



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 26th April, 2017

1. The Senate met at 10:35 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.

2. **Closed Session:**

Closed Session — 10:36 a.m.

Open Session — 12:07 p.m.

The Senate President reported that the Senate in a Closed Session deliberated on issues bordering on the workings of the Senate in particular and the National Assembly in general.

3. **Votes and Proceedings:**

The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 25th April, 2017.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

4. **Messages from Mr. President:**

The Senate President announced that he had received five letters from Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, which he read as follows:

(a) **Confirmation of Appointments:**



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

19th April, 2017

*Distinguished Senator Abubakar Bukola Saraki
President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear Distinguished Senate President,

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS

In accordance with Sections 6(1) (d) and 10(1) and (2) of the Central Bank of Nigeria (Establishment) Act, 2007, I have the pleasure of presenting the following nominees for confirmation as Non-Executive Directors of the Board of Central Bank of Nigeria:

S/No.	NAME	ZONE
1.	Professor Ummu Ahmed Jalingo	North East
2.	Professor Justina Ođinakachukwu Nnabuko	South East
3.	Professor Mike I. Obadan	South South
4.	Dr. Abdu Abubakar	North West
5.	Adeola Adetunji	South West

Please find attached copies of their Curriculum Vitae.

Please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest regards.

*Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
Muhammadu Buhari*

(b) *Submission of Ambassadorial Nominees for confirmation:*



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

29th March, 2017

*Distinguished Senator Abubakar Bukola Saraki
President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear Distinguished Senate President,

**RE: SUBMISSION OF AMBASSADORIAL NOMINEES
FOR CONFIRMATION**

With reference to your letter dated 28th March, 2017, I have the honour to present the underlisted Non-Career Ambassadorial nominees for Confirmation by the Senate.

S/N	NAME	STATE	REMARKS
1.	Justice Sylvanus Adiewere Nsofor	Imo	Re-submission
2.	Joseph Olusola Iji	Ondo	Replacement
3.	Commodore Yusuf Jonga Hinna (Rtd)	Gombe	Replacement

Copies of their Curriculum Vitae are attached herewith.

It is my hope that this will receive the usual kind expeditious consideration of the Distinguished Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Please accept, Mr. Senate President, the assurances of my highest regards.

*Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
Muhammadu Buhari*

(c) *National Water Resources Bill, 2016:*



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

11th April, 2017

*Distinguished Senator Abubakar Bukola Saraki
President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear Distinguished Senate President,

**FORWARDING OF THE DRAFT NATIONAL
WATER RESOURCES BILL, 2016**

I forward herewith, for your kind consideration and passage into law, the National Water Resources Bill, 2016.

The Bill as presented seeks to establish a regulatory framework for the Water Resources Sector in Nigeria.

It is my hope that the Senate will kindly consider and expeditiously approve the passage of the Bill.

Please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest regards.

*Yours Sincerely,
(Signed)
Muhammadu Buhari*

(d) *Confirmation of Appointment:*



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

21st April, 2017

*Distinguished Senator Abubakar Bukola Saraki
President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear Distinguished Senate President,

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

In accordance with section 34 of the Electric Power Sector Reform Act, CAP E7 LFN, I hereby forward the nomination of Prof. James A. Momoh for confirmation as Chairman of the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission by the Senate.

It is my hope that this request will receive the usual expeditious attention of the Distinguished Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

(e) Federal Government 2016 -2018 External Borrowing (Rolling) Plan:



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

21st April, 2017

Distinguished Senator Abubakar Bukola Saraki
President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.

Dear Distinguished Senate President,

**RE: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
2016 -2018 EXTERNAL BORROWING (ROLLING) PLAN**

I wish to refer to my earlier letter in respect of the above subject and to inform the Distinguished Senate that the China Eximbank has approved our request for a loan to execute the Lagos-Kano Railway Modernization Project (Lagos-Ibadan Segment) for a sum, of \$1.231 billion. The Chinese have also informed us that approval of the Lagos - Kano Railway Modernization Project (Kano - Kaduna Segment) and Coastal Railway Project (Lagos-Calabar Segment) are imminent.

China Eximbank Supported Projects:

i.	Lagos-Kano Railway Modernization Project (Lagos-Ibadan Segment):	\$1.231 billion
ii.	Lagos-Kano Railway Modernization Project (Kano-Kaduna Segment):	\$1.146 billion
iii.	Coastal Railway Project (Lagos-Calabar Segment):	\$3.474 billion
	Total	\$5.851 billion

As you are aware, the funds available under the China-Africa Fund are limited and loan applications from all African Countries are funded based on first come, first served and therefore, there is an urgent need for us to sign these loans as soon as they are approved or we may lose out in the event that we delay in signing the loan agreement. These loans form part of our overall rail funding strategy. We are already in the process of completing the concession of the Port Harcourt to Maiduguri line to immediately link the Eastern part of the nation. We fully intend to source further concessional funding to ultimately upgrade this critical line to a high speed standard gauge line. These projects form, part of our overall plan to resuscitate rail transport across the nation and thereby drive inclusive growth.

Distinguished Senate may also recall my earlier request for the speedy clearance of some emergency projects earmarked for the North- East in the 2016-2018 Borrowing Plan. You would also recall that, my request was based on the need to consolidate the relative peace at that time. Since then, the situation as you are aware has changed dramatically and introduced even more urgency to the situation in the zone than ever before. While the capture and destruction of the stronghold of Boko Haram in Sambisa forest was welcome news, the recent unfortunate incident of the bombing of an IDP camp by mistake, with loss of civilian lives brings to the fore the need to resettle the people back to their homes quickly in order to avoid such incidents in the future. However, for us to be able to do this, there is need for urgent consideration of the identified projects which will enable us to start reconstruction and rehabilitation of the region in order to create jobs for the people and rehabilitate the schools to get the children off the streets and into schools. The World Bank has provided a sum of \$575 million to assist the FGN in these reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts as well as for procurement of vaccines and other ancillary facilities for national routine immunization to eradicate polio after the outbreak in the North-East in 2016. The projects earmarked for the emergency rehabilitation and reconstruction in the North East are as follows:

Previously Requested Emergency World Bank Supported Projects

i.	Polio Eradication Support and Routine immunization Project;	\$125 million
ii.	Community and Social Development Project;	\$75 million
iii.	Nigeria States Health Programme; Investment Project;	\$125 million
iv.	State Education Programme Investment Project;	\$100 million
v.	Nigeria Youth Employment and Social Support Project	\$100 million
vi.	Fadama III Project.	\$50 million
	Total	\$575 million

I wish to also inform the Distinguished Senate that, our National Social Safety Net Programme which is intended to assist the poor and most vulnerable people in our societies nation-wide started this January 2017 with the first cash transfer payments in eight (8) States. However, for us to expand the programme to all the States, we need additional resources in addition to our 2017 budgetary allocations. It is for this reason that I am requesting your early consideration of the proposed World Bank assisted \$500 million loan to help expand the assistance and support to the poor and most vulnerable especially in these difficult times.

Additional Emergency World Bank Supported Project

i.	Social Inclusion and Welfare Advancement Project:	\$500 million
	Total	\$500 million

Given the current state of our economy and the need to urgently address some of our infrastructure deficiencies in order to quickly improve the livelihood of our people, it has become imperative that we work together in an expeditious way to get our economy out of recession and back to growth. Distinguished Senate, an expeditious consideration, and approval of this request will go a long way in bringing stability to the North East and improvement in our infrastructure and by extension a general improvement in the economy and livelihood of our people.

In view of the above, the Distinguished Senate is invited to urgently consider and approve all the above projects totaling a sum of \$6.926 billion to enable us commence the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the North East, provide for the poor and most vulnerable people and commence the rail projects in earnest. I believe your early approval would lead to a quick recovery of our economy and return it to a path of growth.

Please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest regards.

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

5. Announcement:

Acknowledgment:

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the following who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:

- (i) Members of Students' Union Government, Bayero University, Kano, Kano State; and
- (ii) Members of Niger Delta Students' Union Government, Worldwide, Asaba, Delta State.

6. Valedictory Session:

Demise of Senator Isiaka Adetunji Adeleke (1955 - 2017):

Motion made: That the Senate is saddened by the sudden death of Senator Isiaka Adetunji Adeleke in the early hours of Sunday, 23rd April, 2017;

notes that Senator Isiaka Adetunji Adeleke popularly known as SERUBAWON "that is a man feared by his adversaries" was born on 15th January, 1955 to the family of Senator Ayoola Adeleke and Esther Adeleke in Enugu and spent his early years in the Coal City until the beginning of the Nigerian civil war in 1967;

notes that young Adeleke had his Primary Education at Christ Church School, Enugu before his family moved to Ibadan. He however completed his secondary school at Ogbomosho Grammar School where he had his West Africa School Certificate in 1972. He then proceeded to the Jacksonville State University, United States of America where he bagged a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science in 1983. In 1985, he obtained his Masters in Public Administration from the same Institution;

aware also that during the Third Republic, Adeleke contested for the governorship post of the newly created Osun State which was carved out from Oyo State under the platform of the Social Democratic Party (SDP);

aware that Isiaka Adeleke, then as a member of the Social Democratic Party (SDP) a popular and dominant party in Oyo State at that time, fought hard to secure the party ticket in a keenly contested primary election that he was not favoured to win;

observes that Senator Isiaka Adeleke's victory at the primary election and the support of other party members and Osun voters gave him the victory at the polls and this saw him becoming the first elected Civilian Governor of Osun State in 1992;

notes that as a Governor, Senator Isiaka Adetunji Adeleke displayed his love for his people as he responded to their yearnings and aspirations through the establishment of the following during his short tenure:

- The completion of the Osun State Broadcasting Corporation; and
- The institution of a scholarship award for about 100 indigent students in tertiary institutions across the country;

aware that before becoming a Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, he was the Chairman, Governing Council, Nigerian Export Promotion Council; Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, Governing Council, University of Calabar, Nigeria. He was also the Director of Pacific Merchant Bank and Chairman of Tadel Investment Limited;

recalls that in 2007, Isiaka Adetunji Adeleke contested for the seat of the Osun West Senatorial District under the platform of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) and won. He lost out in the 2011 elections but as a dogged fighter, he regained the seat under the platform of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in the 2015 elections which he occupied till his demise;

observes that while in the Senate, the late Senator Isiaka Adeleke served as:

- Chairman, Committee on INEC (2007 -2011);
- Chairman, Committee on Capital Market (2015 - 2017)
- Member of Committee on Marine Transport, FCT, Establishment and Public Services, Upstream Petroleum, Integration and Co-operation in Africa, Defence and Air force;

observes also that late Senator Isiaka Adetunji Adeleke demonstrated intelligence, hard work and commitment in the advancement of legislative process as especially in the sponsorship of Bills for the effective dispensation of Criminal Justice in Nigeria such as:

- i. The Parole and Probation Bill, 2015;
- ii. Witness Protection Programming Bill, 2016;
- iii. Community Service Bill, 2017;

notes that his demise is not only a colossal loss to the people of Osun State and the National Assembly in particular, but to Nigeria in general as the nation stands to miss his genuine contribution to legislative and other national issues;

notes that the Senate will surely miss him for his political astuteness, forthrightness, a team player, consensus builder, politician par excellence, legislative icon and celebrated Administrator of immense sagacity. He was conferred with the national honour of the Commander of the Order of the Niger (CON); and

adieu Senator Isiaka Adeleke.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of the late Senator Isiaka Adetunji Adeleke; and
- (ii) send a high powered delegation to commiserate with the family, people and Government of Osun State over the irreparable loss (*Senate Leader*).

The following Senators paid tribute:

- (i) Senator Ike Ekweremadu
- (ii) Senator Godswill O. Akpabio
- (iii) Senator Olusola Adeyeye

- (iv) Senator Binta Masi Garba
- (v) Senator Enyinnaya H. Abaribe
- (vi) Senator George T. Sekibo
- (vii) Senator Kabiru I. Gaya
- (viii) Senator Bareehu O. Ashafa
- (ix) Senator Buhari Abdulfatai
- (x) Senator Foster Ogola
- (xi) Senator Hope O. Uzodinma
- (xii) Senator Rabiu M. Musa
- (xiii) Senator Emmanuel I. Paulker

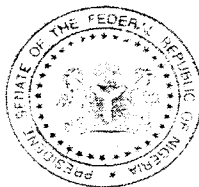
Extension of Time:

Motion made: That the Senate do sit this day beyond the time appointed for the termination of the Sitting of the Senate (Rule 13) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

- (xiv) Senator Babajide C. Omoworare
- (xv) Senator Shehu Sani
- (xvi) Senator Barau I. Jibrin
- (xvii) Senator Barnabas A. I. Gemade
- (xviii) Senator Clifford A. Ordia
- (xix) Senator Abdullahi A. Gumel
- (xx) Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah

The Senate President also paid tribute:



**President of the Senate
Federal Republic of Nigeria**

VALEDICTORY REMARKS ON THE DEMISE OF SENATOR ISIAKA ADETUNJI ADELEKE.

1. *It is with a very heavy heart and great sadness that I, on behalf of the 8th Senate do commiserate with the family of our friend, colleague and great leader, His Excellency, Senator Isiaka Adetunji Adeleke.*
2. *When the news of the death of Senator Isiaka Adetunji Adeleke reached me it was impossible to comprehend. I was and still in deep shock that Senator Adeleke is no longer with us.*
3. *Senator Adeleke was full of life by the time we all departed for this year's Easter break. Upon hearing the news of his death, I immediately made haste to ensure that this was not the case of mistaken identity or fake news. But lo and truly, our Adeleke, our indefatigable friend, was indeed no more. While resigning to the will of Allah, I went to Osun to pay my*

last respect to this great Nigerian leader. It was still hard to mask my grief and the suddenness of his demise. I pray that Allah the most merciful grants his gentle soul, rest in paradise.

4. *To many who may not have had the privilege I have had, working closely with this extraordinary Nigerian Leader, late Senator Adeleke epitomizes what it means to achieve success purposefully and quietly. In the Senate, this exceptional leader went about his duties with strides of conviction without drama. He was a leader who engaged you directly with his work rather than mere words.*
5. *Historically, Senator Adeleke was well prepared for leadership by his father who was once a Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Senator Adeleke was the first Civilian Governor of Osun State elected on the platform of the Social Democratic Party (SDP), in the aborted Third Republic. He did not give up on Nigeria, he stood up again and like a true leader continued to march on to the last position he held as a Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria before his death. It is no wonder to me; given the impact he made in his family, his constituency, his State and the nation as a whole, that there has been such outpouring of unbound emotion and sadness that has enveloped the entire Osun State since his death was announced.*

The scene at the burial ground and the unmistakable sense of heaviness and grief that drenched the entire ground epitomized the depth of loss people felt from the departure of this great leader.

6. *I consider Senator Adeleke a great leader because he was a team player and an enabler. This great team player was a personal friend and a very kind-hearted man. It has been a privilege to work with him in the Senate and in close quarters.*
7. *His sudden death is still difficult to accept and live with. His heart bore no bile nor did he have room for too much anger and bitterness. He was a consummate achiever and a dependable ally. The departure of Senator Adeleke at this time is a clear reminder to all of us, that we must live exemplary lives and make the best of it while we can for the good of humanity. Thankfully, Senator Adeleke lived his life selflessly and to the utmost for the benefit of his people.*
8. *Yes, once we are born we qualify to die and therefore death is inevitable. But the death of Senator Adeleke leaves a great vacuum very hard to fill. I am however immensely grateful to Allah for giving us the exceptional opportunity to work together and hopefully, history will be kind to him and give him the proper place he deserves.*
9. *A man of exceptional patriotism and unflinching love for his people, the death of Senator Adeleke will continue to sting very hard, not only on his family and friends but also on the entire Osun State in general. It is one grief that the 8th Senate will also struggle to overcome.*
10. *To you the loving family whom he has left behind, I pray on behalf of my family and I and the entire Senate, that Allah continue to give you the fortitude to bear this irreparable loss.*
11. *To the widow of the deceased, I pray especially that Allah continues to keep you strong as a defence for your family and your children.*
12. *May Allah(SWT) shield you and keep you away from harm and provide for you. May you never forget the lessons of your dear husband's warm nature, his dedication and his passion for service that he imparted to all of us.*

13. *On behalf of my family and the Senate, I offer to all of you; his wife and children, the good people of Ede Community, Osun State APC and the National Party my heartfelt sympathies.*

(Signed)

Senator Abubakar O. Saraki, CON
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do observe a minute silence in honour of the late Senator Isiaka Adetunji Adeleke — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do send a high powered delegation to commiserate with the family, people and Government of Osun State over the irreparable loss — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of the late Senator Isiaka Adetunji Adeleke; and
- (ii) send a high powered delegation to commiserate with the family, people and Government of Osun State over the irreparable loss (*S/Res/146/02/17*).

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

Senate Delegation to Osun State:

The Senate President named the following Senators to condole the family, people and Government of Osun State over the death of Senator Isiaka Adetunji Adeleke:

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| (i) | Senator Mohammed S. Lafiagi | — | Leader |
| (ii) | Senator Enyinnaya H. Abaribe | — | Member |
| (iii) | Senator Clifford A. Ordia | — | Member |
| (iv) | Senator Abdulfatai Buhari | — | Member |
| (v) | Senator Kabiru I. Gaya | — | Member |
| (vi) | Senator Binta Masi Garba | — | Member |
| (vii) | Senator Barnabas A. I. Gemade | — | Member |

7. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Rules 42 and 52, Senator Isa H. Misau (*Bauchi Central*) drew the attention of the Senate on the attempted assassination on Distinguished Senator Dino Melaye. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter forthwith:

aware that Senator Dino Melaye arrived his country home (Aiyetoro Gbedde) at 6:00 pm on Friday the 14th of April, 2017 and at about 12:00 midnight unknown gunmen stormed his residence and started shooting sporadically at the buildings and cars which lasted over an hour;

notes with serious concern that the Senator was only able to escape this attempted assassination by the Grace of God;

further notes with urgent and utmost concern the recent increase in the activities of criminal syndicates in Kogi State;

concerned that the six (6) Police Officers attached to Senator Melaye did not reply any of the over two hundred rounds fired/shot at the residence, despite several call to the DPO of Aiyetoro Gbedde Police Division on same subject matter; and

deeply worried that the State Government is yet to make any categorical statement condemning the attack;

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) condemn the attack in its entirety;
- (ii) urge the Inspector-General of Police to immediately fish out and expose whoever is involved or connected to this criminal act and further prosecute them as required by law no matter the status of who is involved;
- (iii) set up an *Ad hoc* Committee to investigate the circumstances surrounding the assassination attempt and report to the Senate within two weeks.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do to condemn the attack in its entirety — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Inspector-General of Police to immediately fish out and expose whoever is involved or connected to this criminal act and further prosecute them as required by law no matter the status of who is involved — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):

Question: That the Senate do constitute an *Ad hoc* Committee to investigate the circumstances surrounding the assassination attempt and report to the Senate within two weeks.

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word “attempt” in line 2, *insert* the words “and the poor response of Police officers attached to Senator Dino Melaye” (*Senator Philip T. Aduda — FCT*).

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

Additional Proposed Resolutions:

Insert Additional Proposed Resolutions as follows:

- “(i) send a high powered delegation to the Governor of Kogi State to extract a promise of neutrality and that the Attorney-General of Kogi State will issue a fiat to an independent private legal practitioner to prosecute the matter, if the Police investigation suggests prosecution” (*Senator Ike Ekweremadu — Enugu West*).

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

- “(ii) urge the Inspector-General of Police to bring before the Committee on Police Affairs reports of cases of the murder of Chief Mashall Harry, Chief A. K. Dikibo, Chief Bola Ige and all other unresolved cases of murders in the country” (*Senator George T. Sekibo — Rivers East*).

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

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) condemn the attack in its entirety;
- (ii) urge the Inspector-General of Police to immediately fish out and expose whoever is involved or connected to this criminal act and further prosecute them as required by law no matter the status of who is involved;
- (iii) constitute an *Ad hoc* Committee to investigate the circumstances surrounding the assassination attempt and the poor response of Police officers attached to Senator Dino Melaye and report to the Senate within two weeks;
- (iv) send a high powered delegation to the Governor of Kogi State to extract a promise of neutrality and that the Attorney-General of Kogi State will issue a fiat to an independent private legal practitioner to prosecute the matter, if the Police investigation suggests prosecution; and
- (v) urge the Inspector-General of Police to bring before the Committee on Police Affairs reports of cases of the murder of Chief Mashall Harry, Chief A. K. Dikibo, Chief Bola Ige and all other unresolved cases of murders in the country (*S/Res/147/02/17*).

Ad hoc Committee on the Attempted Assassination of Senator Dino Melaye:

The Senate President named the following Senators as Members of the *Ad hoc* Committee on Attempted Assassination of Senator Dino Melaye:

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| (i) | Senator Jibrin I. Barau | — | Leader |
| (ii) | Senator Isa H. Misau | — | Member |
| (iii) | Senator Foster Ogola | — | Member |
| (iv) | Senator Chukwuka G. Utazi | — | Member |
| (v) | Senator Monsurat J. A. Sunmonu | — | Member |
| (vi) | Senator David Umaru | — | Member |
| (vii) | Senator Ibrahim A. Danbaba | — | Member |

Delegation to visit the Governor of Kogi State:

The Senate President named the following Senators as Members of the delegation to visit the Governor of Kogi State:

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|-------|-------------------------------|---|--------|
| (i) | Senator Ike Ekweremadu | — | Leader |
| (ii) | Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah | — | Member |
| (iii) | Senator Francis A. Alimikhena | — | Member |
| (iv) | Senator Stella A. Oduah | — | Member |

8. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Mohammed D. Goje (*Gombe Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to the invasion of his residence at Asokoro, Abuja on Thursday, 20th April, 2017 by large number of armed Policemen who arrived in several vehicles. He stated that the siege lasted for four hours after which the police took away the sum of ₦18 million; \$19,000; SR4,000; Laptop and Eighteen official files. He further explained that the incident has affected the preparation of 2017 Budget at the Appropriations Committee. He observed till date there is no official statement from the Nigeria Police on this issue. He thanked the Senate President, the Speaker, House of Representatives and Members of the National Assembly for the concern expressed and called on the Senate to investigate the matter.

The Senate mandated the Ad hoc Committee on Attempted Assassination of Senator Dino Melaye to investigate the matter.

9. **Adjournment:**

And it being 3:06 the Senate President adjourn the Senate till Thursday, 28th April, 2017 at 10.00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 3:06 p.m.

Abubakar Olubukola Saraki, CON
President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.