



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 28th February, 2006

1. Prayers
2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
3. Oaths
4. Announcements (if any)
5. Petitions

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION:

Sectarian Violence in some parts of Nigeria especially, Maiduguri, Katsina, Bauchi and Onitsha:

Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba, SAN;

Senator Bassey Ewa Henshaw:

Senator Dalhatu S. Tafida:

Senator Abba Aji:

Senator Jonathan S. Zwingina:

Senator Ben Ndi Obi:

Senator Effiong D. Bob:

Senator Farouk Bello Bunza:

WHEREAS on February 18, 2006 there were demonstrations, which unfortunately turned violent in Maiduguri, Bauchi and Katsina state against the infamous Danish cartoons depicting Prophet Mohammed;

WHEREAS the Maiduguri, Bauchi and Katsina riots resulted in reprisal attacks and violence in Onitisha, Anambra State;

WHEREAS the Maiduguri, Katsina, Bauchi and Onitsha crises left in their wake hundreds of deaths and destructions of properties worth billions of naira;

WHEREAS the Security Agencies, especially the Police and the State Security Services (SSS) failed, not only to anticipate and nip the crisis in the bud, but also exhibited a clear lack of capacity to contain the violence when it erupted;

WHEREAS Nigeria and Nigerians have continued to suffer incalculable damages through Sectarian Violence;

WHEREAS Traditional, Religious and Community Leaders have failed to exercise the expected authority and control over their Subjects and Followers during crucial periods of tension in their domains;

WHEREAS the Federal Government had in the past, treated perpetrators of Sectarian Violence with kid gloves;

BE it resolved and its hereby resolved:

- (i) That the Senate condemns in very strong and unequivocal terms, the Sectarian Violence that erupted penultimate Saturday in Maiduguri, the Borno state capital, Bauchi and Katsina, as well as the reprisal attacks in some South-Eastern States of the Federation, and calls for extreme restraint from Nigerians, irrespective of faith or religion in the face of all manner of provocations.
- (ii) That the Senate condoles with Nigeria and Nigerians, especially families of the innocent victims of the Maiduguri, Katsina, Bauchi and Onitsha Sectarian Violence.

- (Hi) That the Federal Government set up a Judicial Commission of Enquiry to investigate the remote and immediate causes of the mayhem with a view to not only apprehending the perpetrators but also prosecuting all those responsible for the Sectarian Violence.
- (iv) That the Security Agencies in the country be prevailed upon to always be alive to their responsibilities by improving their capacity at intelligence gathering in order to be in a position to nip all Sectarian crises in the bud before they escalate to violent dimensions.
- (v) That the Federal Government immediately send relief materials to all victims of the crises to serve as succour at this hour of dire need.
- (vi) That the Senate observes a one minute silence in honour of the departed souls of the unfortunate and innocent victims of the crises

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

1. **Report of the Committee on INEC:**
Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2006 (SB. 152) Senator
Dalhatu S. Tafida: - *(Senate Majority Leader)*
 "That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to resume the consideration of the Report of the Committee on INEC on the Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2006 (SB. 152)". *(Third Allotted Day)*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 28th February, 2006	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 15 Assembly Complex
2.	Education	Tuesday, 28th February, 2006	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 08 Assembly Complex
	Air Force	Tuesday, 28th February, 2006	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 21 Assembly Complex
4.	Agriculture and Rural Dev.	Tuesday, 28th February, 2006	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 04 Assembly Complex
5.	Public Accounts: <i>Public Hearing</i>	Tuesday, 28th February, 2006	2.00 p.m.	Hearing Room 04 Assembly Complex
6.	Police Affairs	Tuesday, 28th February, 2006	2.00 p.m.	Hearing Room 14 Assembly Complex
7.	FCT	Tuesday, 28th February, 2006	2.00 p.m.	Hearing Room 02 Assembly Complex
8.	NDDC	Tuesday, 28th February, 2006	1.00 p.m.	Hearing Room 02 Assembly Complex
9.	Code of Conduct and Public Affairs	Tuesday, 28th February, 2006	1.00 p.m.	Committee Room 02 Assembly Complex
10.	Science and Technology	Wednesday, 1st March, 2006	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 19 Assembly Complex
11.	Inter-Parliamentary	Wednesday, 1st March, 2006	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 14 Assembly Complex
12.	Establishment and Public Service: <i>(Interactive)</i>	Wednesday, 1st March, 2006	2.00 p.m.	Assembly Complex Committee Room 03