



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 12 January, 2017

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. **Need to Commend the Nigerian Armed Forces for Overrunning the Sambisa Forest and to Celebrate its Serving and Retired Personnel on the Occasion of the 2017 Armed Forces Remembrance Day:**

Hon. M. T Monguno Hon. Abdussamad Dasuki:

The House:

Aware that Members of the Boko Haram Sect had, in the last couple of years, terrorized Communities in the North-East zone of Nigeria, especially Communities in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe States;

Recalls that before President Muhammadu Buhari assumed office, many Local Government Areas in Borno State were overrun by the Sect which declared the town of Goza as its administrative headquarters;

Also aware that the terrorists had caused the death of no fewer than 1000 people, rendered over two million people homeless and destroyed properties worth millions of naira;

Regrets that the insurgency had crippled the business and economic activities of the people of Borno, Yobe and Adamawa States in particular, but the political will exhibited by the Government has brought the Sect to its knees by sacking the members from the Sambisa Forest which was the operational base from which they launched attacks and ran back to hide;

Appreciates the gallantry of the Armed Forces in defeating the Sect which resulted in the recovery of the areas hitherto under the control of the Sect as well as capturing the symbolic flag which the Sect's leader, Shekau usually placed at the background while making his radical speeches;

Believes that the capturing of Sambisa Forest symbolizes a major defeat of the Sect in Nigeria and by implication, the beginning of the revival of economic and business activities the North East Zone;

Notes that the Armed Forces Remembrance Day is a time for the nation to reflect on the significant sacrifices that the men and women of the Armed Forces have made and have continued to make to ensure that we remain a united, free and prosperous nation;

Further aware that the Armed Forces Remembrance Day which was formerly celebrated on 11 November of every year to coincide with the Remembrance Day (Poppy Day) for the World War II veterans in the British Commonwealth of Nations, was changed to 15 January in commemoration of the Civil War that south to nearly tore the nation apart;

Cognizant that the Armed Forces, despite enormous challenges have contributed to the enthronement of peace and prosperity in the nation but realizes that more than at anytime in the nation's history, save the Civil War period, the Armed Forces has not been as stretched in an effort to secure the territorial integrity of the nation as at the present time;

Also cognizant that the men and women of the Armed Forces are deployed for several internal security operations nationwide in a bid to ensure that the nation is secured, especially at the Niger Delta Area which has led to a drastic reduction in the activities of economic saboteurs who once reigned supreme in the nation's territorial waters;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Defence and the Chief of Defence Staff to work towards instituting Insurance and Housing Schemes for the personnel of the Armed Forces in the event of disability or death in order to ensure that our fallen heroes are not forgotten;
- (ii) Also urge Corporate Organizations to key into programs aimed at bettering the lives of the veterans;
- (iii) Commend President Muhammadu Buhari for his commitment towards the restoration of peace in the North-East Zone of Nigeria;
- (iv) Also commend the Chiefs of Defence, Army, Air and Naval Staffs and members of the Armed Forces for their doggedness and courage which led to the defeat and consequent capturing of the Sambisa Forest from the Boko Haram Sect;
- (v) Further commend the authority of the Armed Forces for re-opening the Maiduguri-Monguno-Bama Road and the Maiduguri-Gubio-Damasak Road;
- (vi) Urge Nigerians to be more vigilant as escapee Boko Haram members may seek to integrate themselves into the Communities;
- (v) Mandate the Committee on Defence to monitor developments so as to avert a relapse back to the harrowing events of the last couple of years.

2. Call for a Review of the Planned Closure of the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja:
Hon. Olufunke Adedoyin:

The House:

Notes the report published in National Newspapers that the Federal Ministry of Transportation (Aviation) is proposing to close the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja for six weeks commencing on 8 March, 2017 to enable the Ministry carry out comprehensive renovation of the runway and construct a second runway;

Also notes that the proposed closure of the Airport will be for six (6) weeks commencing on 8 March, 2017 to enable the Ministry carry out comprehensive renovation works on the runway and construct a second runway at the Airport;

Further notes that the Ministry stated that during the period of the closure all flights, both local and international, will be re-routed to the Kaduna International Airport from where passengers will be conveyed to Abuja by road or rail, with security to be provided by the security agencies;

Cognisant of the incumbency on the Government to facilitate and ease the conduct of economic activities and travels, especially at this period of economic recession, hence the quandary and obvious difficulties to understand the rationale behind the intended closure of an airport of the Capital City of the country, which invariably amounts to shutting down the city;

Conscious of the fact that the nation has lost an estimated \$80 billion worth of foreign investments in the last two years, the Government ought to be more concerned about facilitating the return of capital to the nation rather than taking a measure that is bound to exacerbate the situation given that both international and local airlines are opposed to the proposal and the nature of their reaction if the plan is carried out is yet to be determined; and the aggregate losses to be incurred by the country to the closure cannot be quantified;

Wonders why there has to be a complete closure in order to repair the runway when there exists new technologies that can be applied in such a way that the repair works can be undertaken at night over the six weeks period while the airport remains in operation during the day time given that the earliest scheduled flight into the airport arrives at 5.30a.m.;

Aware that the “upgrading” and construction of the terminal building have been on-going for over five years now without a completion date in sight and given the experience of the Port Harcourt International Airport which was shut down to undergo renovation for a couple of weeks but the work lasted for over a year, what then is the guarantee that this particular exercise will be completed within the projected six weeks period;

Concerned about subjecting local and foreign travelers to the perils of road travels, particularly in a period of recession with the attendant economic hardships which have occasioned high incidents of armed robberies, kidnappings and other sundry crimes along the Kaduna-Abuja highway;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Transportation (Aviation) to halt the planned closure of Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja and explore alternative methods of carrying out the renovation of the Runway;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Aviation to ensure implementation and report back to the House within two (2) weeks for further legislative action.

**3. Call to Offer a Safe Haven to President Yahya Jammeh as Part of Nigeria’s Mediation Initiative for the Gambia:
Hon. Muhammed Sani Zorro:**

The House:

Notes and supports the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) regional mediation efforts led by President Muhammadu Buhari to find lasting solution to the political impasse in the Gambia;

Aware that the clock is ticking fast for the survival of democracy in the country and there is therefore the need to intensify preventive diplomacy to save the Gambia from descending into chaos with dire consequences for the West African sub-region, as a result of a likely armed conflict and mass displacement of persons;

Cognizant of Nigeria's past leadership roles in restoring peace and settling conflicts in various Central, Southern and West African nations, including the Congo, Chad, Southern African countries, Liberia, Sierra-Leone, etc;

Also aware of Nigeria's policy of extending safe-haven status to endangered African leaders as part of dispute settlement and that such gestures had, in the past been extended to Presidents Felix Malloum of Chad, Siad Barre of Somalia, Thabo Mbeki of the ANC, Messrs' Charles Taylor and Yomi Johnson of Liberia and several other leaders;

Resolves to:

- (i) express full support for the President Muhammadu Buhari-led diplomatic efforts at stabilizing the Gambia as it faces this difficult stage of transition from one political regime to another;
- (ii) stand in solidarity with the Parliament and people of the Gambia in their trying times;
- (iii) call on President Muhammadu Buhari to extend Nigeria's readiness to offer outgoing President Yahya Jammeh a safe haven in Nigeria to live securely as a way of ending the political stalemate in The Gambia.

4. Need to Check the Abuse of Personnel of the Nigerian Armed Forces and Other Security Outfits by Civilians:

Hon. O. K. Chinda:

The House:

Notes with concern the indiscriminate use of men of the Armed Forces (Army, Navy and Air Force) as body guards of civilians who are ordinarily not entitled to such perivileges;

Also notes that though the problem cuts across virtually all sectors of the polity, it is more common among politicians, political and ex-political office holders and businessmen;

Further notes that the most commonly abused of these security personnel are the Mobile Police Force (Mopol), Soldiers and in the some cases, men of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC);

Concerned that on several occasions, these armed security personnel, acting as body guards to civilians, have brutally assaulted, harassed, and in some cases whipped, gum butted, severely beaten and manhandled innocent civilians who are left at the mercy of the personnel;

Also concerned that the above trend, if left unchecked could lead to anarchy and in turn negatively affect the society by causing despondency in the minds the people;

Further concerned that these acts have lowered the image and reputation of the Armed Forces of Nigeria and indeed compromised national security;

Resolves to:

- (i) Condemn the indiscriminate use and/ or abuse of personnel of the Armed Forces and other security outfits by civilians and urge the heads of those establishments to immediately withdraw those personnel attached to civilians;
- (ii) Mandate the Committees on Army, Air Force, Navy, Police and Interior to investigate the matter and report back to the House within four (4) weeks or further legislative action.

5. Call to Review the Level of Utilization of Prison Farms /Skills Acquisition in Support of the Diversification Agenda and Compliance with Comprehensive African Agriculture Development Program (CAADP) of the African Union 2003; (CAADP)/ ECOWAP Compact 2010 and National Agriculture Investment Plan, (NAIP) 2011:

Hon. Chime Oji:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria is a signatory to the Maputo Declaration of 2003 on Agriculture by the Conference of Heads of States and Governments of African Union (AU) in respect of Comprehensive African Agriculture Development Program (CAADP) which projected a minimum annual productivity of 6% growth rate;

Aware that Nigeria also signed the (CAADP) /ECOWAP Compact in October 2010 and finalized its National Agriculture Investment Plan (NAIP) in 2011;

Also notes that prison farms across Nigeria form part of the Comprehensive National Agriculture Investment Plan (NAIP) from where productivity can grow above 6% annually;

Realizes that out of about 56,785 prison inmates in the country, about 17,775 are convicts, leaving about 39,010 inmates on the awaiting trial list and this category of inmates cannot be engaged in farming activities but partake in the limited allocations to the prisons service;

Also aware that ten percent of the convicts are on death row and cannot be released for any domestic engagement in view of security considerations and international standard requirements;

Concerned that the prison service no longer obtains farm produce since prison farms became moribund, a situation that is making it impossible to cater for the inmates only from the budgetary allocations, and a fact that has been compounded by the current economic recession;

Believes that the recurring incidents of jail breaks across the country, which have led to the death of over forty six prison staff, may not be unconnected with scarcity of food in the prisons, thus giving vent to the essential requirement for the resuscitation of prison farms to help in addressing the problems of hunger in the prisons;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture to ensure compliance with the relevant African Union Instruments and Plans towards the attainment of increased productivity within the expected threshold;
- (ii) Urge the Federal Ministry of Interior and the Nigerian Prison Service to resuscitate the prison farms as a means of reducing extreme hunger in the prisons across the Nation;
- (iii) Mandate the Committee on Agricultural Production and Services to assess the level of compliance with the African Union Instruments targeting food security and comprehensive productivity and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action;
- (iv) Also mandate the Committee on Interior to ensure compliance with the demands for resuscitation of prison farms and report back to the within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

**6. Refusal/Deliberate Failure of the Inspector-General of Police to Honour the Invitations of the Committee on Police Affairs over the Violations of the 2016 Appropriation Act, the Fiscal Responsibility Act and the Public Procurement Act:
Hon. Onyenwfe Gabriel O.**

The House:

Notes that the sum of 1.2 billion naira was approved in the Appropriation Act of 2016 for the purchase of ten (10) numbers of Armoured Personnel Carriers by the Nigeria Police Force but the amount was diverted for the purchase of sixty-four (64) Toyota Hiace Commuter vehicles without the approval of the National Assembly;

Also notes that the sum of 6 billion naira was appropriated in the same Act for rehabilitation and reconstruction of One Hundred and Two (102) Police Stations nationwide but the amount was also

diverted for other uses without the approval of the National Assembly;

Concerned that these infractions of the Appropriation Act 2016, the Fiscal Responsibility Act 2007 and the Public Procurement Act, 2007 are just two of the several infractions committed by the Nigeria Police Force in the course of implementation of the 2016 budget;

Recalls that the Committee on Police Affairs invited the Inspector-General of Police on 6 December 2016 and 13 December 2016 in his capacity as the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of the Force to explain or justify these perceived infractions but he failed or refused to honour the invitations or justify his failure or refusal to attend;

Cognizant that the diversion of a sum appropriated in the budget without the approval of the National Assembly constitutes a breach of the Appropriation Act and gross violation of the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999;

Concerned that the persistent failure or refusal of the Inspector-General of Police to honour the invitations has stalled the investigation of the diversion of the funds;

Resolves to:

- (i) condemn in the strongest terms the failure or refusal of the Inspector-General of Police to honour the invitations of the Committee on Police Affairs;
- (ii) summon the Inspector-General of Police to appear before the Committee unfailingly by 14.00p.m on Thursday 19 January, 2017 at Conference Room 023, New Wing, House of Representatives, National Assembly Complex;
- (iii) cause a bench warrant to be executed for the arrest of the Inspector-General of Police for the purpose of his appearance before the Committee in the event of his refusal or failure to appear on 19 January, 2017.

BILLS

7. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Quarantine Act, Cap Q2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB 289) (*Hon. Jones Onyineri*) – *Second Reading*.
 8. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Agricultural Quarantine Service Act, Cap Q2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB 471) (*Hon. Munir Dan Agundi*) – *Second Reading*
 9. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Capital Territory HIV/AIDS Control Agency (FACA) and for Other Related Matters (HB. 71) (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta*) — *Second Reading*.
 10. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Treaty to Establish the African Union (Ratification and Enforcement) Act, Cap T26, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by giving the Assembly the Power to Determine the Subjects or Areas on which the Pan-African Parliament may Propose Draft Model Laws and for Other Related Matters (HB. 208) (*Hon. Nnenna Elendu Ukeje*) – *Second Reading*.
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CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

11. **Committee on Commerce:**

Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Commerce on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Consumer Protection Act, Cap.C25, LFN, 2004; Establish the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission and the Competition and Consumer Protection Tribunal for the Development and Promotion of Fair, Efficient and Competitive Markets in the Nigerian Economy, Facilitate Access by all Citizens to Safe Products, Secure the Protection of Rights for all Consumers in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HBs. 1 and 60) and approve the Recommendations therein” (*Laid: 6/10/2016*)

12. **Committee on Public Procurement:**

Hon. Wole Oke:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Procurement on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Public Procurement Act, 2007 by Adding a New Member to the Council, Amending the Procedure for Appointing the Director General of the Bureau and Extending the Application of the Act to Defence Procurement and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 475) and approve the Recommendations therein” (*Laid: 8/12/2016*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 12 January, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions	Thursday, 12 January, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex`
3.	Ethics and Privileges	Thursday, 12 January, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 460 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Nigeria-Israel Parliamentary Friendship Group	Thursday, 12 January, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 468 New Building (House) Assembly Complex