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## SECURITY WATCH TOWER CENTER (AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS)

### BILL, 2018

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# **A BILL**

## **FOR**

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH SECURITY WATCH TOWER CENTERS ACROSS THE FEDERATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A ROUND-THE-CLOCK SURVEILLANCE OVER LIVES AND PROPERTIES OF CITIZENS AS WELL AS FOR FORESTALLING ANY PLANNED ACT OF CRIMINALITY OR TERRORISM; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Jimoh Abdulraheem Olajide 1 Commencement BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria: 1.-(a) The National Security Adviser, by an Order published in the 1 Establishment of Security Tower Centers 2 Federal Gazette in collaboration with the State Governments, should have a 3 building which must be situated in every state of the Federation to be a 4 Security Watch Tower Center (hereinafter in this Act referred to as "the 5 Tower Center"); 6 (b) The structures to be erected must be built for the purpose of this 7 Act. 8 2. The National Security Adviser may, by the same Order or any Order for designation of 9 subsequent Order, specify the area for which the Tower Center is surveillance districts established. 10 11 3. Any structure to be built as Tower Center shall be a building not Measurement of Tower Center 12 less than fifty meters tall. 13 **4.** Each Tower Center shall comprise of, at least, the following: Compartment and facilities of 14 (a) Installed surveillance and recording cameras; Tower Center 15 (b) Transmission equipment; 16 (c) Switches routers; 17 (d) Tracking operational devices; 18 (e) Surveillance monitor;

	1	(f) Lodgings;			
	2	(g) Reliable power or energy management system;			
	3	(h) Security and emergency alarms;			
	4	(i) Access control;			
	5	(j) Binocular; and			
	6	(k) Temperature control.			
Purposes of Tower Center	7	5. The Tower Center shall be surveillance and reporting Center for			
	8	the Nigerian Security agents to be known as National Security Watch Tower			
	9	which shall comprise of but not restricted to:			
Establishment of Security Watch Tower Squad	10	6. Notwithstanding anything contained In the various Nigeria			
	11	Security Agents establishment Acts, or in any other Act, Law or Regulation,			
	12	there shall be established for the Squad a unit to be known as the Security			
	13	Watch Tower Squad.			
Squad as a Special Unit of the	14	7. The Security Watch Tower Squad (hereinafter in this Act referred			
Security Agents	15	to as "the Squad") shall be a Special Unit of the security agents.			
Functions of Squad	16	8. Without prejudice to the provisions of the Principal Acts, the			
1	17	functions of the Squad shall include:			
	18	(1) Maintenance of a round-the-clock surveillance for the purposes of			
	19	securing the lives and properties of the citizens;			
	20	(2) Monitoring crimes and act of terrorisms;			
	21	(3) Taking every steps to forestall any planned act of criminality or			
	22	terrorism;			
	23	(4) Maintenance of effect security communication, as often as			
	24	possible, among the Squad;			
	25	(5) Prompt reportage of security concerns, security breaches and			
	26	unusual security circumstances to the appropriate unit of the Corps.			
	27	(6) Handling of security matters or emergency situations			
	28	appropriately;			
	29	(7) Prompt reportage of emergency situations to the appropriate			
	30	Emergency Service Agency.			

1	9. Without prejudice to the foregoing, the Tower Center	Duty post of Squad		
2	established under this Act shall be the duty post of the Squad.	Squau		
3	10. The formation of the National Squad shall be headed by a	Formation of Squad		
4	serving officer that is not less than the rank of Brigadier-General or its			
5	equivalent, while the formation of the Squad in each Tower Center shall be			
6	as follows:			
7	(a) At least, one combatant or however so described;			
8	(b) One Information and Technology expert; and			
9	(c) One communicator.			
10	11(1) Pursuant to Section 2 of this Act, the National Security	Delineation of Surveillance		
11	Adviser shall have power to divide the Tower Centers into surveillance	Districts		
12	districts.			
13	(2) The surveillance districts, as shall be delineated by the National			
14	Security Adviser, shall be in conformity with the territorial boundaries of the			
15	States of the Federation such that a Tower Center shall not have surveillance			
16	responsibility over more than one State.			
17	12. In determining the surveillance districts of the Tower Centers,	Consideration		
18	consideration shall be based on:	for delineation		
19	(1) Population density;			
20	(2) Crime statistics;			
21	(3) Traffic density and accidents; and			
22	(4) Road network.			
23	13. The Head of the National Security Watch Tower Squad may, if	Adjustment of Squad formation		
24	he finds it necessary for efficient operation, transfer an officer of a Squad or	Squad Torritation		
25	the whole Squad from one Tower Center to another, and may make such			
26	adjustment to the Squad formation in a Tower Center as he deems necessary.			
27	14. In this Act:	Interpretation		
28	"National Security Adviser" means the National Security Adviser to the			
29	President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria charged with the responsibility			
30	of advising the President on matters relating to National Security;			

- 1 "Emergency Service Agency" includes the Fire Brigades, ambulance services,
- 2 the Red Cross, the Crescent Movement, and other related agencies;
- 3 "Surveillance district" means the territorial boundary and area which a Tower
- 4 Center is responsible to solely monitor;
- 5 "State" means any of the States of the Federation recognized and existing by
- 6 virtue of Section 3(1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
- 7 "The Head" means the National Head of the National Security Watch Tower
- 8 Squad.

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Short Title

- 15. This Bill may be cited as Security Watch Tower Center (and
- 10 Special Provisions) Bill, 2018.

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish Security Watch Tower Centers across the federation for the purpose of providing a round-the-clock surveillance over lives and properties of citizens as well as for forestalling any planned act of criminality or terrorism.