

WHY DECLARING YORUBA NATION WILL NOT BE ILLEGAL

One of the reasons why the voice of us crying for a declaration of a Sovereign Yoruba Nation, as soon as possible, is the fear by many Yoruba Men and Women is that such a declaration will be against the law. This is not true, a little research that can be done by anyone will confirm that this fear unfounded and that the law as it stands today is on the side of Yoruba Nation.

As at today, there is no Agreed, Legally Valid Document that joins the different territories within the geographical area designated as Nigeria together as one country. There is no Nation or People called Nigerians, any person who is born, or their father or father's father is born within the geographical area of Nigeria (9° 4' 55.2" N, 8° 40' 31.08" E) as at independence on 1st October, 1960, is the criteria to be a citizen of Nigeria.

The first document that many believe joins us together as one Country is the 1914 Amalgamation that joined the Northern Protectorate and Southern Protectorate and the Colony of Lagos together to create a Nigeria Colony of the British Empire. This was subsequent to an Order of the British Crown and passed as such by the British parliament- the amalgamation appears to have been done directly by Order of the Crown. The following extract is taken from *Colonial Report No 828 – Nigeria, Annual Report for 1914-* The report is written by 'FD Lugard' and states on p35:

AMALGAMATION.

On January 1st (as Governor of both Northern Nigeria and Southern Nigeria) I was privileged to declare at a public ceremony that by His Majesty's order those two Administrations had ceased to exist, and were replaced by the single Government of Nigeria, under a Governor-General, constituted under new Letters Patent and Orders in Council with a new seal and flag.

However, on July 1960, the British Parliament passed a Law, the Nigeria Independence Act, a law that is still active this day, it was last amended in 2009 due to new developments and available for anyone to see, that made all colonial British laws and Crown orders in the territories of the geographical area called Nigeria, **VOID** from 1st October, 1960. Void in law implies it is like it never happened (Section 1:3) Only the law agreed by the Nigeria Parliament is now valid.

The second document is the Agreed Independence Constitution of 1960, which was signed by elected representatives of the 3 Regions that constituted independent Nigeria Federation, including Yoruba of the defunct Western Region, each Region with their own Constitution (no mention of Northern and Southern Regions). When The Constitution of the Western Region was illegally suspended in 1962 and finally, the entire Constitution was annulled by Aguiyi Ironsi, who on May 24 1966, enacted decree 34 of 1966 by which Nigeria ceased to be a Federation, and the 1960 Independence Constitution and the 1963 Republican Constitution agreements, became null and void.

The present Constitution, Decree 25, of 1999, obviously not signed or made by validly elected representatives of the territories that are within the geographical area designated as Nigeria, so legally null and void. If the present Government should seek to enforce this Document in any international court e.g. ECOWAS or the ICC @the Hague it will be unsuccessful.

Soldiers who carry out coups and beneficiaries of coups are treasonable felons, they may think they are soldiers of fortune, but in reality, they are Bandits and history will still judge them as such in due course. Those of them still alive should take heed.

Any Nation or Country that wants to endure and stand the test of time, must as a basic minimum have certain agreed Foundational agreements and definitions that joins its citizens together and make them one. An agreed Constitution validated by majority of its citizens in a referendum, a shared recognition of history and ancestry of its citizens, a shared belief in the laws, moral edicts and conduct that governs society, a shared aspiration for the future that majority of its citizens believe in and want to work towards. Nigeria does not have any of these Foundational agreements, Nigeria citizens are only joined by the misfortune of themselves, their Father, or their Father's father being born in the geographical area called Nigeria.

It is clear that with these foundational issues unaddressed, any one promising economic prosperity or social security is either ignorant or deliberately being insincere and deceitful to us all for their own selfish interests and pecuniary gains. He who loves silver (dollars) can never be satisfied with any amount of it that they have.

So, in essence, there is presently no legally valid document that Yoruba People agreed to that makes us part of Nigeria.

The sky will not fall down on humanity when Yoruba Nation is declared, we will all be ECOWAS Brothers and Sisters, we will have better trade agreements, we will have freedom of movement of Goods and People, security will be better for everyone, there will be better mutual respect between us and our neighboring Nations. Look at Benin Republic, as small in size as it is DSS cannot go there and arrest anyone, there will be serious repercussions instantly.

When Yoruba Nation is declared, any Nigeria army forces present on Yorubaland will automatically be an army of occupation and will eventually have to leave.

They should be ignored and not obeyed whilst we continue to build our own Governance structure. If we are attacked, we have a fundamental right of self-defense, which will be internationally recognized.

YORUBA NATION NOW! OODUA A GBE WA O!!!

