**EFFECTS OF ILLEGAL MIGRATION AND MODERN DAY SLAVERY ON NIGERIA’S NATIONAL SECURITY**

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**ABSTRACT**

Illegal Migration and modern slavery is a major global challenge confronting the world today. This Ugly development pervades nearly all African countries including Nigeria. In recognition of the fact that modern slavery is not only a violation of human rights but a crime that is against all laws, efforts have been severally made by bodies at both domestic and international levels to contend with this scourge and dehumanizing practice. To this end, at the international level, several treaties, protocols and conventions to which Nigeria is a signatory to have been negotiated. In Nigeria, the trafficking in persons (prohibition) Law Enforcement and Administration Act,2003/2005, the child rights act, 2003/2005, the ECOWAS migration policy act were enacted in addition to the extant laws of different states dealing with slavery and illegal Migration. There are many reasons responsible for the increase in the rate of migration and the attendant modern slavery which are poverty. ignorance, weak institutional mechanism, corruption and complicity on the part of the law enforcement agents.

Today, some 30 million people worldwide live in slavery and yet slavery is strictly prohibited by both Nigeria and International laws (Global Slavery Index, 2016). The question now is what can be done to curb this menace? Who are the key players in illegal migration and modern slavery? In what ways has illegal migration affected human capacity and national development? This work, therefore, is an attempt at assessing the effect of illegal migration and modern slavery as it affects National Security. To this end, the researcher has carefully conceptualized and X-rayed the laws and the thematic representation of illegal migration and modern slavery and national security with suggestions on how to better tackle the scourge which has pervaded our national identity and image for a very long time. The work ends with the recommendations on the need to increase awareness and sensitization of the populace especially those in the rural areas, the need for security agencies to more proactive in making sure that the enablers/culprits are properly apprehended.