

Dear Editor,

The Naira will not rise even if Nigeria sells more crude oil.

Not only are we not getting money from present sales since the Buhari government took the funds in advance, but we are also not an oil-rich nation. We are talking about 1.7 million barrels of oil per day to a population of over 200 million people. Angola has just 15% of our population and produces more oil than we do. Stop looking at oil for our salvation. If we don't persist in buying made in Nigeria goods and services, we will perish **e c o n o m i c a l l y**. #BuyNaijaToGrowTheNaira. Even if you do not like me, do it because you like yourself. The days of subsidised Naira are gone forever. There is no \$1.5 billion to waste defending the Naira anymore. If you and I want a stronger Naira, we must defend it by changing our consumption habits.

- Ben Murray- Bruce

Dear Editor,

Has International Law failed?

It seems to be that we may be on the prelude to the outbreak of a third world war from all political, social, and economic indications. Everything presently in the world is not working optimally. There is a global economic crisis with the attendant high cost of goods and services, high energy costs, unemployment, poverty, and threat to international peace and security. There is an ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine which has stalemated. The International community has woefully and abysmally failed to use diplomacy and meditation to end this war that started in February 2021. This war started when the world was struggling to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic that devastated the economies of nearly all countries in the world. On 7 October 2023, a war broke out between Israel and Palestine. Almost one month since this war



broke out more than 9,000 Palestinians and 1,400 Israelis have been killed. It is instructive that Hamas's incursion into the Israeli Southern border led to the taking of more than 242 Israelis and foreign national hostages.

So far only four of these hostages have been released by Hamas. Israeli Airforce has carried out thousands of air strikes on the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip flattening and destroying thousands of residential buildings killing women, children, and the elderly. Despite the wanton destruction of lives and properties and the indescribable and horrific suffering of humanity there, the world leaders watched helplessly, doing nothing but playing politics. There is a likelihood of the war escalating and becoming a broader regional conflict.

On 2 November 2023, the Houthi group in Yemen admitted that it launched drone and missile attacks towards Israel. Last week a Syrian-based radical militant group lobbed several missiles towards Israel. Hamas has fired thousands of rockets toward Israel. The situation is dire and tension in the region has reached boiling point. Also, the Iranian-backed Hezbollah militant groups have been firing missiles toward Israel. The pertinent question is has, international law failed? International law is a body of rules and principles that govern the relations between States and other actors, such as international organizations and individuals. It is therefore a branch of law that encompasses various treaties, conventions, agreements, and customary practices that countries follow to maintain peace, resolve disputes, promote human rights, protect the environment, and regulate trade and commerce, among other aspects of global intervention. So why has international law woefully failed to resolve the myriad of political, social, and economic problems grappling with and confronting the world? Why has international law failed to maintain peace and security in the world? What is your view?

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