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WE THE PEOPLE

The Youth, Crime and the Nation

For a nation to develop, each citizen must participate and contribute actively. The development of a nation cannot be left to government, each citizen has roles to play. An active citizen is said to be one who fulfills both their rights and responsibilities in a balanced way. What's role your or responsibility to your nation? You cannot answer this question directly except you into a certain set of rules that binds us a nation, the Constitution.

The incidence of violent crime in Africa has become increasingly alarming over the years and youth have become an important agent in criminal activities. In this era, youths have constituted themselves into pockets of street gangs and armed robbers, kidnappers, militants and terrorists, causing serious harm and threat to the socio-economic well-being of members of the civil society.

How many of us know what's written in the Nigeria Constitution? If you want to be fully aware about your rights, take time to read this important document. This section is also dedicated to extract part of the book.

The phenomenon of youth and crime is one very crucial area that should be of great concern to the government and well-meaning citizens. Therefore, continuous effort has to be made in formulating strategies adequately directed in taming this "wildfire" burning out of control throughout society. Youth occupy a larger percentage of the labor force. Consequently, the present economic and political predicament affects a large number of them. Because of this, the youth became more vulnerable and are easily lured into different kinds of criminal activities.

While terrorism and crime is a national problem, its control is primarily a responsibility of local units of government. An inability to prevent or deal effectively with acts of criminality and terrorism has a number of negative consequences. When individuals commit violations and escape being processed through the criminal justice system, future illegal acts are encouraged. Escalating crime rate require that resources, which could be devoted to other social problems, be diverted to the crime-control effort, resulting in the further entrenchment of such ills as poverty, substandard housing, and inadequate medical delivery systems.

Additionally, as terrorism and crime rate increase in Africa, the system of government faces the real possibility of a crisis of confidence in its ability to maintain the welfare of the public. A final major impact of crime is upon the fabric of social relations and living patterns. People become fearful of strangers and of being on the streets after dark; homes become fortress and families move to new locations in search of a secure life. A terrible reality is that until significant inroads are made in controlling terrorism, violence and crime, the overall quality of life will be lower than it could be.

High levels of crime and violence pose a serious threat to African emergent socio-political and economic development. It results in the deprivation of the rights and dignity of citizens, and poses a threat to peaceful resolution of differences and rightful participation of all in the democratic process. Crime and violence cast fear into the hearts of many Africans and friends of the continent. These tendencies prevent the region from taking her rightful place in global development and growth. It inhibits citizens from interacting or communicating with one another freely in this information age.

Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as amended

Preamble, "We the people of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Having firmly and solemnly resolve, to live in unity and harmony as one indivisible and indissoluble sovereign nation under God, dedicated to the promotion of inter-African solidarity, world peace, international co-operation and understanding

And to provide for a Constitution for the purpose of promoting the good government and welfare of all persons in our country, on the principles of freedom, equality and justice, and for the purpose of consolidating the unity of our people. Do hereby make, enact and give to ourselves the following Constitution:-

Chapter I - General Provisions Part I

Federal Republic of Nigeria

1. (1) This Constitution is supreme and its provisions shall have binding force on the authorities and persons throughout the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

(2) The Federal Republic of Nigeria shall not be governed, nor shall any persons or group of persons take control of the Government of Nigeria or any part thereof, except in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

(3) If any other law is inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution, this Constitution shall prevail, and that other law shall, to the extent of the inconsistency, be void.

2. (1) Nigeria is one indivisible and indissoluble sovereign state to be known by the name of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

(2) Nigeria shall be a Federation consisting of States and a Federal Capital Territory.

3. (1) There shall be 36 states in Nigeria, that is to say, Abia, Adamawa, Akwa Ibom, Anambra, Bauchi, Bayelsa, Benue, Borno, Cross River, Delta, Ebonyi, Edo, Ekiti, Enugu, Gombe, Imo, Jigawa, Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Kebbi, Kogi, Kwara, Lagos, Nasarawa, Niger, Ogun, Ondo, Osun, Oyo, Plateau, Rivers, Sokoto, Taraba, Yobe and Zamfara.

When You're Stop by the Police

What should I do if a police officer stops me while I'm walking down the street or driving in my car?

Whatever you do, keep your cool—don't run away and don't insult the officer. If you ignore the officer's request to stop or if you become combative with the officer, you can be arrested. If you are stopped while in your car, you are required to show the police your license and vehicle registration, and, if requested to do so, to get out of your car. (You shouldn't ignore a police request to stop your car since you may find yourself involved in a dangerous chase and under arrest when the officer catches up to you.) If you are stopped on the street, you should give your name and address if asked. You are not required to answer any other questions, and you may want to consult a lawyer before doing so.

What if the police stop me and want to take me to the station for questioning? Do I have to go with them?

The key question to ask is whether you are under arrest. If you aren't under arrest, you don't have to go to the station simply because the police would like to talk with you. If police ask you to go voluntarily, you should generally not do so without first talking with a lawyer. If you decide to go there voluntarily, you are free to leave any time you want unless the police indicate that you are really under arrest.

Can a police officer search me or my car if I'm not under arrest?

If you aren't under arrest and haven't consented to a search, the police are limited to frisking the outside of your clothing if they have a reasonable suspicion to believe you may be carrying a weapon. They may search your car only if they have probable cause to believe it contains a weapon or evidence of a crime. They are allowed to seize anything in plain view, but only if they believe that it is, or contains, a weapon or evidence of a crime. Beyond that, police either need a search warrant or your permission.

When can the police search my home?

Under ordinary circumstances, the police can search only if they have your consent or a warrant issued by a judge for the search of your home. If the police claim to have a search warrant, ask them to show it to you and check that it is valid; to be valid, it must specify the date and location of the search. The police may only search for any articles listed in the warrant, but they can seize any other item if it is in plain view and if they have probable cause to believe that it is, or contains, a weapon or evidence of a crime. If an officer tries to search any further, or forces him/herself into your home against your will, make it clear that you do not agree to the search, but don't physically resist. You should tell your lawyer immediately about it, because evidence obtained by an illegal search generally can't be used against you in court.

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"Failure to stand for what is morally right is the prelude to being the victim of what is criminally wrong." - Zig Ziglar

HOW TO IDENTIFY A TERRORIST

What To Do If You Spot Suspicious Terrorist Activity If you see suspicious behavior, do not confront the individuals involved.

Take note of the details:

S - Size (Jot down the number of people, gender, ages, and physical descriptions)

A- Activity (Describe exactly what they are doing)

L- Location (Provide exact location)

U - Uniform (Describe what they are wearing, including shoes)

T - Time (Provide date, time, and duration of activity)

E - Equipment (Describe vehicle, make, color etc., license plate, camera, guns, etc)

Suspicious activity is often recalled after an event. We must train ourselves to be on the lookout for things that are out of the ordinary and arouse suspicions.

Keep in mind, those who commit terrorist acts:

Usually live among us without appearing suspicious while planning and preparing for their attack. They may be your neighbor, student or friend.

Often they will need training or equipment that will arouse suspicion.

Need to conduct surveillance on possible targets and gather information on the planned attack location.

All of these things make terrorists vulnerable to detection, by those watching for certain characteristics.

Know Your Commissioner of Police

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Source: Nigeria Police Official Website - www.npf.gov.ng

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Know Your Neighbourhood

Learn to recognize the difference between normal and abnormal behavior. It can be a fine line. Stay alert in your daily travels and routines and get to know:

Who your neighbors are

What cars are normally in your neighborhood

Who regularly makes deliveries at work and in your neighborhood

Staying alert is NOT about becoming paranoid. Staying alert is being aware of one's surroundings. Be alert to indications of possible trouble. They may include:

A local activity that could indicate problems in your community.

Previous activity or crimes.

Controversial issues being debated.

Suspicious thefts.

It is impossible to identify a terrorist by

Appearance

Nationality

Language

You CAN only identify a terrorist threat by observing or hearing about suspicious activity that may lead to a criminal act.

Identifying suspicious activity is not a difficult science. Rely on your judgment. Your suspicion of a threat could be confirmed with only one incident or it could take a series of incidents. Your suspicions will need to be based on experience, judgment, common sense and review some possible suspicious activity

POLICE COMMAND EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Abia - 08035415408, 08079210003, 08079210004, 08079210005

Adamawa - 08089671313

Akwa Ibom - 08039213071, 08020913810

Anambra - 07039194332, 08024922772, 08075390511, 08182951257

Bauchi - 08151849417, 08127162434, 08084763669, 08073794920

Benue - 08066006475, 08053039936, 07075390677

Bayelsa - 07034578208

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Ebonyi - 07064515001, 08125273721, 08084704673

Edo - 08037646272, 08077773721, 08067551618

Ekiti - 08062335577, 07089310359

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