NAME: OGBAJE DAVID

MATRIC NUMBER: 19/SMS09/082

COURSE CODE: IRD 214

 QUESTION

1. In not more than three pages, discuss the stages of insurgency

**STAGES OF INSURGENCY**

* **Preinsurgency Stage**

A conflict in the preinsurgency stage is difficult to detect because most activities are underground and the insurgency has yet to make its presence felt through the use of violence. Moreover, actions conducted in the open can easily be dismissed as nonviolent political activity. During this period of time insurgents are difficult to be identified unless they attack and that is through violent activities causing a state of emergency sometimes and also making the government to react to these attacks. At this stage insurgents aren’t recognized as a national threat because no attack has been carried out. The preinsurgency stage is the beginning stage of an insurgency.

* **Incipient Conflict Stage**

A struggle enters the incipient conflict stage when the insurgents begin to use violence. Often these initial attacks provide analysts the first alert to the potential for an insurgency. The target government, however, frequently dismisses insurgent actions as the work of bandits, criminals, or terrorists, which increases the risk that the government will employ counterproductive measures. This stage creates the awareness of insurgents through violent attacks and the government takes counter-insurgency methods.

* **Open Insurgency Stage**

At this stage, no doubt exists that the government is facing an insurgency. At this stage the insurgents forcefully try to over throne the authority or the government, they forcefully challenge the government to acquire absolute power over the state. Also the use of external power can be noticed because the insurgents are supplied with insurgent and troops and also financed adequately.

* **Resolution Stage**

Some insurgencies progress steadily through the life cycle stages; many grow in fits and starts, occasionally regressing to earlier stages; and others remain mired in one stage for decades.

**REFERENCES**

-www.fas.org (guide to the analysis of insurgency)

- [www.wikipedia.com](http://www.wikipedia.com)