



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday 13th February, 2008

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2. ' approval of the Votes and Proceedings
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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation Act (Amendment) Bill, 2008 (SB.56) - *First Reading*
Senator Ayogu Eze:- (*Enugu North*)
2. National Youth Welfare Council Bill, 2008 (SB 58) - *First Reading*
Senator Ehigie E. Uzamere:- (*Edo South*)
3. National Parole Board (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2008 (SB. 62) - *First Reading*
Senator Umar A. Tafidan Argungu:- (*Kebbi North*)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. Gruesome Murder of Lawrence Nwankwo at Rima College Malaysia:
Senator Uche Chukwumerije:- (*Abia North*)
The Senate
Concerned about the gruesome murder of Mr. Lawrence Dennis Nwankwo of Obilagu Ukomi-Lokpanta in Umunneochi Local Government Area of Abia State;

Notes that the deceased in October 2005 applied and gained admission to study at Rima College in Malaysia;

Notes also that after satisfying the college requirements left Nigeria on the 7th of December, 2005 with Nigerian International Passport No. A2687685 and a Malaysian visa;

Notes further that on the 28th February, 2006 at about 9:45am, one Mr. Santhriran Ramasay from Rima College, Malaysia called Mr. Dennis Ogbonnaya Nwankwo (the deceased's father that the deceased was killed by unknown persons; and that he has equally informed the Nigerian High Commission in Kualal Lumpur

Observes that the deceased's father called Pastor Lan Anderson and Dr. Joseph O. T. Odunsanya, Pastors of the church where the deceased worshipped to get the address of the Nigeria High Commission's office after waiting to hear from the High Commission's office to no avail;

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Observes also that on 17th March, 2006 the deceased's father wrote to the consular and the Nigeria High Commission in Malaysia for the return of the body of the deceased back to Nigeria; and on the 28th of March, 2006 the Nigeria High Commission in Malaysia replied informing the deceased's father that the Malaysian Police was investigating the cause of his death and that a copy of the same letter has been forwarded to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and that the High Commission was waiting for directives from Abuja on the matter;

Notes that on the 16th June, 2006 the deceased's father received a letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Abuja asking him on the next step to be taken in respect of the remains of the deceased;

Notes also that the response from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs confused the deceased's father and on the 18th June, 2006 he photocopied the letter sent to the Nigeria High Commission in Malaysia to the Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs who has never got in touch with the deceased's father on the matter;

Concerned that this situation has thrown the family of the deceased in total confusion, untold emotional distress, lack of faith in the ability of the Nigerian state to protect the rights and concerns of the citizens living abroad;

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) *Deplore* the shoddy manner in which the Nigeria Government has handled the matter so far;
- (ii) *Urge* the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Nigerian High Commission in Malaysia to facilitate the return of the remains of the deceased for a decent burial at Federal Government Cost
- (iii) *Urge* the Federal Government to exert pressure on the Malaysian Government to expedite investigation into the cause of the murder and be made to pay necessary compensation to the family;

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs:

Screening of Nominee:

Senator Jibril M. Aminu:- (*Adamawa Central*)

"That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, on the screening of Dr. Sheikh Saleh Okenwa, as a full time Member of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) and approve the recommendation",

Recommendation:

"That the Senate do confirm the nomination of Dr. Sheikh Saleh Okenwa, as a **full** time Member of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON)".

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Rules and Business	Wednesday, 13th February, 2008	3. 00 p.m.	Committee Room 15 Assembly Complex
Banking, Insurance and other p.m. Financial Institutions	Wednesday, 13th February, 2008	2.00	Committee Room 323 (New Senate Building) Assembly Complex
Local and Foreign Debts p.m.	Wednesday, 13th February, 2008	2.00	Committee Room 323 (New Senate Building) Assembly Complex
Women Affairs and Youth Development	Wednesday, 13th February, 2008	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 427 (New Senate Building) Assembly Complex