



**SENATE OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER**

Thursday, 13th July, 2023

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATION

1. Executive Communication

Confirmation of the Nomination for Appointment as Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs for the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Sen. Bamidele, Opeyemi Michael (*Ekiti Central-Senate Leader*)

-That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President and Commander - in - Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on the confirmation of the nomination of the following persons for Appointment as Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs for the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in accordance with the provisions of Section 18(1) of the Armed Forces Act, Cap A20 LFN 2004 (- *Committee of the Whole consideration*).

NO.	NAMES	POSITION
1.	Maj. Gen. C.G Musa	Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)
2.	Maj. Gen. T. A Lagbaja	Chief of Army Staff (COAS)
3.	Rear Admiral Emmanuel Ikechukwu Ogalla	Chief of Naval Staff (CNS)
4.	AVM H.B Abubakar	Chief of Air Staff (CAS)

MOTIONS

1. Urgent Need to Control the Erosion Ravaging Onitsha-Oba Section of the Onitsha-Owerri Federal Highway in Anambra State.

Sponsor: Sen. Umeh, Victor Chukwunonyelu (*Anambra Central*)

The Senate:

Notes with dismay the devastating effects of ravaging gully erosions and landslide on Onitsha-Owerri Federal Road, between Electrical Parts Market and Metallurgical Training Institute, Obosi (Idemili North L.G.A) and Oba Junction near Rojenny Games Village in Idemili South L.G.A - along Onitsha-Owerri Federal Highway, all within Anambra Central Senatorial District of Anambra State;

Also notes that one lane of the affected road has been cut off by the gully erosion at the Oba junction with the second lane under serious threat of imminent collapse while buildings and factories within the vicinity are on the verge of collapsing into the gully;

Worried that the erosion and landslide are creating traffic gridlock along the sections of the Onitsha-Owerri Highway;

Concerned that if the menace of gully erosions and landslide is not urgently controlled, the sections of the road will completely cave in, thus leading to total disconnection of the highway with attendant severe consequences and cutting off of vehicular movement to Imo, Abia, Akwa Ibom, Rivers and Cross River States;

Also notes that Onitsha- Owerri federal highway is a gateway to business activities and other relationships between the Western States and South East and South-South States; and

Further Notes that the magnitude of the menace is beyond the control of the State Government,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Federal Government to direct the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to commence repairs and re-construction of the affected parts of the Onitsha-Owerri Federal road and particularly, the section between Upper Iweka Round about in Onitsha and Oba in Idemili South L.G.A. of Anambra State which spans about 6 kilometers;
 - ii. *Also urge* the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to ensure regular surveillance of Federal high ways to identify and nip erosion threats to the federal roads in the bud; and
 - iii. *Further urge* the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to join in the detection and prevention of erosion menace on the highways.
2. Urgent Need for Erosion Control in Edo Central Senatorial District to Save Lives, Properties and Physical Infrastructure from Collapse.

Sponsor: Sen. Okpebholo, Monday (*Edo Central*)

The Senate:

Notes that the peculiar nature of the topography of Edo central senatorial district has put many communities under the constant threat of erosion devastation, resulting in massive gully erosions, flooding and road devastations, which is one major reason why most roads quickly fail leading in communities and homes being damaged and abandoned;

Also notes that the Okene-Auchi-Benin expressway, a major road infrastructure in Nigeria began to fail at the Ekpoma axis owing to several gully erosions. The Ewu-Uromi-Agbor Road corridor has also experienced similar fate in Uromi axis. Nigerians in Irrua, Ekpoma, Uromi, Ewu and other communities have fled their homes or got their access roads damaged owing to the erosion problems. In June, two persons died after being swept away from their homes in Ujoelen, Ekpoma. A school girl died two years ago in Efandion, Uromi, on her way to school due to the uncontrollable flooding. It is difficult to construct roads to Udo community because of the wild erosion gullies. This trend is all over the area;

Worried that infrastructure like roads and electricity will be grievously affected by the devastation of erosion gully if the situation is not arrested as government institutions like schools and hospitals will also be damaged and more Nigerians may lose their homes as it is already being experienced; and

Also worried that ongoing highway road projects in Edo central face the risk of being damaged even before they are completed, as a result of which the country may just be losing hundreds of millions of naira because of the natural disaster. The cost of interventions in erosion disaster is too weighty for local and state governments to bear,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* for the collaboration of federal agencies, namely; the Federal Ministry of Environment, Ecological Fund Office and the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing towards tackling the menace of erosion devastation in Edo Central Senatorial District;
 - ii. *Also urge* the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency, FERMA, and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to collaborate and provide palliative emergency works in Ekpoma (Uhiele, Ujoelen, Ukpenu, Borehole Road & Emuhi), Irrua (Uwesan and Ikekato), Ewu (Eguare and Uzogholo), Uromi (Efandion, Eguare & Uzegwa), Udo and Illushi;
 - iii. *Mandate* the Committees on Environment, Ecology, Works, Special Duties, FERMA and Legislative Compliance (when constituted) to;
 - *Engage* the Federal Ministry of Environment, Federal Ministry of Works and Housing, NEMA and Ecological Fund Office to come up with a durable and lasting workplan to arrest the devastation;
 - *Involve* FERMA to prevent the expressways and other roads in the area from further degradation; and
 - *Set up* NEMA stations in Edo central to assist residents in the event of emergency that could lead to loss of lives and properties.
3. Urgent Need to Reconstruct/Rehabilitate the Onitsha-33-Otuocho-Adani Road Boundary to Enugu State.

Sponsor: Sen. Nwoye, Tony (*Anambra North*)

The Senate:

Recalls the decision of government to seek alternative sources for funding critical national projects to increase the stock of infrastructure, through initiatives such as private sector partnership, SUKUK funds and the FIRS/NNPCL Road Infrastructure Tax Credit Scheme, without which we cannot grow our nation;

Notes that the 48km stretch of the Federal Government Trunk 'A' Road, a major economic artery in the Onitsha and Omambala region of Anambra and Kogi States which traverses the GRA, Onitsha, 33-Otuocho-Adani-Enugu State and Kogi State has dilapidated, thus leading to loss of lives and properties;

Also notes that this very important federal road connects many agrarian communities and is also major food basket of the South east region known for rice farming and other arable crops like yam, cassava, potato and corn; such critical national project if not tackled can lead to food scarcity, bring untold hardship, neglect and exacerbating the sufferings and pain on the people and the attendant loss of revenue that would have accrued to the government;

Further notes the presence of critical infrastructure like the cooking gas extractive industry/refinery at Ponti Nkponando, Aguleri, many industries located along that Anambra, Enugu and Kogi States corridor and many other businesses, which contribute huge sums of needed revenue for the nation;

Equally notes that this road will be segmented into two sections, the first section is dualization from GRA Onitsha to Aguleri/Otuocho junction (about 10km); and the second section will remain a single carriage way from Otuocho/Aguleri junction to Adani, Enugu and Kogi States;

Aware that the project is under the Federal Ministry of Works & Housing but has not awarded because of paucity of funds, hence the need for placement of funding to be financed through the NNPCL Road Infrastructure Tax Credit Scheme, under which it is the financier that selects the road they want to invest in; and

Observes that while consideration should be given to the detrimental effects of the road on the social and economic experience that has affected the well-being of the affected communities, as well as the potential risks posed to human lives and the local economy and the worsening security situation in Anambra, Enugu and Kogi States as a result of the deplorable state of the road,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. Urge the NNPC and FIRS under the Infrastructure Tax Credit Scheme to capture and include this important road as a project to be prioritize, funded; and to be awarded/ executed through the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing;*
- ii. Also urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to urgently commence design for the road and subsequent award(once NNPC/FIRS captures the road and provide funding) of this economically important road as part of measures to guarantee food security and enhance security of lives and properties; and*
- iii. Further urge the Committees on Petroleum Upstream, Works and Legislative Compliance (when constituted) to ensure implementation.*