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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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Tuesday, 3 October, 2006

The House met at 10:00 a.m. Mr Speaker read Prayers.

Votes and Proceedings:

Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and **approved** the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 28 September, 2006.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

Announcement:

Mr Speaker read the a communication addressed to the Clerk to the National Assembly from the Ministry of Defence, Joint Services Department, Abuja:

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Ref No: NA/CL/5996/VOL.II/314

RE-JANGUZA DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, TOFA LOCAL GOVERNMENT
AREA OF KANO STATE: PETITION AGAINST THE NIGERIAN ARMY FOR
FORCEFUL ACQUISITION OF FARMLAND AND
HOUSES WITHOUT COMPENSATION

I am directed to Acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. NASS/CHR/020IRS/I/25 of 23rd August, 2006 and to please inform you that the Ministry had responded to your earlier letter No. NASS/CHR/020/Vol. VIII128 of 5th December, 2005. A copy of our letter No. NA/CL/5996/Vol.II/272 dated 23rd December, 2003 forwarded to you is herewith attached.

2. *I am further to inform you that the matter has been referred to the Chief of Army Staff for necessary action.*

3. Further development will be communicated to you in due course.

(Signed) A. E.
Asuquo (Mrs)
For; Honourable Minister of Defence

Petition:

A petition was received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions

Hon. Osita Egwuatu, from Chief Moz Alor, Oku Nagba Ozala Chambers on behalf of the **Amaowele** Village, **Amamsea** and Umuorji family of Orukwa Village, Awka North Local Government Area of Anambra State, praying the House to intervene in the alleged questionable acquisition of their farmlands by the Fed Ministry of Works with a view to enabling them re-enter (he said farmlands to continue to earn the legitimate livelihood).

Presentation of Report:

Committee on Public Petitions;

- (i) Report on the Petition by Ex, Sgt. Godwin Obanga:
Motion made and Question proposed: "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions, on the Petition by Ex. Sgt. Godwin Obanga against the Nigeria Police Force" {Hon. Moroof A. Akinwande}.

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

- (ii) Report on the Petition by Samuel Gyang:
Motion made and Question proposed: "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Samuel Gyang against the Nigeria Police Force" (Hon. Moroof A. Akinwande).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

- (iii) Report on the Petition by Capt. D. O. Labinjo:
Motion made and Question proposed: "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Capt. D. O. Labinjo against the Nigeria Navy" (Hon. Moroof A. Akinwande).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

- (iv) Report on the Petition by R. G. Jolayemi:
Motion made and Question proposed; "That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by R. G. Jolayemi against the Nigeria Customs Service" (Hon. Moroof A. Akinwande).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Hon Sani Gusau informed the House that following the collapse of a Dam in Birnin-Ruwa, Gusau, Zamfara State, many houses were swept away and thousands of villagers rendered homeless. He stated that many lives and property were lost to the incident and urged the House to discuss the matter as one of urgent public importance.

Question that the matter be debated, put and agreed to.

Matter to stand over till the next legislative day.

Treatment of Accident and Gun-Shot Victims:

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that hundreds of lives are lost daily as a result of delays, denials or complete absence of emergency treatment to victims of accidents and gun-shots;

Disturbed that concerned citizens avoid assisting such victims due to fear of possible police harassment or prosecution;

Aware that hospitals across the country insist on police reports before treating such victims;

Concerned about the efficacy of the operation of ambulance services and toll-free emergency telephone **members** across the **country**;

Resolves to:

(i) mandate the Inspector-General of Police to issue a categorical statement directing registered Hospitals and Medical Centres across the country to treat accident and gun-shot wound victims;

(ii) call on the Inspector-General of Police to issue a standard Form to be completed and returned by the medical unit treating victims of accident and gun-shot wounds within 24 hours of admission to **the** nearest Police Station;

(iii) direct the Nigeria Police Force (NPF), the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Nigerian Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Nigerian Medical Association (NMA), Federal and State Fire Services, Nigerian Civil Defence Corps, National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW), National Orientation Agency (NOA) and NGOs to liaise with the Federal and State Ministries of Health to embark on aggressive public enlightenment on First Aid and Health Care emergency procedures as well as establish National, Regional and District Ambulance services to cater for such victims; and

(iv) urge the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) to direct all service providers in the country to create universal toll-free emergency numbers. (Hon. Okwudili Uzoka and 19 others)

Debate:

Amendments Proposed:

(i) In prayer (i) line 1, *leave out* the word "mandate" and *insert* the word "direct" instead thereof — (**Hon. N C Ughanze**).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

(ii) . *Insert* a new prayer (it) as follows:

"direct the Inspector-General of Police to issue a categorical statement to all the Police Commands to dispense with the issue of Police Reports before a victim of accident or gun-shot is treated by the hospitals" (**Hon. N. C. Ughanze**).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Main Question as amended put and agreed to. The House:

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- (v) urge the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) to direct all service providers in the country to create universal toll-free emergency numbers. {HR.55/2006}.

8. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of Satellite Towns Development Agency for the Federal Capital Territory and Matters Connected Therewith, 2006 {HB. 200} — *Second Reading*.

Motion made and Question proposed: "That a Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of Satellite Towns Development Agency for the Federal Capital Territory and Matters Connected Therewith, 2006, be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Bawa Bwari*).

Debate:

Hon. Bawa Bwari ordered to address the House on the Constitutionality of the Bill on a date agreed upon with the Committee on Rules and Business.

9. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Satellite Towns Development Agency to be Charged with the Responsibility for Development and Defining the Boundaries of the Satellite Towns and for Related Matters, 2006 (HB. 206) — *Second Reading*.

Motion made and Question proposed: "That A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Satellite Towns Development Agency to be Charged with the Responsibility for Development and Defining the Boundaries of the Satellite Towns and for Related Matters, 2006, be now read a Second Time (*Hon. Joel Danlami*).

Bill by leave of the House, withdrawn.

10. Adjournment:
That this House do now adjourn till Wednesday 4 October, 2006 at 2.00 p.m. (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12:01 p.m.

Aminu Bello Masari
Speaker