincan Port in the 2022 budget estimates;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Legislative Compliance, and Land Transport to ensure compliance (*Hon. Oghene Emma Egoh — Ikwo/Ezza South Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

**Amendment Proposed:**

In Prayer (iii), *leave out* the words “Legislative Compliance” and *insert* the word “Appropriations” (*Hon. Ndudi Elumelu — Aniocha/Oshimili Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.*

*Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that the Tin Can Port in Lagos is the second busiest Port in Nigeria after Apapa Port, with a storage capacity of 28,000 metric tonnes of grain which is transported by Fleetwood transportation;

*Also noted* that the terminal handles wheat, maize and malt and can take delivery of about 4,000 metric tonnes of grain daily and the port facilities can handle ships of about 30,000 tonnes;

*Aware* that the Port handles diversified Cargoes with each terminal operator specializing in unique forms of cargo such as Dry and Wet bulk cargoes and Box- containerized Cargoes;

*Also aware* that currently, Ijegun Port absorbs 25 per cent of the 60 per cent of the nation's petroleum products and would be able to absorb 50 per cent with greater co-operation from the government and handles millions of tons of containers and various goods daily;

*Cognizant* that over 50 Oil Tank Farms have relocated to Ijegun in Amuwo Odofin Federal Constituency of Lagos thereby causing oil tankers to occupy all sides of old Ojo Road and every street in Ijegun, Kirikiri and Satellite town, thus leading to constant traffic jam in Oshodi Apapa Expressway;

*Also cognizant* that fully loaded tankers of several capacities would line up on the community roads in Ijegun Egba/Satellite town, from the beginning of Mumuni Adio Badmos Road to the end of Pioneer Road, from various points of the Tank farms to the Mumuni Adio Badmos Road junction, and from Finger through the Old Ojo Road to Dantata junction onward to Mile 2 for the whole day and most worrisome at nights;

*Further noted* that the constant gridlock along this axis of Lagos - Oshodi Apapa Expressway is creating both economic and social stagnation in Lagos and the nation at large as valuable time is wasted daily in goods delivery both containers and petroleum products;

*Observed* that a railway line has been linked to Apapa Port while Tincan Port which is the largest port in Nigeria and Ijegun Port where over 50 Oil Tank Farms are located still depends on tankers to evacuate them through land transportation, in addition to the millions of tons of containers and various goods that cause Lagos roads to be blocked almost all the time which causes the country to waste billions of naira through time wastage and accidents resulting from the traffic jam;

*Also observed* that oil tankers and heavy-duty vehicles carrying containers of different sizes and tonnes of goods are caused so much damage to the roads that cost the Government trillions of naira to build and maintain;

*Further observed* that if a railway line could link Apapa Port to Ijegun Port through Tincan Port it would create an alternative route of transporting petroleum products, containers and various goods, thereby decongesting the roads and save the country billions of Naira and less road damage;

*Conscious* that with a railway line linking Tincan Island Port and Ijegun Port, goods going to the North and other parts of the country would be easily and cheaply transported, thereby saving Nigerian roads from destruction and reduction in accident rate;

*Also conscious* that the distance between Apapa port to Tincan Island Port and Ijegun Port in Satellite town is less than fifteen kilometers and the extension of the railway line could be minimal in cost due to its short distance in length and would bring huge financial benefit to the country;

*Informed* that the present Lagos-Kano railway line being constructed is 2,700 kilometres in length, therefore, an extension of 15 kilometers railway line from Apapa port to Tincan Island Port and Ijegun Port in Satellite town will no doubt be of huge economic benefits to the nation as it will enable the Federal Government to move more goods to other parts of the country and reduce damage done to the roads;

*Resolved to:*

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government to extend the railway line from Apapa Port through Tincan Port to Ijegun Port tankers terminal in Satellite town;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Transportation and the Nigerian Railway Corporation to, as a matter of urgency, include the construction of a railway line from Apapa Port to Ijegun Port through Tincan Port in the 2022 budget estimates;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Appropriations, and Land Transport to ensure compliance (**HR. 52/09/2021**).

**20. Need to Address the Epileptic Power Supply in Abak, Etim Ekpo and Ika Local Government Areas of Akwa Ibom State**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* the importance of electricity to the socio-economic, industrial growth and development of any society;

*Also notes* the abysmal power supply to the people of Abak, Etim Ekpo and Ika Local Government Areas of Akwa Ibom State where more than eighty percent (80%) of Small and Medium Enterprises depend on electricity supply to enhance productivity and socio-economic development in the Area;

*Aware* that electricity consumers in the Area enjoy less than five days of power supply in a month but receive estimated bills from the Port Harcourt Electricity Distribution Company (PHED) running into thousands of naira monthly;

*Also aware* that the hardships being experienced by the people in Area due to epileptic power supply hamper productivity, economic growth, poverty alleviation and wealth creation capacities, thus resulting in criminality and insecurity in the Area;

*Observes* that the epileptic power supply can be attributed to the obsolete power lines, dilapidated transformers and equipment which the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) has refused to address;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Power, the PHCN and the PHED to ensure urgent improvement of electricity supply in Abak, Etim Ekpo and Ika Local Government Areas of Akwa Ibom State;
- (ii) also urge the Port Harcourt Electricity Distribution Company to desist from billing consumers for electricity not supplied to them and urgently provide meters for consumers in the Area;
- (iii) further urge Port Harcourt Electricity Distribution Company to urgently extend the 33KVA power line from Afaha Ube substation in Uyo to Abak, Etim Ekpo and Ika Local Government Areas and ensure the replacement of obsolete equipment and transformers to enhance power supply;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Power, and Rural Development to ensure compliance (*Hon. Aniekan John Umanah — Abak/Etim Ekpo/Ika Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

The House:

*Noted* the importance of electricity to the socio-economic, industrial growth and development of any society;

*Also noted* the abysmal power supply to the people of Abak, Etim Ekpo and Ika Local Government Areas of Akwa Ibom State where more than eighty percent (80%) of Small and Medium Enterprises depend on electricity supply to enhance productivity and socio-economic development in the Area;

*Aware* that electricity consumers in the Area enjoy less than five days of power supply in a month but receive estimated bills from the Port Harcourt Electricity Distribution Company (PHED) running into thousands of naira monthly;

*Also aware* that the hardships being experienced by the people in Area due to epileptic power supply hamper productivity, economic growth, poverty alleviation and wealth creation capacities, thus resulting in criminality and insecurity in the Area;

*Observed* that the epileptic power supply can be attributed to the obsolete power lines, dilapidated transformers and equipment which the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) has refused to address;

*Resolved to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Power, the PHCN and the PHED to ensure urgent improvement of electricity supply in Abak, Etim Ekpo and Ika Local Government Areas of Akwa Ibom;
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- (iii) further urge Port Harcourt Electricity Distribution Company to urgently extend the 33KVA power line from Afaha Ube substation in Uyo to Abak, Etim Ekpo and Ika Local Government Areas and ensure the replacement of obsolete equipment and transformers to enhance power supply;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Power, and Rural Development to ensure Compliance (HR. 53/09/2021).

**21. Need to Investigate the Brutal Murder at Igangan, Igbo Ora, Ayete, Tapa in Ibarapa Area of Oyo State by Men of the Nigeria Customs Service**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that at about 8.00 p.m. on July 16, 2021, men of the Nigeria Customs Service attacked Igangan, Igbo-Ora, Ayete, Tapa, and other communities in Ibarapa Area of Oyo State, which resulted in the death of four harmless and innocent residents;

*Also notes* that the attackers dressed in Nigeria Customs Service and Nigeria Army Uniforms, drove on high speed into the communities in a convoy of two Toyota Hilux and one Toyota Sienna bus, and without any provocation from the residents shot sporadically in built-up areas, killed Muritala Ajasa, the Amotekun Commandant in Ibarapa Central Local Government Area, at Igbo-Ora, killed two passers-by at Igangan and one person at Ayete, leaving several residents with life-threatening gunshot injuries;

*Aware* that on June 6, 2021 about 40 days before the attack, Igangan was invaded in the night by suspected armed bandits who reportedly killed 15 residents and razed down the Afin Oba (Palace), two Petrol Filling Stations, and destroyed properties worth millions of naira;

*Also aware* of reports that the Public Relations Officer of the Nigeria Customs Service, Mr Theophilus Duniya, issued a Press Release admitting that the attack was a face-off between men of the Nigeria Customs Service and suspected smugglers who were resisting seizure of smuggled rice by allegedly inciting a mob to attack the Customs men, which resulted in the shooting and eventual disarming of one of the smugglers;

*Further aware* that because of several similar conflicts with men of the Nigeria Customs Service in the past, which have resulted in the death of innocent residents, leaders of the affected communities, have made several appeals to the Nigeria Customs Service to reduce the number of patrols carried out by armed Nigeria Customs men within the communities, which have proved futile as the Service instead increased and intensified patrols despite the fact that the communities are over 200 kilometers away from the closest border post;

*Disturbed* that contrary to the claim of the Nigeria Customs Service spokesperson that the victims of the face-off were smugglers, residents of the affected communities affirmed that the 4 persons who were killed, as well as several others who sustained life-threatening injuries were not smugglers but ordinary residents who were carrying out their routine daily activities;

*Recalls* that from the year 2020, the number of innocent Nigerians who had been brutally killed by reckless armed men of the Nigeria Customs Service on the pretext of resisting smuggling is increasing by the day without anything being done to protect innocent citizens;

*Also recalls* that in October 2020, one Moses Atanda was killed in his shop by a stray bullet from the men of the Nigerian Customs Service, similarly on 31 December 2020, one person was killed at Oke-Odan, Yewa South Local Government Area of Ogun State by men of the Nigerian Customs while chasing a car smuggler; another was killed in Aiyetoro, Ogun State, by Customs men while chasing smugglers of foreign rice and in May 2021, at Iseyin Oyo State, men of the Customs Service engaged suspected smugglers in a shoot-out during which four innocent persons were killed and in August 2021, Nigeria Customs Service men allegedly chasing suspected smugglers, killed 5 persons and injured over 15 others at Jibia, Kastina State;

*Disappointed* by the brazenness of the men of the Nigeria Customs Service, who, instead of being remorseful, continue to threaten residents of the affected communities and the general public under the guise of doing all it takes to suppress smuggling activities;

*Worried* that the unguarded statements by the Nigeria Customs Service indicate that the Service believes in the Machiavellian philosophy of the ends justify the means, even if it means destroying the properties and lives of legitimate residents;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased;
- (ii) condemn the killing of four persons at Igangan, Igbo Ora, Ayete, and Tapa in the Ibarapa Area, of Oyo State by men of the Nigeria Customs Service;
- (iii) condole with the families and friends of all those who lost their lives in the crisis;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Customs and Excise to investigate the shootings at Igangan with a view to ensuring that victims are adequately compensated, and report within three (3) weeks (*Hon Ajibola Saubana Muraina — Ibarapa Central/Ibarapa North Federal Constituency*).



*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that at about 8.00 p.m. on July 16, 2021, men of the Nigeria Customs Service attacked Igangan, Igbo-Ora, Ayete, Tapa, and other communities in Ibarapa Area of Oyo State, which resulted in the death of four harmless and innocent residents;

*Also noted* that the attackers dressed in Nigeria Customs Service and Nigeria Army Uniforms, drove on high speed into the communities in a convoy of two Toyota Hilux and one Toyota Sienna bus, and without any provocation from the residents shot sporadically in built-up areas, killed Muritala Ajasa, the Amotekun Commandant in Ibarapa Central Local Government Area, at Igbo-Ora, killed two passers-by at Igangan and one person at Ayete, leaving several residents with life-threatening gunshot injuries;

*Aware* that on June 6, 2021 about 40 days before the attack, Igangan was invaded in the night by suspected armed bandits who reportedly killed 15 residents and razed down the Afin Oba (Palace), two Petrol Filling Stations, and destroyed properties worth millions of Naira;

*Also aware* of reports that the Public Relations Officer of the Nigeria Customs Service, Mr Theophilus Duniya, issued a Press Release admitting that the attack was a face-off between men of the Nigeria Customs Service and suspected smugglers who were resisting seizure of smuggled rice by allegedly inciting a mob to attack the Customs men, which resulted in the shooting and eventual disarming of one of the smugglers;

*Further aware* that because of several similar conflicts with men of the Nigeria Customs Service in the past, which have resulted in the death of innocent residents, leaders of the affected communities, have made several appeals to the Nigeria Customs Service to reduce the number of patrols carried out by armed Nigeria Customs men within the communities, which have proved futile as the Service instead increased and intensified patrols despite the fact that the communities are over 200 kilometers away from the closest border post;

*Disturbed* that contrary to the claim of the Nigeria Customs Service spokesperson that the victims of the face-off were smugglers, residents of the affected communities affirmed that the 4 persons who were killed, as well as several others who sustained life-threatening injuries were not smugglers but ordinary residents who were carrying out their routine daily activities;

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*A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.*

**22. Need to Address the Constitutional Infraction in the Appointment of the Chairman and the Secretary of the Federal Character Commission**

*Order deferred by leave of the House.*

**23. Adjournment**

*That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 16 September, 2021 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader).*

*The House adjourned accordingly at 2.23 p.m.*

**Femi Hakeem Gbajabamila**  
*Speaker*