



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 31 October, 2023

1. The House met at 11.12 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. The House recited the National Pledge.
3. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 26 October, 2023.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Messages**
Mr Speaker read the following messages from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

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**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

27th October, 2023

Rt. Honourable Tajudeen Abbas
*Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

2023 SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL

You will recall that the National Assembly recently passed, and I signed, a Supplementary

Appropriation Act, 2023 for a total of ₦819,500,000,000.00 (Eight Hundred and Nineteen Billion Five Hundred Million Naira) which, among other things, made provision for a ₦500,000,000,000.00 (Five Hundred Billion Naira) palliative package to cushion the impact of recent critical economic policy decisions of the Federal Government.

It has, however, become necessary to make further provision for additional palliative measures, including the Wage Award for public servants and the enhanced Cash Transfer Program which is intended to benefit the most vulnerable members of our society. In addition, critical defence expenditures are also urgently required to provide for peace and the security of lives and property, without which the government's economic growth agenda cannot be achieved. Similarly, critical investments are also required to construct much needed infrastructure, particularly roads, which projects must be commenced within the (dry season) period between now and the end of the year.

Accordingly, another Supplementary Appropriation Bill for 2023 to cater for the expenditures identified above, totalling ₦2,176,791,256,033.00 (Two Trillion One Hundred and Seventy Six Billion Seven Hundred and Ninety One Million Two Hundred and Fifty Six Thousand and Thirty Three Naira) is hereby forwarded for the consideration of the National Assembly.

Whilst hoping that this request shall receive the usual expeditious consideration of the House of Representatives, please accept, Rt. Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Bola Ahmed Tinubu

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FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

27th October, 2023

Rt. Honourable Tajudeen Abbas
*Speaker of the House of Representative,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja,*

**SUBMISSION OF 2024-2026 MEDIUM-TERM EXPENDITURE
FRAMEWORK AND FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER**

I am pleased to submit the 2024-2026 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP) to the National Assembly. Let me use this medium to express my gratitude to the House of Representatives for its enduring commitment to the partnership between the Legislative and Executive arms of government.

Pursuant to provisions of the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007, preparations toward submission of the 2024 Budget to the National Assembly is progressing well. The MTEF and FSP were prepared against the backdrop of a political transition, as well as global issues such as the Russia and Ukraine war which continues unabated with severe implications on global food and energy prices. We are also

faced with challenges in domestic revenue mobilization and significantly elevated public debt. Additionally, many economies around the world, have witnessed increased inflation, with particularly adverse impact on capital flows to emerging markets.

I hereby forward the 2024-2026 MTEF and FSP to the National Assembly, for the kind expeditious consideration and approval of the House of Representatives in order to bring the 2024 FGN Budget preparation process to timely closure.

Please accept, Rt. Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Bola Ahmed Tinubu

Matter referred to the Committee on Finance.

5. Announcement

Special Committee on Crude Oil Theft:

Mr Speaker announced membership of the Committee as follows:

(1)	Hon. Alhassan Ado Doguwa	—	<i>Chairman</i>
(2)	Hon. Nicholas Mutu	—	<i>Member</i>
(3)	Hon. Khadija Bukar Abba Ibrahim	—	<i>Member</i>
(4)	Hon. Ugonna Ozurigbo	—	<i>Member</i>
(5)	Hon. Julius Pondi	—	<i>Member</i>
(6)	Hon. Yusuf Gagdi	—	<i>Member</i>
(7)	Hon. Ugochinyere Onyinye Ikeagwuonu	—	<i>Member</i>
(8)	Hon. Odianoseen Henry Okojie	—	<i>Member</i>
(9)	Hon. Abubakar Makki Yalleman	—	<i>Member</i>
(10)	Hon. Nnolim Nnaji	—	<i>Member</i>
(11)	Hon. Ahmad Santomi	—	<i>Member</i>
(12)	Hon. David Idris Zacharias	—	<i>Member</i>
(13)	Hon. Abiodun Isiaq Akinlade	—	<i>Member</i>
(14)	Hon. Prince Olaide Akinremi	—	<i>Member</i>
(15)	Hon. James Shuaibu Barka	—	<i>Member</i>
(16)	Hon. Sulaiman Abubakar Gumi	—	<i>Member</i>
(17)	Hon. Ojogo Donald Kimikanbon	—	<i>Member</i>
(18)	Hon. Tijani Kayode	—	<i>Member</i>
(19)	Hon. Ogbara Adetola Kafilat	—	<i>Member</i>
(20)	Hon. Munir Ahmed Mohammed	—	<i>Member</i>
(21)	Hon. Ogah Amobi Godwin	—	<i>Member</i>

6. Petitions

- (i) A petition from Chisom Nduka Edede, on behalf of African Centre for Justice & Human Rights (ACJHR), on alleged abuse and contempt of court judgment No: FCT/HC/CJ/0536/2017 by officials of the British Government's National Crime Agency and the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), was presented and laid by Hon. Aliyu Mustapha (*Ikara/Kabau Federal Constituency*);
- (ii) A petition from Ukaegbu Chimezie Emmanuel and 4 Others, on behalf of Oil and Gas Host Communities, Ukwu East Local Government Area, Abia State, on non-establishment of Host Communities Development Trust Fund in the area by the Nigeria Gas Company and International Oil Companies (IOCs), was presented and laid by Hon. Chris Nkwonta (*Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*);

- (iii) A petition from Hon. John Uzor, on behalf of the Centre for Social Justice Equity and Transparency, on alleged complicity of Security Agencies in the attack on the Governor of Rivers State, was presented and laid by Hon. Philip Agbese (*Ado/Ogbadigbo/Okpokwu Federal Constituency*);
- (iv) A petition from Itodo Fatima Charity, on the non-payment of her pension entitlement by the Pension Trust Fund, was presented and laid by Hon. Abdullahi Ibrahim Ali (*Ankpa/Omala/Olamaboro Federal Constituency*);

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

(i) *The Formula Adopted to Distribute the ₦1.1 Trillion Conditional Cash Transfer to 15 Million Households in Nigeria:*

Hon. Adewale Morufu Adebayo (*Irepodun/Orolo/Olorunda/Osogbo 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.

The Formula Adopted to Distribute the ₦1.1 Trillion Conditional Cash Transfer to 15 Million Households in Nigeria:

The House:

Notes that the conditional cash transfer programme is an immediate intervention by the Federal Government to cushion the effect of the removal of petrol subsidy and other economic shocks for vulnerable groups in Nigeria;

Also notes that the conditional cash transfer is one of the 15 items in the memorandum of understanding between the federal government and organized labour on October 2, 2023;

Aware that 15 Million households will be receiving ₦25,000 each over a period of 3 Months;

Also aware that there has been a lot of unsatisfactory feedback from the ways and manners palliative to vulnerable Nigerians have been handled by some, Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) which has not in any way reduced hardship in the land bearing in mind the ugly scenario witnessed during the covid 19 palliative distribution few years ago, where items from international donor meant to cushion the effect of the pandemic were mismanaged;

Further aware that the World Bank country representatives, Shubham Chaudhuri has confirmed that cash transfers are widely applicable to reduce poverty;

Cognizant that the removal of fuel subsidy necessitated the introduction of various programmes, policies and intervention to alleviate and boost the economics of families and small businesses;

Also cognizant that the National Assembly Members being closer to the people of Nigeria are meant to represent the interest and concerns of their constituents at the National level, therefore deserved to be fully briefed and carried along in the implementation process;

Worried that there is growing suspicion of ways and manners this programme will be implemented;

Also worried that the lack of transparent handling of the previous conditional cash transfer programmes has led to corruption and fraud, where funds intended for vulnerable people were misappropriated by individuals;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Constituency Outreach, and Poverty Alleviation to invite the Minister of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Alleviation to give detailed policy documents adopted in Allocation and distribution of funds for the conditional cash transfer in order to ensure transparency and accountability (*Hon. Morufu Adebayo Adewale — Irepodun/Orolu/Olorunda/Osogbo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the conditional cash transfer programme is an immediate intervention by the Federal Government to cushion the effect of the removal of petrol subsidy and other economic shocks for vulnerable groups in Nigeria;

Also noted that the conditional cash transfer is one of the 15 items in the memorandum of understanding between the federal government and organized labour on October 2, 2023;

Aware that 15 Million households will be receiving ₦25,000 each over a period of 3 Months;

Also aware that there has been a lot of unsatisfactory feedback from the ways and manners palliative to vulnerable Nigerians have been handled by some, Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) which has not in any way reduced hardship in the land bearing in mind the ugly scenario witnessed during the covid 19 palliative distribution few years ago, where items from international donor meant to cushion the effect of the pandemic were mismanaged;

Further aware that the World Bank country representatives, Shubham Chaudhuri has confirmed that cash transfers are widely applicable to reduce poverty;

Cognizant that the removal of fuel subsidy necessitated the introduction of various programmes, policies and intervention to alleviate and boost the economics of families and small businesses;

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Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Constituency Outreach, and Poverty Alleviation to invite the Minister of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Alleviation to give detailed policy documents adopted in Allocation and distribution of funds for the conditional cash transfer in order to ensure transparency and accountability (**HR. 305/10/2023**).

(ii) *Need for Urgent Intervention to Address Insecurity in Tafa Local Government Area, Niger State:*

Hon. Adamu Tanko (*Gurara/Suleja/Tafa 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 for Urgent Intervention to Address Insecurity in Tafa Local Government Area, Niger State:

The House:

Notes that section 14 (2) (b) of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 provides that the security, safety and welfare of the people of Nigeria shall be the Primary purpose of government;

Informed that many communities in the Tafa Local Government Area of Niger State have been facing attacks with many killed and kidnapped, the recent one happened on Friday, 27 October, 2023, in Ijah Gbagyi community in Niger State, where Seventeen persons were kidnapped by armed men suspected to be bandits and three persons shot, two sustained serious degree of injuries, and one died immediately. A vigilante was shot in Gyedna community, Garam ward;

Also informed that the armed men have taken their deadly attacks to communities such as "Kuchiko-Bwari" community located in New Bwari ward near the Nigeria Law School Bwari, Abuja, where kidnapping is on a frequent basis, leaving residents in perpetual fear;

Aware that the Tafa Local Government Area is home to a good number of civil servants who work in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT);

Worried that bandits' attacks, armed robbery, insurgency in Tafa Local Government Area of Niger State have continued unabated, and many women, children, families and their loved ones have suffered to pay ransoms in return for their loved ones;

Disturbed that the rising cases of insecurity in Tafa Local Government Area has assumed an uncontrollable dimension with people in the area no longer going about their lawful duties without fear of being killed, kidnapped, attacked, or raped;

Also disturbed that residents no longer go to their farms which is their economy mainstay, and all farming activities have been grounded with a likelihood of severe hunger in the Local Government in the year 2024;

Cognizant of the fact that increasing security in Tafa Local Government Area will help in fighting crime and criminality in the area;

Convinced that establishing a military base and Police Mobile Force within Tafa Local Government Area will reduce crime and criminality in the area;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of those that lost their lives;
- (ii) urge the Inspector General of Police, the Chief of Army Staff, to mobilize a joint task force to provide surveillance from Tafa LGA to Bwari (Abuja Law School) and Suleja axis so as to curtail the activities of these criminals;
- (iii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Alleviation to provide relief materials to the residents displaced; and
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, Defence, and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure compliance (*Hon. Adamu Tanko — Gurara/Suleja/Tafa Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that section 14 (2) (b) of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 provides that the security, safety and welfare of the people of Nigeria shall be the Primary purpose of government;

Informed that many communities in the Tafa Local Government Area of Niger State have been facing attacks with many killed and kidnapped, the recent one happened on Friday, 27 October, 2023, in Ijah Gbagyi community in Niger State, where Seventeen persons were kidnapped by armed men suspected to be bandits and three persons shot, two sustained serious degree of injuries, and one died immediately. A vigilante was shot in Gyedna community, Garam ward;

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- (iv) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, Defence, and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure compliance (**HR. 306/10/2023**).

8. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2023 (HB.766).
- (2) Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.767).
- (3) Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.768).
- (4) Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.769).
- (5) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2023 (HB.770).
- (6) Federal University of Medicine and Health Science, Bida, Niger State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.771).
- (7) Federal Technical and Vocational Training Centre, Kubau, Kaduna State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.772).
- (8) Labour Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.773).
- (9) National Institute of Marketing of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.774).
- (10) National Vocational Centre, Oboroke, Kogi State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.775).
- (11) Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.776).
- (12) Higher National Diploma Discrimination (Prohibition) Bill, 2023 (HB.777).
- (13) National Drugs Law Enforcement Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.778).
- (14) Federal Highways Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.779).
- (15) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2023 (HB.780).

- (16) National Tuberculosis and Leprosy Training Centre (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.781).
- (17) Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Ikosun, Ekiti State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.782).
- (18) Federal Institute of Information Communication Technology, Idanre, Ondo State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.783).
- (19) Chartered Institute of Nigerian Universities Professional Administrators (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.784).
- (20) Nigerian Correctional Service Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.785).
- (21) Nigeria Palliatives Monitoring Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.786).
- (22) Nigerian Civil Defence Corps Academy, Anambra State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.787).
- (23) National Metallurgical Training Institute (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.788).
- (24) Labour Institutions (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.789).
- (25) National Inland Waterways Authority Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 790).
- (26) National Anti-Doping Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.791).
- (27) Federal University of Forensic Sciences (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.792).
- (28) Trade Dispute (Essential Services) Bill, 2023 (HB.793).
- (29) National Social Welfare (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.794).
- (30) Nigerian Food Security Bill, 2023 (HB. 795).

9. Presentation of Reports

(i) *Ad-hoc Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management on the request for Approval of Additional Financing of the National Social Safety Net Programme (Scale-Up) by the National Assembly" (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — Owan East/Owan West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) *Ad-hoc Committee on the Gruesome Murder of Nigerians by Soldiers:*

That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on the Gruesome Murder of Nigerians by Soldiers in Enugu.

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

(iii) *Interim Report of the Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Abuse of Tax Incentives, Tax Breaks and Tax Waivers by Public Institutions and Companies benefiting from Tax Incentives:*

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Interpretation Act, Cap. I23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide Conditions for Appointment and Assumption of Office in Acting capacity, to provide the meaning of certain words and for Related Matters (HB. 27) — *Second Reading***

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Agriculture, Agila, Benue State that shall provide Full-Time Courses in Agriculture Teaching, Instruction and Training in Sciences, Social Sciences, Commerce, Arts, Applied Sciences, Management and Humanities; and carry out Research, Innovation, Development and Adaptation of Teaching Techniques, and for Related Matters (HB. 11) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Agriculture, Agila, Benue State that shall provide Full-Time Courses in Agriculture Teaching, Instruction and Training in Sciences, Social Sciences, Commerce, Arts, Applied Sciences, Management and Humanities; and carry out Research, Innovation, Development and Adaptation of Teaching Techniques, and for Related Matters (HB. 11) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Philip Agbese — Ado/Ogbadigbo/Okpokwu 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 Agricultural Colleges and Institutions.

12. **A Bill for an Act to authorise the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₦2,176,791,286,033 (two trillion, one hundred and seventy-six billion, seven hundred and ninety-one million, two hundred and eighty-six thousand, thirty-three naira) only, of which ₦18,000,000,000 (eighteen billion Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₦992,802,015,985 (nine hundred and ninety-two billion, eight hundred and two million, fifteen thousand, nine hundred and eighty-five Naira) only, is for Recurrent (non-debt) expenditure while the sum of ₦1,165,989,270,049| (one trillion, one hundred and sixty-five billion, nine hundred and eighty-nine million, two hundred and seventy thousand, forty-nine Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending on 31 December 2023 (HB. 765) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to authorise the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₦2,176,791,286,033 (two trillion, one hundred and seventy-six billion, seven hundred and ninety-one million, two hundred and eighty-six thousand, thirty-three Naira) only, of which ₦18,000,000,000 (eighteen billion Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₦992,802,015,985 (nine hundred and ninety-two billion, eight hundred and two million, fifteen thousand, nine hundred and eighty-five Naira) only, is for Recurrent (non-debt) expenditure while the sum of ₦1,165,989,270,049| (one trillion, one hundred and sixty-five billion, nine hundred and eighty-nine million, two hundred and seventy thousand, forty-nine Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending on 31 December 2023 (HB. 765) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — 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 on Appropriations.

13. Devastating Flood and Erosion in Agulu, Nimo, Abagana, Ukpo and Enugwukwu Communities in Anaocha, Njikoka, and Dunukofia Local Government Areas, Anambra State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that consistent heavy rainfall in 2023, especially in August and September, has left most parts of the country with flooding, especially in the Eastern part of the country, and particularly in Anaocha/Njikoka/Dunukofia Federal Constituency of Anambra State;

Concerned that the floods caused by the rains have left the areas with devastating gully erosions, damaged roads, collapsed houses, and residents fleeing their ancestral homes to take refuge in neighbouring villages;

Also concerned that during the heavy rains, farmlands were washed away and businesses destroyed, thus causing untold hardship for the people, who are predominantly peasant farmers and depend on the proceeds from their farms for their livelihood;

Worried that despite Anambra State Government interventions and public appeals on Devastating Flood and Erosion in Agulu, Nimo, Abagana, Ukpo and Enugwukwu geographical space, particularly in Isimigbo, Amorji, Nkitaku, Umubiala and Umuowelle villages in Agulu; Otigbodomgbo road and Akpa village in Ukpo, and Amafum/Ajanze, Ezi Obeagha Ezira, Umuchime/Awato and Egbengwu in Nimo, the Federal Government has not taken concrete action to ameliorate the situation;

Also worried that failure to urgently address flooding and erosion in Anaocha/Njikoka/Dunukofia Federal Constituency could lead to grievous consequences for the people and the country at large;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide necessary assistance to victims of the devastating flooding and erosion in Agulu, Nimo, Abagana, Ukpo and Enugwukwu Communities in Anambra State;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Environment and the Ecological Fund Office to embark on erosion control and land reclamation in aforementioned communities as a matter of urgent importance;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Ministry of Works to repair and reconstruct federal roads in that axis, now rendered unmotorable by floods and gully erosion, and assist the affected communities in rebuilding their collapsed houses;
- (iv) equally, urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security to ameliorate the losses of farmers in these communities with cash crop seedlings and cash grants to mitigate their losses and remain in farming;
- (v) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure compliance(*Hon. George Ibezimako Ozodinobi — Anaocha/Njikoka/Dunukofia Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 307/10/2023).

Motion referred to the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

14. Need to End the Eight-Year Total Blackout in Ikara and Kubau Local Government Areas of Kaduna State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that in 2015, a heavy rainstorm destroyed critical national electricity infrastructure in Ikara and Kubau Local Government Areas of Kaduna State, leading to unattended damaged infrastructures and theft of installations;

Concerned that 21 wards and over 200 towns and villages in Ikara and Kubau local government areas have continued to face power outages since 2015, relying on petrol generators and dirty biomass fuels, causing health and environmental issues;

Also concerned that businesses and hospitals in affected communities have been severely damaged, leading to increased unemployment and a worsening security situation for small and medium-scale entrepreneurs;

Cognizant that early this year, Arla Foods, a Danish multinational, invested over 10 million euros and inaugurated its state-of-the-art dairy farm in one of the affected villages named Damau of Kubau Local Government Area in Kaduna State and targets 4 million kilograms of milk production annually, boosting Nigeria's local dairy development;

Worried that due to the absence of electricity supply, the enabling environment for businesses to thrive, Arla Dairy Farms may face challenges scaling operations and creating the intended 50,000 jobs, while other potential investors may be dissuaded;

Convinced that once the power supply is restored, it will be a win-win situation for the government and communities as significant revenues will be generated, economic activities will pick up, and there will be an improved quality of life;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Power and the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) to inspect, repair, upgrade, and restore power supply to Ikara and Kubau Local Government Areas;
- (ii) also urge the Nigeria Police Force and Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps, to set up a robust security apparatus that will safeguard the critical electricity infrastructure put in place; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Power, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Aliyu Mustapha Abdullahi — Ikara/Kubau Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 308/10/2023).

Motion referred to the Committees on Power, and Legislative Compliance, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

15. Demand for Justice on the Murder of Miss Chalya Grace Silas

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that on October 18, 2023, Miss Chalya Grace Silas, a National Youth Service Corps member deployed to Kaduna State, was brutally murdered while jogging in Barnawa, Kaduna South Local Government Area;

Also notes that the late Miss Chalya Grace Silas hailed from Tabat, in Langtang North Federal Constituency, Plateau State and a Rehabilitation Sciences graduate from the University of Jos, tragically died at the hands of her assailants while undertaking the mandatory one-year, National Youth Service Corps Service in Kaduna State;

Informed that the tragic incident is one of numerous murders of innocent girls and women nationwide, with perpetrators often unaccounted for or not brought to justice;

Worried that the safety and security of the girl child is no longer guaranteed, given the continued liberty and freedom enjoyed by these heinous assailants, who still roam the streets preying on their next victim;

Acknowledges that prompt justice in this case would deter potential perpetrators, thereby ensuring a safer environment for Nigerian children and residents;

Aware that Delaying justice in this case would be equivalent to denying justice to the victims' families and loved ones, as well as the entire nation;

Also cognizant that if nothing is done to stop the continuous attacks, rape, and murder of young girls and women, it would render the country unsafe to live;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Inspector-General of Police to direct the Kaduna State Commissioner of Police to speedily identify and bring the assailants to book;
- (ii) also urge the Inspector-General of Police to ensure the speedy delivery of Justice in this case;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Police Affairs to investigate the murder of Miss Chalya Grace Silas;
- (iv) also mandate the Committee on Youth Development to review the safety of Corps members as they fulfil their one-year compulsory National Youth Service Corps assignments, reach out to the family and collaborate with the police as they investigate the killers of the Corps Member (*Hon. Beni Lar — Langtang North/Langtang South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) *Insert* a new Prayer (v) as follows:
“urge the Director-General of the National Youth Service Corps to compensate the family of Miss Chalya Grace Silas” (*Hon. Ogah Amobi Godwin — Isuikwato/Umuneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) *Insert* a new Prayer (vi) as follows:
“observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased” (*Hon. Chris Nkwonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that on October 18, 2023, Miss Chalya Grace Silas, a National Youth Service Corps member deployed to Kaduna State, was brutally murdered while jogging in Barnawa, Kaduna South Local Government Area;

Also noted that the late Miss Chalya Grace Silas hailed from Tabat, in Langtang North Federal constituency, Plateau state and a Rehabilitation Sciences graduate from the University of Jos, tragically died at the hands of her assailants while undertaking the mandatory one-year, National Youth Service Corps Service in Kaduna State;

Informed that the tragic incident is one of numerous murders of innocent girls and women nationwide, with perpetrators often unaccounted for or not brought to justice;

Worried that the safety and security of the girl child is no longer guaranteed, given the continued liberty and freedom enjoyed by these heinous assailants, who still roam the streets preying on their next victim;

Acknowledged that prompt justice in this case would deter potential perpetrators, thereby ensuring a safer environment for Nigerian children and residents;

Aware that Delaying justice in this case would be equivalent to denying justice to the victims' families and loved ones, as well as the entire nation;

Also cognizant that if nothing is done to stop the continuous attacks, rape, and murder of young girls and women, it would render the country unsafe to live;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Inspector-General of Police to:
 - (a) direct the Kaduna State Commissioner of Police to speedily identify and bring the assailants to book;
 - (b) ensure the speedy delivery of Justice in this case;
- (ii) also urge the Director-General of the National Youth Service Corps to compensate the family of Miss Chalya Grace Silas;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Police Affairs to investigate the murder of Miss Chalya Grace Silas;
- (iv) also mandate the Committee on Youth Development to review the safety of Corps members as they fulfil their one-year compulsory National Youth Service Corps assignments, reach out to the family and collaborate with the police as they investigate the killers of the Corps Member;
- (v) observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased (**HR. 309/10/2023**).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

16. Rising Value of Unclaimed Dividends, Unremitted Withholding Tax and the Effect on the Nation's Economy

Motion withdrawn by leave of the House.

17. Activities of the Bureau of Public Enterprise (BPE) in the Privatization and Commercialization of Public Enterprises from 2019-2023

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Government of Nigeria commenced the Privatization and Commercialization of Public Enterprises in 2000;

Also notes that during the period under review; about 80 Public Enterprises were privatized through various modes of Privatization including core investors, concessions, assets sales, Initial Public Offers (IPO), etc.;

Aware that BPE Privatized in 2019, 29% of residues of the Federal Government's shares in Geregu Power Plant to the core investors to upgrade it to a combined cycle for a total sum of ₦13,134,375,000 (Thirteen Billion, One Hundred and Thirty-Four Million, Three Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand Naira);

Also aware that BPE without the investors fulfilling their obligations to upgrade the plant to a combined cycle sold an additional 20% of the balance of shares meant for I.P.O. to the Nigerian Public on the Nigerian Stock Exchange to the same investor in 2021;

Worried that the Geregu Power Plant may never be upgraded to a combined cycle by the investors since BPE has removed the Public Enterprises from Post Privatization Monitoring;

Also worried that the balance of ₦78 billion between Afam Power and Afam Three Fast Power remains outstanding though, the parties signed the Share Sale Purchase Agreement in 2020 and only 25% of the purchase consideration was paid and a 100% handover to investors on the condition that the balance will be paid upon commissioning of the Afam Three Fast Power which was equally done by former Vice President, Professor Yomi Osinbanjo before leaving office;

Concerned that the Federal Ministry of Justice recently blocked the signing of the Zungeru Power Plant Concession Agreement, which would have generated US\$350 million in concession fees on the ground that there was no express approval by the Federal Executive Council (FEC);

Also concerned that the current Director-General of BPE has been ordered to be remanded in Kuje Correctional Centre for 30 days due to his refusal to implement a Supreme decision in Aluminum Smelter Company of Nigeria (ALSCON) transactions.

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Privatization and Commercialization to investigate the activities of BPE from 2019 to May 2023 and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Hassan Shehu Hussain — Nasarawa Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Federal Government of Nigeria commenced the Privatization and Commercialization of Public Enterprises in 2000;

Also noted that during the period under review; about 80 Public Enterprises were privatized through various modes of Privatization including core investors, concessions, assets sales, Initial Public Offers (IPO), etc.;

Aware that BPE Privatized in 2019, 29% of residues of the Federal Government's shares in Gereg Power Plant to the core investors to upgrade it to a combined cycle for a total sum of ₦13,134,375,000 (Thirteen Billion, One Hundred and Thirty-Four Million, Three Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand Naira);

Also aware that BPE without the investors fulfilling their obligations to upgrade the plant to a combined cycle sold an additional 20% of the balance of shares meant for I.P.O. to the Nigerian Public on the Nigerian Stock Exchange to the same investor in 2021;

Worried that the Gereg Power Plant may never be upgraded to a combined cycle by the investors since BPE has removed the Public Enterprises from Post Privatization Monitoring;

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Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Privatization and Commercialization to investigate the activities of BPE from 2019 to May 2023 and report within four (4) weeks (**HR. 310/10/2023**).

18. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 1 November, 2023 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.30 p.m.

Abbas Tajudeen
Speaker