



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

Wednesday, 26th July, 2023

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATION

1. Executive Communication

Confirmation of the Nomination of the following persons for Appointment as Members of the Board of the North East Development Commission

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 Members of the Board of the North East Development Commission in accordance with the provisions of Section 5(b) of the North East Development Commission Establishment Act 2017

- (*Committee of the Whole*).

NO.	NAME	POSITION	REGION (STATE)
1.	General Paul Tarfa (Rtd) (Reappointment)	Chairman	North East (Adamawa)
2.	Hon Gambo Maikomo	Member	North East (Taraba)
3.	Abdullahi Abbas	Member	North West (Kano)
4.	Tsav Stephen Aondoana	Member	North Central (Benue)
5.	Chief Mutiu Lawal-Are	Member	South West (Lagos)
6.	Hon. Samuel Ifeanyi Onuigbo	Member	South East (Abia)
7.	Frank Achinike Owhor	Member	South South (Rivers)
8.	Mohammed Goni Alkali (Reappointment)	Managing Director	North East (Borno)
9.	Musa Yashi (Reappointment)	Executive Director Humanitarian Affairs	North East (Bauchi)
10.	Ahmed Abdulsalam Yahaya	Executive Director (OPS)	North East (Gombe)
11.	Dr Abubakar Garba Iliya	Executive Director Admin & Finance	North East (Yobe)

MOTIONS

1. Need to Investigate the Incessant and Nefarious Acts of Crude Oil Thefts in the Niger Delta and the Actors.

Sponsor: Sen. Nwoko, Ned Munir (*Delta North*)

The Senate:

Notes that Nigeria is largely dependent on crude oil for its economic growth and development. According to the National Bureau of Statistics, the oil sector represents 6.33% of the Nation's GDP which translates to \$45.6 billion in 2022;

Also note that Nigeria oil sector provides jobs for millions of Nigerian citizens, it also provides for 70% of its budget financing while oil and gas accounted for 90% of export income and 85% of Government revenue in the first quarter of 2022;

Further notes that statistical data which has been reported over the years even till date, have shown that pipeline vandalism, illegal oil bunkering, oil theft, illegal oil refining has brought Nigeria into serious socio-economic crisis, and this remains an intractable challenge to the Nigerian oil dependent economy;

Informed that crude oil thefts started at about the late 1970s and early 1980s under the military regime;

Observes that the present efforts of the Joint Task Force of the Nigerian military such as "Operation Delta Safe", "Operation Dakartada Barawo" as well as other Operations in the Niger Delta region have resulted to an increase in oil production to 1.51 Million barrels per day in the first quarter of 2023 from 1.49 Million barrels per day recorded in the same quarter of 2022 and also higher than the fourth quarter of 2022 production volume of 1.34 million barrels per day;

Disturbed that, despite the good efforts of some of the military personnel in curbing oil thefts in the Niger Delta region, there are bad eggs among the military who work in connivance with relevant opportunistic oil industry operators to sabotage the economy;

Also informed that oil thefts in Nigeria are enhanced by the pragmatic cooperation between security forces, militia organizations, the local population and oil company employees who use various sophisticated methods to steal from oil facilities that are stationed within the country;

Aware that there have been accusations and counter-accusations of oil thefts, illegal oil bunkering, illegal oil refining and other sundry crimes in the Niger Delta region between the military and the local militia, which shows the high level of sabotage and destruction of our economic mainstay;

Also Aware that it was reported in 2022 that Nigeria lost an average of 437, 000 barrels of crude oil a day, worth \$23 Million to criminal entities, and between March, 2022 to March, 2023, Nigeria also lost 65, 700, 000 barrels of crude oil at \$83 Dollar per barrel, worth N2.3 Trillion revenues to oil theft;

Also observes that the damage to our oil sector by these oil thefts is even more significant than what is reported;

Further Observes hitherto, this malaise was discussed in whispers but now the voices are getting louder; and

Worried that giving Nigeria's enormous oil and gas reserves, it is expected that crude oil production should continue to rise to meet OPEC production quota of 1.74 Million barrel per day. However, the activities of these oil thieves and their actors have drastically reduced crude oil production thereby undermining the economy. Recall that Section 20 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (with alterations) empowers the State to protect, improve the environment and safeguard the land of Nigeria. Also Section 88 of the 1999 Constitution is in consonance with order 101 of the Senate Standing Orders 2022 (as amended) gives the Nigerian Senate unfettered and absolute powers to conduct investigation into the affairs of any person or government department charged with responsibilities,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Constitute* an Ad-hoc Committee to:
 - investigate the activities of Security Agencies, Militia Organizations, the local population, Oil Company Employees and any person or body who uses various sophisticated methods to steal from oil facilities that are stationed within the country; and

- consider ways of officially engaging Modular and Illegal Refinery Operators;
 - ii. Deploy modern technologies like aerial drones to secure oil and gas facilities in order to curb oil thefts and buffer the revenue profile of the country.
2. Urgent Need to prioritise the Implementation of Item No. 262 in the Appropriation Act, 2023 (Nigeria Customs Service: Capital Cost 2023 Budget Proposal-Detailed Breakdown Annex iii) being construction of Nigerian Customs Service Academy and Nigerian Customs Training School, Bauchi as a One Stop, Customs Academy and Training School, shop in Nigeria.

Sponsor: Sen. Buba, Umar Shehu (*Bauchi South*)

Co-Sponsors:

Sen. Goje, Mohammed Danjuma (<i>Gombe Central</i>)	Sen. Ahmed, Abdul Ningi (<i>Bauchi Central</i>)
Sen. Mwadkwon, Simon Davou (<i>Plateau North</i>)	Sen. Kaila, Samaila Dahuwa (<i>Bauchi North</i>)
Sen. Fadahunsi, Adenigba Francis (<i>Osun East</i>)	Sen. Ishaku, Elisha Cliff (<i>Adamawa North</i>)
Sen. Umeh, Victor Chukwunonyelu (<i>Anambra Central</i>)	Sen. Ede, Dafinone Omueya (<i>Delta Central</i>)
Sen. Abdurrahman, Kawu Suleiman (<i>Kano South</i>)	Sen. Tambuwal, Waziri Aminu (<i>Sokoto South</i>)
Sen. Aliero, Adamu Mohammed Mainasara (<i>Kebbi Central</i>)	Sen. Okpebholo, Monday (<i>Edo Central</i>)
Sen. Ogoshi, Onawo Mohammed (<i>Nasarawa South</i>)	Sen. Nwoye, Tony (<i>Anambra North</i>)
Sen. Isa, Shuaibu Lau (<i>Taraba North</i>)	Sen. Manu, Haruna (<i>Taraba Central</i>)

The Senate:

Observes that Nigerian Customs Service being an organization that is considered as a cash cow-revenue generating/collecting body in Nigeria and in keeping with its core mandate of collection of revenue, prevention and suppression of smuggling, collaboration with other relevant agencies, facilitation of international trade and economic development requires great deal of professionalism which flows primarily from training and retraining of officers and personnel of the Service for optimal performance;

Notes that due to application of unethical conduct in the discharge of their duties, this revered Senate on the 19th day of July, 2023 considered a Motion on reckless abuse of firearms by officers and men of the Nigeria Customs Service sponsored by Distinguished Senator Abdul Aziz Yar'Adua representing Katsina Central due to the death of some innocent citizens of this country which was brought about by or can be attributed to lack of effective and basic training for staff development;

Aware that because of the phenomenal concerns as stated above vis-à-vis the evolving challenges associated with the Service, the Federal Government in its wisdom proposed for additional training School/Academy to be sited in Bauchi State which is contained in item No. 262 on the details of the Appropriation Act 2023 (Nigeria Customs Service: Capital Cost 2023 Budget Proposal-Detailed Breakdown Annex III) and is projected to be the best of its kind due a number of factors such as : easy accessibility, apt location, peaceful environment, complimentary existing infrastructures and supportive Local communities among others;

Notes that the proposed Nigeria Customs Service Training School/Academy is a One-Stop Shop because it consists of: Administrative Block, Perimeter Fence , Senior Staff Housing, Generator House, Staff Room, Class Rooms Libraries, Laboratories, Workshop, Dining Hall, Girls' Hostel, Boys' Hostel, Intermediate Staff Housing, Chief Security's Office, Sport Area, Drainage among other which is estimated to gulp approximately the sum of N 14,200,000,000 (Fourteen Billion Two Hundred Million Naira Only) as captured in the budget;

Also notes that the construction of additional Customs Training/Academy to the existing ones will provide the needed professional training towards meeting the demands of institution in the country thereby bringing our officers/personnel of the Nigeria Customs Service in tune with the current realities of professionalism in all their dealings and international best practice thereby ridding them of unprofessional/unethical conducts; and

Hopeful that the Federal Government under the able leadership of His Excellency, Bola Ahmed Tinubu GCFR having come with the good mantra of Renewed Hope will no doubt leave no stone unturned as far

as full implementation of budget is concerned particularly the likes of proposed Customs Service Training School/Academy Bauchi,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Commend* the Federal Government on its resolve at solving the ever growing training needs of Nigeria Customs Service's officers and personnel with a view to meeting the international best practice and curbing locally disturbing concerns of misconducts and lack of professionalism amongst the Service;
 - ii. *Urge* the Federal Government to ensure prompt and speedy implementation of item No. 263 contained in the Appropriation Act 2023 (Nigeria Customs Service: Capital Cost 2023 Budget Proposal-Detailed Breakdown Annex III) the land for the planned construction having been earmarked; and
 - iii. *Mandate* the Committee on Customs, Excise and Tariff (when constituted) to embark on effective oversight as it has always been for the first of its kind State-of-the-art facility and ensure its full completion.
3. Urgent Need to Resettle the Displaced People of Gwer-West, Makurdi and Guma Local Governments to their ancestral habitat and to avert imminent humanitarian crisis in Benue State.

Sponsor: Sen. Zam, Titus Tartenger (*Benue North West*)

The Senate:

Notes that the peace loving and great farmers of Gwer-west, Makurdi and Guma Local Government Areas of Benue State have been sacked and displaced by bandits masquerading as herders in the last 7 (seven) years; as a result the people have taken abode at camps under deplorable and excruciating conditions at Naka, Agagbe, Abagena North Bank, Daudu, Umenger, and Gbajingba of Gwer-west, Makurdi and Guma Local Government Areas respectively;

Also notes that the continued stay of the people at the camps potentially expose them to humanitarian crisis of outbreak of diseases and other health challenges;

Further notes that, statistics from Benue State Emergency Management Agency (BENSEMA) indicated that as at September, 2022, the number of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Benue State had totaled 1, 597,000 persons;

Worried that catering for this huge population is beyond the financial strength of Benue State Government;

Also worried that, between January and October, 2022, 560 (Five Hundred and Sixty) Children living in Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camps scattered in Gwer-West, Makurdi, Guma and other parts of Benue State were reported by Benue State Emergency Management Agency (BENSEMA) to be malnourished; and

Notes that the immediate past Vice President Prof. Yemi Osinbanjo paid a sympathy visit to Benue State in 2018 as elections were approaching. During the visit, the Vice President promised the people of Benue State the sum of N10, 000, 000, 000.00 (Ten Billion Naira) for the resettlement of the displaced people. A promise that was unfortunately kept in breach,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Direct* the Chief of Defence Staff to immediately facilitate and supervise the quick return of all displaced persons to their ancestral homes;
- ii. *Also direct* the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management to provide medical, food and other relief materials to the displaced persons;

- iii. *Further direct* the Federal Government to redeem the N10, 000.000.000.00 (Ten Billion Naira) promise made to the people of Benue State to rebuild the destroyed communities; and
- iv. *Provide* a sustainable security corridor to all the flash points within the affected communities.

4. **Urgent Need to Lift the Restriction Order placed on Supply of Fuel to Border Communities.**

Sponsor: Sen. Olamilekan, Adeola Solomon (*Ogun West*)

The Senate:

Notes that Federal Government of on the 6th of November, 2019 through the Comptroller - General of Customs directed that "no petroleum product is permitted to be discharged in any filling station within a radius of 20 kilometres to the border" of Nigeria nationwide;

Also notes that this directive was to checkmate smuggling of Nigerian petroleum products, mostly Premium Motor Spirit, PMS, to the neighbouring countries where there was a thriving market for Nigerian petrol because of subsidy that was still on petrol then until the May 29, 2023 inaugural announcement by the President and Commander-in Chief of the Armed Forces, His Excellency, Senator Bola Ahmed Tinubu removing the subsidy;

Aware that this policy had brought untold hardship and major losses to businesses of the residents and indigenes of the affected border communities, which later made the Nigerian Customs to relax the policy slightly by given licence to two or three petrol stations in each of the Local Government Areas that borders these neighbouring countries. But that remedy was just a drop of water in an ocean scarcity of petrol considering the mass population of the people affected in these border towns and communities;

Also aware that the suspension order by the Federal Government since 2019 has negatively impacted on the socio - economic activities with attendant hardships to lives and livelihood of people living in the border towns and communities across Yewa land in Ogun State, particularly in Idiroko axis, as only less than five licensed independent petroleum marketers are allowed to dispense the commodity to over five hundred thousand residents of the area with over one hundred and fifty dispersed towns and villages;

Observes that since there is no longer subsidy on our petroleum product as proclaimed by the President there is no longer any justification for the restriction order because the price of petrol across the international border has also gone up in line with the new price regime across the Nigeria; and

Concerned that the residents of our border areas are now suffering from the double jeopardy of insufficient supply of the product to the area on one hand and price hike on the other hand in addition to the hitherto crippling of economic activities,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Comptroller General of Customs and Excise to lift the subsisting restriction order placed on supply of petroleum products to the affected border communities because the removal of Subsidy by the Nigerian government has substantially put paid to the smuggling of the PMS products, therefore the products should be allowed to circulate freely without restrictions;
- ii. *Also urge* the Comptroller General of Customs and Excise to intensify preventive and enforcement measures to combat smuggling of all kinds; and
- iii. *Mandate* the Committee on Customs and Excise (when constituted) to ensure compliance and report back in four weeks for further legislative action.

5. **Condemning the Disruptive Nature of 'Sit-At-Home' Demonstrations in the South East-Nigeria.**

Sponsor: Sen. Izunaso, Osita Bonaventure (*Imo West*)

Co-Sponsors:

Sen. Abaribe, Enyinnaya Harcourt (<i>Abia South</i>)	Sen. Kalu, Orji Uzor (<i>Abia North</i>)
Sen. Umeh, Victor Chukwunonyelu (<i>Anambra Central</i>)	Sen. Nwokocha, Darlington (<i>Abia Central</i>)
Sen. Nwebonyi, Onyeka Peter (<i>Ebonyi North</i>)	Sen. Nwoye, Tony (<i>Anambra North</i>)
Sen. Ubah, Patrick Ifeanyi (<i>Anambra South</i>)	Sen. Eze, Kenneth Emeka (<i>Ebonyi Central</i>)
Sen. Nweze, David Umahi (<i>Ebonyi South</i>)	Sen. Okechukwu, Ezea (<i>Enugu North</i>)
Sen. Ndubueze, Patrick Chiwuba (<i>Imo North</i>)	Sen. Osita, Ngwu (<i>Enugu West</i>)
Sen. Onyewuchi, Ezenwa Francis (<i>Imo East</i>)	Sen. Chukwu, Chizoba Kelvin (<i>Enugu East</i>)

The Senate:

Aware that thousands of Innocent lives have been lost since this action started, and properties worth over a Trillion have been destroyed which has resulted in investors leaving the region;

Further aware that the "sit-at-home" civil disobedience actions in the South East has led to the disruption/destruction of economic activities as well as immeasurable financial losses for businesses, workers, and the local economy. Because, when people are forced to stay at home and businesses remain closed, productivity declines, and income is reduced, thereby affecting livelihoods and economic growth;

Notes that the "sit-at-home" protests disrupts the education of students, leading to missed classes and delays in academic progress. And such prolonged disruptions have long-term effects on students' learning outcomes and educational development;

Disturbed that disruption of essential public services, such as healthcare, transportation, and waste disposal, continues to have severe impact during "sit-at-home" protests which adversely affect the well-being and safety of the general population living in the South East;

Further disturbed that the "sit-at-home" protests continues to lead to acts of violence and clashes with law enforcement agencies which has led to uncountable loss of lives of innocent people, security agents and the protesters. As this increases the potential for criminal elements to take advantage of the situation to engage in looting or other unlawful activities while the people stayed at home; and

Worried that if the activities of Simon Ekpa, who is issuing the illegal "sit at home" orders is not checked, he may succeed in corrupting the minds of Nigerian youths and turning them against the government which is tantamount to treasonable felony,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Condemn* the "sit at home" in totality as well as the nefarious activities of Simon Ekpa who is the gang leader;
 - ii. *Urge* the Federal Government to collaborate with the Finish government and extradite Simon Ekpa for prosecution;
 - iii. *Also urge* the Federal Government to use political solution approach in handling the case of Nnamdi Kanu; and
 - iv. *Invite* the Minister of Foreign Affairs (when appointed) and relevant stakeholders to carry out thorough investigation as well as bring other sponsors of the act to book.
6. **Urgent Need for the Federal Government of Nigeria to direct the Contractor to fully commence and complete the construction works of the Second Runway at the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport Abuja within 24 months.**

Sponsored by: Sen. Napoleon, Binkap Bali (*Plateau South*)

Co-Sponsors: Sen. Garba, Musa (*Kebbi South*) Sen. Kingibe, Ireti Heebah (*FCT*)

The Senate:

Aware that Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport (NAIA) runway was constructed in 1978 with designed life span of 24 years. However, it has been used for about 45 years which is well above the designed life-span;

Notes that the runway was closed for traffic in 2017 after it has deteriorated so much that any meaningful repair on it required total closure of the runway. Hence, the runway was closed to air traffic for 6 weeks to allow for partial resurfacing of the runway as a palliative to achieve basically two things, which are to:

- Reinvigorate the runway to be in active service for another 5 – 10 years and thereafter, it should be fully reconstructed;
- Enable the procurement and construction of a second runway in Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport (NAIA) Abuja within 24 months;

Notes also that the importance of a second runway in NAIA Abuja for economic, security and political reasons cannot be overemphasized. In fact, the closure of the runway in 2017 further laid credence to this fact. You may recall the inconveniences Abuja residents travelling by air went through during the closure and some international refused to use the designated alternate Kaduna airport; and

Concerned that the present contract for the construction of the second runway in NAIA Abuja was awarded in 2022 but the contractor who has mobilized to the site is yet to fully commence work. Major reason being that, the indigenes have refused to allow resumption of construction works because they said, they have not been paid compensation for their lands. Meanwhile, the resurfaced existing runway has been in active use for over 7 years, yet construction works had not fully commenced at the site of the second runway as of 13 July 2023. This is already a potential challenge and the 10th Senate needs to intervene immediately for the interest of Air Travelers coming to FCT, the Prestige of the Country, and other Socio-economic benefits,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Federal Government of Nigeria to direct the Ministry of Aviation to ensure that the indigenes are appropriately compensated so as to allow for full and effective commencement of construction works of the Second Runway at NAIA Abuja and other supporting Management Facilities within 24 months;
- ii. *Also urge* Appropriation Committee of the 10th Senate to liaise with appropriate MDAs to make adequate budgetary provisions to fund the project to so be as to complete it within the scheduled period.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Abuse of Fire Arms by the Officials of the Nigeria Customs Service	Wednesday, 26 th July, 2023	3.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building