

1.0 Introduction

The root cause of Nigeria's peace and security challenges has always been attributed to the fundamental flaws in its amalgamation processes and the ensuing constitution. Analysts opine that the country's constitutional arrangement and political framework has never taken into consideration the socio-cultural diversities and nuances of the country. This is further compounded by the general perception of lack of consultation and inclusion in the makings of the various constitutions from 1914 to date. They have also argued that the decision by the British colonial masters to amalgamate the Northern and Southern protectorates in 1914 was done without input from the various ethnic nationalities who live within the territory, which the late Chief Obafemi Awolowo described as "a mere geographical expression.

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