

# MOVEMENT FOR NEW NIGERIA

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## AN ALTERNATIVE TO CHAOS

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### **Introduction**

As politicians continue their bickering and marauding towards the next electoral round in 2015 and as we approach the 100 years expiration of the Amalgamation Treaty of 1914 by 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2013, the Movement for New Nigeria (MNN), in its grave concern for the next generation, once more, steps into the public space with a series of Bulletins in which we shall be presenting a new comprehensive diagnosis of the ailments of Nigeria, a prescription informed by that diagnosis and a treatment plan.

The Bulletins shall, for the first time, exhibit freshly excavated revelations from the foundations of Nigeria's corporate existence (1900–1919), together with the poisonous ingredients consciously introduced by Fredrick Dealtry Lugard, tracing the mutations and trajectories of those debilitating ingredients through to Independence Constitution in 1960 and then follow their preservations from the 1966 military intervention all the way to the 1999 Constitution imposed via Decree 24 of 1999 which we operate to date.

In other words, MNN in her research, has located the mysterious roots of the ***Nigerian System*** manifesting in pervasive corruption, reckless impunity, institutionalised mediocrity, perennial political instability, buoyed by violence, insecurity, inept leadership cycles and a whole lot more and therefore, invites all stakeholders, including the Government and concerned international interests, to objectively evaluate these new findings with a view to joining in deploying same in order to avoid what now seems like a certainty of approaching chaos that stares Nigeria in the face.

### **MNN'S HISTORICAL COMPASS FOR INTERPRETING CURRENT CATAclysmic POLITICAL TREMORS IN NIGERIA:**

(1). Recently Declassified Colonial Record as well as other previously suppressed archival documents (now being programmed for serial publication by MNN) are proof that the 1914 Amalgamation was basically a scheme by which Southern Nigeria was ceded to the Northern Protectorate, as a possession within a larger scheme of the British, to maximise British economic benefits via legitimizing British total control of the entire territory by proxy, having first gerrymandered absolute political control of Nigeria to the Hausa-Fulani of the North, through the manipulation of census figures and the transposition of feudalistic Northern systems upon the South in what became known as the ***Nigerian System*** as far back as 1914.

To dissect the contents of that notorious ***Nigerian System*** which wax strong to date, we quote from page 273 of AHM Kirk-Greene's Compilation of Documentary Records of the Amalgamation of Nigeria by Lord Lugard, 1912 – 1919; Viz

***“The three basic principles necessary for the successful working of the Nigerian System are IGNORANCE, FEAR AND MILITARY TERRORISM; that is to say, the perpetuation of the Natives in a state of idolized ignorance, the impregnation of their minds with an instinctive fear of the White man and reverential awe for the fetish of white prestige and the paralysation of their wills by the spectacle of military terrorism hanging over their heads like a sword of Damocles”***. These are the foundations of terror and mediocrity ravaging Nigeria today and also proof that Nigeria was a fraud from inception.

(2). In celebration of the British grand bequest of Southern Nigeria to Northern Nigeria, the revered Premier of the then Northern Nigeria, Alhaji Ahmadu Bello, declared to his lieutenants at Independence in 1960 that; ***“The new Nation called Nigeria should be an estate of our great grandfather, Uthman Dan Fodio. We must ruthlessly prevent a change of power, we use the minorities of the North as willing tools and the South as a conquered territory and never allow them to rule over us and never allow them to have control over their future”***, *Parrot Newspaper*, October, 1960.

This **Mission Statement** and in fact, **Battle Script**, solidly anchored on the fraud of 1914 is the crucible from which Nigeria’s current constitutional order was forged; everybody in his role as assigned – ***the inheritors*** from the Sharia North, ***the willing tools*** from the Middle Belt and **THE SLAVES** of the South. It is thus infuriating to the Hausa-Fulani North that a slave from the South is not only occupying their great grandfather’s throne in Abuja, but has the temerity to suggest continuing beyond 2015. They must ruthlessly prevent or at least, cut short this forbidden change of power. If the name of the game is democracy, little wonder their enforcer Boko Haram, violently rejects democracy on behalf of Sharia North. The same Sardauna of Sokoto, Ahmadu Bello, had in a 1964 interview with a foreign correspondent proclaimed what he called a Northernization Policy in which the government of the Northern Region of Nigeria, under his premiership, pursued a policy of weeding out the Easterners and other Southerners from the public service of the Northern Region, and preferred foreign (contracted) hands to Southerners who, if to be engaged at all, were also to be hired as contract staff, just like foreigners. (View YouTube Video titled ***“THE STORY OF NIGERIA”*** <https://goo.gl/UslUlj>).

(3). It would be recalled that prior to the 2011 elections, a prominent mouthpiece of the Hausa Fulani North and a former Governor of old Kaduna State, Alhaji Lawan Kaita, while rejecting the abominable spectre of a Jonathan Presidency declared that;

***“Anything short of a Northern President is tantamount to stealing our presidency. Jonathan has to go and he will go. Even if he uses incumbency power to get his nomination on the platform of the PDP, he would be frustrated out. (If Jonathan emerges President next year?). If that happens, the North is determined, to make the country ungovernable for President Jonathan or any other Southerner who finds his way to the seat of power on the platform of the PDP”***. To date Nigeria has remained ungovernable, thanks to Boko Haram, the militia wing of the Hausa-Fulani.

(4). Another veteran gladiator of the Hausa/Fulani North, General Muhammadu Buhari, in anticipation of the 2015 electoral round is already baying for blood when he declared that; ***“If what happened in 2011 elections repeats itself, (i.e. if a Northerner is not coronated president from the election), both the baboon and the dog will soak in blood”***. This haughty sense of entitlement is the hallmark of the geographical expectation index of selected North.

(5). Still in the bloody mood towards 2015, one jagged, **willing tool** from the Middle Belt, named Abu King Shuluwa, playing the attack-dog role assigned to his ilk in the *1960 Battle Script*, boasted that the North will take the battle of keeping Nigeria one, by all means, to the creeks to contain any secessionist threats by armed agitators from the Niger Delta, when the North dislodges President Jonathan (pg 56, the Sun Newspapers of 9/9/13).

(6). In a sad rehash of the age-long conspiratorial alliances, certain elements in the political topography have yanked off their flank to enlarge the coast of an earlier core of alliances and it takes only the blind not to see who the drivers and pilots of the entire macabre dance are. A US verdict on the geography of this “alliance” declared it North/South schisms, tending towards fulfilling their earlier prophesy that Nigeria will breakup before 2015.

(7). It is instructive that as recently as June 13, 2013; the United States Army War College, in a report titled “**NIGERIA’S UNITY IN THE BALANCE**”, practically proclaimed the inevitable devolution (implosion, dissolution or breakup, if you like) of Nigeria along its well-known fault lines for the same issues as those that led to the Nigeria-Biafra war of (1967 – 1970) which remain unaddressed. The desperate political warmongering by the Sharia North, as outlined herein, is directly responsible for the dark clouds that are gathering over Nigeria today.

(8). MNN joins the Convener of the Yoruba National Assembly Lt Gen. Alani Akinrinade (rtd) in asserting that; “**We cannot pretend to be running a democracy with a Master-Servant Constitutional arrangement imposed wholly by one side upon all by fiat, just like the Apartheid-Era Constitution of South Africa**”. *Tell Magazine Sept. 24, 2012.*

(9). In a determined bid and in fact, dumb desperation to keep the full benefits of the Lugard-Sardauna Northern military booty called Nigeria, the Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF), in responding to the deafening call by all other sections of Nigeria for a Sovereign National Conference to renegotiate the Nigerian Union, took full page advertorials in National newspapers declaring thus;

***“The ACF reviewed the recurring calls for a national conference and even a Sovereign National Conference for the purpose, the proponents say, of re-defining the terms of our union. The Forum concluded that the terms of our National Union and those by which the Nigerian Federation are run have been well defined in our Constitution. However, for the avoidance of doubt, it should be made clear that the North remains open to, and will be keen to discuss any ideas that may place Nigeria in a better position to meet the challenges of nation building and to secure a better future for this and succeeding generations of Nigerians”.***

IN THE LIGHT OF THE FOREGOING, **MNN** wishes to raise the following questions;

- a. If the errors and distortions of Nigeria’s corporate existence dates back to its foundation in 1914, would it be out of place to seize the opportunity of the expiration of the Amalgamation Treaty, by December 31, 2013, to conduct a grand renegotiation of the union by the entrapped ethnic nationalities instead of the jamboree of centenary celebrations?
- b. Do we still have a Nigeria in place over which elections can be conducted in 2015?

- c. Going by Section 14(2)(a) of the said 1999 Constitution, between the **Peoples of Nigeria** and the National Assembly, who has the right, in fact, the exclusive right to make or remake the Constitution?
- d. Does the preambular text “**We the People.....**”, proclaimed in the Preamble to the 1999 Constitution, now mean, “We the National Assembly” as is being suggested by the legislative arm?

### **WE THE PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO QUERY**

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