



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
SUPPLEMENT TO THE ORDER PAPER
Thursday, 26th October, 2023**

**ORDERS OF THE DAY
MOTIONS**

1. **Need to Investigate Alleged Victimization and Maltreatment of Nigerians in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia:**
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| Hon. O.K. Chinda | Hon. Abdussamad Dasukki | Hon. Laori Kwamoti Bittrus |
| Hon. Aliyu Madaki | Hon. Unyime Idem | Hon. Nkwonta Chris |
| Hon. Abbas Adogun | Hon. Kabiru Amadu | Hon. Ibe O. Osonwa |
| Hon. Ginger Onwusibe | Hon. Kelechi Nwogu | |

The House:

Notes the alleged incidence of victimization, maltreatment and forced imprisonment of Nigerians, including air travellers, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Also notes that one Dr. Paul Ezike in a “safe our soul message” circulated a message at the instance of a Nigerian allegedly arrested and put in Ethiopia prison;

Further notes that some Nigerians are currently serving at the Chaota Maximum Security and other prisons in Ethiopia most of whom are travellers that use the Ethiopian Airport as a transit point where they are indiscriminately arrested at the Ethiopia Airport in Addis Ababa, taken to the hospital and forcefully injected with some substances and later taken to the prison facilities;

Again notes that Nigerians in Addis Ababa and all over the world and their air travelers should be protected and should be accorded the same protection Nigeria gives to foreigners who live in Nigeria;

Aware that 250 Nigerians are currently serving prison terms in Ethiopia as a result of frequent attacks and may die in prison if urgent steps are not taken to save them;

Also aware that these Nigerians are not only poorly treated but are also subjected to very agonizing conditions, poor feeding and medication;

Cognizant that the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) joined the rest of Africa to sign a remarkable Trade Agreement for the continent and the fact that Nigerians are industrious entrepreneurs and have spent years transacting business in Addis Ababa and air travellers contributing to their economy;

Worried that if early interventions and diplomatic measures are not taken by the Nigerian Government to check the incessant attacks on Nigerians in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia air travellers would be at risk;

Resolves to:

mandate the Committees on Diaspora and Foreign Affairs to invite the Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Chairman Nigerian Diaspora Commission for briefing on the preventive measures taken to protect Nigerians and air travellers to Addis Ababa and report back within three (3) weeks for further legislative action.

2. Devastating Flood and Erosion in Agulu, Nimo, Abagana, Ukpo and Enugwukwu Communities in Anaocha/Njikoka/Dunukofia Federal Constituency of Anambra State:

Hon. George I. Ozodinobi:

The House:

Notes that consistent heavy rainfall in 2023, especially in August and September, has left many parts of the country with flooding, especially in the Eastern part of the country, and particularly in Anaocha/Njikoka/Dunukofia Federal Constituency of Anambra State;

Concerned that the floods caused by the rains have left the areas with devastating gully erosions, damaged roads, collapsed houses, and residents fleeing their ancestral homes to take refuge in neighbouring villages;

Also concerned that during the heavy rains, farmlands were washed away and businesses destroyed, thus causing untold hardship for the people, who are predominantly peasant farmers and depend on the proceeds from their farms for their livelihood;

Worried that despite interventions by the Anambra State Government and several appeals by the people concerning the huge devastation in Agulu, Nimo, Abagana, Ukpo and Enugwukwu geographical space, particularly, devastations in Isimigbo, Amorji, Nkitaku, Umubiala and Umuowelle villages in Agulu; Otigbodomgbo road and Akpa village in Ukpo; and, Amafum/Ajanze, Ezi Obeagha Ezira, Umuchime/Awato and Egbengwu in Nimo, no concrete action has been taken by the Federal Government to ameliorate the situation;

Also worried that failure to urgently address flooding and erosion in Anaocha/Njikoka/Dunukofia Federal Constituency could lead to more grievous consequences for the people and the country at large;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide the necessary assistance to victims of the devastating flooding and erosion in Agulu, Nimo, Abagana, Ukpo and Enugwukwu Communities in Anambra State;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Environment and the Ecological Fund Office to embark on erosion control and land reclamation in aforementioned communities as a matter of urgent importance;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to repair and reconstruct federal roads in that axis, now rendered unmotorable by floods and gully erosion, and assist the affected communities in rebuilding their collapsed houses;
- (iv) equally, urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture to ameliorate the losses of farmers in these communities with cash crops, seedlings and cash grants to enable them to mitigate their losses and remain in farming;
- (v) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure compliance.