



SECURITY A TEMPLATE FOR DEVELOPMENT

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ABSTRACT: *Security is the basis of development. A peaceful environment attracts infrastructural development, tourism, educational feats, governmental strides, etc as Social Welfare Administration is always at its peak, Human Rights observed. However, Insecurity is the opposite, chaos, death tolls, a total breakdown of law and order. Hence acquisition of weaponry to combat it. Invariably, security is a vital ingredient of development.*

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INTRODUCTION

DEVELOPMENT IS GROWTH

Development from Sid's perspective is

"... A process that creates growth, progress, positive change or the addition of physical, economic, environmental, social and demographic components.

... The purpose of development is a rise in the level and quality of life of the population.

...Development is visible and useful not necessarily immediately, it includes an aspect of quality change and the creation of conditions for a continuation of that change"

However, Security is a condition of not being threatened especially physically, emotionally or financially.

"Security is freedom from or resilience against potential harm caused by others"

The security of any state determines the level of development, for insecurity is an impediment to growth. The clashes, conflicts or insecurity dates back to our Pre-Independence days. Alex P.Schmid classifies conflicts as:

- Ethno - National Conflict. eg Nigeria/Biafra Civil War (1967 - 1970)
- Political Ideological Conflicts
- Gang Wars
- Genocide - Sponsorship by state against its citizens. eg Liberia
- Inter Ethnic Conflicts, eg TIV/Jukun clashes
- Inter State Conflicts - Nigeria/Cameroon conflict over the Bakassi Peninsula

However Alex Schmid sees conflict from this perspective.

"Conflict is an antagonistic situation or adversarial process between at least two individuals or collective actors overmeans or ends such as Resources, Power, Status, Values, Goals, Relations or Interest"

The 'Kano Riot' of 1953 in Nigeria was an outcome of anger of the Northerners on the Southerners. Regionalism in Nigeria was a good development but a disintegration in disguise as the country was divided into three Ethnic groups.

Subsequently Ethnicity deepened in the socio-political and economic spheres of the nations. Hence insecurity, violence, chaos, etc.

Chief Anthony Enahono of the Action Group (Political Party) led by Chief Obafemi Awolowo initiated the self government motion in the Federal House of Representative on the 31st of March 1953.

"In March 1953, Chief Anthony Enahoro, an Action Group member of the House of Representative moved a motion that the House should accept as its primary objective the attainment of self government in 1956"

"However the Northerners were Ridiculed and names given them. 'Stooges', kolanut, men, His Majesty's voice"

The humiliation, the Northern leaders led by the Saraduna of Sokoto Alhaji Ahmadu Bello received, As they opposed the Nigeria Independence Motion, led to the Kano Roit that lasted for four days. Rooted Bitterness:

"The Northerners were greatly irritated by the attitude and behaviour of the Southern legislators"

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Later in the year, 'An education tour of the North by AG (Action Group) was embarked on. Absolutely not well articulated considering the state of the North/South relationship.

"The arrival of the AG delegation in Kano led to a series of riots which lasted for four days, resulting in the death of 50 people with over 200 wounded"

Regionalism, a symbol of strong ethnic identity. Obviously a good development but a disintegration masked as the country was divided into three ethnic groups and ethnicity deepened in the socio, political and economic spheres of the nation. Hence insecurity, violence, chaos, etc.

The Nigeria/Biafra Civil war was an outcome of ethnicity strife (6 July,1967- 15 July, 1970). Heerten and Moses saw it from this perspective.

"Repeated outbursts of violence between June and October 1966 peaked in the massacres against the Ibos living in Sabon Gari, Kano ... "

However, the massacre of the Ibos on the 29th of September, 1966 in Kano attracted the attention of the International Community. As Mr Walta Paddington of the Daily Express penned.

"The horror of the massacre at times seemed equal that of Congo ... I do not know if there are any Ibos left in the Northern Region. For if they are not dead, they must be hiding in the bush of this land which is as big as Britain and France"

The head of state then, General Yakubu Gowon made a broadcast to bring to an end the violence.

" It appears that it is going beyond and is now at a point of recklessness and irresponsibility"

Horrible as it may be, trash vans were used in packing dead bodies on the streets.

"The incessant conflicts catapulted to the civil war where human and material resources were squandered for the purchasing and maintenance of arms and ammunition.... Nigerian state stood still and stagnant in its economic, political and social development"

"... Peace by Peaceful" No longer a slogan, now a reality.

"For only the dead has seen the end of the war"

A political ideological conflict took its course.

An evil wind that blew no one good. As it led to the great retardation in the South Eastern Nigeria. Hence the South East Development Bill passed by the 8th

Assembly. Supporting the bill, Abdulummin Jubrin (APC Kano) said

"There is need to look at the bigger picture and historical background of the civil war. ... There is a lot of under development in the zone"

Today's Nigeria is not devoid of this skirmishes as Nigeria embattles with

- BOKO HARAM INSURGENCY
- BANDITRY
- KIDNAPPING
- HERDERS/FARMERS CLASH
- CYBERCRIME
- NIGER DELTA MILITANTS
- ETHNIC CONFLICTS

Apparently,

"The freedom every nation needs is the freedom from violence" as quipped by Rony Tong

The insecurity in the political stage,

- Sporadic shooting, disrupting plenary
- Pockets of violence during elections
- Armed masked men snatching ballot boxes
- Thuggery and intimidation

Although difficult to believe but obvious in all its ramifications, that political parties organise the thugs to terrorise people, using it as a political strategy.

"Politics is about public competition for acquisition, maintenance and expansion of state power"

Invariably the buying of votes, voters intimidation, ballot box snatching, outright harassment of citizens by security agents as it played out in Nigeria's 2019 electoral year. Rivers state as an example in the February polls and Kogi state in the November polls.

"In democratic societies, elections should represent the brightest moments in the lives of the citizens but for Nigeria, they are dreadful adoption of people's dreams and living a threat to the survival of democracy.

The violence and other forms Anti Social Traits that attended Saturday (16 November, 2019) elections in Bayelsa and Kogi states indicate the slim chance that democracy would ever grow in Nigeria ... "

Sad to note that thugs are integral elements of politics.

A PDP Woman leader (Mrs Salome Acheju Abu) was burnt to death in Kogi state.

AN ELECTION SACRIFICE

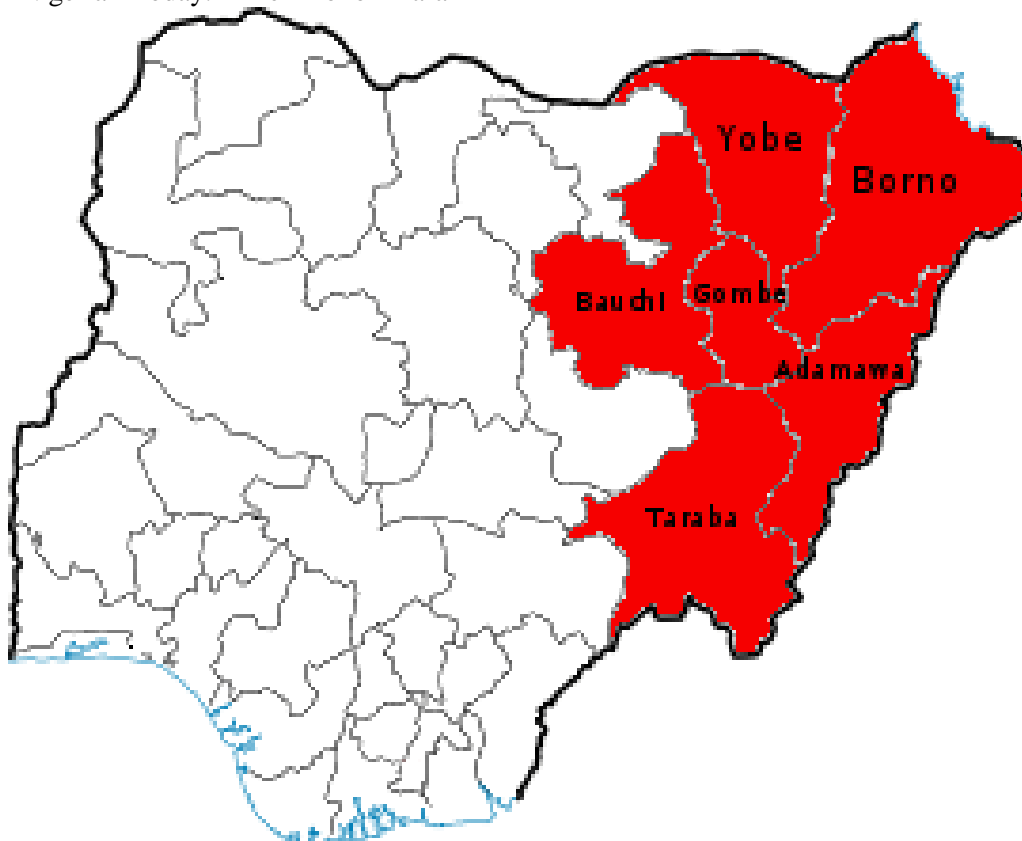
Mark Juergensmeyer noted

" ... The sheer act of killing does not create terrorist act. Murders and willful assaults occur with such



frequency in most societies that they are scarcely reported in the news, media. What makes an act terrorism is that it terrifies ... bombing and attacks ... " Ever seen, a display of power over life and death as it is evident in Nigeria Today. The Boko Haram

Insurgents with the aspiration of instituting an Islamic State started in the North Eastern part of Nigeria in 2009 namely: Adamawa state, Bauchi state, Borno state, Gombe state, Taraba state and Yobe state.



They launch deadly suicide attacks and in some cases, young girls are used for the suicidal act. Boko Haram is attributed to as the deadliest terrorist group.

"More than 37,500 number of people killed since May 2011.

2.5 million estimated number of people displaced in the Lake Chad Basin.

Nearly 244,000 estimated number of Nigerian refugee"

The peak of the insurgency was between 2014 and 2015.

"Nigeria's ongoing battle with insurgent groups and continued government corruption threaten the stability and political integrity of Africa's most populous state.

... Boko Haram has conducted terrorist attacks on religious and political groups, local police and the military, as well as indiscriminately attacking civilians in busy markets and villages. The kidnapping of over

two hundred girls from their school in April 2014 drew international attention"

President Buhari said

"Boko Haram is a typical of small fires causing large fires"

"... Boko Haram, a mindless, Godless group ... We cannot succumb to hopelessness and defeatism, we can fix our problems ... "

" ... through official bungling negligence, complacency or collusion, Boko Haram became a terrify force tasking tens of thousands of lives, capturing several towns and villages, covering swathes of Nigerian Sovereign territory"

However the level of devastation in the North East compelled President Muhammadu Buhari's Government to establish the North East Development Commission (NEDC) in 2017.



The Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF), Boss Mustapha revealed that the commission headed by Retired Major General Paul Tarfa will take off with a sum of ₦55 billion.

Boko Haram is not the only security issue bedeviling our country Nigeria, as President Muhammadu Buhari rightly said in his 2015 Inaugural speech highlighting kidnapping which has outrightly taken over Kaduna state as the citizens daily call for the state government's intervention in order to curb the ugly trend, that is ENRICHING some and IMPOVERISHING some.

"They have made a demand for money that is being negotiated ... "

The words of the Governor of Kaduna, His Excellency Nasir El Rufai in an interview with newsmen as the citizens of Nigeria woke up to hear the 'Bad boys' kidnapped 6 female students and 2 staff members in Engravers College Kakau, Kaduna.

"The police did not say if ransom was paid to the kidnapers. Sources familiar with the matter had told Premium Times Saturday Morning that 10 million ransom was paid to the kidnapers"

Worrisome indeed; A trend in Zamfara state during the reign of His Excellency Abdul'aziz Abubakar Yari as the APC governor for 8 years(2011 - 2019)

"Zamfara state in North West Nigeria has been ravaged by bandits and kidnapers for over two years, now the bandits raze markets and homes and kill villagers indiscriminately ..."

Although the situation is unimaginable, terrifying and outrightly unacceptable for a democratic setting with its prime role to "To protect lives and property".

No matter how unsurmountable the task looked, dexterity, hope in God and strategic plans. Zamfara state is better now under the leadership of the new Governor, His Excellency Bello Muhammad Matawalle of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

However, Kadaria Ahmed described Zamfara state former governor, Gov Yari thus

"As far as I am concerned, that governor is the most useless governor in the history of Nigeria. ... This is a governor whose reaction to the killings in the state was to resign as the Chief Security Officer"

BBC scribbled thus

"... Due to lack of reporting, it is impossible to tell what the total death toll has been in this ongoing six year conflict. On 28th March, 2019 at least 28 people were slaughtered by unknown gunmen on motorbikes in the village of Bawar Daji some 90km (56 miles) from Gussau. ... This all speaks to a wider, National problem of our failing federal state that cannot fulfill its most fundamental role of protecting its people"

WHICH WAY NIGERIA?

The Herders/Farmers Clash

The herders/farmers clashes left an indelible impact on the physiological, socio and economic sphere of the citizens and communities affected - unforgettable, traumatic experiences. Herdsmen attacked and killed 73 people in Benue state on January 1st, 2018.

Di Oga for Myetti Allah cattle association for Benue state, Garous Gobolo tell BBC News Pidgin Tori person Dooshima Abu, say

"Di wahala start as some people attack Fulani Herdsmen we dey carry their cow commot from Benue state. ... Thief come collect 100 cows from us, so we sef fight dem back ... "

Incredible: The Agatu Massacre of February - March 2016 with death of about 300 - 500 and at least 700 displaced victims, caused by retaliation for the killing of the Fulani cows.

Akintayo Eribake of Vanguard brought this to bare:

"How long can the Agatu tribe in Nigeria survive the ongoing invasion of their lands by suspected Fulani herdsmen? The fertile fields of the Agatus of Benue state in North Central Nigeria are at the risk of being totally overrun by marauders who see the lands as good for grazing for their cows. ... No fewer than 300 persons are said to have been killed ..."

The Former Senate President of Nigeria for 8 years (2007 - 2015), a Noble son of Agatu quipped

"... It is beyond human comprehension ... "

"... A deliberate act of Genocide against the Agatu tribe ..." words of the pain stricken Former Senate President, David Mark.

Conflict, a manifestation of irreconcilable differences in interest and desires.



What a Waste, Devastating Indeed.

"When those negative thoughts come, don't invite them to the dining table for a 3 course meal"

We must strive to live in peace with men. Undoubtedly,

"Bitterness, rancor or hatred shoots forth and causes trouble and bitter torment and many become contaminated and defiled by it."

Unchecked resentment is highly infectious as it triggers off animosity.

BELEMA OIL: OML 25, An indigenous player in the oil and gas industry in Nigeria, was stopped from operating by the host communities in Akuku-Toru Local Government Area of Rivers State for two years. INCREDIBLE, a consequence of breach of Corporate Social Responsibility. Ojiji sees conflict from this perspective

" ... It is only when action is perceived as blocking the opportunity for the attainment of a goal by another person that conflict can occur"

At the official re-opening of the Belema Oil facility in Rivers state on the 28th of September, 2019, the President of Nigeria, President Muhammadu Buhari apologized to the host communities for the oil facility's

" ... Failure to provide portable drinking water, schools, health centres in the host communities, despite generating ₦700 million daily for the past 40 years... "

Senator Ita Enang Senior, Special Adviser on Niger Delta Affairs who represented the President said

"Communities hosting a facility which generates over \$2 million per day which amounts to over ₦700 million daily for the country should not be asking for a primary school and health center in 2019 after all this years. It is saddening...

... When there was crisis at this facility, the entire nation lost but today, we can say the nation will start gaining because peace had returned here, as the communities are willing to allow the differences to be resolved... "

Peace brings sustainable development and wealth creation as conflict, a clash of interest brings deprivation, stagnation and various degrees of losses.

According to Advanced Learners Dictionary,

"Peace is a period of time or situation in which there is no war or violence in a country or area"

Boutros Boutros Ghali sees peace as

"The constitution of new environments and new cultures which transform deficient structures and



capabilities and which unite the strengths of emerging innovations in all pathways of our local global planetary life. Peace building creates and maintains beneficial conditions for sustainable (life enhancing) social, economic, political and spiritual development of all peoples"

The World Health Organization Psychosocial Support in its October, 2019 report indicates that about 41,000 people are being treated for various health conditions through the World Health Organization Mental Health Global Action Programme Intervention Guide in collaboration with the Borno State Government. Amazing, traumatic effects of the Boko Haram Insurgency on the citizens.

Unequivocally, Peace determines the stability and prosperity of an entity.

Jimi Hendrix quipped

"When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace"

Man must learn to guard his thoughts, even as God instructed

"Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life"

CAUSES OF CONFLICTS

- Lack of social amenities, schools, hospitals, good road networks, electricity, etc
- Unemployment
- Non payment of salaries
- Corruption
- Uneven distribution of resources
- Hate speech
- Marginalization
- Boundary disputes
- Non adherence of human rights
- Perverted justice
- Electoral misconduct
- Unfaithful community heads
- Lack of formidable and credible security agents
- Good Judicial system

A government that takes into cognizance the social welfare of its citizens averts danger. Undoubtedly, lapses in the functions of the security agents brews

disaster. Truly, unemployment makes the citizens to be apprehensive.

"Idle hands are the devil's workshop ..."

The wife of the President, Mrs Aisha Buhari empowered 2,000 youths and women in Adamawa state on the 11th of June, 2019. She said that it is to curb the rate of Evil rising in our country.

"Aisha Buhari said the Pet Project was inline with the Federal Government efforts in improving the security challenges and unemployment bedeviling the Nation"

The Director General of National Directorate of Employment, Dr Nasir Mohammed Ladan also attested to this.

"The youth development is central to economic growth and national security ... "

Hate speech, absolutely not encouraged.

"An evil man sows strife, gossip seperates best of friends"

Early 2020 Security Twist

The level of security challenges in Nigeria early in the year 2020 was very scary; Hence, the advent of Amotekun. A South-West security outfit, launched on Thursday January 9, 2020. The Federal Government of Nigeria referred to it as 'ILLEGAL' while the Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN) described it as "A THREAT TO DEMOCRACY".

However, the deteriorating security condition of the nation, made Senator Enyinnaya Abaribe representing Abia South senatorial district to ask the President Buhari led government to resign during plenary on Wednesday January 29, 2020.

The senate implored the President to fire the Service Chiefs.

The gruesome murder of the CAN Chairman, Rev. Lawan Andim of Michika local government, Adamawa state and the incessant killing of Christians led to a 3 day Prayer and Fasting from 30th of January, 2020 to 2nd February, 2020.

Absolutely devastating was the Bokoharam attack on stranded travelers at Maiduguri gate. Premium times described it as a "Gruesome Massacre" as not less than 30 people lost their lives on the 9th of February, 2020.

Which Way Nigeria?

The nation wastes her resources in combating insurgence, banditry, etc.



Insecurity: Counting the cost

Defence Budgets (2011 – 2015)

Headline: NGN 4.62Tn

2011: NGN 920 BN

2012: NGN 924 BN

2013: NGN 923 BN

2014: NGN 923 BN

2015: NGN 934 BN



Insecurity: Counting the cost

Cumulative Economic Effects

Oil Production & Revenue

Pipeline Vandalisation

Unemployment

Agriculture

Foreign Direct Investment

Transport/Logistics

Trade & Merchandising

Inflation (Esp. Food)



Nigeria's first National Anthem "NIGERIA WE HAIL THEE" is all encompassing.

Nigeria we hail thee

Our own dear Native land

Though tribe and tongue may differ

In brotherhood we stand

Nigerians all are proud to serve our motherland

Our flag shall be a symbol

That Truth and Justice reign

In peace or battle honoured

And this we count as gain

To hand to our children

A banner without stain

O Lord of all creation

Grant this our one request

Help us to build a nation

Where no man is oppressed

And so with PEACE and PLENTY

Nigeria may be blessed.

Imprinting the lyrics of this anthem in our hearts will not only give Nigerians a check but will foster **unity, peace, and love.**

The indefatigable peace loving first lady of Nigeria organized prayer for the Nation, calling unto God as in the 3rd Stanza of Nigeria's first National Anthem.

"O Lord of Our Creation

Grant us this one our request

Help us to build a Nation ..."

Aisha said:

"Worship is the highway through which our request and innermost desires are achieved"

She called on the Muslim Ummah to promote the spirit of tolerance, love, harmony and peaceful co-existence among the people of different faith in the Nation.

The Great Woman of Substance, the wife of the President, Mrs Aisha Buhari in a bid to preach peace attended the Nigerian Supreme Council of Islamic Affairs' General Assembly held at the National Mosque on the 29th of November, 2019, she said:

"We should either fasten our seatbelt or do the needful or we will all regret it very soon because at the rate things are going, things are getting completely out of hand ... People can't afford portable water in this country while we have governors ..."

We should fear God and we should know that one day, we will return to God and account for our deeds here on earth ... stressing that many people could not RELAX IN THEIR VILLAGES DUE TO INSECURITY"

Stressing to build a nation 'where no man is opposed'. Obviously sincerity of purpose is the ultimate. As

"Peace does not appear so distant as it did. I hope it will come soon and come to be worth the keeping in all future time quipped." .. Abraham Lincoln

Let peace be our watchword .

NIGERIA - OUR NATIVE LAND

WE HAIL THEE

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