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WITH THE THEME: "SUSTAINING POLICE REFORMS IN NIGERIA"

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I would like to express my deep appreciation to the Chairman, Police Service Commission, IGP (Rtd.) Sir (Dr.) Mike Okiro, CFR, NPM, mni for this retreat. The theme "Sustaining Police Reforms in Nigeria" is apt considering the general feeling of "reform fatigue" by public analysts and stakeholders alike due to the seeming lethargy over non-implementation of most of the recommendations of the several Police Reform Committees.

It is a common knowledge that a number of Police Reforms Committees have been set up in the country by various governments over the years with a view to repositioning the Nigeria Police Force for the challenges of the twenty-first century and beyond. Some of these Committees include:

- ❖ IGP (Rtd.) MD Yusuf led Panel of Inquiry set up to examine the activities and re-organize/reform the Nigeria Police Force - 1994;
- ❖ DIG (Rtd.) Danmadami Police Reform Committee - 2006;
- ❖ IGP (Rtd.) MD Yusuf led Presidential Committee on the Reform of the Nigeria Police Force - 2008;
- ❖ DIG (Rtd.) Parry Osayande Presidential Committee on Police Reforms - 2012

It is therefore commendable that this edition of the Police Service Commission retreat is focused at sustaining Police reforms in Nigeria. It is hoped that the retreat will come up with measures that are aimed at addressing the phenomenon which is referred to as "lost in transition" by Alice Hills in her research paper "Lost in transition: why Nigeria's Police don't implement democratic reforms".

As an administration, the present Police Management Team looked into the previous recommendations by the various Committees and has continuously striven to align its policies with those recommendations. This is to ensure that the Police Force is properly strengthened towards effective and efficient performance which conform to the demands of contemporary Nigerian Society and meet with the international standard of policing and best practices in modern societies.

The Nigeria Police Force under my leadership has implemented virtually all areas of recommendations requiring action of the Force. Amongst these include the following:

- Renamed the Seven (7) Departments to Reflect Their Purposes and Objectives
- Creation of Maritime Section (headed by AIG)- Marine Branch; PAP & Inland Waterways
- Split Airport Command into two (Western & Eastern) for Increased Police Performance at The Airports
- Installed Data Collation and Analysis Software in Research & Statistics Department
- Nationwide Provision of all Police Communications Operation Rooms with Workstations & Internet Services
- Injected ^{19,000}~~209~~ assorted vehicles (patrol vans, APCs and APVs) to Police Vehicular Fleet distributed to Commands for robust motorized patrols
- Refurbished 1109 vehicles for increased highway-patrols
- Re-invigorated Border Patrol Unit (independent of 100 patrol vehicles for on border)

- Strengthened Force Animal Sections (additional 60 Dogs and 10 Horses)
- Re-positioned the Police Air-wing through the injection of 13 new helicopters (fully/specially equipped for Police operations) into the Police Fleet and training of 30 Pilots, as well as construction of Helipads in Nassarawa and Enugu States, while more are underway in Yobe, Borno and Zamfara;
- Engagement with Sister Agencies in Intelligence sharing & Crime Prevention
- Held National Security Summit;
- Construction of ^{The Niger police} International Peace Training Institute with Air-conditioner Room; Shooting Simulator; *250 seater conference room*
- Strengthened Police Adviser's office in Nigeria's UN Permanent Mission (first time) *160 Bed, ICT Centre*
with a house & official vehicles
- Secured Position of a Police Advisor in the Nigerian Embassy in Ethiopia (for the first time) to facilitate our engagement with the African Union (AU) on issues Police engagement in AU Peacekeeping Operations. While efforts are ongoing to secure position of Police Attaché at the Nigerian Embassies in ^{DC} Washington, ~~USA~~ and Turkey; *Automated visual shooting range was 580 slices*

- Eradication of Police Roadblocks;
- Establishment of 18 primary schools,
- Construction of 2 new secondary schools;
- Employment of 362 new teachers
- Integration of teachers of police secondary and primary schools into the Ministry of Police Affairs with a view to regularizing their appointments;
- Building of 15 new hospitals / clinics
- Establishment of Project Monitoring Unit to ensure that due processes are complied with;
- Review of Force orders to meet up with contemporary demands;
- Launching of Code of Conduct for Police Officers and Men
- Greater synergy between Police & other Security Agencies
- Provision of different types of Housing Units (1074 Officers benefited so far)
 - 500 Good Luck Housing units in Lagos;
 - 80 Inspector Sunday Bada Housing unit in Abuja;

The letter of 8
Nov 2013
was cancelled
in 2013

- 700 house to be completed in February in Abuja;
- 120 senior Officers Houses in Abuja to be completed in March 2014;
- 35 Senior Officers Houses of the Rank of CP, AIG and DIG in Life-Camp, Abuja;
- 1000 Housing Units about to start in Kaduna by March 2014

* Another Housing Project to start in Lagos / Abuja

- Refurbishment of FCID (Area 10 Building)
- Repositioning of Force Intelligence Bureau (FIB)
- Within the ambit of the limited powers delegated to the IGP o discipline and promotion, the Force Disciplinary Committee has accelerated dispensation of disciplinary matters while review of orderly trials of other ranks are being ~~done~~ speedily carried out.
- With regards to promotion, 15598 were promoted within the rank and file cadre while 3240 Sergeants were promoted Inspectors in 2013
- On manpower development, 13 police training schools were upgraded (ACPs now the Commandants and made autonomous of host commands)

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