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INSECURITY IN NIGERIA

,INTRODUCTION

The need for security has been the basis of the social contract between citizens and state. Security should be a fundamental right and entitlement for every citizen in which people willingly surrendered their rights to the government who oversees the survival of all. Insecurity can be likened to a terminal disease, slowly eating its way into the system of the country. It stifles economic growth, stability and development. Insecurity is also a breach of peace and security whether religious, civil, political and leads to wanton destruction of lives and properties. Many young promising Nigerians have fled the country for safer places because according to them, “money cannot save u in Nigeria” In the past two years, new forms of discord, disrupt have emerged in which religious extremists, armed militant threaten to bring about greater insecurity than those that preceded them.

Recently, our country Nigeria has been bewildered with a series of major challenges ranging from kidnapping, armed banditry, killings, abductions, terrorist attack and of cause rape. It is no news that rape has become the order of the day in Nigeria today. We hear of series of bombings, shootings, killings, kidnapping, armed robbery and so on. The causes of insecurity are:

1. Unemployment: As we all know, there are no jobs in Nigeria and this has caused hunger and poverty among youths. As a result of this, youths have resulted to armed robbery to survive.
2. Porous borders: The free flow of immigrants from other countries to Nigeria through our unguarded borders allows criminals to enter the country without check.
3. Religious differences: Religious differences is one of major causes of insecurity in Nigeria. The recent incidences of attack on churches and Christians in Northern part of the country by Muslims. Christians are made to undergo severe torture will some are even killed.
4. Kidnapping: kidnapping is also one of the signs of insecurity. These kidnappers kidnap people and ask for a huge sum of money as ransom while some even kill the victims. This has made life unbearable for citizens in the country. People now live in fear of falling victims in the hands of these criminals.
5. Weak security system: The security system in Nigeria is so weak. The security agents fail to do their work and these has allowed hoodlums to continue that dangerous activities.
6. Ethnic violence: over the years, there has been recorded war among the Yoruba, Hausa and Igbo. This has caused insecurity in the nation. They all fight for both the necessary and unnecessary things causing havoc in the society. While security in some parts of the country like the south-south, south-east and south-west are being compromised, the Northern zone has always shown a propensity for violent conflicts.

Other causes of insecurity in Nigeria include: militancy, wrong political ambition, poverty, high grade of illiteracy among Nigerians, bad governance, accountability etc. To curb this insecurity in Nigeria some measures needs to be taken which are:

1. The Nigerian government should govern in a way that fosters development. This means by creating an economy with relevant social, economic and physical infrastructures for business growth and industrial growth.
2. Another solution to insecurity is to checkmate borders and security officials.
3. Another way to solve the current security problems is by increasing manpower and welfare of all security agencies.
4. The rivalry between religions and ethnic group should be resolved and put to a stop.
5. There is urgent need for the government to address and tackle the issue of poverty, hunger, unemployment, underdevelopment corruptions in the private and public institutions.
6. The government should ensure adequate provision of jobs to citizens that way kidnapping and theft will reduce in Nigeria.