

7. From the foregoing, it is clear that, GNPC needed to meticulously finalise the terms and conditions of the facility and obtain the necessary procedural approvals ahead of the final parliamentary approval.
8. The Ministry therefore struggles to establish why the ranking Member and the minority group, given their expected knowledge of these procedural requirements, would allege wrongdoing on the part of government actors and in fact impugn the integrity of even His Excellency the President, when indeed, what is being done is in line with law, propriety and in fact, the principles of good governance. The only possible reason one can larch unto for the minority's action is to cause disaffection for government for possible electoral gains, given the proximity to the electioneering campaign season.
9. We, on the back of the above stated incontrovertible facts reject outrightly, the inaccurate claims by the ranking Member and his colleagues to the effect that the facility is being procured clandestinely and not in accordance with law.
10. We wish to caution that, these hasty claims of a mirage of some misdeed on the part of government, obviously for political benefits, will as a matter of fact continue to denigrate the reputation of the entire political class. The collateral damage, will naturally, be suffered by the minority too.
11. The general public is therefore asked to completely disregard the statement by the minority and treat it with the utmost contempt it deserves.

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