



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 18 May, 2017

1. The House met at 11.10 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 17 May, 2017.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.
3. **Announcement**
 - (a) **Retirement from the Public Service:**
Mr Speaker read a communication from the Clerk, House of Representatives, Barr. Gani Ojagbohunmi, informing the House of his retirement from the Public Service with effect from Friday, 19 May, 2017. He expressed gratitude to God for a fulfilled life in the service and thanked the Hon. Speaker, the body of Principal Officers and Hon. Members for the support, guidance and cooperation accorded him in the discharge of his duties.

Mr Speaker stated that a valedictory session for the retiring Clerk of the House would be held on Thursday, 25 May, 2017.
 - (b) **Visitors in the Gallery:**
Mr Speaker recognized the presence of the following visitors:
 - (i) Staff and Students of *Epitome Model Islamic Schools*, Mararaba, Karu, Nasarawa State;
 - (ii) Staff and Students of *Sheikh Abubakar Gummi Academy*, Asokoro, Abuja; and
 - (iii) Staff and Students of *ECWA Christian Academy*, Kwoi, Jaba, Kaduna State.
4. **Petitions**
 - (i) A petition from Amanabo Musa, on the alleged kidnaping and assassination of Inspector Sunday Musa by land grabbers, in Osokoro, Akodo Ibeju Area, Lekki, Lagos State, was presented and laid by Hon. Emmanuel Egwu (*Idah/Igalamela/Ibaji/Ofu Federal Constituency*);

- (ii) A petition from Ifeoma Anthonia Abara, on the alleged infringement of her fundamental human rights by officers of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), was presented and laid by Hon. Anayo Edwin (*Ezza North/Ishielu Federal Constituency*);
- (iii) Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Henry Nwawuba (*Mbaitoli/Ikeduru Federal Constituency*):
 - (a) John Ogagavworiora on alleged unfair trade deal and termination of contract by Agip Energy and Natural Reserves (AENR);
 - (b) Onyemuche Harold Olugbuo, on non regularization of his appointment by the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC); and
- (iv) A petition from Precious Dike and 1 other, on behalf of Concerned Youth of Etche Local Government Area of Rivers State, on exclusion of the community from the 2017 projects listed by the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), was presented and laid by Hon. Jeromi Amadi Eke (*Etche/Omuma Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

5. Matter of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)

Gruesome Killings of Six Persons in 2 Communities of Bonny Local Government Area, Rivers State on the Tuesday, 16 May, 2017:

Hon. Randolph Brown (*Degema/Bonny Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance — Agreed to.

Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Gruesome Killings of Six Persons in 2 Communities of Bonny Local Government Area, Rivers State on Tuesday, 16 May, 2017:

The House:

Notes with great sadness and shock the gruesome murder of six indigenes of the Bonny Kingdom in the Degema/Bonny Federal Constituency of Rivers State;

Regrets that the peaceful community retired to bed on that fateful day and were shortly woken by the sounds of sporadic gun shots and loud war cries of blood thirsty murderers who maliciously invaded and attacked the communities;

Concerned that the invaders caused unimaginable destruction which left many injured and claimed the lives of six persons, amongst whom are:

- (1) Adolphus Hitler Pepple (male & 73 years old),
- (2) Elder Macauley Oweibo manila Pepple (male & 76 years old),
- (3) Kobiri Godspower (male & 25 years old),

- (4) Emelia Godspower (female & 15 years old);

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Inspector-General of Police to as a matter of national public importance swing into action to unravel the perpetrators of this heinous crime;
- (ii) also urge the Inspector General of Police to immediately draft adequate security personnel to these communities to stem any likely breakdown of law and order;
- (iii) further urge the Chief of Naval Staff to, as a matter of urgency, dispatch adequate gun boats and personnel to stem the wave of crime in these communities; and
- (iv) observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased (*Hon. Randolph Brown — Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni/Ahoada West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted with great sadness and shock the gruesome murder of six indigenes of the Bonny Kingdom in the Degema/Bonny Federal Constituency of Rivers State;

Regretted that the peaceful community retired to bed on that fateful day and were shortly woken by the sounds of sporadic gun shots and loud war cries of blood thirsty murderers who maliciously invaded and attacked the communities;

Concerned that the invaders caused unimaginable destruction which left many injured and claimed the lives of six persons, amongst whom are:

- (1) Adolphus Hitler Pepple (male & 73 years old),
- (2) Elder Macauley Oweibo manila Pepple (male & 76 years old),
- (3) Kobiri Godspower (male & 25 years old),
- (4) Emelia Godspower (female & 15 years old);

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Inspector-General of Police to as a matter of national public importance swing into action to unravel the perpetrators of this heinous crime;
- (ii) also urge the Inspector General of Police to immediately draft adequate security personnel to these communities to stem any likely breakdown of law and order;
- (iii) further urge the Chief of Naval Staff to, as a matter of urgency, dispatch adequate gun boats and personnel to stem the wave of crime in these communities; and
- (iv) observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased (*HR. 205/2017*).

6. **Personal Explanation (Order Eight, Rule 5)**

Hon. Rufai Ahmed Chanchangi (*Kaduna South Federal Constituency*), expressed his appreciation to the Speaker and Honourable Members of the House for the affection and support accorded to him and his family on the demise of their father, Alhaji Ahmadu Chanchangi.

7. **Presentation of Reports**

(i) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Report on the Petition by Toki Rainbow Microfinance Bank Ltd:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Toki Rainbow Microfinance Bank Ltd against Julius Berger Plc for debt owed for over 20 years and perpetual refusal to obey Court Order to pay" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Report on the Petition by Lieutenant Colonel Chris Ugokwe (rtd):

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Lieutenant Colonel Chris Ugokwe (rtd) on alleged injustice meted on him by the Federal Capital Territory Directorate of Land (AGIS)" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Report on the Petition by Samuel Umeadi Mogeckwu:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Samuel Umeadi Mogeckwu against the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) on alleged wrongful dismissal from Service" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iv) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Report on the Petition by CPL Faruna Okwoli:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by CPL Faruna Okwoli against the Nigeria Police Force on wrongful and compulsory retirement from the Service" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Merchandise Marks Act, Cap. M10, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, Amend the Trade Marks Act, Cap. T13, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and make new Provisions with respect to Trade Marks in place thereof and for Other Related Matters (HB. 664) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

9. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Chartered Insurance Institute of Nigeria Act, Cap. C11, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by Increasing Certain Penalties and for Other Related Matters (HB. 286) — *Second Reading*

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

10. A Bill for an Act to make Provisions for the Prohibition of Stigmatization of Persons who are Victims of Insurgency or Militancy from Reintegration with the Community and to Provide for the Prosecution and Punishment of any Person or Group of Persons who Stigmatize such Victims with a view to Upholding and Projecting their Fundamental Rights to Dignity and Free Association as Provided by the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 692) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to make Provisions for the Prohibition of Stigmatization of Persons who are Victims of Insurgency or Militancy from Reintegration with the Community and to Provide for the Prosecution and Punishment of any Person or Group of Persons who Stigmatize such Victims with a view to Upholding and Projecting their Fundamental Rights to Dignity and Free Association as Provided by the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 692) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ahmed Yerima — Misau/Dambam Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question that the Bill be read a Second Time — Negatived.

11. A Bill for an Act to Prohibit the Hoarding of Certain Non-perishable Agricultural Produce and Regulating their Supply and Distribution in order to Control the Market Price of those Produce for the Benefits of Nigerians and for Other Related Matters (HB. 57) — *Second Reading*

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

12. Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly (Order Twelve, Rule 16, Standing Orders of the House of Representatives):

- (i) *Directorate of Technical Cooperation in Africa (Establishment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1015);*
- (ii) *New Partnership for Africa's Development Commission Bill, 2017 (HB.1016); and*
- (iii) *Federal Capital Territory, Kidnaping and Hostage Taking (Prohibition) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1023):*

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order Twelve, Rule 16 of the Standing Orders of the House, Bills passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence for which no concurrence was made or negatived or passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House for which no concurrence was made or negatived or which were passed by the National Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the Assembly, the House may resolve that such Bills, upon being re-gazetted or clean copies circulated, be re-considered in the Committee of the Whole without being commenced *de-novo*;

Also notes that the Directorate of Technical Cooperation in Africa (Establishment), the New Partnership for Africa's Development Commission and Federal Capital Territory, Kidnaping and Hostage Taking (Prohibition) Bills, were passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof were not communicated before the end of the tenure of the last Assembly;

Aware that the Bills have been re-gazetted as HBs 1015, 1016 and 1023 respectively and read the first time on Wednesday, 26 April and Wednesday, 10 May, 2017;

Resolves to:

Commit the Bills to the Committee of the Whole for consideration (*Hon. Samuel Ikon — Etinan/Nsit Ibom/Nsit Ubium Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

13. **Need to Rehabilitate Umunkpota-Umajala Road in Omuma Local Government Area of Rivers State and Obokwe Road in Abia State**
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that the Umunkpota-Umajala-Obokwe Road which links Omuma Local Government Area of Rivers State with Okwa Local Government Area of Abia State is in a very bad state as it has not been rehabilitated for a very long time;

Concerned that the non-rehabilitation of the road has rendered it impassable and it is causing untold hardships on commuters plying the road, causing accidents and resultant loss of lives and hindering the conveyance of agro-allied products from the communities adjourning the road;

Convinced that there is an urgent need to rehabilitate the Road to avert further loss of lives, economic losses and hardships on people plying the road;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to urgently undertake rehabilitation of Umunkpota-Umajala-Obokwe Road to ease the hardships on commuters; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on NDDC to ensure implementation (*Hon. Jerome Amadi Eke — Etche/Omuma Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 206/2017).

Motion referred to the Committee on Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

14. **Need to Complete the Abandoned 10 km Road Linking Daban Fulani, Kinafa and Gwani West Communities in Yamaltu/Deba Federal Constituency, Gombe State**
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House

Notes that the people of Kinafa and Gwani West in Yamaltu/Deba Federal Constituency, Gombe State are predominantly farmers;

Also notes that the only link for their farm produce to be transported to other parts of the state is the 10km road which was started but not completed; however the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) provided for the completion of the road in the 2016 budget;

Aware that given the scope of the project, the funds appropriated by FERMA in 2016 budget cannot effectively complete the project as the total length that will be covered with earth work and asphalt is on 1.5km and will have a shoulder of 2.75km on both sides;

Also aware that from Daban Fulani in Gombe/Kwami/Funakaye Federal Constituency also in Gombe state, the black cotton soil (clay) starts at 2.1km and that is where all the road users suffer the most, as clay spread to almost 6km which make life miserable for all the communities centred around the area;

Concerned that if additional funds are not appropriated to complete the road it will continue to deteriorate and worsen the hardships of the people;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on FERMA to liaise with the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency to provide additional funds for the project in the 2017 budget and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislation action (*Hon. Abubakar Yunusa Ahmad — Yamaltu/Deba Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 207/2017).

Motion referred to the Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

15. Call to Investigate the Killing of Two Unarmed Men at Ifie, Delta State by a Naval Personnel
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that Ifie Community, near Warri has for decades been a host community to many oil companies, including the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) and Tank Farms, which necessitated the companies to engage military personnel to provide security to the immediate areas and confines of the respective oil companies that engage their services;

Also notes that the community has consistently opted for peaceful relationship with those companies such that no incident had been recorded which would have affected the nation's economy;

Aware that on Thursday, 12 May, 2017, two unarmed youths, Mr Jonah March and Mr Agbolu Arumabi were killed by a Naval Personnel attached to Warri Refinery and Petrochemical Company, and similar incidents of killings of residents had been recorded between 2005 and this year;

Also aware that none of the incidents was investigated, and so, nobody was prosecuted for the killings, a situation that is breeding impunity in the military personnel and if not checked, will exacerbate the already tense atmosphere in the community which is gradually losing confidence in the security apparatus of the nation;

Cognizant of Section 14 (2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 which provides that the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of Government;

Resolves to:

- (i) condemn the incidents of extra-judicial killings of residents of Ifie community by military personnel guarding oil companies in the community;

- (ii) observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased and express condolences to their families; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Navy to interface with the Nigerian Navy to ensure the investigation and prosecution of the Naval Personnel who killed the two youths on Thursday, 11 May, 2017, and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Daniel Reyenieju — Warri South/Warri West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Ifie Community, near Warri has for decades been a host community to many oil companies, including the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) and Tank Farms, which necessitated the companies to engage military personnel to provide security to the immediate areas and confines of the respective oil companies that engage their services;

Also noted that the community has consistently opted for peaceful relationship with those companies such that no incident had been recorded which would have affected the nation's economy;

Aware that on Thursday, 12 May, 2017, two unarmed youths, Mr Jonah March and Mr Agbolu Arumabi were killed by a Naval Personnel attached to Warri Refinery and Petrochemical Company, and similar incidents of killings of residents had been recorded between 2005 and this year;

Also aware that none of the incidents was investigated, and so, nobody was prosecuted for the killings, a situation that is breeding impunity in the military personnel and if not checked, will exacerbate the already tense atmosphere in the community which is gradually losing confidence in the security apparatus of the nation;

Cognizant of Section 14 (2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 which provides that the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of Government;

Resolved to:

- (i) condemn the incidents of extra-judicial killings of residents of Ifie community by military personnel guarding oil companies in the community;
- (ii) observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased and express condolences to their families; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Navy to interface with the Nigerian Navy to ensure the investigation and prosecution of the Naval Personnel who killed the two youths on Thursday, 11 May, 2017, and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 208/2017**).

The House observed a minute silence in honour of the deceased.

16. **Need to Investigate Statutory Funding of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC)**
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) was established in 2000 as an agency of the Federal Government with mandate to, among other things, formulate policies for the development of the Niger Delta region;

Also notes that over the years, there have been serious concerns regarding the poor funding of the NDDC by the Federal Government which is failing to remit the statutory funds to the Commission;

Aware of Section 14 of the Niger Delta Development Commission Act which provides that there shall be paid and credited to the Fund established pursuant to subsection (1) of this section:

- (a) from the Federal Government, the equivalent of fifteen percent of the total monthly statutory allocations due to member States of the Commission from the Federation Account, this being the contribution of the Federal Government to the Commission,
- (b) three percent of the total annual budget of any oil-producing company operating onshore and offshore in the Niger Delta area, including gas producing companies,
- (c) fifty percent of monies due to member States of the Commission from the Ecological Fund,
- (d) such monies as may, from time to time, be granted or lent to or deposited with the Commission by the Federal or a State Government of any other body or institution, whether local or foreign;

Also aware that the failure to comply with the above provisions has greatly undermined the efficient performance of the mandate of the Commission;

Cognizant that unless urgent steps are taken to address the prevailing trend, the essence of setting up the Commission would be defeated and the people of the Niger Delta would become discontent and despondent with the system, a situation that could affect the socio-political and economic development of the area;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to ensure proper funding of the NDDC in line with the clear provisions of the Act establishing it; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Public Accounts, NDDC, Finance, and Anti-Corruption to conduct investigation with a view to ascertaining all outstanding sums due to the NDDC, its utilization of funds from 2015 to date and make recommendations within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Kingsley Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in Prayer (ii), and *insert* as follows:

“Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to conduct investigation with a view to ascertaining all outstanding sums due to the NDDC, its utilization of funds from 2010 to date and make recommendations within four (4) weeks for further legislative action” (*Hon. Karimi Sunday Steve — Yagba East/Yagba West/Mopamuro Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) was established in 2000 as an agency of the Federal Government with mandate to, among other things, formulate policies for the development of the Niger Delta region;

Also noted that over the years, there have been serious concerns regarding the poor funding of the NDDC by the Federal Government which is failing to remit the statutory funds to the Commission;

Aware of Section 14 of the Niger Delta Development Commission Act which provides that there shall be paid and credited to the Fund established pursuant to subsection (1) of this section:

- (a) from the Federal Government, the equivalent of fifteen percent of the total monthly statutory allocations due to member States of the Commission from the Federation Account, this being the contribution of the Federal Government to the Commission,
- (b) three percent of the total annual budget of any oil-producing company operating onshore and offshore in the Niger Delta area, including gas producing companies,
- (c) fifty percent of monies due to member States of the Commission from the Ecological Fund,
- (d) such monies as may, from time to time, be granted or lent to or deposited with the Commission by the Federal or a State Government of any other body or institution, whether local or foreign;

Also aware that the failure to comply with the above provisions has greatly undermined the efficient performance of the mandate of the Commission;

Cognizant that unless urgent steps are taken to address the prevailing trend, the essence of setting up the Commission would be defeated and the people of the Niger Delta would become discontent and despondent with the system, a situation that could affect the socio-political and economic development of the area;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to ensure proper funding of the NDDC in line with the clear provisions of the Act establishing it; and
- (ii) Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to conduct investigation with a view to ascertaining all outstanding sums due to the NDDC, its utilization of funds from 2010 to date and make recommendations within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (HR. 209/2017).

17. **Need to Investigate the Failure of Abuja Geographic Information System (AGIS) the Accelerated Area Councils and Sectional Title Reissuance Scheme (AACSTRIS) to Process the Backlog of Applications for the Issuance of Certificates of Occupancy in FCT Area Councils**
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that the Accelerated Area Councils and Sectional Title Reissuance Scheme (AACSTRIS) were established by the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) to fast track the processing of applications for the issuance of Certificates of Occupancy (C of O) for land located at the Area Councils in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja;

Also notes that the original plan was that while AACSTRIS, which is manned by private Consultants appointed by the FCT Administration will be processing the huge backlog of applications relating to Area Councils' land or property, the Abuja Geographic Information System (AGIS) will be producing the C of Os of successful applicants;

Aware that under the scheme, members of the public with valid or genuine ownership of land or property in the Area Councils were required to apply for revalidation and processing of their C of Os on payment of the non-refundable fee of ₦100,000 only per application;

Also aware that since the establishment of the scheme, thousands of Nigerians who are desirous of perfecting their title documents to land or property located in the Area Councils have applied and paid the prescribed fees, which run into billions of Naira without getting any commensurate service from AACSTRIS which appears to have derailed from its mandate and is now just serving as a platform for generating revenue for successive FCT Administrations;

Concerned that the failure of AACSTRIS and AGIS to fast track the processing of C of Os of genuine land and property owners who are qualified, has encouraged the fraudulent practices that are often associated with the processing of Area Councils C of Os in the FCT, Abuja and wonders why despite the failure of AACSTRIS to discharge its mandate effectively and efficiently to the public, successive FCT Administrations have retained the services of the Consultant manning the Agency;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Federal Capital Territory Area Councils and Ancillary Matters to investigate the activities of AACSTRIS/AGIS as it relates to land and property in the Area Councils with a view to ascertaining the amount generated and remitted (if any) by the Scheme from inception to date, the operational costs of the Scheme from inception to date, the number of applications received, the number of applications verified or processed and any challenges facing the Scheme, and make appropriate recommendations to the House within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Olajide Olatubosun — Atisho/Saki East/Saki West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In the Prayer, line 1, *leave out* the words "Mandate the Committee on Federal Capital Territory Area Councils and Ancillary Matters" and *insert* the words "Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee" (*Hon. Ossi Prestige — Aba North/Aba South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Negatived.

Question on the Motion — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Accelerated Area Councils and Sectional Title Reissuance Scheme (AACSTRIS) were established by the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) to fast track the processing of applications for the issuance of Certificates of Occupancy (C of O) for land located at the Area Councils in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja;

Also noted that the original plan was that while AACSTRIS, which is manned by private Consultants appointed by the FCT Administration will be processing the huge backlog of applications relating to Area Councils' land or property, the Abuja Geographic Information System (AGIS) will be producing the C of Os of successful applicants;

Aware that under the scheme, members of the public with valid or genuine ownership of land or property in the Area Councils were required to apply for revalidation and processing of their C of Os on payment of the non-refundable fee of ₦100,000 only per application;

Also aware that since the establishment of the scheme, thousands of Nigerians who are desirous of perfecting their title documents to land or property located in the Area Councils have applied and paid the prescribed fees, which run into billions of Naira without getting any commensurate service from AACSTRIS which appears to have derailed from its mandate and is now just serving as a platform for generating revenue for successive FCT Administrations;

Concerned that the failure of AACSTRIS and AGIS to fast track the processing of C of Os of genuine land and property owners who are qualified, has encouraged the fraudulent practices that are often associated with the processing of Area Councils C of Os in the FCT, Abuja and wonders why despite the failure of AACSTRIS to discharge its mandate effectively and efficiently to the public, successive FCT Administrations have retained the services of the Consultant manning the Agency;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Federal Capital Territory Area Councils and Ancillary Matters to investigate the activities of AACSTRIS/AGIS as it relates to land and property in the Area Councils with a view to ascertaining the amount generated and remitted (if any) by the Scheme from inception to date, the operational costs of the Scheme from inception to date, the number of applications received, the number of applications verified or processed and any challenges facing the Scheme, and make appropriate recommendations to the House within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (HR. 210/2017)

18. Need to Address the Deplorable State of Health Care Service Provision in Nigerian Prisons
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Aware that inmates are still entitled to their fundamental human right to quality healthcare services even while in prison as envisaged by section 12 (1) of the Prisons Act, Cap P29, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004;

Notes the deplorable state of the nation's prisons which have impacted negatively on healthcare service delivery in the prisons as manifested in non-availability of drugs and inadequacy of medical personnel, resulting in avoidable deaths of inmates;

Aware that owing to the comatose nature of prisons clinics, inmates now depend on donations and outreach programmes from churches, mosques and voluntary organisations to access healthcare and procure drugs, and at times, have to buy the drugs by themselves from vendors, some of whom sell fake, substandard or adulterated drugs to the inmates with their deleterious consequences;

Concerned about the frequent outbreak of epidemics in the prisons and the high death rate recorded among inmates, which is evident in the over 32 inmate deaths recorded in 2016 at a Lagos prison owing to unavailability of quality medical care;

Cognizant that the deplorable health situation in the prisons is a major public health hazard which without intervention, could result in more deaths and would amount to unsolicited death sentence to prison inmates;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministries of Interior and Health and the Comptroller General of Prisons to intervene by providing quality healthcare services for prison inmates; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Interior, and Healthcare Services to conduct an investigative oversight at the various prisons with a view to finding a permanent solution to the problem of poor healthcare services at the Nigerian prisons and report back within three (3) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Chike John Okafor — Ehime Mbano/Ihittel Uboma/Obowo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Aware that inmates are still entitled to their fundamental human right to quality healthcare services even while in prison as envisaged by section 12 (1) of the Prisons Act, Cap P29, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004;

Noted the deplorable state of the nation's prisons which have impacted negatively on healthcare service delivery in the prisons as manifested in non-availability of drugs and inadequacy of medical personnel, resulting in avoidable deaths of inmates;

Aware that owing to the comatose nature of prisons clinics, inmates now depend on donations and outreach programmes from churches, mosques and voluntary organisations to access healthcare and procure drugs, and at times, have to buy the drugs by themselves from vendors, some of whom sell fake, substandard or adulterated drugs to the inmates with their deleterious consequences;

Concerned about the frequent outbreak of epidemics in the prisons and the high death rate recorded among inmates, which is evident in the over 32 inmate deaths recorded in 2016 at a Lagos prison owing to unavailability of quality medical care;

Cognizant that the deplorable health situation in the prisons is a major public health hazard which without intervention, could result in more deaths and would amount to unsolicited death sentence to prison inmates;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministries of Interior and Health and the Comptroller General of Prisons to intervene by providing quality healthcare services for prison inmates; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Interior, and Healthcare Services to conduct an investigative oversight at the various prisons with a view to finding a permanent solution to the problem of poor healthcare services at the Nigerian prisons and report back within three (3) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 211/2017**).

19. Call on the Federal Government to Consider the Original Builders of Ajaokuta Steel Plant in the Proposed Negotiations for the Completion, Reactivation and Operation of the Project
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that after the Federal Government conceptualized the construction of a steel industry in 1958, it contracted Messrs Tyazhpromexport (TPE), a Russian company, in 1970 to carry out detailed geological studies in Nigeria;

Also notes that in 1973, TPE discovered substantial iron ore deposits within the Kabba-Okene-Lokoja triangle and submitted a report to the Federal Government in 1975, which led to the establishment of Ajaokuta Steel Company Limited in 1979;

Recalls that in the same year, the global contract for the supply and erection of technological equipment and steel structures, including special civil works, was awarded to TPE which ensured that about 98% of Ajaokuta Steel Plant's facilities and equipment for the first phase were installed, hence forty one out of the forty three plant units making up the first phase were completed;

Also recalls that in 1994, TPE discontinued construction works at Ajaokuta Steel Complex due to the failure of the Federal Government to put in place the required external infrastructure needed for the operation of the Plant;

Aware that in 2002 upon invitation by the Federal Government, TPE carried out a technical audit of the Plant in order to determine its status and was later contracted, in 2003 to re-activate and complete the plant but the plans were not actualized, instead the Federal Government granted concession to Solgas Energy, which was later revoked because the Company did not have the technical and financial capacity to revive the Plant;

Also aware that another contract was granted to Global Infrastructure Nigeria Limited in 2005 but this too was later revoked in 2008 for non-performance;

Further aware that in August 2016, the dispute between the Federal Government and Global Infrastructure Nigeria Limited over the control and management of Ajaokuta Steel Company and the National Iron Ore Mining Company (NIOMCO), Itakpe was settled, thus allowing the ownership of Ajaokuta Steel Company to fully revert back to the Federal Government;

Cognizant that TPE, which conducted the architectural and engineering designs of the Steel Plant and built it to 98% completion is a reputable company that has built many steel and mineral processing plants worldwide;

Convinced that it would be in the best national interest for the Federal Government to give Tyazhpromexport (TPE) the right of first refusal in the proposed negotiations with investors for the completion, re-activation and operation of the Steel Plant in order to ensure uniformity in the engineering works and technology used in building the Plant;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Steel to conduct a public hearing to ascertain the best approach to take in the re-activation, completion and operation of Ajaokuta Steel Plant and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Lawal Muhammadu Idirisu — Ajaokuta Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 212/2017).

Motion referred to the Committee on Steel, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

20. Need to Include the Internally Displaced People of Wukari/Ibi Federal Constituency of Taraba State in the Federal Government Programme for Rehabilitation of Internally Displaced Persons in the North-East Geopolitical Zone

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes the seemingly interminable wave of insurgency and violent inter and intra communal clashes recorded in the North-East geopolitical zone of the country;

Recalls that following the arrest of Kabiru Sokoto, a kingpin of the Boko Haram Sect at Mutum-Biyu area, its members dynamited four banks at Wukari and carted away millions of naira and other foreign currencies and then went on an orgy of destruction that practically left Wukari desolate;

Aware that since 2012, the people of Wukari/Ibi Federal Constituency have been under constant siege and attacks by the insurgents who usually camouflaged as herdsmen, a situation that has led to deplorable living conditions as the internally displaced persons (IDPs) from the thirty eight (38) villages of Wukari now live in make-shift shanties, while some have been scattered in neighbouring States of Nasarawa, Benue and Plateau;

Also notes that the people of Wukari /Ibi Federal Constituency may have suffered the same fate as their neighbours in the North-East zone but owing to inadequate media coverage of their plight, attention has not been focused on them as a result of which they have not received any form of assistance, rehabilitation or compensation from the Federal Government which has focused rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts on Borno, Yobe and Adamawa States only;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and relevant agencies, such as the Presidential Initiative on North-East (PCNE) and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to, as a matter of urgency, include Taraba State in the current Federal Government rehabilitation and reconstruction programmes for the internally displaced persons in the North-East Zone; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), Refugees and Initiatives on North-East Zone and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to undertake a fact-finding visit to Wukari/Ibi Federal Constituency to ascertain the extent of devastation and make recommendations on ways to ameliorate the situation (*Hon. Usman Danjuma Shiddi — Wukari/Ibi Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the seemingly interminable wave of insurgency and violent inter and intra communal clashes recorded in the North-East geopolitical zone of the country;

Recalled that following the arrest of Kabiru Sokoto, a kingpin of the Boko Haram Sect at Mutum-Biyu area, its members dynamited four banks at Wukari and carted away millions of naira and other foreign currencies and then went on an orgy of destruction that practically left Wukari desolate;

Aware that since 2012, the people of Wukari/Ibi Federal Constituency have been under constant siege and attacks by the insurgents who usually camouflaged as herdsmen, a situation that has led to deplorable living conditions as the internally displaced persons (IDPs) from the thirty eight (38) villages of Wukari now live in make-shift shanties, while some have been scattered in neighbouring States of Nasarawa, Benue and Plateau;

Also noted that the people of Wukari /Ibi Federal Constituency may have suffered the same fate as their neighbours in the North-East zone but owing to inadequate media coverage of their plight, attention has not been focused on them as a result of which they have not received any form of assistance, rehabilitation or compensation from the Federal Government which has focused rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts on Borno, Yobe and Adamawa States only;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and relevant agencies, such as the Presidential Initiative on North-East (PCNE) and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to, as a matter of urgency, include Taraba State in the current Federal Government rehabilitation and reconstruction programmes for the internally displaced persons in the North-East Zone; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), Refugees and Initiatives on North-East Zone and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to undertake a fact-finding visit to Wukari/Ibi Federal Constituency to ascertain the extent of devastation and make recommendations on ways to ameliorate the situation (**HR. 213/2017**).

21. Need to Restore Peace to Bagana Community in Omala Local Government Area of Kogi State
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that various ethnic groups such as Agatu, Hausa, Igbira and the predominant Igala have lived together peacefully at Bagana in Omala Local Government Area of Kogi State over the years;

Also notes that Bagana community is famous for its market days which witness large turn-out of people from Kogi, Benue and Nasarawa States, and owing to its riverine terrain, the people of Bagana and its suburbs are predominantly fishermen;

Aware that the genesis of the present crisis in Bagana was the clashes between herdsmen and Agatu people of Benue State sometime in 2013, in the heat of which, Agatu people took refuge in Bagana, Abejukolo and other communities in Kogi State but the herdsmen traced them down there one night, attacking and killing hundreds of people;

Also aware that those who survived the attacks relocated to Abejukolo for safety, which brought the age long Bagana market to an abrupt end, and schools were shut and the community became like a ghost town for nearly two years;

Observes that efforts by the Government to bring peace to those areas by deploying security personnel led to relative peace until the Hausa Chief of the community, Alhaji Musa was kidnaped by those suspected to be Agatu militants some weeks ago and his where about has remained unknown;

Concerned that the situation has taken another dimension as kidnaping of traditional rulers and their followers from the area have become the order of the day, and children go missing every day as a result of which, people have started deserting Bagana community as the level of insecurity is on the increase;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to deploy a unit of the Nigerian Army, alongside Mobile Policemen to Bagana to restore peace and maintain law and order to enable the indigenes return home;
- (ii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently send relief materials to the displaced victims of Bagana community in Omala, Kogi State;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Special Duties, and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure implementation and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Hassan A. Omale — Ankpa/Omala/Olamaboro Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.**Agreed to.**The House:*

Noted that various ethnic groups such as Agatu, Hausa, Igbira and the predominant Igala have lived together peacefully at Bagana in Omala Local Government Area of Kogi State over the years;

Also noted that Bagana community is famous for its market days which witness large turn-out of people from Kogi, Benue and Nasarawa States, and owing to its riverine terrain, the people of Bagana and its suburbs are predominantly fishermen;

Aware that the genesis of the present crisis in Bagana was the clashes between herdsmen and Agatu people of Benue State sometime in 2013, in the heat of which, Agatu people took refuge in Bagana, Abejukolo and other communities in Kogi State but the herdsmen traced them down there one night, attacking and killing hundreds of people;

Also aware that those who survived the attacks relocated to Abejukolo for safety, which brought the age long Bagana market to an abrupt end, and schools were shut and the community became like a ghost town for nearly two years;

Observed that efforts by the Government to bring peace to those areas by deploying security personnel led to relative peace until the Hausa Chief of the community, Alhaji Musa was kidnaped by those suspected to be Agatu militants some weeks ago and his where about has remained unknown;

Concerned that the situation has taken another dimension as kidnaping of traditional rulers and their followers from the area have become the order of the day, and children go missing every day as a result of which, people have started deserting Bagana community as the level of insecurity is on the increase;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to deploy a unit of the Nigerian Army, alongside Mobile Policemen to Bagana to restore peace and maintain law and order to enable the indigenes return home;
- (ii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently send relief materials to the displaced victims of Bagana community in Omala, Kogi State;

- (iii) mandate the Committees on Special Duties, and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure implementation and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (HR. 214/2017).

22. Need for Policemen on Highway Patrol Duties to Wear Uniforms

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that the Nigeria Police Force is a regimented organization that has official uniform and a dressing code;

Also notes the spate of insecurity in the country with spiraling incidents of kidnaping and armed robberies on the highways which are becoming worrisome;

Aware of the need to deploy Policemen on highway duties to curtail crimes but concerned by the emerging practice of Policemen on highway duties not wearing uniforms, a situation that creates a crisis of identity;

Also concerned that the practice of Policemen on highway patrol wearing mufti constitutes an embarrassment, both to the Force and the nation at large and could cause unsuspecting motorists to fall victims to armed robbers who could disguise as Policemen since there could be nothing to distinguish either a Policeman in mufti or an armed robber in operation;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Inspector-General of Police (IGP) to direct the men of the Nigeria Police Force to be dressed in uniform whenever they are on highway patrol duties to prevent a crisis of identity on the part of motorists and also portray the Nigeria Police Force as a disciplined organization; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Police Affairs to ensure implementation (*Hon. Ajisafe Olowookere — Akure North/Akure South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Nigeria Police Force is a regimented organization that has official uniform and a dressing code;

Also noted the spate of insecurity in the country with spiraling incidents of kidnaping and armed robberies on the highways which are becoming worrisome;

Aware of the need to deploy Policemen on highway duties to curtail crimes but concerned by the emerging practice of Policemen on highway duties not wearing uniforms, a situation that creates a crisis of identity;

Also concerned that the practice of Policemen on highway patrol wearing mufti constitutes an embarrassment, both to the Force and the nation at large and could cause unsuspecting motorists to fall victims to armed robbers who could disguise as Policemen since there could be nothing to distinguish either a Policeman in mufti or an armed robber in operation;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Inspector-General of Police (IGP) to direct the men of the Nigeria Police Force to be dressed in uniform whenever they are on highway patrol duties to prevent a crisis of identity on the part of motorists and also portray the Nigeria Police Force as a disciplined organization; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Police Affairs to ensure implementation (HR. 215/2017).

23 . Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 23 May, 2017 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Yunusa Ahmad Abubakar — Yamaltu/Deba Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.18 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker