



# FROM THE PUBLISHER

## NIGERIANS CAN NO LONGER DENY THAT THE NATION IS AT A CROSS ROAD

**T**he current administration, under President Tinubu, inherited a nation grappling with complex issues, yet its tenure has been marked by a profound exacerbation of these challenges, revealing a disturbing pattern of policy incoherence and a systemic failure to address the root causes of our distress. His initial promise of renewed hope has dissolved into a bitter reality of unfulfilled expectations and deepening crises which has culminated in 'renewed hopelessness'. Our security apparatus, once a symbol of national might, now appears overwhelmed and under-resourced, allowing terrorism and banditry to flourish with audacious impunity. The most ironic incident currently on the burner is the beheading of a teacher in Oyo State, the abduction of dozens of school children in Oriire, and the continuous reports of citizens tortured and killed in captivity are not isolated incidents; they are symptoms of a state that has lost its monopoly on violence and its capacity to protect its most vulnerable.

Economically, the reality is worse. The nation is in a state of profound disarray. Fuel subsidy removal, while touted as a necessary reform, has unleashed a torrent of inflationary pressures, particularly on food prices as Nigeria is an outo-naira dependent economy. Our nation has consistently experienced double-digit inflation for over a decade, with food inflation reaching alarming levels, pushing millions into acute food insecurity. The fuel subsidy removal alone pushed over 33million Nigerians into the multidimensional poverty line. As we speak, the World Bank reports that domestic food price inflation remained moderately high between January and March 2026, indicating a slight deterioration in the living conditions of ordinary Nigerians. The FAO further projects that nearly 35 million Nigerians could face severe hunger by late-2026, a grim testament to the economic policies that have failed to cushion the blow for the common man. This economic downturn is not merely a statistical anomaly; it is a lived reality of hunger, suffering, and a pervasive sense of hopelessness that permeates every household.

The ongoing crisis in Nigeria is not merely a series of unfortunate events; it is the predictable outcome of a leadership that prioritizes political maneuvering over genuine governance, and short-term gains over long-term stability. The pattern is clear: a disconnect between policy formulation and ground-level realities, a failure to anticipate the cascading effects of economic decisions, and a disturbing lack of urgency in addressing existential threats. This administration's approach has been characterized by a mix of threats, violent repression, propaganda, and co-optation, rather than genuine engagement with the populace. The global implications are stark; a destabilized Nigeria, Africa's most populous nation, poses a significant risk to regional security and economic stability.

The international community watches with bated breath as a nation with immense potential teeters on the brink, a consequence of internal decay amplified by a leadership seemingly unwilling or unable to steer the ship away from the rocks while basking on the euphoria of itself made cesspool of corruption. Nigerians can no longer deny the truth. The problems we are facing are systemic: a leadership vacuum, a compromised security architecture, a leadership which is ready to borrow the country to oblivion and an economic policy framework that punishes the poor. This state of affairs has informed our cover story for the month of June 2026. With a caption 'Nigeria Bleeds as Kidnappings and Killings escalates while Politicians jostle for Power' This is the reality on ground and unless there is a shift from theoretical postulation and propaganda to practical and deliberate actions and intervention the journey ahead remains uncertain and full of anxiety. The current leadership must put its house in order and reverse this exasperating trend. Nigeria is at a cross road and we can no longer deny it. No matter the odds, Nigeria must overcome and survive these times but all hands must be on deck. God bless Nigeria.



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