



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 5th July, 2017

1. The Senate met at 10:38 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 4th July, 2017.
Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
3. **Oaths:**
Senator-Elect, Shuaibu Isa Lau (*Taraba North*) took and subscribed to Oaths of Allegiance and Membership as required by law.
4. **Announcements:**
 - (a) ***Southern Senators Forum Meeting:***
The Senate President read a letter from Senator Hope O. Uzodinma (*Imo West*) as follows:



SOUTHERN SENATORS FORUM NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ABUJA

5th July, 2017

*His Excellency,
Distinguished Senator Bukola Saraki,
President of the Senate
Federal Republic of Nigeria
National Assembly
Abuja.*

Your Excellency,

NOTICE OF MEETING

May I crave the indulgence of Your Excellency to make the announcement of Southern Senators Forum meeting today 5th of July, 2017 immediately after the plenary session.

Venue: Hearing Room 1, National Assembly Complex

Attendance is mandatory.

Do please accept the assurances of my highest esteem.

(Signed)

SENATOR HOPE UZODIMMA

(Secretary)

(b) Meeting:

The Senate President read a letter from Senator Ike Ekweremadu (*Enugu West*) as follows:



THE SENATE

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution

National Assembly Complex,

P.M.B. 141, Garki, Abuja-Nigeria

5th July, 2017

His Excellency

The Senate President

Senate Chamber

National Assembly Complex

Abuja

Your Excellency,

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Senate Committee on the Review of the 1999 Constitution will meet today, Wednesday, 5th July, 2017, immediately after Sitting, at Senate President's Meeting Room 301, Senate Building.

(Signed)

Senator Ike Ekweremadu

Deputy Senate President/Chairman

(c) Acknowledgment:

The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the Staff and Students of Lizdav Academy, Mararaba, Nasarawa State who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

5. Petitions:

- (i) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Joshua M. Lidani (*Gombe South*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from Barr. John O. Agwu on behalf of Matreach Logistics Limited against Bonga On/Offshore Terminal over termination of appointment by the Ministry of Transport. He urged the Senate to look into the matter.

Petition laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Rule 41(3)] to report within two (2) weeks.

- (ii) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Monsurat J. A. Sunmonu (*Oyo Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from Barr. Femi Akinbolusere on behalf of sacked 28 Members of staff of Nihort Management over annual emolument. She urged the Senate to look into the matter.

Petition laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Rule 41(3)] to report within two (2) weeks.

- (iii) Rising on Rule 41, Senator George T. Sekibo (*Rivers East*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from Barr. G. I. Abibo, SAN on behalf of Dame Mrs. Patience Jonathan over persistent harassment by officials of Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC). He urged the Senate to look into the matter.

Petition laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Rule 41(3)] to report within two (2) weeks.

- (iv) Rising on Rule 41, Senator Andy E. Uba (*Anambra South*) drew the attention of the Senate to two petitions from his constituents:
- (a) Ibeagwa Osita B. over forceful transfer of service from Jos Teaching Hospital to Federal Medical Centre, Yenagoa by Jos University Teaching Hospital Management. He urged the Senate to look into the matter; and
 - (b) Solomon C. Nnolim, Chairman, Sagriis Technical Services, against the Nigerian Police over award of contract.

Petitions laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Rule 41(3)] to report within two (2) weeks.

6. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Rules 42 and 52, Senator Ovie A. Omo-Agege (*Delta Central*) drew the attention of the Senate on the urgent need to stop monumental financial recklessness and economic waste by the Nigerian Ports Authority under its Joint Ventures with Lagos Channel Management Limited, Bonny Channel Management Company Limited and Calabar Channel Management Company Limited. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter forthwith:

The Senate notes that -

- (a) the Lagos Channel Management (LCM) Limited is a Joint Venture (JV) enterprise formed in August 2005 between the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) and Depasa Marine International for the management and routine maintenance dredging of Lagos navigation channels; with NPA and TCMC holding 60% and 40% equity shareholding respectively of LCM;
- (b) the Bonny Channel Company (BCC) Limited is a JV company also formed in August 2005 between the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) and The Channel Management Company (TCMC) for the management and routine maintenance dredging of the Bonny River and Bonny navigation channel, with NPA and TCMC holding 60% and 40% equity shareholding respectively of BCC; and
- (c) the Calabar Channel Management Company (CCMC) Limited is also a JV arrangement between Niger Global Engineering & Technical Company Limited and the NPA for the management and capital dredging of the Calabar channel, with NPA holding 60% equity share participation while Global Engineering and Technical Company Limited holds 40% equity shareholding in CCMC;

worried that although these JVs are supposed Public Private Partnerships (PPP) conceived to reduce financial burdens on the Federal Government, the NPA has expended over ONE BILLION US DOLLARS and TWO BILLION US DOLLARS respectively on LCM and BCC from 2005 till date, while significant dredging is yet to commence on the Calabar channel notwithstanding that it is an economic gateway to the North Central and North East geo-political zones of the country;

observes that the NPA has failed, refused and or neglected to ensure the JVs' compliance with the Marine Environment (Sea Dumping) Regulations, 2012 made pursuant to the Merchant Shipping Act, 2007; the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matters 1972 otherwise called the "London Dumping Convention" and the 1996 Protocol to the London Dumping Convention, as there are no dump sites for the management of hazardous dredged wastes removed from the Lagos, Bonny and Calabar navigation channels, thereby leading to sustained severe pollution of our marine ecosystem;

concerned that in spite of the so far unjustified huge financial commitment of the NPA to these supposed PPP Joint Ventures, empirical facts, evidence and data, including current Admiralty Charts from Lloyds of London clearly confirm that the depth profiles of the channels, particularly the Lagos and Bonny channels, remained significantly the same at 13 meters between 2005 and 2016, notwithstanding the purported claims of daily maintenance dredging of the channels by the JVs - a curious situation which cannot be no matter the siltation;

disturbed that in continuation of NPA's manifestly questionable and reckless financial commitments, LCM and BCC, through the NPA, have respectively requested for the sums of ₦23 Billion and ₦20 Billion in the NPA's 2017 budget; and

concerned that the NPA and the JVs (LCM, BCC and CCMC) are on a course of absolute financial impunity and recklessness to wreck the Nation's treasury and needs to be tamed now in our national best interest.

Accordingly resolves to:

mandate the Committee on Marine Transport to investigate the dredging activities, books, and records of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA); Lagos Channel Management (LCM) Limited; Bonny Channel Company (BCC) Limited; and Calabar Channel Management Company (CCMC) Limited and to report as soon as possible.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:

Question: That the Senate do mandate the Committee on Marine Transport to investigate the dredging activities, books, and records of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA); Lagos Channel Management (LCM) Limited; Bonny Channel Company (BCC) Limited; and Calabar Channel Management Company (CCMC) Limited and to report as soon as possible — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do mandate the Committee on Marine Transport to investigate the dredging activities, books, and records of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA); Lagos Channel Management (LCM) Limited; Bonny Channel Company (BCC) Limited; and Calabar Channel Management Company (CCMC) Limited and to report as soon as possible (S/Res/006/03/17).

7. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Danjuma M. Goje (*Gombe Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to serious damaging allegations by Babatunde Fashola, SAN, Hon. Minister of Power, Works and Housing and his surrogates through series of blackmail, misinformation and outright propaganda against the National Assembly. He informed that the House of Representatives is currently handling the issue. However, he urged the Hon. Minister to look at issues from the National point of view.

The Senate resolved to await the House of Representatives investigation.

8. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:

Rising on Rules 42 and 52, Senator Emmanuel Bwacha (*Taraba South*) drew the attention of the Senate on the demise of Danbaba Danfulani Suntai, former Governor of Taraba State. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter forthwith:

The Senate notes that he was born on the 30th June 1961 in Suntai Village. He attended LEA Primary School Bali from (1969 - 1970), and LCCN Primary School Jimeta from (1970 - 1975). After his Primary Education, he attended Federal Government College Kano from (1975 - 1980), School of Basic Studies Zaria (1980). He was later admitted to study pharmacy at the Ahmadu Bello University Zaria, where he graduated in 1984. He did his internship at Yola Specialist Hospital, NYSC at the State Hospital Ijaiye, Abeokuta, Ogun State from 1985 - 1986. He joined the then Gongola State Civil Service where he worked at the General Hospital Ganye, and the Inspectorate Division of the State Ministry of Health. He Joined partisan politics and was elected Chairman Bali LGA in Taraba State from 1991- 1993. He was Director General, Taraba State Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources from 1994 - 1996. He was State party Chairman of All Peoples Party (APP) in 1999. In 2000 he became Chairman Taraba State Investment and Properties Limited. He was appointed Commissioner, Ministry of Education (2000 - 2003), Commissioner, Ministry of Health (2003 - 2005), and Secretary to the State Government (SSG) 2005- 2007. He was elected Governor of Taraba State (2007 - 2015). He passed-on to glory on 28th June, 2017.

Accordingly resolve to:

- (i) observe one minute silence in honour of the deceased; and
- (ii) send delegation of the Senate to attend the burial which comes up on the 29th July, 2017.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):

Question: That the Senate do observe one minute silence in honour of the deceased — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):

Question: That the Senate do send delegation of the Senate to attend the burial which comes up on the 29th July, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) observe one minute silence in honour of the deceased; and
- (ii) send delegation of the Senate to attend the burial which comes up on the 29th July, 2017
(S/Res/007/03/17).

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

9. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) Private Investigators Bill, 2017 (SB. 314) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) College of Information and Technology, Oyo (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB. 492) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Digital Rights Bill, 2017 (SB. 516) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria Act CAP F18 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 517) — *Read the First Time.*

- (v) Nigerian Academy of Science (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (HB. 917) — *Read the First Time.*

10. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Reports of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of:

- a. Petition from Lekan Alabi, Esq on behalf of Mr. Aino Isiaka Babalola against Federal Housing Authority for Alleged Unlawful Termination of his Appointment by the Authority;
- b. Petition from Jude Anyanwu on behalf of Transglobal Insurance Brokers Ltd against Nigerian Identity Management Commission for refusal to pay outstanding Premium;
- c. Petition from Mr. Abu Timotty Achile on behalf of his Late father S. O. Abu against the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) for Non Payment of his benefits, Entitlements, Pension and Gratuity (*Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

11. Executive Communication:

2016 - 2018 External Borrowing (Rolling) Plan:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, for the Separation of States Projects from items in the 2016 - 2018 External Borrowing (Rolling) Plan (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the Committee on Local and Foreign Debts to report within two (2) weeks.

12. Motion:

(a) Communal Clash between Wanikade and Wanihem Communities of North Ukelle, Yala Igala, Cross River North:

Motion made: That the Senate notes that the Wanikade and Wanihem communities of Ukelle North comprising of over 300 villages in Yala LGA of Cross River North have lived together as one;

further notes that in the past few years, there has been disputes between them over land ownership at their boundaries;

also notes that in the year 2012 the Courts had maintained that the two communities stay out of the land in contention until a proper resolution was reached;

alarmed that on 26th June, 2017, one of the communities entered the disputed land to farm in breach of the Court Order;

further alarmed that a dispute resulting in breach of peace erupted between the communities;

alarmed that what ensued resulted in a near annihilation of several villages namely, Lem Ukelle, Oyeche, Mankiliti, Ozegbe, Oyoba, Ehetezi, Elahen, Wanazeta, Ndenyuma, and Onyogbe, where over a thousand houses and institutions like hospitals and schools were razed, while both communities suffered over a hundred deaths and several other persons were wounded;

concerned that about 14,000 IDPs are currently in several locations including, Adum, Epwa, Ameka, Okuku, Igbegi, Ohuhu, Oori Obotu Uwokwu and Ikori, all in Oju Local Government Area of Benue State and within the peaceful parts of Ukelle in Yala LGA;

notes that a dispatch of both the Military and Police is currently stationed in the concerned Communities to maintain peace;

concerned that even if peace is restored, the IDPs cannot go back in the near future because they have lost their homes; and

further concerned that if the sanitary conditions in the IDP Centers as well as food, and other essential commodities are not provided soon, there will be outbreaks of diseases and starvation leading to a humanitarian crisis.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to make urgent arrangements to provide food, medicines, blankets, mattresses and other essentials to the IDPs both in Benue State and other parts of Yala LGA in Cross River State;
- (ii) commend the Benue State Government, Oju LGA and Cross River State Government for sending relief materials to the Centers in Benue, though inadequate;
- (iii) request the Nigerian Army to maintain Military presence until the security situation is contained and lasting peace restored;
- (iv) urge the Cross River State Government to quickly resolve the conflict on a sustainable basis through appropriate boundary delineation; and
- (v) mandate the Committee on States and Local Governments to investigate and report within two (2) weeks (*Senator Rose O. Oko — Cross River North*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution(i):

Question: That the Senate do urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to make urgent arrangements to provide food, medicines, blankets, mattresses and other essentials to the IDPs both in Benue State and other parts of Yala LGA in Cross River State — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(ii):

Question: That the Senate do commend the Benue State Government, Oju LGA and Cross River State Government for sending relief materials to the Centers in Benue, though inadequate — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(iii):

Question: That the Senate do request the Nigerian Army to maintain Military presence until the security situation is contained and lasting peace restored — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(iv):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Cross River State Government to quickly resolve the conflict on a sustainable basis through appropriate boundary delineation — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(v):

Question: That the Senate do mandate the Committee on States and Local Governments to investigate and report within two (2) weeks — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to make urgent arrangements to provide food, medicines, blankets, mattresses and other essentials to the IDPs both in Benue State and other parts of Yala LGA in Cross River State;

- (ii) commend the Benue State Government, Oju LGA and Cross River State Government for sending relief materials to the Centers in Benue, though inadequate;
- (iii) request the Nigerian Army to maintain Military presence until the security situation is contained and lasting peace restored;
- (iv) urge the Cross River State Government to quickly resolve the conflict on a sustainable basis through appropriate boundary delineation; and
- (v) mandate the Committee on States and Local Governments to investigate and report within two (2) weeks (*S/Res/008/03/17*).

(b) ***The urgent need to avoid the imminent disruption of full academic activities and closure of the University of Maiduguri due to rising insecurity occasioned by the spate of suicide bomb attacks:***

Motion made: That the Senate notes the disturbing trend of rising insecurity at the University of Maiduguri, one of the foremost citadels of learning in the country;

disturbed that due to the location of this great institution in Maiduguri which is the epicenter of the protracted Boko Haram insurgency, the school is gradually but persistently becoming a soft target and signature battle point in the fight against insurgency;

notes that this foremost institution which can safely be described as the last institution standing following the advent of Boko Haram insurgency in the North-East is on the verge of caving in to the relentless assault on it by the insurgents;

observes that in recent times, the Boko Haram insurgents have adopted the tactics of unbridled suicide bombings targeted at the institution with a view to bringing the University down to its knees; this is a situation that must never be allowed to happen in our generation;

acknowledges that this unfortunate new wave of violence which is drawing public outcry and condemnations from home and abroad, has heightened fears that unless something urgent is done, the once most peaceful and globally competitive center for multi-cultural research and learning may be converted into another theatre of war;

recalls that this institution used to be the jewel of and the main signpost of academic excellence in Nigeria boasting of and attracting some of the best and finest Professors from across the globe. Sadly, we have lost one of the best available hands in the campus, to the current insecurity in the campus in the person of Late Professor Aliyu Usman Mani who was killed together with two students when the institution was attacked by two suicide bombers on Monday, 16th January, 2017;

sadly notes that over 70 Professors, several students and staff have left the University during the height of the ongoing insecurity in the campus to other Universities within and outside the country due to fear;

observes that between January 16 and June 25 - a period spanning six months - the University Community was hit with six suicide bomb blasts which resulted in the death of 19 students and staff of the school;

observes further that the current porous state of the security in the institution, coupled with the vast expanse of land it sits on and the external conditions of security across the State has exacerbated the situation and made these attacks more effective;

observes that the peculiarity of the University of Maiduguri and the difficult environment it is operating makes it imperative for the Federal Government to take urgent and extraordinary steps to protect and safeguard the institution from further violation of the peace and tranquility of the institution;

notes that the need for government to then take extra measures to ensure effective fencing of the perimeters of the complex, deploy special unit security at the campus and mobilize modern security equipment for total surveillance and intrusion detectors to boost the security of the institution; and

further notes that currently only 3.65km of the university boundary has been fenced leaving a balance of about 23.7km.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to urgently intervene and immediately put in place extraordinary measures to ensure the full restoration of the peace and tranquility of the University of Maiduguri, including the immediate perimeter fencing of the school and the deployment of critical security systems to ensure full surveillance and detection of security breaches;
- (ii) call on the Security Agencies to submit to the Senate a comprehensive plan of action to contain, maintain and assure the constant security of the University of Maiduguri in particular and the host community of the school; and
- (iii) call on the Minister of Education through the TETFUND to take further measures to revamp the security infrastructure by immediately embarking on the fencing of the institution as well as take other measures to reassure the university community of their security and protection (*Senator Baba Kaka Bashir Garbai — Borno Central*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution(i):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to urgently intervene and immediately put in place extraordinary measures to ensure the full restoration of the peace and tranquility of the University of Maiduguri, including the immediate perimeter fencing of the school and the deployment of critical security systems to ensure full surveillance and detection of security breaches — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(ii):

Question: That the Senate do call on the Security Agencies to submit to the Senate a comprehensive plan of action to contain, maintain and assure the constant security of the University of Maiduguri in particular and the host community of the school — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(iii):

Question: That the Senate do call on the Minister of Education through the TETFUND to take further measures to revamp the security infrastructure by immediately embarking on the fencing of the institution as well as take other measures to reassure the university community of their security and protection — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to urgently intervene and immediately put in place extraordinary measures to ensure the full restoration of the peace and tranquility of the University of Maiduguri, including the immediate perimeter fencing of the school and the deployment of critical security systems to ensure full surveillance and detection of security breaches;
- (ii) call on the Security Agencies to submit to the Senate a comprehensive plan of action to contain, maintain and assure the constant security of the University of Maiduguri in particular and the host community of the school; and
- (iii) call on the Minister of Education through the TETFUND to take further measures to revamp the security infrastructure by immediately embarking on the fencing of the institution as well as take other measures to reassure the university community of their security and protection (S/Res/009/03/17).

(c) ***The need for urgent renovation of the facilities and infrastructure of the Akanu Ibiam International Airport Enugu:***

Motion made: That the Senate observes that the Akanu Ibiam International Airport in Enugu was upgraded to the status of International Airport on August 24, 2013;

notes that the upgrade of the airport was a fulfilment of the dreams of the people of South-East of Nigeria who are famed entrepreneurs and have long clamoured for direct flights to parts of the world where they engage in myriad of commercial activities in order to cut costs associated with logistics and distance;

notes that as an International Gateway for an important part of Nigeria, aside the technical requirements for the upgrade to international airport status by the extension, asphaltting, marking and standardization of the runways to accommodate bigger aircraft, there was also the requirement for improved facilities and a face-lift of infrastructure;

concerned that on the 20th November, 2016, a strong windstorm substantially damaged parts of the Airport, including the arrival and departure lounges and the protective sheen of the buildings, with debris and wind-blown garbage littering the inside of the buildings thereby putting passengers, staff and other users of the airport in danger, especially when it rains as it often does;

considering that the South-East is the last, among all the geo-political zones to have an international airport, this development is disheartening and it would not only expose users of the airport to harm, it would also discourage international airlines and interests from using the airport; and

worried that the current dilapidated state of the facilities and the infrastructure of the airport is a huge disincentive to the use of the airport, and endangers the lives of the people who use it, besides being a bad testament to the standard of infrastructure in Nigeria's critical aviation sector.

Accordingly resolves to:

That the Senate do urge the Federal Ministry of Aviation, and other relevant authorities, to, as a matter of urgency, repair the damaged parts and renovate the facilities of the Akanu Ibiam International Airport and other airports in the Country requiring such attention to reduce the dangers of harm to which users of the airports are exposed (Senator Chukwuka G. Utazi — Enugu North).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Ministry of Aviation, and other relevant authorities, to, as a matter of urgency, repair the damaged parts and renovate the facilities of the Akanu Ibiam International Airport and other airports in the country requiring such attention to reduce the dangers of harm to which users of the airports are exposed —
Agreed to.

Amendment Proposed:

Insert Additional Proposed Resolution as follows:

“Direct the Committee on Aviation to investigate the award of contracts for the renovation of the International Airports in the country and shoddy jobs that resulted in this sorry state of affairs and ensure that the contractors found liable are brought to book” (*Senator Magnus N. Abe — Rivers South-East*).

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

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Aviation, and other relevant authorities, to, as a matter of urgency, repair the damaged parts and renovate the facilities of the Akanu Ibiam International Airport and other airports in the country requiring such attention to reduce the dangers of harm to which users of the airports are exposed; and
- (ii) direct the Committee on Aviation to investigate the award of contracts for the renovation of the International Airports in the country and shoddy jobs that resulted in this sorry state of affairs and ensure that the contractors found liable are brought to book (*S/Res/010/03/17*).

(d) Urgent Need to Complete the East/West Road, Especially, the Section Along Aba/Elem Road Junction to Onne Road Junction:

Motion made: That the Senate is aware that the construction of the 675km dual-carriageway East/West Road was awarded by the former President Olusegun Obasanjo in 2006 at the contract value of ₦211 billion;

aware also that an additional 23.9km to link Calabar with the coastal town of Oron in Akwa Ibom State was included in the contract by former President Goodluck Jonathan making the Road accessible by all the major oil producing areas of the Niger Delta Region;

recalls that the project could not commence in 2007, as it was not included in the 2007 Appropriation Act;

acknowledges that during former President Yar'Adua's tenure nothing much could be achieved as a result of lack of engineering drawings for the project, which was eventually achieved;

further aware that former President Goodluck Jonathan after the production of engineering drawing revalidated the contract sum from ₦211 billion to ₦726 billion and re-awarded same to several contractors in sections I - V;

worried that about eleven years from the date of contract award, the East-West Road which was an outcome of negotiation with the agitating Niger Delta Youths, still suffers neglect and disdain by the government;

particularly more worried about the section that links Aba Road to Onne Road junction in Rivers State, which links other parts of the country to multi-billion, multi-national investments, viz:

1. Port Harcourt Refinery 1
2. Port Harcourt Refinery 2
3. Indorama Petrochemicals
4. Notoire Fertilizer Company (former NAFCON)
5. Federal Ocean Terminal 1 and 2
6. Onne/lkpokiri Oil and Gas Free zone
7. Nigeria Naval college;

further aware that this section of the road links Akwa Ibom and Cross River States to the East/West Road;

understands that due to the concentration of the above mentioned economic establishments, thousands of trailers, tankers and other heavy-duty machineries ply this section of the Road on daily basis for evacuation of products from these multi-national companies;

observes that this section of the Road is completely in a state of disrepair, which has caused trailers and tankers to fall on regular basis, thus disrupting economic activities in the country;

aware that at the inception of this administration Governor Nyesom Wike of Rivers State in collaboration with some of the multi-national companies carried out some remediation work to make the roads passable;

observes that this effort was like a first aide on a major wound, as the pressure on the road did not take long to degenerate other sections of the road;

recalls that Eleme youths in an attempt to draw the Federal Government's attention to the level of dilapidation of the section of the road planned a no-thoroughfare- protest along that route, but the Rivers State government ably aborted the protest;

recalls also that NUPENG planned to carry out a nation-wide protest by June 23, 2017, but for the intervention of the Governor of Rivers State, Chief Barrister Nyesom Wike, who again promised to carry out repairs at the various portions that had developed into gullies and death traps;

worried that less than seven kilometres stretch of the bad section could delay a traveler for more than 4 hours and oftentimes exacerbate the agonies of fallen tankers and trailers; and

further worried that the nation could close her eyes from such a major Road that links its multi-billion Naira investments and multi-national infrastructures that is the life-wire of the nation's economy.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) urge FERMA as a matter of urgency to intervene in the rehabilitation of the failed sections of the Aba Road/Eleme junction to Onne junction;

- (ii) urge the Ministry of Niger Delta to ensure the completion of the East/West Road particularly the section that links the multi-national investment within the 2017 budget year; and
- (iii) direct the Committee on Niger Delta to ensure compliance with this resolution and report within four (4) weeks (*Senator George T. Sekibo — Rivers East*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution(i):

Question: That the Senate do urge Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) as a matter of urgency to intervene in the rehabilitation of the failed sections of the Aba Road/Eleme junction to Onne junction.

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the words “Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA)” *insert* the words “/Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC)” (*Senator Godswill O. Akpabio — Akwa Ibom North-West*).

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

Proposed Resolution(ii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Ministry of Niger Delta to ensure the completion of the East/West Road particularly the section that links the multi-national investment within the 2017 budget year — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(iii):

Question: That the Senate do direct the Committee on Niger Delta to ensure compliance with this resolution and report within four (4) weeks — *Agreed to.*

Amendment Proposed:

Insert additional Proposed Resolutions as follows:

- “(i) constitute an *Ad hoc* Committee to investigate the award of the road contract” (*Senator Kabiru G. Marafa — Kebbi Central*).

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

- (ii) call on the Federal Government to look for alternative funding of East-West road for speedy completion” (*Senator John O. Enoh — Cross River Central*).

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

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) urge Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA)/Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) as a matter of urgency to intervene in the rehabilitation of the failed sections of the Aba Road/Eleme junction to Onne junction;
- (ii) urge the Ministry of Niger Delta to ensure the completion of the East/West Road particularly the section that links the multi-national investment within the 2017 budget year;
- (iii) direct the Committee on Niger Delta to ensure compliance with this resolution and report within four (4) weeks;

- (iv) constitute an Ad hoc Committee to investigate the award of the road contract; and
- (v) call on the Federal Government to look for alternative funding of East-West road for speedy completion (*S/Res/011/03/17*).

(e) ***Occurrence of crisis in Sardauna Local Government Area of Taraba State:***

Motion made: That the Senate notes with dismay the recent crisis resulting in massive destruction of lives, homes and properties - killing of cattle and other animals in the Sardauna Local Government Area;

further note that many settlements across the rural areas of the Local Government Area were attacked by some militia groups resulting in the death of hundreds of people, loss of thousands of cattle and properties worth millions of naira, while thousands of cattle were also rustled;

aware that between the 17th and 25th June, 2017 communities of Mayo Ndaga, Dorofi, Hainare, Tamnya, Kwara Kwara, Chabbal Gudali, Wanji, Tamviya, Mbamnga and Bang Three Corner, etc. in Sardauna Local Government Area have been under serious attacks by the rampaging Militia;

further aware that, due to the barbaric killings, wanton and arsenic destruction of settlements and other properties by the militia, many have been rendered homeless (thousands of women and children) and are presently in various IDP camps in Nguroje, Gembu, Mayo Ndaga, Dorofi etc. in Nigeria and others as refugees in the Republic of Cameroon;

concerned that the killing of any citizen of Nigeria under any guise amounts to serious violations of the right to life, right to security of persons, right to the respect of the dignity inherent in human beings, the right to property ownership, the right of animals to decent life not only guaranteed by the 1999 Constitution as amended, but also by the African charter on human and people's right and International convention on civil and political right to which Nigeria is a party; and

aware that of all the disturbing crises which occurred in Taraba State in the past, this is the most voracious, spontaneous, devastating and barbaric in terms of loss of lives, destruction of animals, human settlements and properties. The scene is gruesome and the numbers are staggering. Many lives have been lost, many cattle have been hacked, many others rustled and about 100,000 persons displaced (mostly women, children and the elderly); not less than 18,000 as refugees in the Republic of Cameroon.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence for the repose of the deceased victims of the brutal attacks;
- (ii) condemn these barbaric killings of innocent victims and wanton destruction of cattle and properties;
- (iii) urge the Federal Government to take urgent measures to secure and protect lives, animals and properties of the citizens, and to also prevent further breakdown of Law and Order and such attacks on the innocent citizens in the Local Government Area;
- (iv) urge the Federal Government to set up a Judicial Panel to investigate the immediate and remote causes of the killings and destruction of lives and properties and identify the perpetrators with the aim of bringing them to justice;

- (v) urge the Federal Government to station a formidable Military Base, an active Police and Civil Defence presence and security surveillance in Sardauna Local Government Area of Taraba State;
- (vi) urge the Federal Government of Nigeria as a matter of urgency to direct National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the survivors and their families now in Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) Camp;
- (vii) contact the Government of the Republic of Cameroon to determine the actual number of refugees and their animals in Cameroon;
- (viii) urge the Federal Government to use the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), National Commission for Refugees (NCR), Nigerians to consider the plight of the refugees in Cameroon and urgently arrange for their proper care, security and protection; and
- (ix) direct the *Ad hoc* Committee on Southern Kaduna Crisis and Other Affected States to determine all issues connected to the crisis through appropriate terms of reference, take a tour of the affected areas and conduct thorough assessment for further investigation into the remote and immediate causes of the crisis and report within the next four (4) weeks (*Senator Yusuf A. Yusuf — Taraba Central*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution(i):

Question: That the Senate do observe a minute silence for the repose of the deceased victims of the brutal attacks — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(ii):

Question: That the Senate do condemn these barbaric killings of innocent victims and wanton destruction of cattle and properties — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(iii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to take urgent measures to secure and protect lives, animals and properties of the citizens, and to also prevent further breakdown of Law and Order and such attacks on the innocent citizens in the Local Government Area — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(iv):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to set up a Judicial Panel to investigate the immediate and remote causes of the killings and destruction of lives and properties and identify the perpetrators with the aim of bringing them to justice — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(v):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to station a formidable Military Base, an active Police and Civil Defence presence and security surveillance in Sardauna Local Government Area of Taraba State — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(vi):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government of Nigeria as a matter of urgency to direct National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the survivors and their families now in Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) Camp — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(vii):

Question: That the Senate do contact the Government of the Republic of Cameroon to determine the actual number of refugees and their animals in Cameroon — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(viii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to use the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), National Commission for Refugees (NCR), Nigerians to consider the plight of the refugees in Cameroon and urgently arrange for their proper care, security and protection — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(ix):

Question: That the Senate do direct the *Ad hoc* Committee on Southern Kaduna Crisis and Other Affected States to determine all issues connected to the crisis through appropriate terms of reference, take a tour of the affected areas and conduct thorough assessment for further investigation into the remote and immediate causes of the crisis and report within the next four (4) weeks — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) observe a minute silence for the repose of the deceased victims of the brutal attacks;
- (ii) condemn these barbaric killings of innocent victims and wanton destruction of cattle and properties;
- (iii) urge the Federal Government to take urgent measures to secure and protect lives, animals and properties of the citizens, and to also prevent further breakdown of Law and Order and such attacks on the innocent citizens in the Local Government Area;
- (iv) urge the Federal Government to set up a Judicial Panel to investigate the immediate and remote causes of the killings and destruction of lives and properties and identify the perpetrators with the aim of bringing them to justice;
- (v) urge the Federal Government to station a formidable Military Base, an active Police and Civil Defence presence and security surveillance in Sardauna Local Government Area of Taraba State;
- (vi) urge the Federal Government of Nigeria as a matter of urgency to direct National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the survivors and their families now in Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) Camp;
- (vii) contact the Government of the Republic of Cameroon to determine the actual number of refugees and their animals in Cameroon;
- (viii) urge the Federal Government to use the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), National Commission for Refugees (NCR), Nigerians to consider the plight of the refugees in Cameroon and urgently arrange for their proper care, security and protection; and
- (ix) direct the *Ad hoc* Committee on Southern Kaduna Crisis and Other Affected States to determine all issues connected to the crisis through appropriate terms of reference, take a tour of the affected areas and conduct thorough assessment for further investigation into the remote and immediate causes of the crisis and report within the next four (4) weeks (*S/Res/012/03/17*).

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

(f) Demise of Alhaji Yusuf Maitama Sule (Danmasanin Kano):

Motion made: That the Senate notes with great sadness the passing to the great beyond of an elder statesman per excellence, Consummate Politician, Orator, Diplomat, Teacher, Parliamentarian and trail blazer Alhaji Yusuf Maitama Sule (Danmasanin Kano). The testimony of all concerning his person is that he was a pragmatic and ardent believer in consensus and fair play in statecraft and Nation building;

also notes that Danmasanin Kano was born on 1st October, 1929 in Yola Quarters in Kano to simple and peasant parents. He was named Yusuf after the Father of Traditional title holder of Madaki of Kano, showing his family's closeness to the Traditional Institution of Kano;

also notes that Danmasanin was enrolled in Shahuchi Elementary School in 1937 by the then Madaki of Kano, Mamuda. Based on his display of rare intelligence, he was promoted to the Middle School and was admitted into Kaduna College in 1943 at the age of 13, and got a teaching job in Kano Middle School in 1948 on completion of his studies in Kaduna College;

notes that Danmasanin contested and won seat in the Parliament in 1954 from there he was made the Oil Minister and facilitated the establishment of the Nigerian National Oil Company that later became NNPC. The first refinery in Nigeria was also built when he was the Oil Minister amongst other facilities. Yusuf Maitama Sule served as a Commissioner in various Ministries during the Government of Audu Bako under the Gowon Administration and Danmasanin was once the Chairman of the Public Complaint Commission in the course of his service to the Nation;

notes that Danmasanin contested for the Presidency under the National Party of Nigeria (NPN) in 1979 and was defeated in the primaries by President Shehu Shagari and later served as Nigerian Permanent Representative to the United Nations where he chaired UN Committee against Apartheid and in 1983 served as Minister of National Guidance;

observes that after retirement from public services, Yusuf Maitama Sule concentrated all his energy in Community Services, building national consensus, Conflict Resolutions and contribution to National Discourse and Debates. As a consummate orator he led the voices of fairness, equity, justice, national political and economic stability, unity in diversity, international relations in various local, national and international fora. He was a great reservoir of Nigeria contemporary history, bridge builder, exponent of National Unity;

notes that Danmasanin was a founding member of Arewa Consultative Forum and the Chairman of Northern Elders Forum. Late Yusuf Maitama Sule was a holder of the Danmasanin Kano, a traditional title that made him the Chief Custodian of Kano History and that entails intimate consultations on various traditional and national issues with the Emir of Kano; and

aware that the demise of this precious gem is not only a great loss to the people of Kano State and Nigeria in particular, but to all friends in Africa and the International Community.

Accordingly resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of the late Alhaji Yusuf Maitama Sule (Danmasanin Kano); and

- (ii) urge the Federal Government to immortalize him by naming a national monument after him (*Senator Rabi'u M. Musa — Kano Central*).

Debate:

Proposed Resolution(i):

Question: That the Senate do observe a minute silence in honour of the late Alhaji Yusuf Maitama Sule (Danmasanin Kano) — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution(iii):

Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to immortalize him by naming a national monument after him — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:

That the Senate do:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of the late Alhaji Yusuf Maitama Sule (Danmasanin Kano); and
- (ii) urge the Federal Government to immortalize him by naming a national monument after him (*S/Res/013/03/17*).

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

13. Mandatory Haemoglobin-Genotype Testing Bill, 2017 (SB.414):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. Chartered Institute of Directors of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB.424):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

15. Non-Governmental Organization Regulation Bill, 2017 (SB.111):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

16. Federal Capital Territory Act CAP F6 LFN (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB. 115):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

17. National Fertilizer Quality Control Bill, 2017 (SB.338):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

18. Nigeria Police Act CAP P19 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (SB.413):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

19. Correction, Reformation and Reintegration Centre (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB.308):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

20. National Institute of Credit Administration (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (SB.153):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

21. Adjournment:

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Thursday, 6th July, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:49 p.m.

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