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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NIGERIA
GOVERNORS' FORUM**

HELD ON

11th July, 2012

AT THE

**RIVERS STATE GOVERNOR'S LODGE, ASOKORO,
ABUJA**

ATTENDANCE

S/N	NAME	STATE	DESIGNATION
1	Rt. Hon. Rotimi C. Amaechi	Rivers	Governor/Chairman
2	Peter Obi	Anambra	Governor/Vice Chairman
3	T.A. Orji	Abia	Governor
4	Murtala H. Nyako	Adamawa	Governor
5	Seriake Dickson	Bayelsa	Governor
6	Suswam, Gabriel T.	Benue	Governor
7	Kashim Shettima	Borno	Governor
8	Emmanuel E. Uduaghan	Delta	Governor
9	Martin N. Elechi	Ebonyi	Governor
10	Kayode Fayemi	Ekiti	Governor
11	Sullivan I. Chime	Enugu	Governor
12	I.H. Dankwambo	Gombe	Governor
13	Sule Lamido	Jigawa	Governor
14	Patrick I. Yakowa	Kaduna	Governor
15	Ibrahim S. Shema	Katsina	Governor
16	Saidu N. Usman	kebbi	Governor
17	Jonah D. Jang	Plateau	Governor
18	Idris Wada	Kogi	Governor
19	Danbaba D. Suntai	Taraba	Governor
20	Abdulaziz Yari	Zamfara	Governor
21	Babatunde R. Fashola, SAN	Lagos	Governor
22	Olusegun Mimiko	Ondo	Governor
23	Danbaba D. Suntai	Taraba	Governor
24	Sagir Aminu	Bauchi	Deputy Governor
25	A.U. Ganduje	Kano	Deputy Governor
26	Jude Agbaso	Imo	Deputy Governor
27	Dameshi B. Luka	Nasarawa	Deputy Governor
28	Ahmed Musa Ibeto	Niger	Deputy Governor
29	Olusegun Adesegun	Ogun	Deputy Governor
30	Abubakar D. Aliyu	Yobe	Deputy Governor
31	Peter S. Kisira	Kwara	Deputy Governor

APOLOGIES

1	Godswill Akpabio	Akwa Ibom	Governor
2	Adams Oshiomhole	Edo	Governor
3	Rauf Aregbesola	Osun	Governor
4	Abiola Ajimobi	Oyo	Governor
5	Liyel Imoke	Cross River	Governor

S/N	NOTES/RESOLUTIONS	ACTION BY
1	<p>Commencement</p> <p>The meeting started at 8.55 pm with opening prayers by the Governor of Borno State.</p>	
2	<p>Chairman's Opening Remarks</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and expressed delight at the impressive turnout of members.</p>	
3	<p>Brief on Meeting With Mr. President</p> <p>Members were briefed on the outcome of the meeting with Mr. President regarding the persistent deductions from the Federation Account and after extensive deliberations, the Forum unanimously resolved to seek legal redress.</p>	
4	<p>Security</p> <p>The Governor of Plateau State briefed the Forum on the violence that erupted in his State on Sunday, 8th July, 2012 and lamented the incapacity of the Security Services in confronting the menace. He emphasized the need for more capacity training for the security agencies.</p> <p>Upon contributions from members, the Forum expressed its profound sympathy to the Government and people of Plateau State on the latest and needless loss of lives and property. The Forum conceded that the security situation in the country was a failure of the criminal justice system and resolved as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Called on the Federal Government (FG) to as a matter of urgency commence the recruitment, intensive training, equipping and proper deployment of security agents across the country; 2. Similarly called on the Customs and Immigration Services to tighten security at the nation's borders. 3. To partner with the FG in setting up an emergency economic intervention plan focusing on agriculture and other economic regeneration programmes for employment generation in the Northern States. 4. To achieve (3), the Forum constituted an Economic and Security Intervention Committee to meet with Mr. President. The Committee which would be chaired by the NGF Chairman has the following members: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Governor, Rivers (NGF Chairman/Committee Chairman) ii. Governor, Bayelsa (South South) iii. Governor, Ekiti (South West) iv. Governor, Abia (South East) 	

5	<p>v. Governor, Plateau (North Central) vi. Governor, Adamawa (North East) vii. Governor, Zamfara (North West)</p> <p>Constitutional Review</p> <p>The Chairman once again reminded the meeting of the constitutional review process currently going on and emphasized the need for the NGF to be part of it, particularly concerning the following areas, which outcome had serious consequences for Governors:</p> <p>i. Financial Autonomies for the State Houses of Assembly (SHAs) – Speakers of the SHAs were more resolute to achieve financial autonomy this time and members were urged to consult with their legislators to ensure that this item did not succeed;</p> <p>ii) Local Government Autonomy – Like (i) above, it was agreed that the status quo needed to be maintained.</p> <p>iii) State Police</p> <p>The Chairman would hold initial talks with the National Assembly (NASS) on Monday 16th July, 2012 after which he would brief the Forum on developments. Further deliberations on the constitutional review would hold at the Forum's next meeting on 16/7/12 after the Chairman's meeting with NASS.</p> <p>Update on Polio Eradication</p> <p>The meeting was informed that the incidence of polio in the country had deteriorated to about 50 cases as at July 2012. The endemic States include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Borno State – 6 ii. Yobe State – 3 iii. Katsina State – 9 iv. Kaduna State – 8 v. Niger State – 1 vi. Kano State – 10 vii. Jigawa State – 2 viii. Bauchi State – 2 ix. Zamfara State – 4 x. Sokoto State – 5 <p style="text-align: center;">Total – 50</p> <p>As a result of this lapse in the polio situation, Mr. President would hold a meeting with Governors of Polio endemic States on Thursday, 12th July, 2012 to review the current polio situation in Nigeria.</p> <p>Also, the 1st Quarter Preliminary Evaluation of the Immunisation Leadership</p>	Chairman
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<p>Challenge was presented to the Forum.</p> <p>The Forum agreed that every part of the country was prone to polio and resolved to emphasise routine immunization as a means of curbing polio.</p> <p>Finance</p> <p>States with outstanding commitments to the Secretariat were urged to settle their dues.</p> <p>Adjournment</p> <p>Following a motion for adjournment by the Governor of Zamfara State and seconded by the Benue State Governor, the meeting rose at 12.15 pm.</p> <p>Right Honourable Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi, CON Executive Governor, Rivers State Chairman, Nigeria Governors Forum</p>	
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