



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 9 November, 2017

1. The House met at 11.11 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, 8 November, 2017.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.
3. **Oaths of Allegiance and Membership**
A Member-elect, Ahmad Abdullahi Kalambaina (*Kware/Wamakko Federal Constituency*) took and subscribed to the Oaths of allegiance and membership as prescribed by law.
4. **Announcements**
 - (a) **Visitors in the Gallery:**
Mr Speaker recognised the presence of the following visitors in the Gallery:
 - (i) Members of the *National Union of Bonny Students (NUBS)*, Rivers State
 - (ii) Staff and Students of *Brisk International Academy*, Madalla, Niger State; and
 - (iii) Staff and Students of *Success High Grade Modern School*, Uke, Nasarawa State.
 - (b) **Code of Ethics in the National Assembly:**
Mr Speaker read a communication from the Clerk to the National Assembly, inviting Members to the unveiling of the Code of Ethics for Staff of the National Assembly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on Monday, 13 November, 2017 in Conference Room 231, Senate Building (New Wing, 2nd Floor), National Assembly Complex at 11.00 a.m.
5. **Petitions**
 - (i) A petition from Four Wheels Limited on the refusal by the Nigeria Police to comply with the court Order in Suit No.: PHC/411/2017 was presented and laid by Hon. Agbonayinma Johnson Ehiozuwa (*Egor/Ikpoba/Okha Federal Constituency*);

- (ii) A petition from NOPRIN Foundation, on behalf of Ugborode Community in Warri South West Local Government Area, Delta State, on the alleged misuse of official powers by some Executives of Delta State Government, was presented and laid by Hon. Edward Pwajok Gang (*Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*);
- (iii) A petition from G. U. Moneke (Barristers and Solicitors), on behalf of Chizoba Akutekwe, on the refusal by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), to obey the court Order in Suit No: NICN/AWK/03/2012 to reinstate him, was presented and laid by Hon. Chukwuka Onyema (*Ogbaru Federal Constituency*);
- (iv) A petition from Gong News against Fidelis Wadzani Gadzama, on alleged collection of multiple salaries from the Nigerian Prisons Service and a foreign agency, was presented and laid by Hon. Yusuf Ayo Tajudeen (*Ijumu/Kabba-Bunu Federal Constituency*);
- (v) Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Brown Randolph Iwo Oruene (*Degema/Bonny Federal Constituency*):
 - (a) Se-Alabo Abel A. Altani, on behalf of Bonny Kingdom in Bonny Local Government Area of Rivers State, requesting that AITEO's Pipeline Surveillance contract be reserved for indigenous contractors from the Kingdom;
 - (b) Hart Emmanuel, on behalf of the Youth Coalition for Good Governante, on the alleged unprofessional use of boats set out for the security of water ways by the Marine Police and the Nigerian Navy Eastern Command;
 - (c) Emmanuel Hart, on behalf of the Youth Coalition for Good Governance, on the alleged fraudulent recruitment exercise by the management of Federal Polytechnic of Oil and Gas, Bonny, Rivers State;
- (vi) Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Chidi Frank Wihioaka (*Ikwerre/Emoha Federal Constituency*):
 - (a) Liberty Attorney (Solicitors, Advocates and Legal Researchers), on behalf of Chief Richard Obi on the alleged murder of ASP Gabriel Oputa;
 - (b) Timothy Dakwoyi and 7 others, on the appointment of Alhaji Awwal Muhammed Musa Jakaro as Chief of Bwari against extant tradition by the Sani Abacha administration;
 - (c) Istifanus Dunah, on the termination of his appointment by the Federal Road Safety Commission;
 - (d) Hamdalla Chambers, on behalf of Engr Adamu Suleiman Yakubu, on his dismissal from service by the National Universities Commission (NUC);
 - (e) Chief Princewill Opubeniboye and 9 others, on behalf of the Kalabari Host and Impacted Communities of Kalabari Kingdom, on the denial of their rights, privileges and entitlements by AITEO E & P Nigeria Limited;
 - (f) S. Olufemi Avoseh & Co. (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Oludare Hodonu, on allegations of breach of trust and other fraudulent activities by Deputy Commissioner of Police, Dan Okoro, and Uche Nwabuike; and
 - (g) Engr Abubakar S. Suleiman and 2 others, on behalf of Concerned Contractors of the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA), on alleged diversion of the sum of ₦641 million by the Executive Director of the Agency.

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

6. **Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)**

- (i) ***Request for Full Utilization and Engagement of the Services of the Nigerian Army in Nationwide Provision of Infrastructure and Particularly in the Physical Reconstruction and Provision of Security in the North-East Region:***

Hon. Mohammed Sani Zorro (Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency and 3 others) 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.

Request for Full Utilization and Engagement of the Services of the Nigerian Army in Nation-wide Provision of Infrastructure and Particularly in the Physical Reconstruction and Provision of Security in the North-east Region

The House:

Aware of the huge potential of the Nigerian Armed Forces, especially the Army Corps of Engineers whose service if properly deployed could accelerate the provision of infrastructure nation-wide, particularly the North-East Region, as well as security at construction sites in areas destroyed by Boko Haram insurgents;

Conscious of the role that a peace-time Army usually plays, especially civil construction of bridges, roads, emergency hospitals, shelters, schools, barracks, police stations, town halls, etc., for which the Nigerian Army is well known;

Also aware that the yet-to-be inaugurated North East Development Commission (NEDC) would eventually spearhead the reconstruction and redevelopment activities of the North-East region, and would need to partner with security forces for the smooth execution of its civil works and other activities;

Convinced of the mass recruitment potential of skilled and semi-skilled young Nigerians that the policy may endanger if the services of the Army in civil construction activities were to be fully utilized, thus complementing the youth employment agendas of both the National Assembly and the Executive branch of government;

Also conscious that the services of the Army Corps of Engineers could be on Build, Maintain and Secure (BUMS) basis, in contrast to civilian contractors who build and often abandon projects without completion;

Also convinced that the patronage of the services of the Armed Forces could lead to self-sufficiency in their finances as is the case with the US and Egyptian Armies just to mention but a few, instead of over relying on budgetary appropriation(s) as is now the case for the Nigerian Armed Forces.

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to direct its relevant ministries, departments and agencies especially the Federal Ministry of Works, Power and Housing, FERMA, Federal Ministries of Agriculture, Health, Education, etc. to dedicate a substantial part of their annual budgetary appropriation for civil engineering contracts for award to the Nigerian Army based on competitive bidding, to assist in diversifying the Army's revenue base;
- (ii) also urge the Board of the NEDC when inaugurated, to partner with the Nigerian Army to deliver on civil construction works in the conflict zones of the region, on Build, Maintain and Secure (BUMS) basis;
- (iii) further urge the Senate to concur with this Motion in view of its significance and the positive impact it will bring to bear on the various sectors; and
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure adequate compliance with all resolutions contained in the Motion (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zorro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency and 3 Others*).

*Debate.***Amendment Proposed:**

In Prayer (i) line 4, immediately after the words "contract" *insert* the words "in the North East" (*Hon. Archibong Henry Okon — Itu/Ibiono Ibom Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Negatived

Main Question on the Motion — Agreed to.

The House:

Aware of the huge potential of the Nigerian Armed Forces, especially the Army Corps of Engineers whose service if properly deployed could accelerate the provision of infrastructure nation-wide, particularly the North-East Region, as well as security at construction sites in areas destroyed by Boko Haram insurgents;

Conscious of the role that a peace-time Army usually plays, especially civil construction of bridges, roads, emergency hospitals, shelters, schools, barracks, police stations, town halls, etc., for which the Nigerian Army is well known;

Also aware that the yet-to-be inaugurated North East Development Commission (NEDC) would eventually spearhead the reconstruction and redevelopment activities of the North-East region, and would need to partner with security forces for the smooth execution of its civil works and other activities;

Convinced of the mass recruitment potential of skilled and semi-skilled young Nigerians that the policy may endanger if the services of the Army in civil construction activities were to be fully utilized, thus complementing the youth employment agendas of both the National Assembly and the Executive branch of government;

Also conscious that the services of the Army Corps of Engineers could be on Build, Maintain and Secure (BUMS) basis, in contrast to civilian contractors who build and often abandon projects without completion;

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 - (ii) also urge the Board of the NEDC when inaugurated, to partner with the Nigerian Army to deliver on civil construction works in the conflict zones of the region, on Build, Maintain and Secure (BUMS) basis;
 - (iii) further urge the Senate to concur with this Motion in view of its significance and the positive impact it will bring to bear on the various sectors; and
 - (iv) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure adequate compliance with all resolutions contained in the Motion (**HR. 150/2017**).
- (ii) ***The Death 26 Nigerian Girls aged 18 - 24 in the Mediterranean Sea:***
Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila (*Surulere / 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.

The Death of 26 Nigerian Girls aged 18 - 24 in the Mediterranean Sea

The House:

Notes with sadness the death of twenty-six (26) Nigerian girls in the Mediterranean sea while trying to cross from Libya to Italy on Sunday, 5 November, 2017;

Worried that the dead Nigerians were the only set of people allegedly murdered in a boat that was reportedly carrying over six hundred (600) passengers;

Further worried that the incident has generated serious global outrage and is being reported by foreign media;

Concerned that in recent times, this has been the fate of many trying to cross from Libya to Europe.

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Human Rights, to look into the matter and liaise with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Libyan Embassy, to ascertain the cause of the death (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Debate

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Prayer (ii) as follows:

“Observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased” (*Hon. Igbinedion Omosede Gabriella — Ovia North East/Ovia South West Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted with sadness the death of twenty-six (26) Nigerian girls in the Mediterranean sea while trying to cross from Libya to Italy on Sunday, 5 November, 2017;

Worried that the dead Nigerians were the only set of people allegedly murdered in a boat that was reportedly carrying over six hundred (600) passengers;

Further worried that the incident has generated serious global outrage and is being reported by foreign media;

Concerned that in recent times, this has been the fate of many trying to cross from Libya to Europe.

Resolved to:

- (i) mandate the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Human Rights, to look into the matter and liaise with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Libyan Embassy, to ascertain the cause of the death; and
- (ii) observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased (**HR. 151/2017**).

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

7. Presentation of Reports

(i) Committee on Water Resources:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Water Resources on a Bill for an Act to Establish a Regulatory Framework for the Water Resources Sector in Nigeria, Provide for the Equitable and Sustainable Development, Management, Use and Conservation of Nigeria's Surface Water and Groundwater Resources; and for Related Matters (HB. 1021)” (*Hon. Aliyu B. Ahman Pategi — Edu/Moro/Pategi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) **Committee on Police Affairs:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Police Affairs on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Explosives Act, Cap. E18, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 Relating to their Regulations, Penalties for Defaulters, to make Provisions for the Control of Importation, Manufacture, Distribution, Storage, Possession and Use of Firecrackers and Explosives, to Repeal the Explosives Act, Cap. E18, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the Explosives Act, 2017 to make Comprehensive Provisions for the Use and Control of Explosives in Nigeria; and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 379, HB. 498, HB. 552 and HB. 670)" (*Hon. Haliru Dauda Jika — Darazo/Ganjuwa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) **Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Process of Digital (Broadcast) Switch Over in Nigeria:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Process of Digital (Broadcast) Switch Over in Nigeria (HR. 24/2016)" (*Hon. Sunday Marshall Katung — Jaba/Zangon Katar Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi Act, Cap. A1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to specify the Minimum Qualification of the Chairman of the Governing Council, Ownership of Intellectual Property and to Provide for Pre-action Notice to the University; and for Related Matters (HB. 1113) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi Act, Cap. A1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to specify the Minimum Qualification of the Chairman of the Governing Council, Ownership of Intellectual Property and to Provide for Pre-action Notice to the University; and for Related Matters (HB. 1113) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Muhammed Sani Abdu — Alkaleri/Kirfi Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question that the Bill be read a Second Time — Agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007 and Re-enact the Fiscal Responsibility Bill to Provide for Prudent Management of the Nation's Resources, Ensure Long Term Macro-Economic Stability of the National Economy, Secure Greater Accountability and Transparency in Fiscal Operations within the Medium Term Fiscal Policy Framework and the Establishment of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission to ensure the Promotion and Enforcement of the Nation's Economic Objectives; and for Related Matters (HB. 1093) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigeria Council for Management Development Act, Cap. N99, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to correct certain Terminologies and Provide for Reference to the New Pension Reform Act; and for Related Matters (HB. 1120) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigeria Council for Management Development Act, Cap. N99, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to correct certain Terminologies and Provide for Reference to the New Pension Reform Act; and for Related Matters (HB. 1120) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Michael Okon Enyong — Uyo/Uruan/Nsit Atai/Ibesikpo Asutan Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question that the Bill be read a Second Time — Agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on National Planning and Economic Development.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Provisions of the Nigerian Dock Labour Act, Cap. N103, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to reduce the number of the Board Members and Adjust the Tenure of Office of the Board Members; and for Related Matters (HB. 1122) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

12. **Need to Address the Decaying Infrastructural Facilities in Abuja**
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that the creation of Abuja as the Capital city of Nigeria arose as a vision of our past leaders to have a modern capital city built with modern infrastructural facilities that could compete favourably with capital cities of other advanced countries of the world:

Also notes that in realization of this noble vision, humongous amounts of funds have been spent by successive governments to construct Abuja with modern facilities like roads, road markings and signs, streets and traffic lights, state of the art buildings, electricity, water, trees, flowers and green areas, among others for decent living of the inhabitants of the Federal Capital City;

Further notes that over the years, on account of neglect in the maintenance of those facilities by relevant agencies as well the criminal activities of vandals, the infrastructural facilities in the capital city have seriously deteriorated;

Aware that the serene, beautiful and previously well illuminated Capital city of Abuja is fast losing its glory as most of the installed streets lightings and other infrastructural facilities are either no longer functional or have been damaged beyond repairs with most parts of the city now in darkness at night;

Concerned that the situation is now assuming a dangerous dimension as miscreants, hoodlums and other criminal elements capitalize on the situation to wreak havoc on unsuspecting inhabitants, leading to an upsurge in crimes at Abuja;

Cognizant of the need for intervention to address the problems in order to restore Abuja to the status of a modern city that was envisioned by its founding fathers;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Federal Capital Territory, and Federal Capital Territory Area Councils and Ancillary Matters to investigate the decay in infrastructural facilities in the FCT and its environs and make recommendations on how best the problems would be addressed, and report back within 4 weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Nasiru Sule Garo — Gwarzo/Kabo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In the Prayer, *leave out* the words “Mandate the Committees on Federal Capital Territory, and Federal Capital Territory Area Councils and Ancillary Matters” and *insert* the following word “Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee” (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Negatived

Main Question on the Motion — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the creation of Abuja as the Capital city of Nigeria arose as a vision of our past leaders to have a modern capital city built with modern infrastructural facilities that could compete favourably with capital cities of other advanced countries of the world;

Also noted that in realization of this noble vision, humongous amounts of funds have been spent by successive governments to construct Abuja with modern facilities like roads, road markings and signs, streets and traffic lights, state of the art buildings, electricity, water, trees, flowers and green areas, among others for decent living of the inhabitants of the Federal Capital City;

Further noted that over the years, on account of neglect in the maintenance of those facilities by relevant agencies as well the criminal activities of vandals, the infrastructural facilities in the capital city have seriously deteriorated;

Aware that the serene, beautiful and previously well illuminated Capital city of Abuja is fast losing its glory as most of the installed streets lightings and other infrastructural facilities are either no longer functional or have been damaged beyond repairs with most parts of the city now in darkness at night;

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Cognizant of the need for intervention to address the problems in order to restore Abuja to the status of a modern city that was envisioned by its founding fathers;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Federal Capital Territory, and Federal Capital Territory Area Councils and Ancillary Matters to investigate the decay in infrastructural facilities in the FCT and its environs and make recommendations on how best the problems would be addressed, and report back within 4 weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 152/2017**).

13. **Need to Investigate Allegations of Illegal Recruitment of Workers at the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC)**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

14. **Case of Sexual Harassment and Shooting of a 17-Year-Old SSI Female Student by a Soldier Deployed on Internal Security Duty**
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that the Military is massively engaged in internal security operations across the nation as part of the commitment of government to live up to its foremost constitutional responsibility of ensuring the well-being, safety and security of the citizens;

Also notes that in the process of undertaking this onerous task, the military has been contending with cases of human rights abuses, some of which have attracted the attention and condemnation of Amnesty International;

Observes that while the Military High Command has repeatedly assured the citizens of its commitment to the observance of human rights as amply embedded in the rules of engagement, there are behaviors and actions of some operatives that are negating this noble quest;

Informed that on 19 October, 2017, indigenes of Sopp in Riyom Local Government Area of Plateau State embarked on a protest against soldiers manning the checkpoint in the community who had earlier caused the death of two boys;

Also informed that in the course of the protest, one of the soldiers shot a 17-year-old SS1, female student of Government Secondary School, Sopp, Simi Danladi for allegedly refusing his lustful advances;

Aware that apart from Simi Danladi, two other people, namely Danjuma Kaze and his son, Irimiya, were also shot and are currently receiving treatment at the Plateau Specialist Hospital, Jos;

Concerned that military personnel, whom the nation has entrusted with the responsibility of protecting lives and property of citizens are turning round to constitute a threat to the people, as in the instant case.

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Human Rights, Defence and Army to investigate the matter and report back within three (3) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Istifanus Dung Gyang Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency and 1 other*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Prayer (ii) as follows:

“Renew the operational efficacy of the Special Task Force in Plateau State with a view to arresting further attacks” (*Hon. Beni Lar — Langtang North/Langtang South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Military is massively engaged in internal security operations across the nation as part of the commitment of government to live up to its foremost constitutional responsibility of ensuring the well-being, safety and security of the citizens;

Also noted that in the process of undertaking this onerous task, the military has been contending with cases of human rights abuses, some of which have attracted the attention and condemnation of Amnesty International;

Observed that while the Military High Command has repeatedly assured the citizens of its commitment to the observance of human rights as amply embedded in the rules of engagement, there are behaviors and actions of some operatives that are negating this noble quest;

Informed that on 19 October, 2017, indigenes of Sopp in Riyom Local Government Area of Plateau State embarked on a protest against soldiers manning the checkpoint in the community who had earlier caused the death of two boys;

Also informed that in the course of the protest, one of the soldiers shot a 17-year-old SS1, female student of Government Secondary School, Sopp, Simi Danladi for allegedly refusing his lustful advances;

Aware that apart from Simi Danladi, two other people, namely Danjuma Kaze and his son, Irimiya, were also shot and are currently receiving treatment at the Plateau Specialist Hospital, Jos;

Concerned that military personnel, whom the nation has entrusted with the responsibility of protecting lives and property of citizens are turning round to constitute a threat to the people, as in the instant case.

Resolved to:

- (i) Mandate the Committees on Human Rights, Defence and Army to investigate the matter and report back within three (3) weeks for further legislative action; and
- (ii) Renew the operational efficacy of the Special Task Force in Plateau State with a view to arresting further attacks (HR. 153/2017).

15. Need to Investigate the Customs Duties Remitted by Commercial Banks to the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) from January 2014 till Date and Proof of such Remittances
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Recalls that nearly all the Service Providers of the Nigeria Customs Service handed over their Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) services to the personnel of the Nigeria Customs Service on 1 December, 2013 and since then, there had been news that commercial banks had remitted billions of Naira in Customs duties to the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), which has generated a lot of reactions in the public domain;

Aware that there is now a regime of E-payment and that all government revenues such as Customs duties, when paid, will be credited to the Central Bank of Nigeria almost instantly or within 24 hours;

Also aware that Banks now provide online, all the Forms M applied for by importers and so Banks should not delay or hold on to government revenues, especially customs duties, in order to shore up their deposit base, liquidity or balance in their residual accounts or divert or invest them for some quick returns on investment;

Concerned that some accounting officers in the banks appear to lose sight of the status of approved Forms M and their utilization and in some cases, do not bear in mind the allowable period of non-utilization just to dump the Forms M, which adversely affect the payment of full duties;

Also concerned that the accounting officers in the banks, in most cases, ignore the difference between the utilization and application of the Form M, thereby negating the CBN's guidelines for forex issuance, Form M and their utilization within an allowable prosecution or litigation period which tends to affect Customs duties negatively.

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Customs and Excise to audit the Customs duties remitted by commercial banks to the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) from January 2014 till date with a view to obtaining proofs of such remittances from the CBN and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency and 11 others*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In the Prayer, line 1, immediately after the words "Customs and Excise to", leave out the word "audit" and insert the word "investigate" instead thereof. (*Hon. Oluwole Oke — Obokun/Oriade Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Recalled that nearly all the Service Providers of the Nigeria Customs Service handed over their Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) services to the personnel of the Nigeria Customs Service on 1 December, 2013 and since then, there had been news that commercial banks had remitted billions of Naira in Customs duties to the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), which has generated a lot of reactions in the public domain:

Aware that there is now a regime of E-payment and that all government revenues such as Customs duties, when paid, will be credited to the Central Bank of Nigeria almost instantly or within 24 hours:

Also aware that Banks now provide online, all the Forms M applied for by importers and so Banks should not delay or hold on to government revenues, especially customs duties, in order to shore up their deposit base, liquidity or balance in their residual accounts or divert or invest them for some quick returns on investment:

Concerned that some accounting officers in the banks appear to lose sight of the status of approved Forms M and their utilization and in some cases, do not bear in mind the allowable period of non-utilization just to dump the Forms M, which adversely affect the payment of full duties;

Also concerned that the accounting officers in the banks, in most cases, ignore the difference between the utilization and application of the Form M, thereby negating the CBN's guidelines for forex issuance, Form M and their utilization within an allowable prosecution or litigation period which tends to affect Customs duties negatively.

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Customs and Excise to investigate the Customs duties remitted by commercial banks to the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) from January 2014 till date with a view to obtaining proofs of such remittances from the CBN and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 154/2017**).

16. Need to Name the Federal University, Dutsinma as Muhammad Dikko Federal University, Dutsinma

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that the Federal University, Dutsinma (FUDMA) was established in 2010 but academic activities actually commenced on February 15, 2011 with the appointments of the pioneer Vice Chancellor (VC) and the Registrar;

Aware that the pioneer Emir of Katsina, Muhammad Dikko was a teacher who devoted his life to providing and protecting education in the Northern region;

Also aware that immortalizing him by naming the Federal University, Dutsinma as Muhammad Dikko Federal Universal, Dutsinma will practically demonstrate the acknowledgment and appreciation of the educational contributions of the late Emir of Katsina;

Convinced that the indigenes of Katsina State in particular and the nation in general will be encouraged by this singular act to make meaningful contributions to the State and the nation so as to also be remembered and appreciated in the future.

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to name the Federal University, Dutsinma as Muhammad Dikko Federal University, Dutsinma; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to ensure implementation and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Danlami Mohammed Kurfi — Dutsin-Ma/Kurfi Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Federal University, Dutsinma (FUDMA) was established in 2010 but academic activities actually commenced on February 15, 2011 with the appointments of the pioneer Vice Chancellor (VC) and the Registrar;

Aware that the pioneer Emir of Katsina, Muhammad Dikko was a teacher who devoted his life to providing and protecting education in the Northern region;

Also aware that immortalizing him by naming the Federal University, Dutsinma as Muhammad Dikko Federal Universal, Dutsinma will practically demonstrate the acknowledgment and appreciation of the educational contributions of the late Emir of Katsina;

Convinced that the indigenes of Katsina State in particular and the nation in general will be encouraged by this singular act to make meaningful contributions to the State and the nation so as to also be remembered and appreciated in the future.

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to name the Federal University, Dutsinma as Muhammad Dikko Federal University, Dutsinma; and

- (ii) mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to ensure implementation and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (HR. 155/2017).

17. Call to Urgently Halt Retaking of Madagali Local Government Area in Adamawa State by Insurgents

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that Madagali Local Government Area is located on the fringe of the dreaded Sambisa forest which is the hub of activities of the Boko Haram insurgents;

Aware that Madagali Local Government Area was the first of the seven Local Government Areas in Adamawa State that were taken over by the insurgents in 2014;

Also aware that before the retreat of the insurgents, the Local Government suffered protracted occupation while its villages bordering Sambisa forest have never witnessed true peace since 2014;

Concerned about the increase in attacks by the insurgents on villages and towns of the Local Government Area, including Gulak the headquarters, leading to loss of many lives;

Recalls the attack of 6 November, 2017 during which the insurgents tried desperately to retake Gulak, but for the gallant efforts of the Nigerian Army that overpowered them;

Also concerned that if Madagali Local Government Area, which is the gateway to Adamawa State from Borno State falls into the hands of the insurgents as it happened in 2014, the relative peace being enjoyed by other local governments in the State, particularly Michika, Mubi North, Mubi South, Maiha, Hong and Gombi, etc. will be jeopardized, and the people would become traumatized and displaced as it happened in 2014, with the attendant humanitarian crisis;

Cognizant that if no concerted effort is made at this time to step up military campaigns and other proactive measures, the insurgents may reinforce in a bid to overrun the local government.

Resolves to:

- (i) commend the President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces for his efforts to restore peace in the North-East and urge the Federal Government to step up military campaigns in the Sambisa forest and its environs;
- (ii) also commend the Nigerian Army for its gallant efforts in preventing the insurgents from retaking Gulak town on November 6, 2017 and urge the Army and Air Force to urgently deploy more troops and equipment to Madagali Local Government Area to forestall the retaking of the area by the insurgents;
- (iii) observe one minute silence in honour of the soldiers and civilians who lost their lives in the recent attack in Gulak, Madagali Local Government Area, Adamawa State; and
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Defence, Army, and Air Force to ensure implementation and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Adamu Kamale — Madagali/Michika Federal Constituency*).

Amendments Proposed

- (i) *Leave out* all the words in Prayer (ii) and *insert* as follows:
“also commend the Nigerian Army, specifically the Duty Commanders at Guluk during the incidence for their gallant efforts in preventing the insurgents from retaking Gulak town on November 6, 2017 and urge the Army and Air Force to urgently deploy more troops and equipment to Madagali Local Government Area to forestall the retaking of the area by the insurgents” (Hon. Lawal Abubakar — Yola North/Yola South/Gire Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) *Insert* a new Prayer (v) as follows:
“surveillance and intelligent gathering to be reinforced to curtail the re-gathering of the insurgents” (Hon. Muhammed Umar Jega — Aliero/Gwandu/Jega Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Madagali Local Government Area is located on the fringe of the dreaded Sambisa forest which is the hub of activities of the Boko Haram insurgents;

Aware that Madagali Local Government Area was the first of the seven Local Government Areas in Adamawa State that were taken over by the insurgents in 2014;

Also aware that before the retreat of the insurgents, the Local Government suffered protracted occupation while its villages bordering Sambisa forest have never witnessed true peace since 2014;

Concerned about the increase in attacks by the insurgents on villages and towns of the Local Government Area, including Gulak the headquarters, leading to loss of many lives;

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Cognizant that if no concerted effort is made at this time to step up military campaigns and other proactive measures, the insurgents may reinforce in a bid to overrun the local government.

Resolved to:

- (i) commend the President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces for his efforts to restore peace in the North-East and urge the Federal Government to step up military campaigns in the Sambisa forest and its environs;
- (ii) also commend the Nigerian Army, specifically the Duty Commanders at Guluk during the incidence for their gallant efforts in preventing the insurgents from retaking Gulak town on November 6, 2017 and urge the Army and Air Force to urgently deploy more troops and equipment to Madagali Local Government Area to forestall the retaking of the area by the insurgents;

- (iii) observe one minute silence in honour of the soldiers and civilians who lost their lives in the recent attack in Gulak, Madagali Local Government Area, Adamawa State;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Defence, Army, and Air Force to ensure implementation and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action; and
- (v) surveillance and intelligent gathering to be reinforced to curtail the re-gathering of the insurgents (**HR. 156/2017**).

18. Consideration of Reports

That items 11 and 12 on the **Order Paper** be deferred to the next legislative day, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 6 (3) (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

19. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 14 November, 2017 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.48 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker