



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

Tuesday, 2nd July, 2019

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

MOTION

1. The need to strengthen security at the Nigerian Airports.

Sponsor: Senator (Dr.) Ibrahim Yahaya Oloriegbe (*Kwara Central*)

Co- Sponsors: Sen. Dahiru Aishatu Ahmed (*Adamawa Central*) Sen. Mohammed Hassan (*Zamfara Central*)
Sen. Barau Ibrahim Jibrin (*Kano North*) Sen. Adeolu Solomon Olamilekan (*Lagos West*)
Sen. Akwashiki Godiya (*Nasarawa North*) Sen. Mpigi Barinada (*Rivers South-East*)
Sen. Ekwunife Uche Lilian (*Anambra Central*)

The Senate:

Notes with great concern the report in Daily Trust Newspaper of 1st of May, 2019 on how Zainab Aliyu a Nigerian Citizen was arrested by Saudi Drug Enforcement Agency on allegation of drugs trafficking;

Aware that Sahara Reporters also reported, quoting the Chief Press Secretary of the Zamfara State Governor on the 18th June, 2019 the effort of the Governor to meet with the officials of Saudi Arabian Government to discuss ways towards the release of the Zamfara-born Alaramma Ibrahim, who has been in detention for almost two years over alleged drugs trafficking, whose arrest followed a frame-up initiated from the Mallam Aminu Kano International Airport, Kano from our findings;

Further informed that there are several other incidents of arrests of innocent Nigerian Citizens by the Saudi Government and other countries on similar allegations of drugs trafficking;

Worried that these innocent citizens are just victims of circumstances as many of these distasteful situations would have been curtailed but for security lapses at the Nigerian Airports infiltrated by Drug Syndicates with easy access to plant illicit drugs on innocent travellers or their belongings without their knowledge;

Appreciates that Zainab Aliyu and two other Nigerian Citizens were saved from execution by the Saudi Government due to the prompt intervention of the Nigerian Government after investigations proved they had no knowledge of the drugs in their luggage;

Aware that the Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), the Nigeria Police, the Nigeria Customs Service, the Nigerian Immigration Service and other

Aviation Security Personnel are responsible for the security of our Airports. Sadly some of the staff of these Agencies may not be exonerated for dereliction of duties and making our Airports unsafe;

Concerned that some of the actions of some of the Airport personnel may continue to attract international embarrassment, loss of opportunities by our citizens especially outside the shores of Nigeria,

Accordingly Resolves to:

- i. *Mandate* the Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) to ensure the installation and usage of effective CCTV cameras and other security systems in all Nigerian Airports for the purpose of monitoring the Airport environments, for the avoidance of planting illicit drugs and other illegal activities;
- ii. Urge FAAN to acknowledge only accredited personnel on duty to be allowed in restricted areas of the Airport; and
- iii. Urge FAAN to give a directive on the need for all personnel on duty to be held accountable, questioned, investigated and punished accordingly to serve as a deterrence, should there be a case of an arrest of any Nigerian Citizen that pass-through Nigerian Airports on allegations of drug trafficking.