

SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 28th May, 2025

- 1. **National Anthem**
- **Prayers** 2.
- Approval of the Votes and Proceedings 3.
- 4.
- Announcements (if any) 5.
- 6. **Petitions**

BUSINESS OF THE DAY

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

- 1. National Agency for Technology Incubation (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB. 1025) First Reading Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (Ekiti Central-Senate Leader).
- 2. Federal Universities of Technology Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (SB. 836) First Reading Sen. Asuquo, Ekpenyong (Cross River South).
- 3. African Descendants Citizenship Application Bill, 2025 (SB. 838) First Reading Sen. Nwoko, Ned Munir (Delta North).
- 4. Public Interest Litigation Bill, 2025 (SB. 839) First Reading Sen. Abaribe, Envinnaya Harcourt (Abia South).
- 5. Nigerian Women and Youth Enterprise Equity Fund Bill, 2025 (SB. 841) First Reading Sen. Saliu, Mustapha (Kwara Central).
- 6. Fruits (Prohibition of Chemical Ripening) Bill, 2025 (SB. 842) First Reading Sen. Ani, Anthony Okorie (Ebonyi South).
- 7. Ministry of Finance Incorporated Act, (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2025 (SB. 844) First Reading Sen. Musa, Mohammed Sani (Niger East).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL

1. A Bill for an Act to authorize the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund Rivers State the total sum of ₩1, 480, 662, 592, 442 (One Trillion, Four Hundred and Eighty Billion, Six Hundred and Sixty Two Million, Five Hundred and Ninety Two Thousand, Four Hundred and Forty Two Naira) only of which N 120, 809, 305, 904 (One Hundred and Twenty Billion, Eight Hundred and Nine Million, Three Hundred and Five Thousand, Nine Hundred and Four Naira) only is for Debt Service, № 287, 376, 727, 373 (Two Hundred and Eighty Seven Billion, Three Hundred and Seventy Six Million, Seven Hundred and Twenty Seven Thousand, Three Hundred and Seventy Three Naira) only is for Recurrent (Non Debt) Expenditure while the sum of \$\frac{\text{\text{N}}}{1}\$, 072, 250, 859, 164 (One Trillion, Seventy Two Billion, Two Hundred and Fifty Million, Eight Hundred and Fifty Nine Thousand, One Hundred and Sixty Four Naira) only is for Capital Expenditure for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 2025 and for related matters, (SB. 843) - Second Reading

Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (Ekiti Central-Senate Leader).

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Conference Committee Report

Tax Reform Bills (SBs. 583, 584, 585, 586)

Sen. Musa, Mohammed Sani (Niger East)

-That the Senate do Receive and Adopt the Conference Committee Report on the Tax Reform Bills as follows:

- a. Joint Revenue Board (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (SB. 583);
- b. Nigeria Revenue Service (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (SB. 584);
- c. Nigeria Tax Administration Bill, 2025 (SB. 585); and
- d. Nigeria Tax Bill, 2025 (SB. 586).
- 2. Report of the Committee on Police Affairs

2024 Budget of Nigeria Police Trust Fund (NPTF)

Sen. Abdulhamid, Mallam-Madori Ahmed (Jigawa East)

- -That the Senate do Receive and Consider the Report of the Committee on Police Affairs on the 2024 Budget of Nigeria Police Trust Fund (NPTF).
- 3. Report of the Committees on FCT and FCT Area Councils & Ancillary Matters

2025 Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Appropriation Bill, 2025 (SB. 787)

Sen. Mohammed, Bomai Ibrahim (Yobe South))

-That the Senate do Receive and Consider the Report of the Committees on FCT and FCT Area Councils & Ancillary Matters on the 2025 Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Appropriation Bill, 2025 (SB. 787).

BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

- 1. African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons (Domestication and Enforcement) Bill, 2025 (HB. 1350) Concurrence Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (Ekiti Central-Senate Leader).
- 2. Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 Concurrence Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (Ekiti Central-Senate Leader).
- 3. Federal Colleges of Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB. 1612) Concurrence Sen. Bamidele, Michael Opeyemi (Ekiti Central-Senate Leader).

MOTION

1. Need to Upscale Security Operations in the Crisis Prone Areas of Mangu-Bokkos, Bassa and Riyom, Local Government Areas of Plateau State.

Sponsor: Sen. Plang, Diket Satso (Plateau Central)

Co-Sponsors: Sen. Dachung, Pam Mwadkon (Plateau North) Sen. Simon, Bako Lalong (Plateau South)

The Senate:

Notes that Plateau State known as the Home of Peace and Tourism is gradually losing its once peaceful nature and atmosphere due to incessant crisis and attacks by marauding criminals, most recently in Bassa, Riyom, Mangu and Bokkos Local Government Areas of Plateau State located within the Plateau North and Central Senatorial District, these attacks have continued unabated especially within the last few months, with the recent attack happening in April 2, 2025, when unknown gun men attack six villages in Bokkos Local Government – Mangor, Tamiso, Daffo, Manguna, Hurti, and Tadai, where over 52 people were reportedly killed and over 2000 people displaced, also over 51 persons were reportedly killed on April 14, 2025 in an overnight attack in Zike and Kimakpa villages of Kwall district in Bassa Local Government Area;

Also notes that this recent attack appears to be a well-coordinated and well-orchestrated attack with about 6 villages being attacked simultaneously in Bokkos over several days, these same pattern seem to have been repeated in Riyom and Bassa Local Government Areas leading to wanton loss of lives, with others having varying degrees of life-threatening injuries and permanent deformities, the unrest appeared to have continued unabated as a result of insufficient security in the area and the porous nature of its borders;

Recalls that on the 24th of December 2023 (Christmas Eve), while many were celebrating the Christmas season, Bokkos came under attack by criminal elements with about 20 villages being attacked simultaneously, leading to wanton destruction of lives and properties and a black Christmas for inhabitants of the crisis areas with the loss of about 195 lives and counting, similar attacks were also carried out in some villages in Mangu Local Government Area around that same period;

Aware that the crisis in Plateau State is further exacerbated by its porous borders and the influx of terrorist and land grabbers who sometimes masquerade as herders, the nature of these crisis and the pattern shows clearly attempt at genocide and land grabbing and not mere farmers -herders clash, furthermore the mountainous nature of the region makes communication rather difficult, allowing the marauders to execute their evil plans without the people having access of communication to security operatives;

Also aware that the primary responsibility of Government is the protection of the lives and properties of its citizens, and the provision of an enabling environment for citizens to thrive as they go about their lawful business;

Aver that that sometime back the Chief of Army Staff launched operation Bakin Damisa in the affected areas which brought some succor to the affected areas, but from previous experiences with the nature of these attacks in so many locations across Nigeria, having a temporary military presence will only bring some cosmetic relief because in many instances, the situation gets even worst once the military operations are over, also where the fight in not taken to the criminals by locating and decimating their hideouts, the crisis is never over;

Also aver that lack of access road especially in the Mangu-Bokkos axis is also a contributory factor to the escalating crisis in that area as the marauders aware of these challenges often carry out their heinous crimes unabated knowing fully well that help will not readily get to the people, It is worthy of note that the construction of the Panyam-Kombun-Bokkos-Wamba road linking Plateau and Nasarawa States was awarded in 2007 and was aimed at easing movement and boosting economic activities and social integration especially for the people of Plateau Central, Plateau South and other North Eastern States, the construction which has reached 50% completion has been abandoned for 14 years and has started deteriorating, it is believed that the completion of that road will improve the security situation in the area;

Worried that the incessant crisis on the Plateau is eroding the state and its peaceful citizens, the ambience of peace and harmony that was once the hallmark of the state, Plateau people are peace loving and accommodating, but the wanton attacks and destruction of lives and properties and deliberate displacement of citizens from their ancestral lands and heritage is a worrisome development that if not nipped in the bud will translate into a very ugly development were Nigerians citizens will no longer find succor in that region, which may eventually escalate into a national crisis; and

Also worried that most of the indigenous Plateau citizens are agrarian in nature, Agriculture is their main stay, with huge supplies of corn and Irish potatoes emanating from the crisis regions, the crisis has grounded agricultural activities, as farmers are afraid of going to their farmlands because of the escalating insecurity posing a threat to food security not only in Plateau State but the nation at large, furthermore, the crisis having taken a form of land grabbing which denies indigenous of their ancestral land, a pain that cannot be ameliorated by mere palliatives, but justice done by returning them to their ancestral lands,

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. Observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased;
- ii. Commend the President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, for his tireless efforts in ensuring peace and security in the nation;

- iii. *Urge* the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to direct the Chief of Defence Staff to establish a permanent Military base in Jeneret village in Mangu Local Government area which is a border point and an entry route for the criminals, Riyom and Bokkos Local Government Area which is another entry point for the criminals and ensure that land grabbers are expelled from areas occupied illegally;
- iv. Also urge the Federal Government as a matter of necessity through the Federal Ministry of Works, complete the Panyam-Kombun-Bokkos-Wamba Road to boast economic activities in the region and enhance the security outlook, and also call on the Nigerian Telecommunications Commission (NCC) to upscale its operations in the affected areas to ensure easy access to communication;
- v. Further urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development, and other related agencies to develop and implement a comprehensive rehabilitation plan for the affected communities, including rebuilding of destroyed homes, schools, and healthcare facilities in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Works and the Plateau State Government; and
- vi. *Send* immediately send a high-powered delegation to condole with the people of Plateau State over the irreparable losses.

		COMMITTEE MEETINGS		
No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND	Wednesday, 28 th May, 2025 (Public Hearing)	2.00pm	Conference Room 022 Senate New Building
2.	Gas	Wednesday, 28th May, 2025	2.00pm	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
3.	Capital Market	Wednesday, 28th May, 2025	2.00pm	Meeting Room 107 Senate New Building
4.	Ad-hoc Committee on Rivers State Emergency Rule	Wednesday, 28th May, 2025	3:30pm	Leaders Conference Room Senate New Building
5.	Steel Development	Wednesday, 28th May, 2025	2.00pm	Meeting Room 221 Senate New Building
6.	Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs	Wed. 28 th & Thu. 29 th May, 2025 (Investigative Hearings)	2.00pm	Meeting Room 211 Senate New Building
7.	Diaspora & Non-Governmental Organization (NGOs)	Thursday, 29th May, 2025	3.00pm	Meeting Room 327 Senate New Building
8.	States and Local Government Administration	Thursday, 29th May, 2025	3.00pm	Meeting Room 107 Senate New Building
9.	Joint Committee on Army & Air Force	Thursday, 29th May, 2025	2.00pm	Meeting Room 117 Senate New Building
10.	Ad-hoc Committee on Ways & Means, and Anchor Borrowers Programme	Monday, 2 nd June, 2025	2.00pm	Meeting Room 221 Senate New Building
11.	Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs	Mon. 2 nd - Thu. 5 th June, 2025 (Investigative Hearings)	2.00pm	Meeting Room 211 Senate New Building