



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 19 January, 2022

1. The House met at 11.23 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, 18 January, 2022.  
*The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.*
4. **Message**  
Mr Speaker read a message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:



**PRESIDENT,**  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

14 January, 2022

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

*Dear Rt Hon. F. Gbajabiamila,*

**PASSAGE OF THE PROCEEDS OF CRIME BILL, WHISTLE BLOWER  
BILL AND WITNESS PROTECTION BILL**

*Cognizant* that the Late Otunba (Dr) Adebayo Alao-Akala served Oyo State diligently as Governor and contributed immensely towards the growth, development, peace and sustainability of the State and Nigeria;

*Acknowledged* that his death is a national loss and the Late Otunba (Dr) Adebayo Alao-Akala deserves national recognition for his relentless and selfless service to the nation;

*Resolved to:*

- (i) observe a minute silence in his honour;
- (ii) send a delegation to commiserate with his family; and
- (iii) urge the Federal Government to immortalise Otunba (Dr) Christopher Adebayo Alao-Akala (HR. 05/01/2022).

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

- (ii) ***Invasion of Magodo Government Reserve Area (GRA) Phase 2 by the Nigeria Police Force Under the Directive of Inspector-General of Police and the Attorney-General of the Federation:***

Hon. Ademorin Aliu Kuye (Shomolu 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.*

***Invasion of Magodo Government Reserve Area (GRA) Phase 2 by the Nigeria Police Force Under the Directive of Inspector General of Police and the Attorney General of the Federation:***

The House:

*Aware* that residents of Magodo GRA, Phase 2, Shangisha Lagos, woke up on the morning of December 5, 2020 to the sight of hundreds of arms wielding thugs, stern-looking and armed policemen and members of the Shangisha Landlords Association purportedly to execute a judgment;

*Also aware* that the judgment that was supposedly being enforced was delivered in 2012 by the Supreme Court in the case of Military Governor of Lagos State & Ors vs Adebayo Adeyiga & Ors in Appeal No. SC/112/2002, wherein the Apex Court affirmed the judgment of the Court of Appeal which had earlier upheld the judgment of the High Court delivered on 31 December, 1993 in suit No. ID/795/88;

*Further aware* that the declaratory judgment of the Supreme Court only recognized the Judgment Creditors as being entitled to the allocation and reallocation of 549 plots of land in Shangisha Village, and not for possession of any land;

*Cognizant* that several attempts have been made by the Lagos State Government from 2012-2015, to settle the matter amicably by engaging the Judgment Creditors during which it presented a proposal for reallocation in the Magodo Residential Scheme within the Badagry area of the state which some of them accepted;

*Informed* that the Lagos State Government, in 2016, initiated a settlement to reallocate Ibeju Lekki Coastal Scheme located in the Ibeju Lekki Area but the offer was rejected by the lead plaintiff, Chief Adebayo Adeyiga, as the Government continued to dialogue with majority of the Judgment Creditors to reach a concession towards implementing the judgment;

*Worried* that despite the ongoing settlement efforts and the pendency of an interlocutory injunction dated December 1, 2020 before the Court of Appeal seeking an order restraining him and his agents, Chief Adeyiga purportedly encouraged by the Attorney General of the Federation and the Inspector-General of Police, stormed the estate with unknown bailiffs and armed security operatives to execute a judgment that was purportedly delivered by a Lagos High Court;

*Also worried* that the execution sought to be enforce through the office of the AGF with the connivance of the IGP is illegal as only the Lagos State Deputy Sheriff can execute same and not thugs aided by Policemen;

*Equally worried* that the high handedness and reckless show of force exhibited on 5 December, 2021 and 4 January, 2022 in Magodo by Chief Adeyiga and his cohorts in blatant disregard to Order 8 Rule 17 of the Supreme Court Rules, 2014 and Section 37 of the Enforcement of Judgment, Part III of the Sheriffs and Civil Process Act, LFN 2004 can lead to loss of lives and properties and ultimately breakdown of law and order;

*Further worried* that the attempt of the Attorney-General of the Federation to destabilize Lagos State by using his office to back the illegality as a meddlesome interloper through the instrumentality of the Nigeria Police Force was to scuttle the ongoing settlement between the Lagos State Government, Magodo GRA 2 Residents and the Judgment Creditors;

*Resolves to:*

Mandate the Committees on Justice, Public Petitions, and Police Affairs to:

- (a) investigate the involvement of the Attorney General of the Federation and the Inspector General of Police in the attempt to destabilize the peace of Lagos State; scuttle the ongoing settlement process and enforce an illegality; and
- (b) recommend appropriate sanction(s) for any officer found culpable in the illegal enforcement of the said Supreme Court judgment and break down of law and order (*Hon. Ademorin Aliu Kuye — Shomolu Federal Constituency and 1 other*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Aware* that residents of Magodo GRA, Phase 2, Shangisha Lagos, woke up on the morning of December 5, 2020 to the sight of hundreds of arms wielding thugs, stern-looking and armed policemen and members of the Shangisha Landlords Association purportedly to execute a judgment;

*Also aware* that the judgment that was supposedly being enforced was delivered in 2012 by the Supreme Court in the case of Military Governor of Lagos State & Ors vs Adebayo Adeyiga & Ors in Appeal No. SC/112/2002, wherein the Apex Court affirmed the judgment of the Court of Appeal which had earlier upheld the judgment of the High Court delivered on 31 December, 1993 in suit No. ID/795/88;

*Further aware* that the declaratory judgment of the Supreme Court only recognized the Judgment Creditors as being entitled to the allocation and reallocation of 549 plots of land in Shangisha Village, and not for possession of any land;

*Cognizant* that several attempts have been made by the Lagos State Government from 2012-2015, to settle the matter amicably by engaging the Judgment Creditors during which it presented a proposal for reallocation in the Magodo Residential Scheme within the Badagry area of the state which some of them accepted;

*Informed* that the Lagos State Government, in 2016, initiated a settlement to reallocate Ibeju Lekki Coastal Scheme located in the Ibeju Lekki Area but the offer was rejected by the lead plaintiff, Chief Adebayo Adeyiga, as the Government continued to dialogue with majority of the Judgment Creditors to reach a concession towards implementing the judgment;

*Worried* that despite the ongoing settlement efforts and the pendency of an interlocutory injunction dated December 1, 2020 before the Court of Appeal seeking an order restraining him and his agents, Chief Adeyiga purportedly encouraged by the Attorney General of the Federation and the Inspector-General of Police, stormed the estate with unknown bailiffs and armed security operatives to execute a judgment that was purportedly delivered by a Lagos High Court;

*Also worried* that the execution sought to be enforce through the office of the AGF with the connivance of the IGP is illegal as only the Lagos State Deputy Sheriff can execute same and not thugs aided by Policemen;

*Equally worried* that the high handedness and reckless show of force exhibited on 5 December, 2021 and 4 January, 2022 in Magodo by Chief Adeyiga and his cohorts in blatant disregard to Order 8 Rule 17 of the Supreme Court Rules, 2014 and Section 37 of the Enforcement of Judgment, Part III of the Sheriffs and Civil Process Act, LFN 2004 can lead to loss of lives and properties and ultimately breakdown of law and order;

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*Resolves to:*

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- (a) investigate the involvement of the Attorney General of the Federation and the Inspector General of Police in the attempt to destabilize the peace of Lagos State, scuttle the ongoing settlement process and enforce an illegality; and
- (b) recommend appropriate sanction(s) for any officer found culpable in the illegal enforcement of the said Supreme Court judgment and break down of law and order (HR. 06/01/2022).

*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. Sulaiman Abubakar Gumi — Gummi/Bukkuyum Federal Constituency).

*Agreed to.*

(iii) ***Recent Killings and Destruction of Properties in Some Communities in Bukkuyum and Anka Local Government Areas, Zamfara State by Armed Bandits:***

Hon. Sulaiman Abubakar Gumi (Gummi/Bukkuyum 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 Killings and Destruction of Properties in Some Communities in Bukkuyum and Anka Local Government Areas, Zamfara State by Armed Bandits:***

The House:

*Notes* that on Wednesday, 5 and Thursday, 6 January, 2022, a large number of armed bandits attacked and killed 36 persons in Bukkuyum and 22 persons in Anka Local Government Areas, and razed several villages and communities, including Rafin Danya, Kurfa and Rafin Gero;

*Disturbed* that apart from the killings, the wanton destruction of properties has adverse psycho-socio effects on the affected persons and also gave rise to a huge humanitarian crisis in these parts of the country;

*Also disturbed* that other communities including Daki Tawas, Birnin Tudu, Leshi and Gambanda Magero have received threats of invasion by the bandits in the event that they fail to pay levies imposed by the bandits;

*Aware* that the quick response of the Nigerian Air Force helped to quell further attacks and loss of lives;

*Concerned* that the response by the military aircraft, though timely, was limited, by virtue of the capacity of such aircrafts to operate in the night and also hit targets sited in the midst of innocent citizens;

*Also concerned* that the porous borders between Niger Republic and some northern states, including Zamfara, contribute largely in heightening the level of arms proliferation in the state at large, and also serve as one of the root causes of banditry and criminal activities in the area;

*Notes* that recent air raids by the Nigerian Air Force have dispersed the bandits to several areas within the forest surrounding the state, thereby making the surrounding communities vulnerable to attacks;

*Also notes* that as a result of those air strikes, most of the fleeing bandits are attacking villages along their escape routes;

*Desirous* of strengthening the capacity to win the war against banditry and terrorism and also facilitating efforts to bring succor to affected persons and communities;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) observe a minute silence for innocent Nigerians who lost their lives as a result of armed attacks in Anka and Bukkuyum Local Government Areas in Zamfara State;
- (ii) call on the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development as well as the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to as a matter of urgency, complement the efforts of the state government in addressing the needs of displaced persons caused by the attacks;
- (iii) commend the Nigerian Air Force for its intervention in the recent attacks;
- (iv) urge the Nigerian Air Force to deploy more appropriate fighter jets like the Super Tucano Air Craft to Zamfara State to suppress the attacks;
- (v) also call on the Nigerian military to further fortify the area with increased presence, given that the attacks are perpetrated by fleeing and relocating bandits;
- (vi) also urge the Nigeria Immigration Service and Nigeria Customs Service to intensify border control measures in those areas in order to reduce the high level of arms proliferation and illegal emigrants into the country, as well as fleeing bandits;
- (vii) further call on the Nigeria Police Force to investigate threats of invasion by bandits and the alleged levies imposed on those communities with the aim of curtailing the threats and attacks (*Hon. Sulaiman Abubakar Gumi — Gummi/Bukkuyum Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that on Wednesday, 5 and Thursday, 6 January, 2022, a large number of armed bandits attacked and killed 36 persons in Bukkuyum and 22 persons in Anka Local Government Areas, and razed several villages and communities, including Rafin Danya, Kurfa and Rafin Gero;

*Disturbed* that apart from the killings, the wanton destruction of properties has adverse psycho-socio effects on the affected persons and also gave rise to a huge humanitarian crisis in these parts of the country;

*Also disturbed* that other communities including Daki Tawas, Birnin Tudu, Leshi and Gambanda Magero have received threats of invasion by the bandits in the event that they fail to pay levies imposed by the bandits;

*Aware* that the quick response of the Nigerian Air Force helped to quell further attacks and loss of lives;

*Concerned* that the response by the military aircraft, though timely, was limited, by virtue of the capacity of such aircrafts to operate in the night and also hit targets sited in the midst of innocent citizens;

*Also concerned* that the porous borders between Niger Republic and some northern states, including Zamfara, contribute largely in heightening the level of arms proliferation in the state at large, and also serve as one of the root causes of banditry and criminal activities in the area;

*Noted* that recent air raids by the Nigerian Air Force have dispersed the bandits to several areas within the forest surrounding the state, thereby making the surrounding communities vulnerable to attacks;

*Also noted* that as a result of those air strikes, most of the fleeing bandits are attacking villages along their escape routes;

*Desirous* of strengthening the capacity to win the war against banditry and terrorism and also facilitating efforts to bring succor to affected persons and communities;

*Resolved to:*

- (i) observe a minute silence for innocent Nigerians who lost their lives as a result of armed attacks in Anka and Bukkuyum Local Government Areas in Zamfara State;
- (ii) call on the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development as well as the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to as a matter of urgency, complement the efforts of the state government in addressing the needs of displaced persons caused by the attacks;
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- (v) also call on the Nigerian military to further fortify the area with increased presence, given that the attacks are perpetrated by fleeing and relocating bandits;
- (vi) also urge the Nigeria Immigration Service and Nigeria Customs Service to intensify border control measures in those areas in order to reduce the high level of arms proliferation and illegal emigrants into the country, as well as fleeing bandits;
- (vii) further call on the Nigeria Police Force to investigate threats of invasion by bandits and the alleged levies imposed on those communities with the aim of curtailing the threats and attacks (HR. 07/01/2022).

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

8. **Order of the Day**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do set down Presentation of Bills, items 1 - 5, 7 - 8, and 10 on the Order Paper to the next legislative day, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 6 (3)" (Hon. Fulata Abubakar Hassan — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency).

*Agreed to.*

9. **Re-committal of Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 981)**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that the Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill was passed by the National Assembly and transmitted to the President for assent but the assent was withheld;

*Also notes* that in withholding the assent, the President particularly referred to the amendment of Section 87 of the Electoral Act, 2010 dealing with the mode of nomination of candidates by Political Parties;

*Further notes* that Section 87 (2) of the Electoral Act, 2010 provides that the procedure for the nomination of Candidates by political parties for various elective positions shall be by direct or indirect primaries;

*Recalls* that the National Assembly amended Section 87(2) of the Electoral Act, 2010 as Clause 84 (2) of the Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 to read thus:

*"The procedure for nomination of Candidates by Political Parties for various elective positions shall be by direct primaries";*

*Cognizant* of the need to allow Political Parties to choose the procedure for nomination of Candidates for elective positions;

*Resolves to:*

Commit Section 84 (2) of the Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 to the Committee of the Whole for reconsideration in accordance with Order 12, Rule 20 (1-3) of the Standing Orders of the House (Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency).

*Agreed to.*

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do suspend Order Seven, Rule 2 (2), to enable the Speaker preside in the Committee of the Whole" (Hon. Fulata Abubakar Hassan — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency) — *Agreed to.*

**10. Consideration of Report**

*A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Electoral Act No. 6, 2010 and Enact the Electoral Act, 2021, to Regulate the Conduct of Elections in the Federal, State and Area Councils in the Federal Capital Territory; and for Related Matters (HB. 981) (Committee of the Whole):*

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Electoral Act No. 6, 2010 and Enact the Electoral Act 2021, to Regulate the Conduct of Elections in the Federal, State and Area Councils in the Federal Capital Territory; and for Related Matters (HB. 981)" (Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader)

*Agreed to.*

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

**(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)**

*(Mr Speaker in the Chair)*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL THE ELECTORAL ACT, NO. 6, 2010  
AND ENACT THE ELECTORAL ACT, 2021, TO REGULATE THE CONDUCT  
OF ELECTONS IN THE FEDERAL, STATE AND AREA COUNCILS IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL  
TERRITORY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 981)

**Clause 84: Nomination of candidates by parties.**

- (1) A political party seeking to nominate candidates for elections under this Bill shall hold primaries for aspirants to all elective positions.
- (2) The procedure for the nomination of candidates by political parties for the various elective positions shall be by direct or indirect primaries (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause 84 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

*Chairman to report Bill.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Electoral Act No. 6, 2010 and Enact the Electoral Act, 2021, to Regulate the Conduct of Elections in the Federal, State and Area Councils in the Federal Capital Territory; and for Related Matters (HB. 981) and approved Clause 84 (1) and (2) of the Bill.

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

**11. Adjournment**

*That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 20 January, 2022 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Peter Akpatason — Deputy House Leader).*

*The House adjourned accordingly at 2.01 p.m.*

**Femi Hakeem Gbajabiamila**  
*Speaker*

