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## **INSECURITY; ONE OF NIGERIA'S BIGGEST PROBLEMS.**

As population increases, it has often been argued by economists that it does so geometrically when compared to amount of resources available but of course, nations who value their citizens continue to steadily come up with ways to battle some of its hazardous effects. In Nigeria, however, a population growth rate of over 2 but not up to 3 percent since 2018 has posed one of the greatest problems to the government as insecurity has showed forth as king of effects with nothing being attempted to be done to rectify it.

Our lack of transparent, honest and reliable leaders has been one of the major causes of this issue as the goal of winning elections and remaining in appointed offices has caused them to resort to buying and arming certain youths with ammunitions to bully, seriously injure or kill electorates or any form of opposition. Now, when this aim is accomplished, taking back these ammunitions become a problem as the users have tasted a bite of what it feels like to get easy money using them and these leaders would not like to be associated with them until the need arises again.

Also, an inadequate education sector backed up by lack of employment opportunities for the lucky ones who were able to go through the tough educational system and lack of suitable working facilities and standard infrastructure proves a suitable reason for people to indulge in vices as a way to make ends meet as there is no provision for the unemployed in the country.

Furthermore, a weak judicial system (which is not free from the interference of the government) and policies which are never enforced by law and order officials allow insecurity to keep rising. Individuals come to the realization that after causing mayhem and robbing people of properties and goods, settling the police and armed forces keeps them quiet and allows for unobstructed future operations. The very ones who are supposed to protect citizens and properties aid and thus enhance such practice.

A sense of imbalance in terms of development in different parts of the country have caused some individuals to indulge in certain crimes in order to gain the attention of the government to their plight.

Lastly, as the root of all these evil, corruption, has already eaten deep into almost every aspect of the government, some ways forward could be to place the lives of citizens at a level of topmost priority and reformat the thinking of these people who believe storing wads of cash in septic tanks or burying them in their homes secures their future. Our government should be made to understand that investments do just that. Diversifying the economy and focusing on growing each sector in order to utilize every resource optimally would create revenue enough to solve a lot of problems.

The nation is blessed with so much-it's almost envious- but it has been placed in the wrong hands and until it comes out from such, we would continue to spiral down.