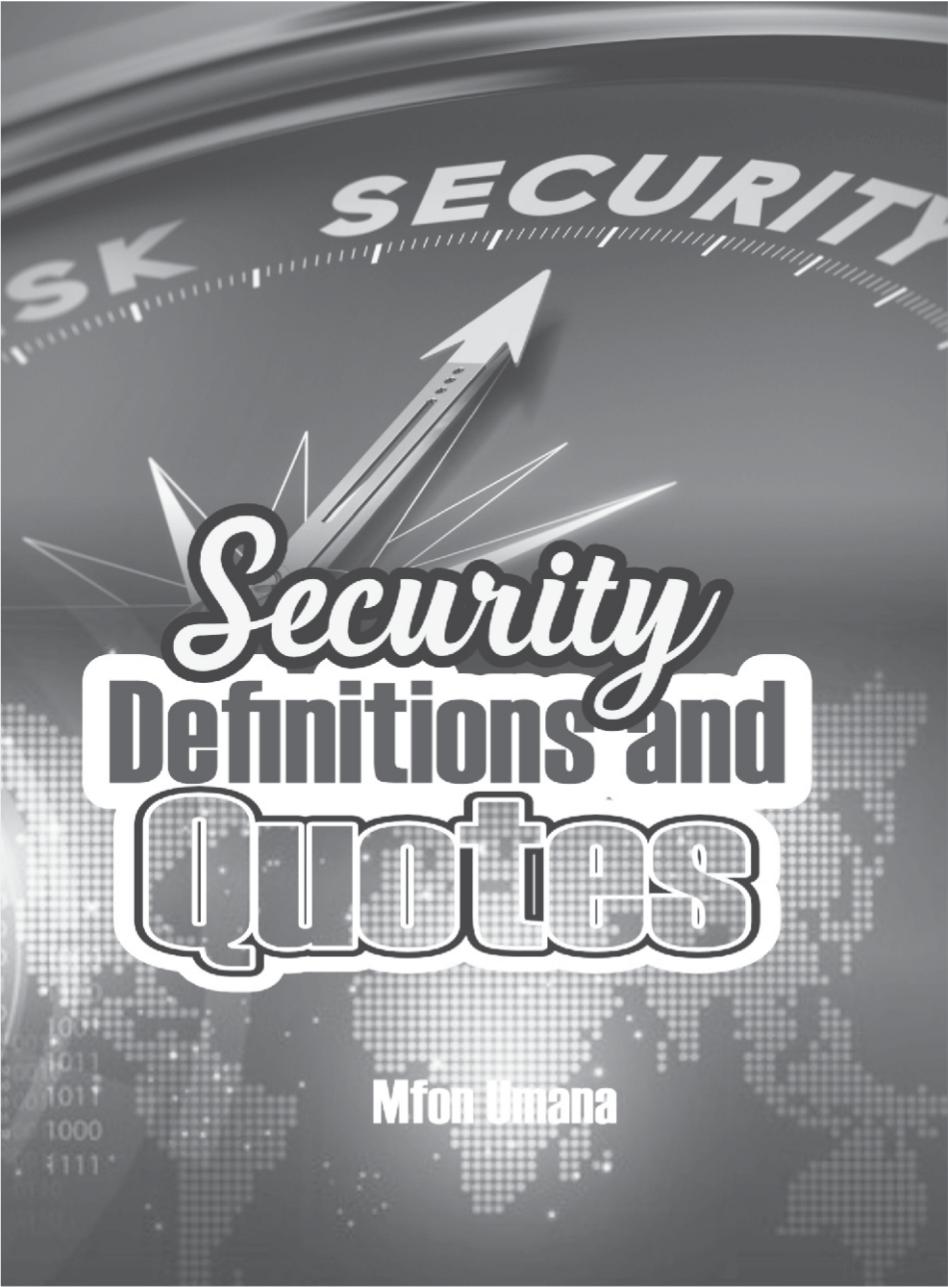


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## PROLOGUE

This compilation is prompted by the preface of the monograph 'A Critique of the National Security Strategy (Monograph 3) by Adoyi Onoja (2019).

In the monograph, the Author averred the following.

- That security is living and that the importance of security in Nigeria requires that, nothing about security be left in ambiguity. He further averred that, in Nigeria today, security is ambiguous to the extent that nothing about security is known, defined and codified.
- That the representatives of the people in government, with responsibility for security either knew next to nothing about security or for reason of self-interest acquiesced to the role of the military establishment in the management of security.
- That there is no scholarship or scholars of security in Nigeria to research, teach and

sensitize Nigerians on security away from the enabling environment created by the military.

- That there is no philosophy of security derived from Nigerian 'History Experience and Reality' (HER), after over 50years of Independence and finally that it has no security legislation or policy in Nigeria.

Equally, there have been some aspersion of "security as a neglected concept" some even observed that not much attention has been paid to the definition of security. Buzan (1991) described security as "an underdeveloped concept and noted the lack of conceptual Literature on security prior to the 1980.

Buzan suggest five (5) possible explanations for the neglect of security;

- Difficulty of its concept
- Apparent overlap between concept of security and power.
- Lack of interest in security by various critics of Realism.

- That, Security scholars are too busy keeping up with the new developments in technology and policy.
- That, Policy makers find the ambiguity of "National Security useful"

Arising from the above, and while not disputing the above postulations, i believe the starting point is to do a compilation of all known definitions of security across different timelines and philosophical linings, to show how security is seen or viewed across clime. This, I believed will be a good starting point to raising more consciousness on the subject matter among security scholars, practitioners and the citizens.

Equally, some 'security-Intelligent' quotes, quotes on ignorance and knowledge are culled from scholars across board, to instigate our knowledge and consciousness on the subject.

## CHAPTER ONE

# DEFINITIONAL APPROACHES

**S**ecurity or security studies has been an interesting topic since the ancient Greek era (460BC-395BC), especially by philosophers and political analyst. The History of the Peloponnesian war as written by Thucydides is regarded as the early writing about International Relations and some of its concept as balance of power, realism and security. The main approaches to security are;

- **REALISM APPROACH**
- **LIBERALISM APPROACH**
- **CONSTRUCTIVISM APPROACH**

### **REALIST APPROACH**

Realism is the first and main school of thought in security studies, which take nation-states as the primary units in International relation. The Realist sees security as a referent object of the State. Security and Power were measured in terms of Military capabilities of a state.

Realism sees the Insecurity of states as the main problems in International relations. It depicts the International system as a realm where, 'Self-help' is the primary motivation as states must provide security for themselves because, no other agency or actor can be counted on to do so. Some of the proponents of the Realist Approach are Niccolo-Machiavelli (1469-1527) Thucydides (460BC-395BC) Thomas Hobbes (1588-1679) Hans, J-Morgenthau and the modern father of Realist studies (neo-realism) Kenneth Waltz (1924-date).

Realist theories defines security as the security of the state and place particular emphasis on the preservation of the state's territorial integrity and physical safety of its inhabitants (Waltz 1991).The Realism school which deals with macro issues such as politics and military issues, was influential after the second world war.

## **LIBERALIST APPROACH**

The Liberalist Approach came in reaction to the Realist Approach. It accepts the assumption that States operates in an anarchical environment and

behave in a self-interested manner however, they hold the view that international politics does not need to be inherently conflict ridden and violent (Keohane, 1989). Its contend that, states can rely on mutual cooperation to tackle global issues.

The Liberal scholars of security studies tried not to focus on nation-states but also consider multinational, International organization, Inter-Governmental Organisation (IGO), Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO), Transnational Organisational Cooperation and other Interest Group. They also dealt with both macro and micro issues such as culture, environment and economics. The Liberals believes that peace could not only be provided through deterrence, bipolar world or a hegemonic regional power but also through economic integrations that could lead to political integrations. The leading proponent was the German philosophy, Immanuel Kant (1724-1804)

## **CONSTRUCTIVIST APPROACH**

The Constructive Approach derived from the Critical Security Studies (CSS) School. It emerged in 1989 and believes that security attention be given to

ideational factors not material factors. That, security is achieved only once the perception and fear of security threats, challenges, vulnerabilities and risks are allayed and overcome. The approach believes that states can have multiple identities that are socially constructed through interaction with other actors.

They claim that the security of the state was not equal to the security of the citizens and environment (Mortimer, pp56). Canada school of Critical Security Studies was the earliest form of CSS and its theory was developed by Copenhagen School, which determined five (5) sectors of security; namely military, environmental, economic, societal and political (Mortimer, pp. 60)

## CHAPTER TWO

# DEFINITIONS OF SECURITY

**H**erein quoted are some varying definitions of security across different time-line?

### FOREMOST DEFINITION

*A RELATIVE FREEDOM FROM WAR COUPLE WITH A RELATIVE HIGH EXPECTATION THAT, DEFEAT WILL NOT BE CONSEQUENCE OF ANY WAR THAT SHOULD OCCUR*

**- (Ian Bellamy 1981)**

*A CONCEPT THAT IMPLIES BOTH COERCIVE MEANS TO CHECK AN AGGRESSOR AND ALL MANNER OF PERSUASIONS, BOLSTERED BY PROSPECT OF MUTUALLY SHARED BENEFITS TO TRANSFORM HOSTILITY TO COOPERATION*

**-Edward Kolodzie**

*A SPECIAL FORM OF POLITICS, A SPECIES OF GENERAL GENIUS OF POLITICS AS NOT ALL*

*POLITICAL ISSUES ARE SECURITY ISSUES,  
WHEREAS ALL SECURITY ISSUES ARE  
POLITICAL ISSUES*      - **Edward Kolodzie**

*PURSUIT OF FREEDOM FROM THREATS AND  
THE ABILITY OF STATES AND SOCIETIES TO  
MAINTAIN THEIR INDEPENDENT IDENTITY  
AND THEIR FUNCTIONAL INTEGRITY AGAINST  
FORCES OF CHANGE*    - **Barry Buzan et al**

*SECURITY IS THE SURVIVAL IN THE FACE OF  
EXISTENTIAL THREATS*      - **Barry Buzan et al**

*SECURITY IS THE ABSENCE OF THREATS*  
- **ken BOOTH**

*THE PROVISION OF PRIVATE SERVICES IN THE  
PROTECTION OF PEOPLE, INFORMATION AND  
ASSETS FOR INDIVIDUAL SAFETY AND  
COMMUNITY WELLNESS*              - **Cray Head**

*STABLE RELATIVELY PREDICTABLE  
ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL OR  
GROUP MAY PURSUE ITS END WITHOUT  
DISRUPTION OR HARM AND WITHOUT FEAR OF*

*SUCH DISTURBANCE*                    -Fischer and Green  
**OTHER DEFINITIONS**

*PRE SERVATION OF ACQUIRED VALUES AND  
NOT ON THE PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF  
THREATS*                                    -PDF

*FREEDOM FROM OR RESILIENCE AGAINST  
POTENTIAL HARM CAUSED BY OTHERS*

- Wikipedia

*ASSURED FREEDOM FROM POVERTY OR  
WANTS, PRECAUTIONS TAKEN TO ENSURE  
AGAINST THEFT, ESPIONAGE OR A PERSON OR  
THING THAT SECURES OR GUARANTEES*

- Collins and thesaurus Dictionary

*S STATE OF BEING PROTECTED OR SAFE FROM  
HARM*

*FREEDOM FROM DANGER OR INJURY*

*FREEDOM FROM FEAR OR ANXIETY*  
-Merriam Webster dictionary

*ALL PRECAUTION THAT ARE TAKEN TO  
PROTECT A PLACE*

*A LEGAL PROTECTION AGAINST POSSIBLE  
HARM OR LOSS*

**- BBC English Dictionary**

*FREEDOM FROM FEAR, FREEDOM FROM  
WANTS AND DIGNITY*

**UN**

*ALL ACCEPTABLE MEASURES TAKEN OR PUT IN  
PLACE TO PREVENT, PROTECT AND  
NEUTRALIZE THREATS AGAINST A GIVEN  
THEFT*

**- O.V. OLAGBENDE**

*S STATE OF BEING SAFE OR FREE FROM HARM  
AND HURTS AND TO BE ABLE TO CONDUCT  
ONES RESPONSIBILITY WITHOUT ANY  
HINDRANCES*

**- UNKNOWN**

*ALL MEASURES DESIGNED TO PROTECT AND  
SAFEGUARD THE CITIZENS AND RESOURCES OF  
NATION AGAINST INTERNAL SABOTAGE OR  
EXTERNAL AGGRESSION*

**- UNKNOWN**

*CONDITION ACHIEVED WHEN CLASSIFIED INFORMATION AND MATERIALS ARE SUCCESSFULLY PROTECTED FROM LOSS, DISCLOSURE, ESPIONAGE, AND SABOTAGE AND PERSONNEL PROTECTED AGAINST SUBVERSION*

**-UNKNOWN**

## CHAPTER 3

# SECURITY/INTELLIGENT QUOTES

*Security is not a product but a process*

- Bruce Scheier

*Security is the Chief enemy of every mortal*

-Williams Shakespeare

*Security and Safety were the rewards of dullness*

-Hanif Kureishi

*Security is always excessive until it is not enough*

- Robbie Sinclair

*Security is no real Security, except for whatever you Build inside of yourself*

-Gilder Radner

***Security represents your sense of worth, your identity, your emotional anchorage, your self-esteem, your basic personal strength or lack of it***

- Stephen Covey

***Security is when everything is settled. When nothing can happen to you. Security is the denial of life***

- Germaine Greer

***Security is no replacement for Liberty***

-Martin Ferrell

***Security depends not so much upon how much you have, as upon how much you can do without***

-Joseph Wood Krutch

***The opposite of security is insecurity and the only way to overcome insecurity is to take risk***

-Theodore First man

***The only real security that a man can have in***

*the world is a reserve of knowledge,  
experience and ability?*

-Henry Ford?

*Your security is not in the hands of Kerry, Bush  
or Al-Qaeda. Your security is in your hand*

- Osama Bin-Laden

*We are all apprentices in the craft where no  
one ever becomes Master*

-Ernest Hemingway

*We must plan for freedom and not only  
security. If for no other reason than that only  
freedom can make security secured*

-Karl Popper

*The good we secured for ourselves is  
precarious and uncertain until, it is secured  
for all of us and incorporated our common life.*

-Jane Addams.

*At the end of the day, the goals are simple,  
safety and security*

- Jodi Rell

***It is possible to provide security against other ills, but as far as death is concerned, we men live in a city without walls***

-Epicurus

***Information is unprocessed knowledge wasting away***

-Anonymous

***Human Security depends on a system where each rational Individual calculates that it is more profitable not to rebel***

-Mark Gough

***We have an illusion of security; we don't have security***

-Isaac Yeffet

***Only the insecure strive for security***

-Wayne Dyer

***The ultimate security is your understanding of reality***

-H. Stanley Judd

***The balance between freedom and security is a delicate one***

Mark Udall

***We live in a world that has walls and those walls need to be guarded by men with guns***

-Aaron Sorkie

***If you reveal your secrets to the wind, you should not blame the wind for revealing them to the trees***

-Kahil Gibram

***Every intelligent is boring***

-Leo Tolstoy

***To perceive is the gem of intelligence***

-Leo Tolstoy

***Intelligent men are dangerous***

- Patrick Briggs

***Intelligence is more important than strength, that is why the earth is ruled by men and not animals***

-Amit Kalanti

***The fundamental cause of the trouble is that in the Modern world, the stupid is cocksure while the Intelligent are full of doubt***

-Betrand Russell

***The only means of strengthening one's intellect is to Make up one's mind about nothing to let the mind be a thoroughfare for all thoughts, not a select party***

- John Keats

***The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge, but imagination***

-Jacob Bronowski

***Accessibility and openness are good politics but bad security***

-Dan Bongino

***I am concerned about the security of our great nation; not so much because of any threat from without, but because of insidious forces working from within***

-Douglas Mac-Arthur

*We can not continue to rely on our military in order to achieve the national security objectives that we've set. We've got to have a civilian national security force that's just as powerful, just as strong, just as wellfunded.*

-Obama

## CHAPTER 4

# QUOTES ON IGNORANCE

***IGNORANCE IS NOT INNOCENCE BUT SIN***

-Robert Browning

***IGNORANCE IS A VOLUNTARY MISFORTUNE***

-Nicholas Ling

***IGNORANCE IS THE ROOT OF MISFORTUNE***

-Plato

***IGNORANCE IS AN ENEMY, EVEN TO ITS OWNER, KNOWLEDGE IS A FRIEND EVEN TO ITS HATERS, IGNORANCE HATES KNOWLEDGE BECAUSE IT IS PURE, KNOWLEDGE FEARS IGNORANCE BECAUSE IT IS TOO SURE***

-Sri Chinmoy

***IGNORANCE, WHEN VOLUNTARY, IS CRIMINAL, AND A MAN MAY BE PROPERLY CHARGED WITH THAT EVIL WHICH HE NEGLECTED OR REFUSED TO LEARN HOW TO PREVENT***

-Samuel Johnson

***IGNORANCE IS ALWAYS AFRAID OF CHANGE***

-Jawaharlal Nehru

***IGNORANCE IS THE PARENT OF FEAR***

- Herman Melville

***IN THE AGE OF INFORMATION, IGNORANCE IS  
A CHOICE***

- Donald Miller

***IF IGNORANCE IS BLISS, THERE SHOULD BE  
MORE HAPPY PEOPLE***

-Victor Cousin

***FACT DO NOT CEASE TO EXIST BECAUSE THEY  
ARE IGNORED***

-Aldous Huxley

***MOST IGNORANCE IS VINCIBLE IGNORANCE,  
WE DON'T WANT TO KNOW BECAUSE WE  
DON'T WANT TO KNOW***

-Aldous Huxley

***TO BE IGNORANT OF ONE'S IGNORANCE, IS THE  
MALADY OF IGNORANT***

-Amos Bronson

***THE TRUEST CHARACTER OF IGNORANCE ARE  
VANITY, PRIDE AND ARROGANCE***

- Samuel Butler

***IF YOU THINK EDUCATION IS EXPENSIVE TRY  
IGNORANCE***

- Bumper Sticker

***BETTER BE UNBORN THAN UNTAUGHT FOR IT  
IS POVERTY IN A RICH MAN TO DESPISE THE  
POOR AND IGNORANCE IN A WISE MAN TO  
DESPISE THE IGNORANCE***

-Constant.C.Vigil

***IT IS POSSIBLE TO DEFEAT AN IGNORANT MAN  
BY ARGUMENT***

-William McAdoo

***THERE IS NO DARKNESS-BUT IGNORANCE***

-William Shakespeare

***IT IS THE IGNORANT AND CHILDISH PART  
MANKIND THAT IS THE FIGHTING PART***

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

***PREJUDICE AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY  
NATURALLY PROCEED FROM INEXPERIENCE  
OF THE WORLD, AND IGNORANCE OF  
MANKIND***

-Joseph Addison

***BEHIND EVERY ARGUMENT IS SOMEONE'S  
IGNORANCE***

-Louis. D. Brandeis

***TO BE CONSCIOUS THAT YOU ARE IGNORANT  
IS A GREAT STEP TO KNOWLEDGE***

-Benjamin Disrael

***ADMISSION OF IGNORANCE IS OFTEN THE  
FIRST STEP IN OUR EDUCATION***

-Stephen Covey

***WHAT WE KNOW HERE IS VERY LITTLE; BUT  
WHAT WE ARE IGNORANT OF IS IMMENSE***

-Pierre Simon Laplace

***HALF KNOWLEDGE IS WORSE THAN IGNORANCE***

-Thomas Macaulay

***THE RECIPE FOR PERPETUAL IGNORANCE IS;  
BE SATISFIED WITH YOUR OPINIONS AND  
CONTENT WITH YOUR KNOWLEDGE***

-Elbert Hubbard

***TO KNOW ONE'S IGNORANCE IS THE BEST PART  
OF KNOWLEDGE***

-Lao-Izu

***THERE IS A DETERMINABLE DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN THE APPARENT CASUALNESS OF  
MASTERY AND THE CARELESSNESS OF  
IGNORANCE***

-Charles B. Rogers

***BEWARE OF IGNORANCE WHEN IN MOTION;  
LOOK OUT FOR INEXPERIENCE WHEN IN  
ACTION, AND BEWARE OF THE MAJORITY  
WHEN MENTALLY POISONED WITH  
MISINFORMATION, FOR COLLECTIVE  
IGNORANCE DOES NOT BECOME WISDOM***

-William J. H. Boetcker

***THERE IS NOTHING MORE FRIGHTENING  
THAN A BUSTLING IGNORANCE***

-Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

***NOTHING IN ALL THE WORLD IS MORE  
DANGEROUS THAN SINCERE IGNORANCE AND  
CONSCIENTIOUS STUPIDITY***

-Martin Luther King Jnr

***THE ONLY THING MORE DANGEROUS THAN  
IGNORANCE IS ARROGANCE***

-Albert Einstein

***TO ADMIT IGNORANCE IS TO EXHIBIT  
WISDOM***

-Ashley Montague

## CHAPTER 5

# KNOWLEDGE QUOTES

*Knowledge is of two kinds, we know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information upon it*

-Samuel Johnson

*To acquire knowledge, one must study; but to acquire wisdom, one must observe*

-Marilyn vos Savant

*Real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance*

-Confucius

*To know what you know and what you do not know, that is true knowledge*

-Confucius

*To know and not do is not to know*

-Stephen .R. Convey

*Knowledge is power, information is power.  
The secreting or hoarding of knowledge or  
information may be an act of tyranny  
camouflaged as humility*

- Robin Morgan

*Knowledge is power. Knowledge shared is  
power multiplied*

- Robert Boyce

*Knowledge is potential; Action is power*

-Tony Robbins

*Knowledge is an unending adventure at the  
edge of uncertainty*

-Jacob Brown Ski

*Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens*

-Jimi Hendrix

*Knowledge without transformation is not  
wisdom*

-Paulo Coelho

***Knowledge like milk has an expiry date***

- Shane Parrish

***Knowledge has a beginning but no end***

Geeta. S. Iy enga

***Knowledge is the treasure of a wise man***

-Anonymous

***Knowledge is a process of piling up facts,  
wisdom lies in their supplication***

-Martin Luther King jnr

***Knowledge is power***

-Francis Bacon

***Knowledge is not power; applied Knowledge is  
power***

-Eric Thomas

***Every addition to true knowledge is an  
addition to human power***

-Horace Mann

*Beware of false knowledge; it is more dangerous than ignorance*

-George Bernard Shaw

*The greatest enemy of knowledge is not ignorance; it is illusion of knowledge*

-Daniel Boorstin

*An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest*

-Benjamin Franklin

*Share your knowledge; it's a way to achieve immortality*

-Dalai Lama

*Any fool can know. The point is to understand*

-Albert Einstein

*The dumbest people I know are those who know it all*

Malcom F orbes

***Real knowledge is intrinsic and it is built from ground up***

-Naval Ravikant

***If you have knowledge, let others light their candle from it***

-Margret Fuller

***To attain knowledge, add things every day. To attain wisdom, remove things every day***

-Lao Tse

## CHAPTER 6

# CONCLUSION

This small booklet, 'Security' Definitions and Quotes is intended to arouse our intellect on the historical aspect of security, starting from the varying definitions from time past to the present day **and it continuous emerging definitions.**

**Chapter 1** looked at definitional approaches to Security that is the Realism, Liberalism and constructivism approaches.

**Chapter 2** looked at about twenty-one (21) definitions of security from contemporary to present time.

**Chapter 3** presents about thirty five (35) 'Security' Intelligence quotes, while **Chapter 4** presented thirty two (32) quotes on ignorance.

**Chapter 5;** presented twenty seven (27) knowledge quotes. These, I believed should spur up our intellectual aptitude and prompt further inquiries on the subject matter.

Arising from the above, what is our prompting from the monograph from my prologue above? The questions to answer therefrom are;

1. Is security living and should security issues be opened up for discussion and not left in ambiguity?
2. Is it acceptable that, Nigeria does not have a philosophy on security, aside that handed over by the Military?
3. Should the National Assembly prompt a security philosophy for Nigeria, based on its History, Experience and Reality (HER)?
4. Is it true that, there are no scholarship or security scholars in Nigeria to teach and sensitize Nigerians on security?

Whatever answer we derived from the questions above, should further prompt us to attempt a definition of security from our local perspective, or

as Prof Adoyi once asked, what do we call security in our local dialect? That could be a good starting point in a quest for redefining security and prompting security philosophy for Nigeria. Equally could Human Security perspective affects ones definition of security "**Let's share knowledge; it's a way to achieve immortality**"

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