



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Thursday 23rd April, 2009

1. Prayers
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Confirmation of Nomination:
Senator Teslim K. Folarin (*Senate Leader*)
"That the SENATE do CONSIDER the request of MR. PRESIDENT, C-IN-C, for the CONFIRMATION of the NOMINATION of ALHAJI MAHDI BUKAR (*Yobe State*), as a MEMBER in the NATIONAL POPULATION COMMISSION (NPC), in accordance with SECTION 154(1) and (3) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria".

MOTION

1. Cross-border Incursions into and Displacement of Nigerian Villages by Beninois Communities and Attendant Consequences to the Peaceful Co-existence in the ECOWAS Sub-Region:

Sen. Umar A. Tafidan Argungu (*Kebbi North*):

Co- sponsors:

Sen. Abubakar T. Ayuba
Sen. Ahmad I. Lawan
Sen. Abubakar U. Gada
Sen. Felix K. Bajomo
Sen. Umaru Dahiru
Sen. Muhammad A. Bello
Sen. Grace F. Bent
Sen. Smart Adeyemi
Sen. Sylvester N. Anyanwu
Sen. Otaru S. Ohize
Sen. Munirudeen A. Muse
Sen. Joseph Akaagerger
Sen. Garba Y. Lado

Sen. Ahmad R. Sani
Sen. Muhammad Mana
Sen. Hassan M. Gusau
Sen. Mahmoud K. Bello
Sen. Mujitaba M. Mallam
Sen. Ahmed M. Maccido
Sen. Ayogu Eze
Sen. Anthony Manzo
Sen. Ehigie E. Uzamere
Sen. Dahiru Awaisu Kuta
Sen. Kabir I. Gaya
Sen. Chris N. Anyanwu
Sen. Patricia N. Akwashiki

Sen. Bala A. Mohammed
Sen. Sahabi A. Ya'u
Sen. Gbemi R. Saraki
Sen. Emmanuel Paulker
Sen. Caleb Zagi
Sen. Zainab A. Kure
Sen. Iyabo Obasanjo-Bello
Sen. Andrew Babalola
Sen. Mohammed. K. Jibril
Sen. Bassey Ewa-Henshaw
Sen. Hayatu B. Gwarzo
Sen. Simeon O. Oduoye

The Senate,

Notes with deep concern that the phenomena of cross- border incursions into and displacement of Nigerian Villages with particular reference to the recent incident in Tungar-Kungi by the Beninois communities is threatening the peaceful co-existence of the Ecowas Sub-Region;

Observes that the recent case in particular is the unprovoked aggression on a Nigerian Village in the Western part of Kebbi North Senatorial District last week by the Beninois communities, which razed the Tungar - Kungi village, eight kilometers into Nigeria, displacing thousands of peace-loving Nigerians from their lawful abodes, inflicting unquantifiable losses worth Millions of Naira all in the quest to control the richly endowed Nigerian lands;

Notes also that the razed Tungar- Kungi village is situated about three-kilometres from Lolo town in Bagudo Local Government Area of Kebbi State and about eight (8) kilometers before the Nigeria-Benin-Niger border. The inhabitants of this village and other settlements around it are predominantly fishermen and farmers as the area is richly endowed with fisheries resources and fertile fadama land for rice cultivation and irrigation farming. This is the greatest envy of the neighbouring Beninois communities who have no such endowment and as such feel naturally disadvantaged. They therefore feel that the Nigerian villages have to bequeath such land to them;

Notes further that the attack was carried-out by over 2,000 people mobilized from five Benin villages and master-minded at Madikali village in Benin Republic. The sordid attack razed the entire Tungar-Kungi village to the ground leaving behind a pitiful situation of 1,500 displaced victims most of them women and children who sought refuge at a four-classroom primary school at Lolo town with no facilities to cater for them;

Warns that unless very urgent decisive action is taken by the Federal Government to nip such cross-border incursions in the bud, Nigeria would have a repeat of Bakassi situation in the North-West zone;

Notes further that there were several cases of similar border incursions in the past few years resulting in wanton destruction of lives and properties, leaving both the Bagudo LGA and Kebbi State Government helpless in dealing with the situation;

Observes that this action constitute a devastating loss to the Nigerian Government and a violation of the ECOWAS Treaty and unwarranted aggression against the innocent and peace-loving Nigerians in their country;

Acknowledges the total absence of any Police or Army Barracks at such locations to deter the would-be cross border aggressors.

Accordingly Resolves to:

- i. **Call** on the Federal Government to immediately investigate the remote causes of cross-border incursions with the neighbouring Benin Republic and take remedial measures to guard against recurrence of such incidences.
- ii. **Implore** the National Emergency Management Agency to come to urgent Aid of the thousands of displaced victims of this recent attack at Tungar-Kungi with necessary Relief and Resettlement Package.
- iii. **Direct** the National Boundaries Commission to urgently set the process in motion to resolve the areas of friction on the Nigeria/Benin Border.
- iv. **Urge** the Federal Government to close all Nigeria/Benin Republic borders pending the resolution of the crisis.
- v. **Call** on the Federal Government to as a matter of urgency see to the setting-up of Police Barracks at those villages near the borders to deter such cross-border aggression.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A **BILL** for an Act to **AMEND** the **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SERVICE COMMISSION ACT, 2000** and for Other Purposes Connected Therewith, 2009 (SB. 82) – *Second Reading*
Senator Teslim K. Folarin (Senate Leader)
2. A **BILL** for an Act to **ESTABLISH** the **CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF FRAUD EXAMINERS** and for **MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH, 2008 (SB. 108)** – *Second Reading*
Senator Joseph I. Akaagerger (Benue North East)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Works	Thursday, 23rd April, 2009	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 313 Senate New Building
2.	Commerce	Thursday, 23rd April, 2009	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 312 Senate New Building
3.	Establishment and Public Service	Thursday, 23rd April, 2009	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 427 Senate New Building
4.	Solid Minerals	Tuesday, 28th April, 2009	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 304 Senate New Building
5.	Capital Market	Tuesday, 28th April, 2009	2.00 p.m	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
6.	Education	Wednesday, 29th April, 2009	3.00 p.m	Committee Room 304 Senate New Building
7.	Health	Wednesday, 29th April, 2009	1.00 p.m	Committee Room 305 Senate New Building