

Dear Editor

The time bomb is tickling and we are living in denial

We are treating insecurity with kid gloves. All should just note that at a stage, insecurity, terrorism, banditry and kidnapping would transform into a full scale war. When this happens; Markets will close. Banks will close. Law and order will cease. Airports will close. Motor parks will close. Gas stations will close. Burglary, stealing and killings will escalate. In the end, lucky survivors will be living in various refugee camps begging for crumbs. War does not respect status. In 1994, Rwanda's largest refugee camp in Kibeho housed former ministers and their families. Senior military officers and their families. Captains of Industry and their families. For those with large sums of money of different denominations hoping to run abroad; just imagine the number of checkpoints manned by heavily armed militia groups and disgruntled locals that believe the elites caused the war. Getting to the nearest border post would indeed be a miracle.

It's like the government, security agencies, civil society groups and men of conscience have given up on insecurity and focusing on 2027 elections, Akpabio and Natasha, defection, premier and European Champions Leagues matches and other mundane issues. For those simplifying these threats as being caused by the Fulanis, I have an advice for you. Were we not living peacefully with the Fulanis in the past? This present state of insecurity is largely caused by foreign elements; the battle tested and rugged Tuaregs, foreign Fulanis, Berbers etc. Are they backed by foreign powers desirous of destroying Nigeria? Have you forgotten various western literatures that predicted the end of Nigeria? Or the different scenarios in foreign staff, war and defence colleges about Nigeria? We must wake up from our slumber today. I see dark clouds looming over this country. God will save us when we decide to save ourselves.

The time bomb is tickling and we are living in denial. My humble opinion.

Citizen Henry Adedoyin Babalola.

Dear Editor

Nigerian authorities should rise and act now

Nigerians must prepare for total war—anytime from now. This is not a matter of prayer. A chilling storm is coming. Nigeria is under silent invasion. Deadly Fulani bandits, recently flushed out of the Central African Republic, are now infiltrating our borders in terrifying numbers. These aren't ordinary criminals. These are elite killers—trained in the unforgiving deserts of Libya, hardened by war, and driven by a ruthless ideology. Now they're here, creeping in through the North, spreading to the East, even reaching the South. They're not just here. They're also firmly embedded in Niger Republic, Mali, Cameroon, and now—shockingly—Benin Republic. Our borders



are bleeding, and the nation sleeps. This is not a matter of prayer. It's not a prophecy. It is reality—a slow-motion war unfolding before our very eyes.

One brutal incident says it all: a friend's uncle, after submitting student names to the NYSC headquarters, was abducted on the infamous Abuja-Kaduna highway. A ransom was paid. They still murdered him—left his body in the bush like trash. No conscience. No mercy.

Recently, in February, Dr. Kunle Adeniji, a national director of the All Progressives Congress (APC), was kidnapped alongside his brother's family in Abuja. Despite the kidnappers collecting a ransom, Dr. Adeniji's life was not spared. Just days ago, these monsters stormed a military base in Benin Republic. Soldiers were massacred. Arms and ammunition looted. And guess what? That arsenal is heading to Nigeria. Reports say a terror group called Mahmuda has been spotted near Baruten in Kwara—right by the Benin border. That's not far. That's next door. Insiders whisper that some Nigerian politicians are quietly apologetic toward these terrorists—shielding them under the veil of shared religion, tribe, and culture. Some of these religious and tribal bigots are the ones controlling our country's security apparatus. A well-known jihadist who massacred anyone opposing his religious ideology when he was governor, is roaming the country, poised to take leadership of this nation. Total breakdown of law and order is imminent, hidden under the religious belief that prayer will solve all our problems is unattainable. If prayers alone could solve everything, Israel and Saudi Arabia wouldn't be defending their countries with the latest war equipment. But my people in Nigeria are either blind to the reality on the ground, or they've been brainwashed to believe that prayer is the answer to the current wave of insecurity. This is no longer just banditry. This is an occupation. A calculated takeover. And Nigeria is dangerously unprepared. Innocent lives are being snatched daily—on farms, on roads, from their homes, and soon, from our cities. If we don't act now—if we don't rise with one voice—Nigeria could fall without a single official declaration of war. Stay alert. Spread the word. The war isn't coming. It's already here.

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Dear Editor

BOOTLICKERS are silent threat to growth in the workplace

In every organization, there are those who rise by merit, and others who survive by licking boots. They don't challenge the status quo. They don't bring fresh ideas. They just clap, nod, and echo whatever the boss says, right or wrong. But here's the problem: Bootlickers kill innovation. They silence honest voices. They protect mediocrity. They create toxic environments. Great leaders don't need praise singers. They need truth tellers. They need bold, competent people who respectfully disagree, ask tough questions, and offer better solutions.

If you're in leadership, ask yourself: Are you growing a team of thinkers or a choir of bootlickers? If you're an employee, ask yourself: Am I adding value or just staying safe by playing politics? Real progress comes when we reward courage, not cowardice in disguise. Let's build cultures where people rise by competence, not by compliance.

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