



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

Tuesday, 9th July, 2019

1. Prayers
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. Rising Incidence of Suicides amongst Nigerians.

Sen. T. A. Orji (*Abia Central*)

Co-Sponsors:

Sen. A. Abdullahi Yahaya (Kebbi North)
Sen. Orji Uzor Kalu (Abia North)
Sen. Urhoghide Matthew (Edo South)
Sen. Suswan Gabriel (Benue North East)
Sen. Okorocha Rochas (Imo West)
Sen. Egwu Sam (Ebonyi North)
Sen. Oduah Stella (Anambra North)
Sen. Sani Uba (Kaduna Central)

Sen. Abaribe Enyinnaya (Abia South)
Sen. Nnamani Chimaroke (Enugu East)
Sen. Odia Clifford (Edo Central)
Sen. Adamu Abdullahi (Nasarawa West)
Sen. Ekpeyong C. Stephen (Akwa Ibom North West)
Sen. Ekwunife Lilian (Anambra Central)
Sen. Uba Ifeanyi (Anambra South)

The Senate:

Notes with grave concern, the rising cases of suicide, particularly among young Nigerians, in recent times, and that significant number of people with suicidal intentions keep their thoughts and feelings as a secret and show no sign that anything is wrong if they don't have anyone to confide in;

Further notes that suicidal idea can occur when someone feels depressed or stressed without assistance or advice from close friends, religious institutions, the government or any relevant institution thereby giving them room to feel that they are no longer important in the society and when they are not able to cope with the overwhelming situation of life which could be financial problems, death of loved ones, broken relationship which is very popular amongst the youths in Nigeria or serious illness; they choose suicide as an option;

Worried therefore that in 2019 so far, five (5) countries have topped the highest suicide numbers globally; namely, Lithuania, 31.9 incidents per 100,000 persons, Russia, 31 deaths per 100,000, Guyana, 29.2 per 100,000, South Korea, 26.9 per 100,000 and Belarus, 26.7 per 100,000 persons;

Observes that suicide could be prevented particularly when family, friends and close relatives of the person contemplating suicide provide support, either by way of encouragement, listening to them and keeping them safe by staying around them, removing means of committing suicide such as knives, ropes, dangerous drugs and chemicals especially sniper;

Regrets that many people commit suicide out of ignorance and situations that could be addressed; and the people in the position to help, encourage or assist ignore to do so thereby leaving them to commit suicide at will. On the 14th of May, 2019, Michael Arowosaiye ended his life by suicide at Sunnyvale Estate, Lokogoma District, Abuja. It was gathered that the deceased was depressed over certain personal issues. Aisha Omolola, a 300 level student of Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria took her life in her hostel after complaining of depression. In October, 2018 a professor in Biological Sciences Department of the Federal University of Agriculture, Makurdi, Benue State, killed himself after he had purportedly battled marital issues for a while. Tolulope Abodurin, who worked in a bank, took his life on 21st November, 2018 after he admitted on twitter to have been plagued by thoughts of suicide for two years due to depression. Samuel Elias, 25, a final year student of Department of Religion and Culture, University of Nigeria, Nsukka allegedly took his life by drinking sniper insecticide. It was gathered that he was depressed over his inability to graduate from the University;

Worried that the number of Nigerians taking their lives has assumed a frightening dimension of late; and the government, Religious Institutions and other relevant corporate bodies have not addressed the ugly situation in the country, and the situation may continue if not properly addressed; and

Acknowledges that creating adequate awareness on how to control stress and depression by the government, religious institutions and other relevant corporate bodies and the establishment of trauma centres across the Federation will go a long way in reducing the rate of suicide in the country.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. Urge the Federal Government through the Ministry of Information National Orientation Agency and the Ministry of Health to urgently create awareness on how to control stress and depression and establish trauma centres across the Federation;
- ii. Urge the Federal Government to ban the production, importation or circulation of snipers insecticide, a product currently used to commit suicide;
- iii. Urge the Federal Government through the NUC to review the school curriculum and come up with compulsory courses that will enable students place value on their lives and detest suicide;
- iv. Urge religious bodies across the Federation to always preach love, peace and how to relieve stress and depression amongst members; and
- v. Engage the Executive arm on the need to expand the scope and content of the Special Intervention Programme of government, and to leverage on extant schemes like the N-Power in creating economic opportunities for the vulnerable sections of the population.

2. The Death of Nine (9) Nigeria Migrants in Libya. Sen. Barau, I. Jibrin (Kano North)

Co-Sponsors:

Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (Kebbi North)
Sen. Adeola, Solomon Olamilekan (Lagos West)
Sen. Akpan, Albert Bassey (Akwa-Ibom North East)
Sen. Alkali, Saidu Ahmed (Gombe North)
Sen. Amos, Bulus Kilawangs (Gombe South)
Sen. Ashiru, Oyelola Yisa (Kwara South)
Sen. Bassey, Gershom Henry (Cross River South)
Sen. Boroffice, Robert Ajayi (Ondo North)
Sen. Folarin, Teslim Kolawole (Oyo Central)
Sen. Isah, Jibrin (Kogi East)
Sen. Kalu, Orji Uzor (Abia North)
Sen. Mandiya, Bello (Katsina South)
Sen. Omo-Agege, Ovie Augustine (Delta Central)

Sen. Adamu, M. Aliero (Kebbi Central)
Sen. Ahmad, Babba Kaita (Katsina North)
Sen. Akwashiki, Godiya (Nasarawa North)
Sen. Al-Makura, U. Tanko (Nasarawa South)
Sen. Amosun, Ibikunle O. (Ogun Central)
Sen. Bamidele, M. Opeyemi (Ekiti Central)
Sen. Barkiya, A. Kabir (Katsina Central)
Sen. Buhari, Abdulfatai (Oyo North)
Sen. Gumau, Lawal Y (Bauchi South)
Sen. Jika, Dauda Halliru (Bauchi Central)
Sen. Kwari, Suleiman Abdu (Kaduna North)
Sen. Mohammed Sani Musa (Niger East)
Sen. Sani, Uba (Kaduna Central)

Sen. Sankara, D. Abdullahi (Jigawa North-West)
 Sen. Tinubu, Oluremi Shade (Lagos Central)
 Sen. Wamakko, Aliyu Magatakarda (Sokoto North)
 Sen. Mustapha, Olalekan Ramoni (Ogun East)
 Sen. Urhoghide, M. Aisagbonriodion (Edo South)

Sen. Shekarau, Ibrahim (Kano Central)
 Sen. Ubah, Ifeanyi Patrick (Anambra South)
 Sen. Mohammed, Sabo (Jigawa South-West)
 Sen. Suswam, Gabriel T. (Benue North East)
 Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya A. (Kebbi North)

The Senate:

Notes with grief the killing of nine (9) Nigerian citizens in a double air strike on a detention center outside Tripoli, the capital of Libya;

Notes also the Deaths from the attack which was carried out on the hapless civilians late Tuesday, has been reviewed to 53 from 44 while more bodies are still being pulled out of the rubble, indicating that the body count has not stopped;

Aware that the United Nations has said the attack in Tripoli on Tuesday night could constitute a war crime, while Libya's internationally recognised government and its arch-foe strongman Khalifa Haftar trade blame for the assault;

Aware that wrecked by chaos since the 2011 uprising against dictator Moamer Kadhafi, Libya has become a major conduit for migrants seeking to reach Europe and remains prey to numerous militias vying for control of the country's oil wealth;

Concerned that BBC reports that the first missile landed in a garage beside the camp, while a second struck a hanger occupied by at list 120 European dream seekers;

Saddened that there are reports that following the first impact, some refugees and migrants were fired upon by guards as they tried to escape which resulted in the death of 9 Nigerian citizens ;

Aware that the strike marks the second time that the Tajore detention center, which houses around 600 migrants, has been hit during the ongoing conflict;

Aware that smugglers try to get migrants who are mainly from Nigeria and other Sub-Saharan African countries, to Europe in crammed rubber boats, Libyan coast guards funded by the European Union, intercept these dingy inflatable contraptions and return them to detention camps, With funding from the EU bloc, Libyans found a new venture in setting up deportation camps;

Notes that detention is not the answer to the protection of people on the move, alternative and sustainable solutions must be developed to protect this vulnerable people;

Concerned that migrants face horrifying abuses in Libya, and their plight has worsened since the assault on the capital started; and

Concerned that the air strike on a migrants detention centre in Libya killing nine Nigerians has sparked international outrage.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Observe* a minute silence in honor of the victims;
- ii. *Condemn* the air strike in its entirety;
- iii. *Call* on the United Nations to investigate and to find out the perpetrators of this dastardly act with a view to bringing them to justice;
- iv. *Urge* the Libyan government to immediately release the refugees and migrants from detention centres and for relocation to safe shelter;
- v. *Commend* the Federal Government for its effort on the repatriation of Nigerian migrants from Libya; and
- vi. *Urge* the ministry of foreign affair to continue the repatriation of the remaining Nigerian citizens in Libyan detention camps.

3. Disturbing Dimension of Cyber Attacks and Criminality-Urgent Need to Restrategise Approaches.

Sen. Buhari, Abdulfatai (Oyo North)

Co- Sponsors:

Sen. Gobir, Ibrahim Abdullahi (Sokoto East)
 Sen. Folarin, Teslim Kolawole (Oyo Central)
 Sen. Bassey, Gershom Henry (Cross River South)
 Sen. Akpan, Albert Bassey (Akwa-Ibom North East)
 Sen. Yusuf, Abubakar Yusuf (Taraba Central)
 Sen. Umar, Sadiq Suleiman (Kwara North)
 Sen. Tanimu, Philip Aduda (F.C.T Senate)

Sen. Tinubu, Oluremi Shade (Lagos Central)
 Sen. Adeola, Solomon O. (Lagos West)
 Sen. Ordia, A. Clifford (Edo Central)
 Sen. Wamakko, Aliyu M. (Sokoto North)
 Sen. Urhoghide, Matthew. A (Edo South)
 Sen. Na'allah, Bala Ibn (Kebbi South)

The Senate:

Notes that the positive posture of ICT revolution is being dampened by malicious activities of criminal elements in our society which invade the cyberspace thereby presenting risks to businesses, national economies and security, such as identity theft, electronic fraud, data damage or alteration, espionage, etc;

Aware that cyber-attacks are always evolving, last year it was WannaCry and Petya and this year it is exploits of Meltdown and Spectre, AV-TEST Institute identified an average of 12 million new malware each month for the last 12 months which infects computer operating systems and networks, encrypt files and ask for ransom, and Cybersecurity Ventures estimates that ransomware attacks a business every 14 seconds and will cause global damage of \$11.5 billion by the end of 2019;

Worried that cyber-attacks are taking a dangerous dimension all over the world for instance just last year, Cathay Pacific Airline was hacked and about 9.4 million customers had their most personal data stolen, the breach included passport details and credit card numbers, the company found the hack during a review of its IT security processes, while it was doing so, it found that someone had broken into an information system including passenger data of the 9.4 million people, the data was passenger's names, nationality, date of birth, phone number, email, physical address, passport number, credit card details, identity card number and information on how and when they have travelled;

Further worried that this year alone, Amnesty International's Hong Kong office announced it had been the victim of an attack by Chinese hackers who accessed the personal information of the office's supporters; Iranian hackers reportedly undertook a hacking campaign against banks, local government networks, and other public agencies in the UK; Pharmaceutical company Bayer announced it had prevented an attack by Chinese hackers targeting sensitive intellectual property; An Iranian cyber espionage group targeted government and industry digital infrastructure in Saudi Arabia and the U.S and targeted thousands of people at more than 200 oil-and-gas and heavy machinery companies across the world, stealing corporate secrets and wiping data from computers; European aerospace company Airbus reveals it was targeted by Chinese hackers who stole the personal and IT identification information of some of its European employees;

Alarmed about revelations from studies that over 70% of hacking attempts so far, i.e about 3,500 cyber-attacks on the Nigeria ICT space, have been successful resulting in loss of over \$450 million and that government servers are currently under serious threat;

Further alarmed about Oversight findings of the Senate Committee on ICT and Cybercrime which revealed that ICT shortfall in the country is enormous, that Nigeria cyber space is porous and that the system lacks a well structured and effective approach to cyber control;

Concerned that in view of voluntary and involuntary insider compromise, together with poor information technology standards in the country, Nigeria's security and financial system could be headed as easy prey to the heightened threatening ramification of e-crime; and

Further concerned that there is an urgent need to upscale Nigeria's consciousness towards protection of the country's cyberspace.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. Urge the Federal Government to continue to engage relevant stakeholders with a view to stimulating a collective reflection among them and articulating a national and broad based approach to keeping the country ahead of the cyber challenge; and
- ii. Urge the Federal Government to as a matter of urgency establish a cyber-security agency to take appropriate care of Nigeria cyberspace.

4. Urgent Need to look into the Incessant Loss of Commuter Lives on our Water Way.
Sen. Adedayo Adeyeye (*Ekiti South*)

Co-Sponsors:

Sen. Folarin, Teslim Kolawole (Oyo Central) Sen. Barau, I. Jibrin (Kano North)
Sen. Degi-Eremienyo, W.Biobarakuma (Bayelsa East)

The Senate:

Confirmed that water transportation is a means of transportation that Nigeria needs to harness as a country, because of its huge potentials, with 8,600 km of inland waterways and extensive coastland of about 852 kilometers;

Aware that Nigeria boasts of the second longest waterways in Africa - with River Niger and River Benue running into each other;

Observes that water transportation has been shown to be cheaper than the other means of transportation. Therefore, as a nation, we need to focus on this huge potential;

Worried that despite its huge potentials, water transportation is still far behind road transportation, with an average share of about 1.6 per cent of Nigeria's gross domestic product (GDP);

Observes that while we are talking of congestion of our roads, the coastal waterway stretching from Badagry through Warri to Calabar remain highly underutilized. The heavy traffic can be moved through these coastal waterways; and agricultural products can be transported to urban areas through the waterways thereby reducing traffic congestion on our roads;

Aware that Statistics from the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) shows 22 out of 36 states in Nigeria use waterways as a means of transportation. This proves that water transportation is very strategic to the economy of the nation if properly harnessed - especially now that road transportation has become extremely costly and burdensome;

Disturbed that boat mishaps have become more rampant in the country than ever before. This is happening at a time when more Nigerians are patronizing waterways. Boat mishaps in the country has been linked to several factors some of which are human errors - such as overloading, careless sailing and negligence. While there are natural causes due to turbulent weather. Data from Nigeria Watch shows that 1607 lives were lost in 180 boat accidents between June 2006 and May, 2015. From 2016 to date we have had the following reported cases of accident on our waterways:

- In 2017 in Kebbi state, a boat carrying 150 passengers returning from Malali Market capsized along River Niger, 53 persons, who were mostly traders, lost their lives;
- In July 2018, a vessel carrying about 30 traders and their wares capsized in a river at Isa district of Sokoto state, killing 21 traders;
- In December 2018, a boat conveying 21 persons mostly children suddenly capsized killing no fewer than 19 children in Lafiagi Edu local government area of Kwara state;
- The latest was at Egbin, Ikorodu in Lagos state on Sunday 30th of June 2019 where a boat carrying about 21 passengers capsized, killing at least 15 persons;

Concerned that the alarming increase in accidents on the waterways constitute a major threat to the growth and development of water transportation in Nigeria, which the nation can ill afford; and

Observes that our Inland waterways Authority and other relevant agencies that are saddled with the responsibility of securing lives and properties on our waterways need to be more alive to their responsibilities. They need to do more to ensure greater security and safety on our waterways.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. Urge* the Federal Government to give greater priority to water transportation in Nigeria and make it more competitive and safer;
- ii. Urge* the Federal Government to embark on policy reforms and restructuring with a view to improving the regulatory and enforcement capacity of the National Inland Waterways Authority;
- iii. Urge* the National Inland Waterways Authority to embark on major enlightenment campaigns for boat operators and all those involved in water transportation business on the need to pay attention to weather reports in order to know when it's safe to sail;
- iv. Direct* the committee on Marine transport when constituted to look into the activities of NIWA with a view to strengthening its operations and providing improved legal framework (if necessary) in order to make it more responsive to the dynamics and exigencies of marine transportation; and
- v. Urge* NIWA to adopt international best practices by ensuring that the most up to date Vessel Tracking System are installed in all the inland waterways; and also Provide communication and navigational aids along the various routes of our inland waterways.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1.	Pipeline Explosion (Ad-Hoc)	Tuesday, 9 th July, 2019	2.00pm	Meeting Room 430 Senate New Building
2.	Investigation of Alleged Assault (Ad-Hoc)	Tuesday, 9 th July, 2019	1.00pm	Meeting Room 305 Senate New Building