



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 29 March, 2022

1. The House met at 11.28 a.m. Mr Deputy Speaker read the Prayers.
2. The House recited the National Pledge.
3. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Deputy Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 24 March, 2022.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Message**
Mr Deputy Speaker read a message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

21st March, 2022

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

Dear Rt Hon. F. Gbajabiamila,

**TRANSMISSION OF THE NATIONAL SENIOR SECONDARY
EDUCATION COMMISSION BILL, 2021 FOR CONSIDERATION**

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) In Prayer (i), immediately after the words "task force on airports", insert the words "and railway lines" (Hon. Mukhtar Ahmed — Kaduna South Federal Constituency)

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) In Prayer (ii), immediately after the words "Ministry of Aviation", insert the words "Ministry of Transportation" (Hon. Mukhtar Ahmed — Kaduna South Federal Constituency)

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (iii) In Prayer (iii), immediately after the words "Heads of Aviation Agency", insert the words "and Minister of Transportation" (Hon. Mukhtar Ahmed — Kaduna South Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (iv) Insert a new Prayer (iv) as follows:
"Observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased at the Airport attack" (Hon. Mukhtar Ahmed — Kaduna South Federal Constituency)

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (v) Insert a new Prayer (v) as follows:
"Mandate the Committee on Aviation to conduct an enquiry on the security needs of the Airport and recommend a marshal plan for the funding of security and safety of all Airports and report within four (4) weeks" (Hon. Toby Okechukwu — Aninri/Awgu/Oji River Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (vi) Insert a new Prayer (vi) as follows:
"Urge the Executive Arm of Government to engage on diplomatic relations to solve the insecurity affecting the country" (Hon. Shehu Mohammed — Maigama/Koko-Besse Federal Constituency)

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (vii) Insert a new Prayer (vii) as follows:
"Urge the Executive Arm of Government to be more proactive by pursuing the terrorists at their den rather than being reactive on all the terrorists in the country" (Hon. Mohammed Umar Jega — Aliero/Gwandu/Jega Federal Constituency)

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (viii) Insert a new Prayer (viii) as follows:
"Urge the Federal Government to declare a state of emergency in the security sector" (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that on Friday, 25 March, 2022, there was a horrific armed banditry attack at the Kaduna International Airport, culminating in the death of a security guard of the Nigerian Airspace Management Agency (NAMA);

Recalled that about a year ago, armed bandits attacked the staff quarters of the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), at the Kaduna International Airport and abducted about 12 persons;

Observed that a combined detachment of the military and other security agencies were deployed to the airport to confront the heavily armed bandits, numbering over a hundred;

Also observed that the military personnel at the airport were timeous enough to repel the attack, chased away the bandits and seized some of their motorcycles;

Acknowledged that unauthorized persons have been using the route behind the perimeter fence of the airport, until the recent attack, which unfortunately resulted in the loss of a life;

Cognizant that the Managing Director of NAMA Matthew Pwajok, noted that, though the bandits attacked the navigational aids in the airport, killed the watchman while the technical staff ran for safety, the military that were alerted responded swiftly to secure lives and properties at the airport;

Concerned that the armed banditry attacks at Kaduna International Airport if not checkmated, may escalate to other airports across the country;

Worried that if positive steps are not taken on airport security including management to urgently safeguard the airports from banditry attacks in line with international standards and International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO);

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government through the National Security Adviser (NSA), the Chief of Defence Staff, the Inspector-General of Police and Heads of other security agencies, to holistically intervene by setting up a Special Security Task Force on Airports and railway lines across the country;
- (ii) also urge the Executive Arm of Government to:
 - (a) engage on diplomatic relations to solve the insecurity affecting the country;
 - (b) be more proactive by pursuing the terrorists at their den rather than being reactive on all the terrorists in the country;
 - (c) declare a state of emergency in the security sector;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Ministry of Aviation, Ministry of Transportation, FAAN and other security agencies to adopt a more proactive measure in securing the airports, including providing a modern security surveillance equipment on the perimeter fences in all our airports;
- (iv) mandate the leadership of the House and Chairmen of relevant Committees to invite Heads of security agencies, Minister for Aviation, Heads of Aviation Agencies, and Minister of Transportation for an urgent meeting to tackle the current challenges at our airports;

- (v) also mandate the Committee on Aviation to conduct an enquiry on the security needs of the Airport and recommend a marshal plan for the funding of security and safety of all Airports and report within four weeks;
- (vi) observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased at the Airport attack (HR. 130/03/2022).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

Ordered: The Leadership of the House and Chairmen of Committees on Aviation, National Security and Intelligence, Police Affairs, Army, Air Force, Defence, and Land Transport to meet with the National Security Adviser, Chief of Defence Staff, Chief of Army Staff, Director-General, Department of State Services, Inspector-General of Police, Minister of Aviation, Minister of Transport, Director-General, Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority, Managing Director, Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria, Managing Director, Nigeria Airspace Management Agency, and Managing Director, Nigeria Railway Corporation.

- (ii) Need to Investigate the Gruesome Murder of 18-Year Old Boy — Master Cyril Obruche by an Officer of the Nigerian Army Attached to Presco Plc, at Ovre-Eko Ethiope East Local Government Area of Delta State:
- Hon. Igbakpa Ben Rollands (*Ethiope East/Ethiope West 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 Investigate the Gruesome Murder of 18-Year Old Boy — Master Cyril Obruche by an Officer of the Nigerian Army Attached to Presco Plc, at Ovre-Eko Ethiope East Local Government Area of Delta State:

The House:

Notes that on 28 March, 2022, an Army Officer attached to Presco Plc shot dead in broad day light, 18-year old Cyril Obruche, a secondary school student of Delta Steel Company (DSC) Staff School, Ovwian - Aladja, Delta State;

Aware that Presco Plc without recourse to the community and the relevant government agencies in the State unilaterally erected a Gate on the only access road constructed by the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to enable the community access their farms for their livelihood;

Informed that the deceased with several members of the Ovre-Eko community in Ethiope East LGA of Delta State had on the fateful day visited the Management of Presco Plc to complain over the Gate as obstructing access to their farms and requested that the company should remove the said gate from the road or create an alternative road for them;

Also informed that while discussions were on-going, an Army officer attached to the Company brought out his AK-47 Rifle and shot the deceased — Cyril Obruche (who died on the spot). The actions of the Army Officer triggered spontaneous protests and demonstrations by members of the community which led to breakdown of law and order;

Worried why the Army Officer in apparent display of raw power shot dead a harmless citizen of this country with impunity and without legal justification;

Concerned that despite the spate of insecurity in the country, officers and men of the Nigerian Army are stationed at a peaceful community and attached to a private company, Presco Plc — a palm oil producing company that purchases fresh fruit bunches and palm kernel from farmers, whereas such officer(s) ought to have been deployed to trouble spots of the country requiring army personnel to help combat insurgency and secure the lives and property of the people;

Believes that unless appropriate machineries are put in place to unravel why officers and men of the Nigerian Army are posted to guard private companies when their services are urgently needed elsewhere and also thoroughly investigate the circumstances that led to the gruesome murder of Master Cyril Obruche by the said Army officer with a view to bring the culprit(s) to book, the security of lives and property of the once peaceful Ovre-Eko community in Ethiope East LGA of Delta State may no longer be guaranteed;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Chief of Army Staff to forthwith redeploy the officers and men of the Nigerian Army attached to Presco Plc in Ovre-Eko community in Ethiope East LGA of Delta State;
- (ii) also urge the Inspector-General of Police to ensure that the Presco Plc immediately remove the gate it erected across the farm access road in the affected community to forestall further breakdown of law and order;
- (iii) further urge the Management of Presco Plc to compensate the deceased family without delay;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Army to appraise why officers and men of the Nigerian Army are drafted to guard a private company knowing fully well that they are overstretched to meet the security demands of the country and also investigate the circumstances that led to the gruesome murder of Master Cyril Obruche and report within two (2) weeks (*Hon. Ben Rollands Igbakpa — Ethiope East/West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that on 28 March, 2022, an Army Officer attached to Presco Plc shot dead in broad day light, 18-year old Cyril Obruche, a secondary school student of Delta Steel Company (DSC) Staff School, Ovwian - Aladja, Delta State;

Aware that Presco Plc without recourse to the community and the relevant government agencies in the State unilaterally erected a Gate on the only access road constructed by the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to enable the community access their farms for their livelihood;

Informed that the deceased with several members of the Ovre-Eko community in Ethiope East LGA of Delta State had on the fateful day visited the Management of Presco Plc to complain over the Gate as obstructing access to their farms and requested that the company should remove the said gate from the road or create an alternative road for them;

Also informed that while discussions were on-going, an Army officer attached to the Company brought out his AK-47 Rifle and shot the deceased — Cyril Obruche (who died on the spot). The actions of the Army Officer triggered spontaneous protests and demonstrations by members of the community which led to breakdown of law and order;

Worried why the Army Officer in apparent display of raw power shot dead a harmless citizen of this country with impunity and without legal justification;

Concerned that despite the spite of insecurity in the country, officers and men of the Nigerian Army are stationed at a peaceful community and attached to a private company, Presco Plc — a palm oil producing company that purchases fresh fruit bunches and palm kernel from farmers, whereas such officer(s) ought to have been deployed to trouble spots of the country requiring army personnel to help combat insurgency and secure the lives and property of the people;

Believed that unless appropriate machineries are put in place to unravel why officers and men of the Nigerian Army are posted to guard private companies when their services are urgently needed elsewhere and also thoroughly investigate the circumstances that led to the gruesome murder of Master Cyril Obruche by the said Army officer with a view to bring the culprit(s) to book, the security of lives and property of the once peaceful Ovre-Eko community in Ethiope East LGA of Delta State may no longer be guaranteed;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Chief of Army Staff to forthwith redeploy the officers and men of the Nigerian Army attached to Presco Plc in Ovre-Eko community in Ethiope East LGA of Delta State;
- (ii) also urge the Inspector-General of Police to ensure that the Presco Plc immediately remove the gate it erected across the farm access road in the affected community to forestall further breakdown of law and order;
- (iii) further urge the Management of Presco Plc to compensate the deceased family without delay;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Army to appraise why officers and men of the Nigerian Army are drafted to guard a private company knowing fully well that they are overstretched to meet the security demands of the country and also investigate the circumstances that led to the gruesome murder of Master Cyril Obruche and report within two (2) weeks (HR. 131/03/2022).

A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal University of Agriculture, Mpu, Enugu State; and for Related Matters (HB.1898) — Second Reading
 Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal University of Agriculture, Mpu, Enugu State; and for Related Matters (HB.1898) be read a Second Time" (Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee of the Whole.

9. A Bill for an Act to Provide the Legal Framework for the Upgrade and Conversion of Wesley Guild Hospital, Ilesa to Federal Medical Centre, Ilesa, Osun State; and for Related Matters (IIB.1683) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide the Legal Framework for the Upgrade and Conversion of Wesley Guild Hospital, Ilesa to Federal Medical Centre, Ilesa, Osun State; and for Related Matters (HB.1683) be read a Second Time" (Hon. Ayeni Babatunde — Atakumosa East/Atakumosa West/Ilesa East/Ilesa West 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 Health Institutions.

10. A Bill for an Act to Provide the Legal Framework to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Ufuma, Anambra State; and for Related Matters (HB.1373) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide the Legal Framework to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Ufuma, Anambra State; and for Related Matters (HB.1373) be read a Second Time" (Hon. Okwudili C. Ezenwankwo — Orumba North/South 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.

11. A Bill for an Act to Establish Environmental Research Council of Nigeria and Provide for Establishment of Research Institute by the Council; and for Related Matters (HB.1869) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish Environmental Research Council of Nigeria and Provide for Establishment of Research Institute by the Council; and for Related Matters (HB.1869) be read a Second Time" (Hon. Shehu Ahmed — Bungudu/Maru 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 Science Research Institutions.

12. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Sa'adu Zungur College of Dental Technology and Therapy, Zungur, Bauchi State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1740) — *Second Reading*
- Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Sa'adu Zungur College of Dental Technology and Therapy, Zungur, Bauchi State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1740) be read a Second Time" (Hon. Yakubu Shehu Abdullahi — Bauchi Federal Constituency).

Debate.

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

13.

A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Nteje, Anambra State and; for Related Matters (HB. 1730) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Nteje, Anambra State and; for Related Matters (HB. 1730) be read a Second Time" (Hon. Vincent Ofulue — Oyi/Ayamelu 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.

14.

Order of the Day

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do set down items 7-11 on the Order Paper to another legislative day, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 6 (3)" (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

Agreed to.

15.

Adjournment of First Sitting

That the House do adjourn the First Sitting till 1.20 p.m. (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.00 p.m.

Idris Ahmed
Deputy Speaker