



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 27 July, 2022

1. The House met at 11.35 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 Tuesday, 26 July, 2022.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Announcement**

Visitors in the Gallery:

- (i) Mr Deputy Speaker recognised the presence of Staff and Students of *Noble Heights Academy*, Karu, Abuja.

(ii) ***Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Structure and Accountability of the Joint Venture (JV) Businesses and Production Sharing Contracts (PSC) of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation from 1990 till Date:***

Mr Speaker announced the membership of the Committee as follows:

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| (1) | Hon. Fulata Abubakar Hassan | — | Chairman |
| (2) | Hon. Sergius Oseasochie Ogun | — | Member |
| (3) | Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu | — | Member |
| (4) | Hon. Sada Soli | — | Member |
| (5) | Hon. Ado Sani Kiri | — | Member |
| (6) | Hon. Isiaka Ibrahim Ayokunle | — | Member |
| (7) | Hon. Mark Gbillah Terseer | — | Member |
| (8) | Hon. Vincent Ofemule | — | Member |
| (9) | Hon. Johnson Oghuma | — | Member |
| (10) | Hon. Makki Abubakar Yalleman | — | Member |
| (11) | Hon. Francis Ejiro Waive | — | Member |
| (12) | Hon. Yusuf Saidu Miga | — | Member |
| (13) | Hon. Johnson Ganiyu Abiodun | — | Member |
| (14) | Hon. Shehu Balarabe | — | Member |

(15)	Hon. Chinyere Igwe	—	Member
(16)	Hon. Ben Igbakpa Rollands	—	Member
(17)	Hon. Idris Kabiru Kura	—	Member
(18)	Hon. Nazifi Sani	—	Member
(19)	Hon. Umaru Abubakar Yabo	—	Member
(20)	Hon. Usman Zannah	—	Member

5. Petitions

- (i) A petition from Abiodun Ogunjimi & Co. (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Adebajo Olaide, on alleged non-compliance with court order in Suit No: M/554/2011 by the Nigeria Police Force, was presented and laid by Hon. Odebummi Olusegun (*Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*);
- (ii) A petition from Ka'ase & Ka'ase (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Sarisa Global Drilling Company, on alleged unlawful seizure of their Drilling Machine by the Nigerian Army, was presented and laid by Hon. Abubakar Faggo Kani (*Shira/Giade Federal Constituency*);
- (iii) The following petitions were presented and laid by Hon. Kwamoti Bitrus Laori (*Demsa/Numan/Lamurde Federal Constituency*):
- (a) Chris Okpala & Co. (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Matthew Alochukwu Ezeanyagu and 1 other, on the non-payment of the death benefit of Stella Ezeanyagu by Premium Pensions Limited;
- (b) Abuo Moses, on his dismissal from the service of the Nigeria Police Force;
- (c) A & G Solomon (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Abraham Akonja Abutil, on his dismissal from service and alleged refusal to comply with court judgment in Suit No: NICN/ABJ/40/2014 by Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC);
- (d) Lawicons (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Chartered Institute of Project Managers of Nigeria (CIPMN), on alleged abuse of office and usurpation of CIPMN's Governing Council functions by Mimi Abu and 2 others;
- (e) M. U. Alaeta & Co. (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Juli Ruwa family on alleged extra-judicial killing of Juli Ruwa by the Nigeria Police Force;
- (f) M. U. Alaeto & Co. (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Chief Alaeto Maxwell and some aggrieved members of Dutse Baupma Plot Owners Association, on alleged conversion of their land at Peyi (Usman Town Extension), Dutse Baupma Customary Court Layout, Bwari Area Council;
- (g) Jiscon Nigeria Limited, on behalf of Umu-Iwelie Abualie Abuator Community Development Committee on alleged gross marginalization of the community by the Nigerian Agip Oil Company;
- (h) Jiscon Nigeria Limited, on behalf of Chukwudi Joshua Ossai, on the termination of his appointment by the Platform Petroleum Limited;
- (i) Joint Unions of Academic Staff Union of Research Institutions, Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institutions, and Senior Staff Association of University, on the emergence of Dr F. N. C. Enwezor as the Director-General of Joint Unions;

(j) Ajiboso Chambers (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Indigene of Ogunrun town, on the proposed demolition of their houses in Ogunrun Ori Town in

Obafemi Owode Local Government Area, Ogun State by the Federal Ministry of Works;

- (k) Wale Oyewole Chamber (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Njoku Morenikeji Elizabeth and 11 others, on alleged non-payment of their entitlements by the Federal Ministry of Environment.

Petitions were referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

- (i) ***Need to Immediately Redeploy Soldiers Withdrawn from Certain Bandits Flashpoints within Wase Local Government Area:***

Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata (*Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma 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 Immediately Redeploy Soldiers Withdrawn from Certain Bandits Flashpoints within Wase Local Government Area:

The House:

Notes the spate of banditry ravaging several States within the Northern part of Nigeria;

Also notes that in December 2021, a motion on the *need to halt the wanton killings and kidnappings by bandits in Wase Local Government Area* and other neighbouring towns in Kanam LGA, Plateau State, and some parts of Lau and Karim Lamido LGAs, Taraba State was considered;

Aware that as a result of the aforementioned motion, an *Ad-hoc* Committee was set up to probe the incessant bandits attack in Wase Local Government Area and its environs;

Also aware that Section 14 (2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) provides thus:

"It is hereby accordingly declared that the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government";

Further aware that Security Agencies (especially the Army) took several measures including deploying soldiers and other security personnel to man locations identified to be flashpoints of bandit attacks;

Appreciates the efforts of security agents in the continuous vigilance and pro-activeness towards reducing the incessant attacks;

Informed that recently, some security personnel observing different checkpoints within Wase Local Government Area were withdrawn;

Also informed that since the withdrawal of those security personnel, banditry has resumed in full force and has become a daily occurrence within Wase Local Government Area;

Worried that, if security personnel are not redeployed to those positions immediately, many lives and properties will continue to be lost as several persons have already been either killed or kidnapped in several villages including Nyalun, Gaji, Safiyu, Pinau and several others; all within Wase Local Government Area;

Also worried that due to the proximity of Wase Local Government Area to several North Eastern and North Central States such as, Taraba, Gombe, Bauchi and Nasarawa, the bandit activities may escalate and extend to other locations within and outside the States;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Chief of Army Staff to immediately redeploy Soldiers who were deployed out of several flashpoints within Wase Local Government Area;
- (ii) also urge the Chief of Army Staff to establish more Military presence/bases in Pinau, Bangalala, Yuli, and Zurek in Wase LGA, Kukawa in Kanam LGA, Plateau State; including Lau and Karim Lamido LGAs in Taraba State;
- (iii) further urge the Ministry of Defence to initiate a coordinated Joint Security Operation within the Wase Local Government Area and adjoining towns located in Plateau, Bauchi, Gombe, Taraba and Nasarawa States to flush out the bandits and prevent them from escaping to other States;
- (iv) still urge the Department of State Services and Directorate of Military Intelligence to gather intelligence information on the influx, camping and operations of bandits within Wase Local Government Area and adjoining towns and share same with other sister security agencies;
- (v) again urge the Inspector General of Police to provide Mopol Squadron Formations/bases in Pinau, Bangalala, Yuli, and Zurek in Wase LGA, Kukawa in Kanam LGA, Plateau State; including Lau and Karim Lamido LGAs in Taraba State;
- (vi) mandate the Committees on Defence, Army, Police Affairs, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and furnish the House with a monthly report until the security situation is resolved (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the spate of banditry ravaging several States within the Northern part of Nigeria;

Also noted that in December 2021, a motion on the *need to halt the wanton killings and kidnappings by bandits in Wase Local Government Area* and other neighbouring towns in Kanam LGA, Plateau State, and some parts of Lau and Karim Lamido LGAs, Taraba State was considered;

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Further aware that Security Agencies (especially the Army) took several measures including deploying soldiers and other security personnel to man locations identified to be flashpoints of bandit attacks;

Appreciated the efforts of security agents in the continuous vigilance and pro-activeness towards reducing the incessant attacks;

Informed that recently, some security personnel observing different checkpoints within Wase Local Government Area were withdrawn;

Also informed that since the withdrawal of those security personnel, banditry has resumed in full force and has become a daily occurrence within Wase Local Government Area;

Worried that, if security personnel are not redeployed to those positions immediately, many lives and properties will continue to be lost as several persons have already been either killed or kidnapped in several villages including Nyalun, Gaji, Safiyo, Pinau and several others; all within Wase Local Government Area;

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- (vi) mandate the Committees on Defence, Army, Police Affairs, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and furnish the House with a monthly report until the security situation is resolved (HR. 41/07/2022).

(ii) **Need to Display the National Identity Number on the National Identity Card:**

Hon. Yeitiemone Frederick Agbedi (*Sagbama/Ekeremor 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 Display the National Identity Number on the National Identity Card:

The House:

Notes that the National Identification Number (NIN) is used by the government of many countries as a means of tracking their citizens, permanent and temporary residents for the purposes of work, taxation, government benefits, healthcare and other government-related functions;

Aware that in Nigeria, the Identification Number is issued and managed by the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) established to create, operate and manage Nigeria's national identity database in government institutions, register individuals and legal residents, assign unique national identification number and introduce general multi-purpose cards;

Also aware that the National Identification Number is the unique number which identifies a person for life and it is issued after enrolment, it matches the person's biometric data and other details in the National Identity Data base during verification and authentication, it could be used for all transactions requiring identity verification;

Further aware that the National Identity Management Commission began enrolment exercise in September 2010, and started the issuance of a multipurpose identity card in 2013, and only recently, the commission has started issuing a digital ID Card which displays only the name, age and nationality of the holder without displaying the NIN Number;

Informed that the National Identity Card issued by the Commission did not include the National Identification Number and this has brought untold hardship to the citizens, who in a bid to retrieve their NIN via short codes provided by telecommunication service providers, still have to pay service charges;

Also informed that the National Identification Number, if reflected on the National Identity Card will make easy access and reduce the pains of the citizenry as it is now reflected in the current Nigerian Passport issued by the Nigerian Immigration Service;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Identity Management Commission to redesign the National Identity Card to reflect the National Identification Number (NIN); and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Interior to ensure compliance (*Hon. Yeitiemone Frederick Agbedi — Sagbama/Ekeremor Federal Constituency*).

Debate.