



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday 25th June, 2008

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Armed Forces Act (Supplementary Provisions) Bill, 2008 (SB. 104) - *First Reading*
Senator Bode Olajumoke (Ondo East)
 2. Chartered Institute of Commerce (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2008 (SB. 124) - *First Reading*
Senator Mohammed Adamu Bello (Bauchi Central)
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. **The Escravos Gas To Liquid (EGTL) Project:**
Senator Osita Ozunaso (Into West)

The Senate,

Notes that feasibility studies on the Escravos Gas To Liquid (EGTL) Project was carried out by the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) in 1998;

Notes also that Escravos GTL Project is to convert over 300 Million cubic feet of natural gas per day to GTL diesel and GTL naphtha. The GTL plant will be located adjacent to the CNL Escravos Gas plant-phase 1 (EGP -1). This plant processes about 150 Million Cubic feet of gas per day and produces LPG for sales to international markets and pipeline quality gas for domestic uses;

Observes also that the NNPC under the leadership of the then Group Managing Director (GMD). Mr. Jackson G. Obaseki did not capture the exact implication of the project to the then President, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo for approval;

Observes further that the GMD NNPC recommended that NNPC leverage on the EGTL lump sum price of \$675 million cost estimate of \$900 million as a benchmark to ensure that the overall cost of \$1,100 Million was not exceeded, but later approved \$1,050 Million as total cost estimate;

Concerned that the succeeding GMD Engr. Funso Kupolokun on assumption of office discarded his predecessor's position by reviewing the cost estimate which now resulted to huge escalation in the contract value;

Concerned also that a similar project in Qatar has a total estimated cost of about \$592 Million while that of Escravos by NNPC was put at \$2,902 Million against a background of weakened US dollar; inflation, metals price escalation and specific escalators associated with work in Nigeria to the tune of 305% in less than a year, a figure which has been disputed;

Notes the fact that NNPC may have compromised its integrity by putting up the project for Mr. President's approval and subsequently approving contract on the project without enlisting adequate technical information for the Nigerian Government and her citizens;

Notes also that Sasol, a South African Oil and Gas Company which possesses the patent of the EGL Technology; partners of CNL in the EGTL project has disclosed that the EGTL project will now cost \$6 Billion;

Notes further that preliminary investigations on the projects suggested that the project may cost as much as \$7 Billion and may still be rising;

Accordingly resolves to:

Urge its Committee on Gas to commence inquiry and thorough investigation into the activities of the NNPC and Chevron on the Escravos Gas to Liquid Project and report back to the Senate within four weeks.

2. The Crisis in Zimbabwe:

Sen. Nimi Barigha-Amange (Bayelsa East)

Co-sponsors:-

Sen. Grace Bent	Sen. Felix K. Bajomo	Sen. Anthony Manzo
Sen. John Shagagy	Sen. Gbenga Babalola	Sen. M. K. Jibril
Sen. Adegbo Eferakaye	Sen. Erne Ekaette	Sen. Aloysius Etuk
Sen. Sylvester N. Anyanwu	Sen. Lekan Mustapha	Sen. Olorunnimbe Mamora
Sen. Paulker Emmanuel	Sen. Lee Meaba	Sen. Victor Ndoma-Egba (SAN)
Sen. Ayo Arise	Sen. Nkechi Nwaogu	Sen. Muniru Muse
Sen. A. Adedibu	Sen. Uche Chukumerije	Sen. Ahmed Lawal
Sen. Joseph Akaagerger	Sen. George Sekibo	Sen. Chris N. D. Anyanwu
Sen. Bob Effiong	Sen. Ewa Henshaw Bassey	Sen. Odion Ugbesia
Sen. Dahiru Kuta	Sen. Visa Briamoh	Sen. Abukakar Sodangi
Sen. Patricia Akwashiki	Sen. Ganiyu Solomon	Sen. Garba Lado
Sen. Ayim Chukwu Ude		

The Senate,

Notes that the crisis in Zimbabwe is assuming frightening dimension hence requires Nigeria and indeed African countries to join hands with the world to call for a free and fair election

Further notes that given the role played by Nigeria in ensuring the independence of countries in Southern Africa particularly Zimbabwe, the country cannot fold its hands and watch the situation to continue to degenerate.

Further notes that Nigeria as the current Chairman of the Human right organ of the United Nations must lend its voice in support of die United Nations Secretary General's call for postponement of the election date from this Friday 27th June, 2008 given the level of violence and intimidation.

Notes further that Zimbabwe harbours about 200,000 Nigerians and as a major player in the continent cannot sit back and watch the country slide into civil war.

Accordingly resolves to:

(i) **Draw the** attention of the President to the humanitarian and political crisis in Zimbabwe.

(ii) **Urge** Mr. President to play a leading role in the resolution of the crisis before the situation generates into a civil war.

(iii) **Urge** the President to call the government of Zimbabwe to respect the wish of the people and stop political violence, harassment and intimidation.

(iv) **Urge** the President to join hands with the United Nations and other world leaders to resolve the conflict.