



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 15 May, 2018

1. The House met at 11.16 a.m. Mr Deputy Speaker read the Prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Deputy Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 9 May, 2018.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Announcement**
Visitors in the Gallery:

Mr Deputy Speaker recognised the presence of the following:

- (i) Staff and Students of *El-Amin International School*, Minna, Niger State; and
- (ii) Staff and Students of *Grace, The Bright Leaders Academy (GBLA)*, Suleja, Niger State.

4. **Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)**
(i) **Assault on Rivers State Judiciary by Hoodlums Aided by Men of the Federal Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS):**
Hon. Betty Apiafi (*Abua/Odua/Ahoada Federal Constituency* and 12 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.

Assault on Rivers State Judiciary by Hoodlums Aided by Men of the Federal Special Anti-Robbery Squad (FSARS):

The House:

Notes with utmost concern that on Friday, 11 May, 2018, hoodlums aided by over 40 operatives of the Federal Special Anti-Robbery Squad (FSARS) under the Commander of FSARS, Akin Fakorede, Rivers State, blocked all the entrances of the Rivers State High Court Complex for hours preventing judicial workers, judges, litigants and lawyers from gaining access into their offices and court rooms to carry out their duties and businesses;

Also notes that while the siege lasted, the hoodlums aided by the Federal Special Anti-Robbery Squad (FSARS), freely harassed innocent persons including lawyers, judges, and other judiciary staff;

Further notes that public properties were vandalised, equipment and furniture stolen, and vehicles both private and government-owned parked within the vicinity of the High Court premises and the court buildings were ransacked and destroyed;

Concerned that the incident was purportedly a fall out of the APC Local Government Congress where an aggrieved faction had gone to court to seek redress, while the other faction with backing of the security men were out to prevent the court from sitting;

Aware that Nigeria is a democratic nation and Section 6 (6) of the Nigerian Constitution (as amended) clearly vest the power of adjudication in the judiciary;

Worried that such brazen and sponsored invasion of an arm of government amounts to assault and contempt of the Judiciary, and a show of violence as well as an infringement on the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

Disturbed that security agencies especially the Nigeria Police Force is failing in its responsibility to protect democratic institutions, and the invasion of institutions of government is now becoming a norm and no doubt ridicules our democracy before the International Community;

Resolves to:

- (i) condemn the assault on the Judiciary in Rivers State; and
- (ii) set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the immediate and remote causes of the assault on the Judiciary in Rivers State on 11 May, 2018, in order to forestall future occurrence, and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Betty Apiafi — Abua-Odua/Ahoada East Federal Constituency and 12 Others*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In Prayer (ii), line 1, *leave out* the words "Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee", and *insert* the words "Mandate Committees on Judiciary, and Police Affairs" (*Hon. Olabode Ayorinde — Owo/Ose Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Negatived.

The House:

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(ii) ***Need to Investigate the Contract for the Modification of the EGP 3B Production Platform Following the Joint Venture Agreement Between the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation and Chevron Nigeria Limited:***

Hon. Diri Douye (Yenagoa/Kolokuma/Opokuma 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.

Need to Investigate the Contract for the Modification of the EGP 3B Production Platform Following the Joint Venture Agreement Between the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation and Chevron Nigeria Limited:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria is a country blessed with several natural resources including crude oil, natural gas and other minerals and in its effort to maximize value, the government of the federation through the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) entered into various service agreements with international oil companies (IOCs);

Also notes that EGP 38 PRODUCTION PLATFORM is a project designed to gather associated gas from nine production platforms of which seven are in the North Offshore Area and two are in the South Offshore Area. The North Offshore Area fields are Isan Production platform, Ewan Production Area, Paraba Production Platform, Malu Production Platform, Opolo Production Platform, Meren 1 Production Platform and Meren 2 Production Platform while those in South Offshore Area fields are Delta Production Platform and Tapa Production Platform;

Aware that the NNPC in a Joint Venture Agreement with Chevron Nigeria Limited (CNL) agreed to modify the EGP 3B PRODUCTION PLATFORM and the contract was awarded to Prime Source limited (PSL) as the major contractor at an initial contract cost ceiling of \$64,179,198.00, however, there was an agreement across board that PSL could no longer execute the contract for the original quoted amount and the amount was raised to \$114,580,800.00;

Informed that in the course of engagement execution, there were several delays and avoidable challenges encountered by the contractor, hence various variation claims and change orders were made, some of which did not get the approval of the NNPC and/or NAPIMS but monies have since been released to that effect;

Concerned that there may not have been a Value for Money (VFM) Audit of the above mentioned project and the Identity of the contractors, their findings and the actions taken by the NNPC and/or NAPIMS based on their recommendations if any, need to be ascertained;

Also concerned that given that the oil and gas industry is a huge source of revenue for Nigeria, it is essential that as legislators, we should strive to ensure that what the government intends to spend, what it actually spends and what it achieves from the spending is beneficial and profitable to the country in general;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Gas Resources to investigate the contract for the upgrade of EGP 38 PRODUCTION PLATFORM ranging from project governance, cost and financials, to the project's performance and it's benchmark and report back within four (4) months (*Hon. Diri Douye — Yenagoa/Kolokuma-Opokuma Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

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5. Personal Explanation (Order Eight, Rule 5)

Hon. Aliyu Sani Madaki (*Dala Federal Constituency*), drew the attention of the House to an alleged listing of Nigeria as one of the countries that attended the opening of the United States of America's Embassy in Jerusalem, Israel on Monday, 14 May, 2018. He considered this as an acceptance of the declaration of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and stressed his constituents' rejection of such declaration.

Mr Deputy Speaker noted his personal explanation.

6. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Federal University, Gashua (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1443).
- (2) Revised Edition (Laws of the Federation of Nigeria) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1444).
- (3) Compulsory, Free University Basic Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1459).
- (4) Advertising Practitioners (Registration, Licensing, etc.) (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1445).
- (5) Federal College of Agriculture, Baissa (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1446).
- (6) National Independent Examination Appeal Commission Bill, 2018 (HB.1447).
- (7) Security Watch Tower Center (Special Provisions) Bill, 2018 (HB.1448).
- (8) National Universities Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB.1449).
- (9) Federal Road Safety Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB.1450).
- (10) Acts Authentication Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB.1451).
- (11) Federal Colleges of Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB.1452).
- (12) Chartered Institute of Logistics and Supply Chain Management (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB.1453).
- (13) Births, Deaths, etc. (Compulsory Registration) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB.1454).
- (14) Chartered Institute of Forensic and Investigative Auditors of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1455).
- (15) Freedom of Information Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB.1456).
- (16) National Pest Control Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB.1457).
- (17) Federal University, Omoku (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1458).

7. Presentation of Reports

(i) *Committee on Appropriations:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Appropriations on a Bill for an Act to authorize the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation, the total sum of ₦9,120,334,988,225 (Nine Trillion, One Hundred and Twenty Billion, Three Hundred and Thirty-Four Million, Nine Hundred and Eighty-Eight Thousand, Two Hundred and Twenty-Five Naira) only, of which the sum of ₦530,421,368,624 (Five Hundred and Thirty Billion, Four Hundred and Twenty-One Million, Three Hundred and Sixty-Eight Thousand, Six Hundred and Twenty-Four Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, the sum of ₦2,203,835,365,699 (Two Trillion, Two Hundred and Three Billion, Eight Hundred and Thirty-Five Million, Three Hundred and Sixty-Five Thousand, Six Hundred and Ninety Nine Naira) only, is for Debt Service of which the sum of ₦190,000,000,000 (One Hundred and Ninety Billion Naira) only, is for Sinking Fund for maturing loans, the sum of ₦3,516,477,902,077 (Three Trillion, Five Hundred and Sixteen Billion, Four Hundred and Seventy-Seven Million, Nine

Hundred and Two Thousand, Seventy Seven Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure, while the sum of ₦2,869,600,351,825 (Two Trillion, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Nine Billion, Six Hundred Million, Three Hundred and Fifty-One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Twenty-Five Naira) only, is contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure (Exclusive of Capital Expenditure in Statutory Transfers) for the year ending on the 31st December, 2018 (HB. 1207)" (Hon. Mustapha Bala Dawaki — Dawakin Kudu/Warawa Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

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

Petition by Pat Ozule:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Pat Ozule against the Management of the Nigerian AGIP Oil Company (NAOC) on the alleged breach of Contract, deliberate refusal to pay for service rendered, seizure and other acts of impunity perpetrated by the management of the Company" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

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

Petition by Iwere Mashark and Others:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Iwere Mashark and Others against the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) on the alleged disengagement of the NNPC Casual Staff, Warri Zone" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

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

Petition by Sule Ugo Ugwunnadi and Associates:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Sule Ugo Ugwunnadi and Associates, Legal Practitioners on behalf of Jukatex Nigeria (Ltd) against the Central Bank of Nigeria Governor on the alleged unethical charges and unprofessional banking practices by Access Bank Plc" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

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

Petition by Patrick Ogbonna:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Patrick Ogbonna against Abuja Municipal Area Council on the issue of unlawful demolition of Sixteen Self Contained Rooms at Gwagwa Village in FCT Abuja in 2006" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

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

Petition by Canice Nweke Chidinma:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Canice Nweke Chidinma against the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) on the unlawful termination of his appointment by the Management of the Agency" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

8. Consolidation of Bills

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Commission on Small Arms and Light Weapons charged with Responsibility to, among other things, Regulate and Prohibit Proliferation of Small Arms, Ammunitions and Light Weapons and sensitize the Public on the dangers of Small Arms and Light Weapons in Order to Discourage their Production; and for Related Matters (HB. 1295); and a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the Nigeria National Commission against the Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons, to Coordinate and Implement activities, to Combat the Problem of the Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons in Nigeria in line with the Economic Community of West African States Convention on Small Arms and Light Weapons; and for Related Matters (HB. 1353) be now consolidated" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

9. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Explosives Act, No. 34, 1967, Cap. E18, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the Explosives Bill, 2018 to make Comprehensive Provisions for the use and control of Explosives in Nigeria and; for Related Matters (HB. 379, HB. 498, HB. 552 and HB. 670) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Explosives Act, No. 34, 1967, Cap. E18, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the Explosives Bill, 2018 to make Comprehensive Provisions for the use and control of Explosives in Nigeria and; for Related Matters (HB. 379, HB. 498, HB. 552 and HB. 670) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Question Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time, and Passed.

10. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Architects (Registration, etc.) Act, Cap.A19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to enhance the penalties and to make Appeals from the Disciplinary Committee lie to the High Court; and for Related Matters (HB. 254) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Architects (Registration, etc.) Act, Cap.A19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to enhance the penalties and to make Appeals from the Disciplinary Committee lie to the High Court; and for Related Matters (HB. 254) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Question Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time, and Passed.

11. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Allied Dental Health Professionals Council; and for Related Matters (HB. 1345) — *Second Reading*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Allied Dental Health Professionals Council; and for Related Matters (HB. 1345) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Ajibola Israel Famurewa — Atakunmosa East/Atakunmosa West/Ilesa 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 Health Institutions.

12. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Agriculture, Dadin Kowa, Gombe State to make Comprehensive Provisions for its due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 1327) — *Second Reading*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Agriculture, Dadin Kowa, Gombe State to make Comprehensive Provisions for its due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 1327) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Abubakar Ahmad Yunusa — Yamaltu/Deba 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.

13. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Polytechnics Act, Cap, F17 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Establish Federal Polytechnic, Fagge, Kano State to Provide Opportunities for Technical Education in furtherance of Government Economic Objective of Ensuring Effective, Dynamic and Self-Reliant Economy and for Related Matters (HB.1383) — *Second Reading*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Polytechnics Act, Cap, F17 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Establish Federal Polytechnic, Fagge, Kano State to Provide Opportunities for Technical Education in furtherance of Government Economic Objective of Ensuring Effective, Dynamic and Self-Reliant Economy and for Related Matters (HB.1383) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge 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.

14. Call on the Ministry of Niger Delta to Restore the Original Design of Oron-Eket-Onna Axis of the East-West Road and Complete the Project
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that in 2006, the East West Road project was designed to link up all oil bearing towns in the six South-South geopolitical zones as well as provide for a dual carriageway across the respective towns;

Aware that the Oron-Eket-Onna axis measuring 50km was awarded to Gitto Construction Company Limited III in 2006 for the sum of ₦37.5 billion with a completion date of 2010;

Concerned that the construction of the dual carriageway was terminated abruptly at the Ikot Usoekong (Eket) axis of the road and diverted into a single lane by the Niger Delta Ministry under the excuse of paucity of funds when the ₦37.5 billion contract sum covered such incidentals as compensation and bridges;

Also concerned that despite several peaceful overtures to the officials of the Ministry by stakeholders on the need to revert to the original design, nothing tangible has been achieved so far;

Further concerned that Eket, which produces 50% of Nigeria's oil revenue amongst other contributions to the development of Nigeria, could be deprived of adequate infrastructural development by the Federal Government;

Worried about the mounting agitation by the people of Eket over the diversion, delay, and shoddy job by the contractor despite payment of ₦33 billion of the contract sum;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Niger Delta Ministry, and Legislative Compliance to prevail on the Ministry of Niger Delta to immediately restore the original design of the project and take steps to complete same without further delay and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Owoidighe Ekpoattai Ime — Eket/Onna/Esit Eket/Ibena Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 174/05/2018).

Motion referred to the Committees on Niger Delta Ministry, and Legislative Compliance, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

15. Need to Develop the Yoruba-Kiriji War Site at Igbajo and Imesi-Ile, Osun State into a World Class Tourist Destination

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that from 1877-1893, Yoruba land was plunged into a civil war, popularly known as the Kiriji War or Ekiti-Parapo War;

Also notes that the war, which was the last and longest plagued the Yoruba nation into two confederations, the Western Yorubas comprising Ibadan and its allies and the Eastern Yorubas comprising, Ijeshas/Ekitis and their allies;

Aware that as a result of the strength and dexterity of each of the Confederations, the war dragged for 16 years until the intervention of the British through the efforts of Governor Carter, Acting Colonial Secretary, Henry Higgins and Queens Advocate Special and Commissioner Clerk in Holy Order, Mr Oliver Smith;

Recalls that on 23 September, 1886, with the intervention of the British, both parties signed the Peace Pact at a location between Igbajo and Imesi-Ile in the present Osun State;

Also recalls that the Peace Pact formed the basis for the British annexation of the hinterlands of Yoruba land and the expansion of the British Protectorate over the region;

Further notes that the site of the Kiriji war has become a major tourist attraction and plays host to historic war monuments like the Okuta Orunorunga, Latoosa Stool, Fejeboju Stream, Latoosa Groove and the Peace Pact site;

Observes that this historic site and monuments that preserve the history of Yoruba people have not been properly harnessed and developed into a befitting world class tourist site;

Also observes that with proper intervention, development and investment by the Federal Government of Nigeria, the site will evolve into a major tourist destination and will generate huge revenue for the nation;

Also aware that previous attempts by players in the private sector and the Osun State Government have not been successful;

Concerned that if urgent steps are not taken to preserve and develop the tourist sites, Nigeria may lose a huge part of its heritage and history and we will continue to lose potential foreign exchange from tourists;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Information and Culture to initiate steps and implement ideas to develop the Yoruba-Kiriji War site into a world class tourist destination; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Culture and Tourism, and Legislative Compliance to ensure implementation (*Hon. Oluwole Oke — Obokun/Oriade Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 175/05/2018)

Motion referred to the Committees on Culture and Tourism, and Legislative Compliance, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

16. Need to Stop the Incessant Merciless and Barbaric Attacks by Armed Bandits on Birnin Gwari Communities in Kaduna State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the incessant attacks by the Armed Bandits on Birnin Gwari Communities of Kaduna State;

Also notes that Armed Bandits attacked Gwaska village on Saturday, 5 May, 2018, where over 70 persons were brutally killed while several others were maimed and injured;

Aware that in the last two (2) years, over 1000 persons have been killed by the armed bandits, over 100,000 livestock stolen and property worth millions of naira destroyed;

Concerned that the mode of operation by the bandits has become alarming as they have increased in number and carry sophisticated weapons, likening them to terrorists;

Worried that despite the efforts of the inhabitants of the Communities and the Kaduna State Government to track and eliminate these bandits, the actions of neighbouring states in the areas of collaboration and joint operations provide the bandits the opportunity to continue their attacks unabated;

Also worried that due to these incessant attacks, social and economic activities in the communities are grounded which has necessitated migration of the inhabitants of the villages to other places;

Appreciates the intervention of the Kaduna State Government Area for providing immediate relief materials to the victims;

Also appreciates President Muhammadu Buhari for his quick intervention by directing the Inspector-General of Police (IGP) to mobilize additional 300 Policemen to the area;

Acknowledges the President's approval for establishment of an Army Battalion, upgrading of Birnin Gwari Police Division to Police Area Command and creating additional two (2) Police Divisions in Birnin Gwari Local Government Area, Kaduna State;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of the people killed in the attacks;
- (ii) condemn the incessant brutal attacks by the Armed Bandits on the people of Birnin Gwari Communities in Kaduna State;
- (iii) urge the Federal Government to declare the Armed Bandits as Terrorists and treat them as such, immediately reinforce security in the Communities so as to enable the inhabitants go back to their ancestral homes and hasten the establishment of the Army Battalion, the Area Police Command and the two additional Police Divisions as approved;
- (iv) commend the Kaduna State Government for its efforts at curbing all forms of crimes and insecurity in the state;
- (v) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the victims;
- (vi) mandate the Committees on Defence, Army, Air Force, Police Affairs, and Legislative Compliance to ensure implementation (*Hon. Hassan Adamu Shekarau — Birnin/Gwar/Giwa Federal Constituency and 1 other*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the incessant attacks by the Armed Bandits on Birnin Gwari Communities of Kaduna State;

Also noted that Armed Bandits attacked Gwaska village on Saturday, 5 May, 2018, where over 70 persons were brutally killed while several others were maimed and injured;

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- (v) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the victims;
- (vi) mandate the Committees on Defence, Army, Air Force, Police Affairs, and Legislative Compliance to ensure implementation (**HR. 176/05/2018**).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

17. Consideration of Reports

That items 10 and 11 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*).

18. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 16 May, 2018 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.27 p.m.

Yussuff Suleimon Lasun
Deputy Speaker.