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INSECURITIES IN NIGERIA

Insecurities in Nigeria is a significant reason why the growth and development of the country are affected. Even though the country is blessed, getting a lasting solution to this problem is still a major concern to the government and its citizens.

The country is blessed with lots of precious natural resources. Nigeria also has some of the best brains in the world. The unfortunate thing is that even though Nigeria is referred to as the giant of Africa, the country does not live up to his identity.

WHAT ARE THE CAUSES OF INSECURITY IN NIGERIA?

A lot of things have been found as the causes of insecurities in our country. Some of the problems in Nigeria and solutions are discussed below:

* UNEMPLOYMENT

The overwhelming unemployment rate in the country is capable of causing panic. The issue is especially obvious when it comes to Nigerian youths. According to the statistics every tenth young citizen of the country is officially unemployed. Another statistic provided by the NBS as of 2019 showed that the unemployment rate in the country has risen to 23.1%. If we consider unemployment in Nigeria causes effects and solutions, it is evident that rapid growth in population is a significant cause of this menace. Also, the recent decline in the country’s economy in another cause. Unfortunately, a lot of people have been laid off, while new jobs are not created. In combating the situation, it is the responsibility of the government to create new jobs as well as the citizens to create their own opportunities through entrepreneurship.

* CORRUPTION

In 2019, Transparency International placed Nigeria on 146th position out of 198 countries in the Corruption Perceptions Index with a score of 26 out of 100. Corruption has already become a part of life in the country. Unfortunately, it forms part of the economic problems in Nigeria today and solution can only come when we have selfless leaders who will go the extra mile to effect change in different tiers of government.

* IMBALANCE

Different parts of the country have different speeds of development. Due to this, the country’s oil-rich regions feel distributed when the Federal Government use their oil and does not develop their society. People of these regions feel cheated because of that. They want to take justice into their hands. That is why they vandalize oil pipelines. The Federal Government should deal with this problem, and a significant way is to balance the development of all regions of the country.

* WEAK JUDICIAL SYSTEM

The weak judicial system causes insecurity in Nigeria. People feel insecure when criminals and terrorists go free. Many evil-minded people think that money can buy freedom in the country, and unfortunately, the corrupt system proves this line of thought. Rich people can buy their freedom in the country, which the poor masses do not feel secure about. The judicial system in the country should be changed. There may be only one answer to that- transparency. The Federal Government should make sure a judge’s decision and power is transparent.

* CRIMINAL SITUATION

For the last few years, citizens have been victims of robberies, rape which sometimes happen in daylight. Organized criminal gangs take over the streets of the country. People do not feel safe when walking on the roads. Corrupt government officials cannot provide help to Nigerians to fight with these criminals. The Federal Government should pay attention to this problem.

In conclusion, Federal Government should try to focus more insecurities and try to create solutions to at least curb such insecurities in our societies and the country at large.