

THE ILL-WIND CALLED BOKO-HARAM SECT

Tolerance, dialogue, understanding, entrenchment and enforcement of the rule of law within national, social, ethnic and religious groups are some key essential and compulsory elements that contribute to the well being, success, stability, growth and development of that body polity which in turn translates to a peaceful, prosperous, viable and positively fledging society. However the breach of any or all of these virtues and the infiltration of other negative variables like blatant lies, half truths, outright deceptions, non-performance of constitutionally sanctioned responsibilities and even morally lewd propaganda, degenerate into lawlessness, complex anarchy and their attendant results. It is a matter of fact that, even in a family unit, a continuous dosage of turmoil of any kind will obviously dislodge its basis for survival, nay its existence.

There is no gain saying that chaos and anarchy are great threats to any nation building and its survival and in fact, primitive and barbaric, degenerative and criminal. As such, any nation that fails to proactively checkmate the causative agents of anarchy, has failed woefully in the defense of its national constitution, upholding the tenets of sanctity of lives and the protection of such lives and properties of its citizenry – which in our thinking in CHAIN is not only criminal, but the execution of some grand designs well thought of, and planned by some well

placed elements within our country Nigeria, to perpetrate anarchy, for their selfish gains under the veil of religion.

Nigeria and Nigerians have suffered one too many strifes since the civil war of 1967 to the unfathomable exploits of last weeks (August 25th – 28th) gory blood bath in some northern states in the country by a band of lawless religious fanatical bigots. Yes, try as any country and government may do to curtail criminal activities, there always will be some die hard criminal hawks hovering over and above the people and the law; and in some cases, even supported, aided and patronized by the people in whose hands lay the security apparatuses of the state. Or else, how can it be explained by the Nigerian authorities that since the year 1995 as claimed by all relevant national security and intelligence agencies that intelligence reports were gathered, collated and sent to appropriate quarters in respect of the perpetrators of the recent unprovoked mayhem and nothing was done to nip this festering pogrom in its bud but instead rolled out troops with sophisticated arsenals purportedly to crush these forces of darkness after the damages have been done? Can lost lives be restored?

It is a fact that the “BOKO HARAM” (western education is forbidden) sect’s senseless savagery in Bauchi, Yobe, Borno and Kano states in the northern part of Nigeria claimed lives in their hundreds, but the truth to our mind is that, this sect is

only masking for a hidden gang of masquerades that are just using purported dislike for western education as a cover, but the underlying philosophy of their campaign is that they are against Christianity and they have a serious and extensive network of patrons across the northern part of Nigeria. As a proof to this theory, how could it be explained rationally that after the capturing of the leader of this evil sect alive, the state security apparatuses killed him in their custody instead of interrogating him in order to obtain very valuable information about their patrons, mode of operations, plans, how they are financed and even of other similar sects that may be in their formative, dormant or clandestine stages? The information that could have been gathered from the killed sect leader (Mohammed Yusuf) and some of his followers could have been the back bone of the present and future intelligence data which could be used in detecting, arresting and forestalling any potential sectarian crises. It is obviously safe to conclude that the very reason for this extra-judicial killing is to close the mouths of Mohammed Yusuf and his followers forever, a proof that there is a strong network underground, of people with scripted motives of Islamizing Nigeria.

Furthermore, it is not a secret of the inordinate desire of some of these people to Islamize Nigeria and to install an Islamic system of governance which shall rule by the dictates of sharia law. To achieve this, they employ all kinds of antics to derail the focus of any government in power, so that they can make a point of comparison

between the goodness of sharia than any existing system of governance. In the eighties during a military regime in Nigeria, Nigeria was smuggled into the organization of Islamic countries (OIC) as a member nation, and you may ask, how homogeneously Islamic is Nigeria to make it a member nation of the OIC?

To fit into their façade of deceit, the adherents to the Islamic faith have frustrated every noble move made by any government during head counts (CENSUSES) to numerically ascertain the magnitude of the followers of both Christianity and Islamic religions. This they achieve by expunging question(s) on religious faiths from the census questionnaire and continue to tell the world lies that Muslims are the majority in Nigeria which is not so, even in the northern part of Nigeria where their spread is much.

Another angle to this avoidable undeclared war in northern Nigeria is the seemingly reactionary role played by the nation's security agencies instead a proactive one. If the intelligence and security agencies had not gone to sleep and the government had not given the impression that it was tolerant of this kind of heinous murderers who hide behind religion to unleash this kind of primitive savagery on others, perhaps, even if this crisis had erupted at all, it would not have been as bloody as it has become. As if this is not enough to the chagrin of Nigerians, intelligence and security agencies started passing blames on one

another, claiming and counter claiming of effectively carrying out their jobs but somewhere along the line implementation of their reports got stucked up with some powers that be.

Since we have lost our capacity to learn anything from history – past and present, the Government, intelligence and security agencies became oblivious that any potentially dangerous situation left to fester is bound to become malignant if not cancerous.

Long, long, ago, we knew of the Islamic insurgents even as they came in various names and aliases, and the appropriate government agencies were severally warned about the potential threats to lives and properties these people pose to the society, yet those who should nip this clear and apparent danger in the bud went to sleep. These negligence to our thinking is deliberate and a script is been played out. This approach to issues in Nigeria always leaves the country mourning after dust of any pogrom settles.

The mayhem in northern Nigeria is a national disgrace, and it is symptomatic of an endemic failure in our capacity to govern because we know, that these events will repeat themselves in no distant future.

Increasingly, the value placed on human lives in Nigeria is diminishing so rapidly that even if hundreds or thousands of lives are wasted by savages who hide behind the religion of Islam to unleash anarchy, nothing is done by the sanctioning authorities to stamp out the repeat of these wanton macabre of madness especially on Christians and their properties. The most un-nerving part of this system failure is that those in charge appear not to grasp the magnitude of the calamities now and ahead. We think that they are deluded by thinking that what is going on is merely a storm in a tea cup, how wrong and extremely presumptuous, are they.

As we Christians in Nigeria especially those based in its northern part, grapple with these evil machinations of these Islamic bigots, we request you Christians brethren worldwide to join us in prayers ceaselessly so that our faith shall triumph over and above those of darkness. Secondly, we shall appreciate it if our plight is shared among Christians worldwide in order to further enrich them with the prevailing truths in Nigeria. Lastly, since Christian lives and properties were lost in the recent mayhem, any support from Christian brethren from anywhere will help to repair some damaged churches, homes, replace some properties, and alleviate the sufferings of widows and their children left behind by killed fathers.

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