



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

Monday, 6th November, 2023

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1. Prayers
 2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
 3. Oaths
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BUSINESS OF THE DAY

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Electricity Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 228) - *First Reading*
Sen. Banigo, Ipalibo Harry (*Rivers West*).
 2. Federal University of Medicine and Medical Sciences, Kaduna State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 237) - *First Reading*
Sen. Usman, Lawal Adamu (*Kaduna Central*).
 3. Federal University of Education Gumel, Jigawa State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 239) - *First Reading*
Sen. Hussaini, Babangida Uba (*Jigawa North West*).
 4. 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2023 (SB. 246) - *First Reading*
Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central*).
 5. 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2023 (SB. 247) - *First Reading*
Sen. Barau, Jibrin (*Kano North*).
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. Urgent Need to mandate schools to locate their Creche and Nursery Classes to the Ground Floors of their High-Rise Buildings and implement Safety Protocols.

Sponsor: Sen. Adebule, Idiat Oluranti (*Lagos West*)

The Senate:

Notes with grief, the death of a toddler David Etim Udo on the 24th October, 2023 who fell from a school high rise building at Emerald International School Aba, Abia State;

Further notes that the incident brought to the fore again the issue of safety in our schools particularly for babies and toddlers in Creche and Nursery schools across Nigeria;

Aware that accidents do occur including falls from multi-floor buildings in our schools resulting in injuries, temporary or permanent disabilities and in some cases, death;

Also aware that many of these accidents may not have been reported appropriately to the supervisory state authorities to cause the activation of necessary investigation and possible sanctions. The ultimate is for investigations to cause state policy direction that will permanently prevent recurrence of these heinous accidents;

Concerned that if there are state policies or not, school operators and managers are expected to display duty of care and ensure that babies and toddlers under their care are properly monitored and prevented from falling off high-rise buildings in their premises; and

Also concerned that the case of Master David Udo is a pathetic and heart-breaking incident that requires this Senate to critically look into the safety issues and protocols in schools across the country including school building and facilities design and arrangement,

Accordingly resolved to:

- i. *Urge* the Nigerian Police to immediately commence a thorough investigation into the circumstances surrounding the fall and subsequent death of Master David Udo;
 - ii. *Also urge* the Federal and States Ministry of Education to compel schools nationwide to relocate their Creche and Nursery classes to the ground floor or bungalow within the school premises;
 - iii. *Further urge* the Federal and States Ministry of Education to immediately conduct a risk assessment in all school infrastructures in Nigeria to identify hazards and vulnerabilities and timeously identify means to mitigate such hazards; and
 - iv. *Equally urge* the Federal and State Ministries of Education to enforce safety protocols in schools as enshrined in the National Policy on Safety, Security and violence-free Schools and issuing its implementation guidelines.
2. Need to prevent loss of lives caused by floods and undredged River Benue in Adamawa State.

Sponsor: Sen. Abbas, Aminu Iya (*Adamawa Central*)

The Senate:

Notes that River Benue is an international river flowing into Nigeria from the high land of Northern Cameroon through Jimeta in Adamawa State, Ibi in Taraba State, Makurdi in Benue State and finally meets River Niger at Lokoja;

Aware that the volume of water flow of the River is adversely affected by climate change and construction of dams resulting to its uncontrol shrinking with devastating effects on agricultural activities such as dry season farming, floods, negative effects on inland water ways transportation;

Further Aware that the River Benue flows across seven Local Government Areas of Fufore, Yola South, Yola North, Girei, Demsa, Numan and Lamurde which explained why Adamawa State is always affected by consequence of flood disaster largely caused by lack of dredging which in 2022 alone according to NEMA, displaced over 2.41 Million people and over 600 fatalities were recorded with expensive hectares of farm lands across the affected states swept off;

Disturbed that as a result of flood by the River Benue, on Wednesday 1 November, 2023, 32 people were on board trying to cross the river at Garin Alaji near Chikito village where the boat capsized but only 7 bodies were discovered and 5 rescued alive, the remaining are unaccounted for up till now in addition to the earlier reported case where 53 people lost their lives in the same river; and

Regrets that the Perennial flood by River Benue and attendant consequences of loss of lives, displacement of people, and destruction of farmlands threatening food security will continue if urgent action is not taken to address the situation that apparently threatens the realization of primary purpose of government,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Facilitate* the inclusion of the dredging of River Benue Project in the 2024 Appropriation Bill to address the perennial flooding and its multi-dimensional consequences;
- ii. *Urge* the President to also facilitate the construction of Dasin Hausa Dam proposed to be in Fufore Local Government to curtail potential risk of excessive flood from the Lagdo Dam in Cameroon;
- iii. *Also urge* the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the victims of the deceased and embark on enlightenment on dangers of crossing rivers before or after rainfall; and
- iv. *Further urge* National Inland Water Ways Authority to investigate the causes of an increased number of Boat Mishap in the State.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Nigerian Airforce	Tuesday 7 th November, 2023 (Interactive Meeting with NAF and AFIT)	2.00pm	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
2.	Inter-Parliamentary Affairs	Tuesday, 7 th November, 2023	2.30pm	Committee Room 438 Senate New Building
3.	Ethics, Privileges and Public Petition	Tuesday, 7 th November, 2023	3.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
4.	Petroleum Resources (Upstream)	Tue. 7 th & Thu. 9 th November, 2023	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
5.	Public Accounts	Tue. 7 th - Thu. 9 th November, 2023 (Public Hearing)	2.00pm	Hearing Room 4 White House
6.	National ID Card and National Population Commission	Wednesday, 8 th November, 2023	3.00pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building
7.	Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Various Turn Around Maintenance (TAM) Projects of Nigerian Refineries	Wednesday, 8 th November, 2023	2.00pm	Committee Room 323 Senate New Building
8.	Ethics, Privileges and Public Petition	Tuesday, 14 th November, 2023	3.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
9.	Anti-Corruption & Financial Crimes	Tuesday, 14 th November, 2023 (Interactive Session)	2.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
10.	Petroleum Resources (Upstream)	Tue. 14 th & Thu. 16 th November, 2023	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
11.	Downstream Petroleum Sector	Wednesday, 15 th November, 2023 (Interactive Session)	2.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building