Labour reaffirms commitment to tackling illegal air quality on National Clean Air Day

Commenting on the first National Clean Air Day in the UK, **Sue Hayman, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs said:**

"With nearly 40 million people in Britain living in areas with illegal levels of air pollution and more than 2,000 schools and nurseries close

to roads with damaging levels of diesel fumes, the first ever National Clean Air Day today is a timely and welcome reminder of the scale of the problem of illegal air quality in the UK.

"Labour welcomes this first National Clean Air Day to raise awareness about the need to cut harmful vehicle emissions and fight pollution.

"On this National Clean Air Day, Labour reaffirms our commitment to bringing forward a new Clean Air Act and calls on the government to stop ducking and diving on this issue and take responsibility to end the public health scandal of poor air quality."

Shadow Cabinet Appointments

Jeremy Corbyn MP, Leader of the Labour Party, said:

"I am delighted to announce four appointments to fill shadow cabinet vacancies. I look forward to working with the strengthened shadow cabinet as we prepare a government in waiting to carry out our manifesto for the many not the few.

"Our party is now on a permanent campaign footing in anticipation of the failure of Theresa May's attempt to establish a stable administration with the support of the DUP.

"I am therefore appointing Ian Lavery, Co-National Campaign Coordinator, to the additional role of Labour Party Chair to strengthen our campaigning and party organisation, as we prepare to contest a new general election and form the next government."

Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and Co-

National Campaign Coordinator — Andrew Gwynne MP

Shadow Secretary of State for Scotland - Lesley Laird MP

Shadow Secretary of State for Northern Ireland — Owen Smith MP

Shadow Minister for Diverse Communities — Dawn Butler MP

Co-National Campaign Coordinator and Party Chair — Ian Lavery MP

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EU announces €143 million support

package for the crisis in North East Nigeria

Nigeria is one of four countries across the globe experiencing or at risk of famine this year, along with Somalia, South Sudan and Yemen. The package combines short term EU humanitarian aid with long term development support to help those in the affected area, which has been devastated by the terror campaign of Boko Haram. This reflects the Commission's <u>strategic approach to resilience</u>, which was presented a week ago.

Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, Neven Mimica, made the following announcement today: "Our support package of €143 million will assist approximately 1.3 million internally displaced people and affected communities in and around the Borno State in Nigeria. Our assistance will not only target the immediate needs of the people but, it will also help to restore basic services, stimulate employment and create livelihood opportunities, particularly for women and young people".

Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management, Christos **Stylianides** added: "The European Union is committed to get lifesaving aid to those in need in Nigeria. Emergency aid can help them but to do so aid organisations need safe and full access to do their job. We also need to think about the long term affects and how to help communities recover. I have visited the country several times and seen the suffering caused by the victims of terrorism but also the strength and determination of the local people to rebuild their lives. It is this desire to rebuild a better future that the EU will support."

This brings total EU support for the crisis in Nigeria's Borno state to €224.5 million for 2017, following earlier announcements of €81.5 million in humanitarian aid.

In line with its <u>strategic approach to resilience</u>, the European Commission is providing a comprehensive package of humanitarian and development measures for the crisis in Nigeria. EU support will provide immediate humanitarian assistance for the most vulnerable populations affected by the ongoing emergency situation, as well as for early recovery and restoration of basic services, such as health, nutrition, education, water access, sanitation and hygiene, solar power, in areas of return or resettlement. Furthermore, it will provide social protection, stimulate employment and livelihood opportunities, with a special focus on women, young people and vulnerable households. By strengthening public administration and financial management systems in the Borno State, it will help improve sustainable public service delivery, crisis management and coordination of related donor activities.

Background

The €143 million announced today consists of development aid of €123 million from the Nigeria 11th European Development Fund National Indicative Programme

and €20 million from the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa. It comes in addition to the previously announced €81.5 million in humanitarian funding.

It is further in addition to €177 million in development assistance from the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa, which was recently allocated to support 17 projects in and around the Lake Chad area.

Borno crisis in Nigeria

Nigeria faces one of the worst humanitarian crises in its history over five million people in need of urgent food assistance. A large proportion of the Borno population has little or no access to clean water, sanitation, shelter, education, primary health care (60% of health infrastructure is either destroyed or damaged), and is food insecure.

There are an estimated 1.7 million internally displaced persons, the majority, living in and around the urban area of Maiduguri, the State Capital of Borno and almost 200,000 refugees from Nigeria in the neighbouring countries around the Lake Chad.

For More Information

Nigeria factsheet

<u>Temporary Traffic Order - Roseangle</u>

From the City Council (this second closure is to properly restore the setted road surface which has a temporary repair after work last month) :



THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)

THE DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL AS TRAFFIC AUTHORITY being satisfied that traffic on the road should be prohibited by reason of SGN service connection works being carried out HEREBY PROHIBIT the driving of any vehicle in Roseangle (between Perth Road and Seabraes Court), Dundee.

This notice comes into effect on Tuesday 20 June 2017 for 5 working days.

Pedestrian thoroughfare will be maintained.

Alternative routes are available via Perth Road / Windsor Street / Magdalen Yard Road.

For further information contact 433082.

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