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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST REF: 0826-17**

Thank you for your email of 4 September asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

*'Please provide any schedule, list of meetings and meeting agenda for Boris Johnson's visit to Nigeria in August 2017.*

*Please include, where possible:*

- i. The attendee list for each meeting including names and titles.*
- ii. The date and location of each meeting*
- iii. The agenda for each meeting*

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested. I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request and have provided a list below in answer to your questions:

**1. BRIEFING MEETING WITH DEFENCE ADVISER CHARLES CALDER UN DEPUTY HUMANITARIAN CO-ORDINATOR, AIRPORT 30 AUGUST 2017**

Agenda: Recieve a briefing on the current UK assessment of the situation in the North East, the capability of the Nigerian military and what the British military contribution is achieving. Mr Lundberg gave an up to date briefing on the scale of the crisis and the UN response.

Attendees: Defence Adviser Charles Calder; UN Deputy Humanitarian Co-ordinator Mr Lundberg, Secretary of State Boris Johnson, British High Commissioner Paul Arkwright and UK officials

**2. IDP CAMP GWOZA, BORNO STATE, 30 AUGUST 2017 – Cancelled**

Agenda: To see the impact of Boko Haram on communities affected by the violence and now facing famine

Attendees: Secretaries of State Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Department for International Development, British High Commissioner Paul Arkwright, UK and UN officials

(This meeting was cancelled when the transport helicopter had to turn back due to poor

weather conditions. But in the interests of transparency we have included it in your request as a planned visit.)

**3. VISIT TO WFP FOOD WAREHOUSE AND WFP GENERAL FOOD DISTRIBUTION SITE, GWOZA 30 AUGUST 2017.**

Agenda: To hear from WFP officials about the logistics of the food distributions and the security challenges they face in accessing those in need.

Attendees: Borno based WFP officials and local partners. Secretaries of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Department for International Development, British High Commissioner Paul Arkwright, Head of DFID Nigeria Debbie Palmer, UK officials

**4. BRITISH MILITARY LIAISON AND SUPPORT TEAM MAIMALARI CANTONMENT, MAIDUGURI, 30 AUGUST 2017**

Agenda: Receive a briefing on UK military physical presence in the north east.

Key Attendees: Secretaries of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Department for International Development, British High Commissioner Paul Arkwright, Head of DFID Nigeria Debbie Palmer, UK officials

**5. THEATRE COMMANDER MAJOR GENERAL IBRAHIM ATTAHIRU, MAIMALARI CANTONMENT, MAIDUGURI 30 AUGUST 2017.**

Agenda: Meet with operational commander for Operation Lafiya Dole which encompasses the totality of the Nigerian Armed Forces' response to the crisis in the North East.

Attendees: Secretary of State Boris Johnson, British High Commissioner Paul Arkwright and UK/Nigerian officials

**6. PSVI MEETING WOMEN WHO WORK IN IDP CAMPS WITH SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE PROVIDING SUPPORT TO WOMEN, GIRLS, AND THEIR CHILDREN BORN OF RAPE. UNIVERSITY OF MAIDUGURI TEACHING HOSPITAL, 30 AUGUST 2017**

Agenda: Discussion on the stigma attached to survivors of sexual violence experienced during the Boko Haram insurgency.

Attendees: Secretary of State Boris Johnson, British High Commissioner Paul Arkwright, local partners and UK officials

**7. DANDAL KURA RADIO INTERVIEW, MAIDUGURI AIRPORT, 30 AUGUST 2017**

Agenda: Opportunity to convey UK messages to a regional local audience.

Attendees: Secretary of State Boris Johnson, British High Commissioner Paul Arkwright, radio and UK officials

**8. DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF BORNO STATE, HIS EXCELLENCY USAMAN DURKWA, 30 AUGUST 2017.**

Agenda: Introductory meeting with Deputy Governor of Borno State.

Attendees: Deputy Governor Borno State Usaman Durkwa and accompanying officials, Secretary of State Boris Johnson, British High Commissioner Paul Arkwright and UK officials

**9. ALL STAFF MEETING AND OFFICIAL OPENING AT BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION ABUJA, 31 AUGUST 2017.**

Agenda: To open the new British High Commission and for both SOSs to thank all staff for their contributions to HMG in Nigeria and promote the importance of cross HMG collaboration.

Attendees: Secretaries of State Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Department for International Development, British High Commissioner Paul Arkwright, 1 HMG staff based at BHC and UK officials

**10. DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR THE ABUJA MEMORIAL and MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER, GEOFFREY ONYEAMA, NATIONAL MILITARY CEMETERY, AIRPORT ROAD, 31 AUGUST 2017**

Agenda: Formal dedication of the Abuja Memorial constructed in 2016 by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission commemorating Nigerian soldiers who lost their lives in First and Second World Wars. Discussion with Foreign Minister on Commonwealth and Modern Slavery.

Attendees: Nigerian Foreign Minister Geoffrey Onyeama, Secretary of State Boris Johnson, British High Commissioner Paul Arkwright, Abuja based High Commissioners, British and Nigerian Military, UK officials

**11. VICE PRESIDENT OF NIGERIA, OLUYEMI "YEMI" OSINBAJO, 31 AUGUST 2017**

Agenda: Bilateral meeting on humanitarian and security crisis in the north-east, modern slavery, prosperity and the Commonwealth

Attendees: Vice President of Nigeria Oluyemi "Yemi" Osinbajo, Foreign Minister Geoffrey Onyeama, Nigerian officials, Secretary of State Boris Johnson, British High Commissioner Paul Arkwright, UK officials

**12. GUINNESS NIGERIA VISIT, IKEJA, 31 AUGUST 13.00-13.45**

Agenda: To raise awareness of the contribution of UK companies to jobs and growth in Nigeria

Attendees: Secretary of State Boris Johnson, British High Commissioner Paul Arkwright, Managing Director, Guinness Nigeria, Guinness officials, UK officials

**13. MARITIME EVENT ON BOARD NIGERIAN NAVY SHIP UNITY AT NIGERIAN NAVAL DOCKYARD, VICTORIA ISLAND, LAGOS, 31 AUGUST 2017**

Agenda: To visit and understand UK commitment to training the Nigerian Navy (NN) in Maritime Security operations in the Gulf of Guinea leading to enhanced safety of UK maritime interests, assets and personnel.

Attendees: Nigerian Navy representatives, Secretary of State Boris Johnson, British High Commissioner Paul Arkwright, Deputy British High Commissioner Laure Beaufile, Director of DIT West Africa Kate Rudd UK officials and British military personnel.

**14. RECEPTION ON THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN, BRITISH COUNCIL, LAGOS, 31 AUGUST 2017**

Agenda: To demonstrate UK leadership in this area and stress UK commitment to achieving gender equality at home and worldwide.

Attendees: Secretaries of State Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Department for International Development, British High Commissioner Paul Arkwright, Deputy British High Commissioner Laure Beaufils, Head of DFID Nigeria Debbie Palmer, Director of DIT West Africa Kate Rudd, accompanying delegation, Nigerian women entrepreneurs and leaders who will share their experiences of female empowerment in different sectors; plus small group of female Commonwealth and Chevening scholars.

**15. DINNER ON UK-NIGERIA PROSPERITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, DBHC RESIDENCE, LAGOS, 31 AUGUST 2017**

Agenda: An opportunity to understand the scale and importance of UK-Nigeria business partnerships and potential, and to reaffirm UK commitment to deepening and broadening commercial engagements in Nigeria.

Attendees: representatives of British business interests in Nigeria, Secretaries of State Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Department of International Development, British High Commissioner Paul Arkwright, Head of DFID Nigeria Debbie Palmer, Director of DIT West Africa Kate Rudd, UK officials

The information you have requested contains personal data relating to third parties, the disclosure of which would contravene one of the data protection principles. In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. We have therefore not disclosed the names of junior officials, both UK and Nigerian, who attended these meetings alongside the foreign Secretary. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. It is the fairness aspect of this principle, which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure. In such circumstances, s.40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure. There is, therefore, no public interest test to apply.

Yours sincerely,

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

