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**Effects of Bad Leaders on the Nigerian Economy.**

Nigeria is a country located at the Western African region, in between Benin and Cameroon. It is made of three major ethnic tribes, the Hausas (mainly occupying the north region), the Yoruba (mainly occupying the west region), and the Igbos (mainly occupying the east region). It has a total area of approximately 923,768 sq. km as well as 4,047 km in land boundaries. Nigeria is considered the largest in Africa which got her the nickname as “the giant of Africa”, with the population of 206,139,589 individuals by June 24,2020. The leadership of Nigeria has grown from better to worse due to the corruption, dishonesty, tyranny of some of the leaders and lack of interest of the people at heart. The Nigerian government was freed from external oppression October 1st, 1960.

Over the years, Nigeria has seen its wealth withered

with no evidence to show for in the living conditions of the citizens. The First Republic under the leadership of Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, the Prime Minister, and Nnamdi Azikwe, the President, was marked by

widespread corruption. Government officials looted public funds with indemnity. Federal Representative

and Ministers flaunted their wealth with reckless abandon. It was said that were was no man of good virtue in the first Republic of Nigeria. The Nigerian leadership class was based on politics for material gain; making money and living well. This gave room for the military to take over the first Republic through coup d’état due to the corruption on the 15th January 1966.

Over the years the Nigerian political system has been filled with selfish individuals. The leadership of president Muhammadu Buhari has been recorded to be the worst civilian ruler in power due to the corruption practices involved. Some corrupt practices with no reasonable explanation and which has left the citizens of Nigeria talking.

“It is such a shame that in a country where the present administration keeps talking about fighting corruption, the same corruption keeps coming in different forms.

About N36 million was allegedly swallowed by a mysterious snake which no one saw. My question is how could they leave such an amount of money in the office in this age of banking?” extracted from vanguard, February, 17, 2018

Due to the high rate of corruption and selfishness of the leaders, it has reduced the economy of the giant of Africa to less and has rendered the citizens of Nigeria in poverty and hardship.