

**SPLASH FM 7TH PUBLIC LECTURE;**  
**The Error in Terror –Corruption & our children**  
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I never thought that this would be the topic of any public lecture, but I have created it because I have no choice. I wish I could write and deliver a 'happy' lecture but my conscience says otherwise. The 'Error in Terror' is that human beings are not born to live in terror and fear but in love and peace and justice. Goodness lasts forever, terror never, and eventually those perpetrating terror say it is for our own good.

Terror has no cause except greed beyond human need in order to acquire the material and mental necessities of others, their property, person and their votes. Our terror continues since most politicians have a problem between self and service, they have paid themselves more than they deserve; giving themselves powers beyond their authority. Is this not terror? A nation which questions its coach more than its president, politicians and LGA chairmen, is a nation in trouble. Should we take our politics to the football field during half-time?

The date 15th April 2014 must enter Nigeria's calendar and criminal history book as a day of maximum terror, as a day of the "The Chibok Kidnapping" of about 270 female students by Boko Haram. Where are 'Our Girls'? Like most Nigerian schools the Chibok School was nothing to write home about in content or care. But more than 1000 children, youth and adults have been viciously murdered since the Chibok attack. The error in that terror is that it has alienated almost the entire world. A country which fails its children fails the test of civilisation. Corrupt Nigerians, where is thy compassion for children and where are the tools to give them the skills for the jobs?

Is traditional African thought detrimental to Youth Development? Is customary respect detrimental to Youth Development and the ability of the youths to take centre stage? What is the definition of Youth? After all, young Nigerians of 18-20 are adjudged old enough to be killed as policemen and soldiers. Are they youths? Why are middle aged men still leading the youths? Our youths are in search for jobs. There are so many jobs missing in Nigeria. Even pothole filling is a job and with 3 million potholes in the UK, imagine how many there are in Nigeria-20million? Nigeria's potholes would be road closures in the UK. Look at comedy as a job and follow it with jobs in intelligence, analysis, spying, psychology, fire fighting, care of the aged, care of the traumatised, the raped and violated and even teaching.

To bring the judiciary into the 21st Century and reduce the terror of awaiting trial, delayed and denied justice. The justice and prison systems require up to 50,000 new IT staff for computerised recording of court proceedings and computerised filing of all cases in police stations, prisons and Nigerian courts from The Supreme Court down to the Magistrates Courts nationwide.

The error in terror is shown by the 'I lost a driver for a N10 photocopy' lament of near victim at the 23th June Abuja bombings. The dead driver had three wives and eight children. Another example is the Fulani herdsmen who have been serially killing 20-50 people a day for years and still we eat and do not fast from the meat of

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cows fed on food seized from farms and stained with the blood of farmers and their wives and daughters. Is that not terror? The Abacha terror which makes most who remember the terror of the times angry is the easiest example to give as it has legal backing and returned funds in millions of dollars after a strange plea bargain or arbitration and release of his very rich son. Nigeria and Nigerians are rich in power but poor in principle.

The Abacha kleptomania should be studied in social science, political science, legal, banking, money laundering and transparency studies in every Nigerian university as an example of the ‘the error of terror’. Abacha’s theft has deprived and punished every one of Nigeria’s millions of unborn children of their heritage by depriving their parents of education and work and reducing their earning potential and social mobility and even marriage choices. Government money stolen by everyone is an act of terror as the money was and is ‘government money’ to be used for development. Even Al Mustapha apparently walking free is an example requiring study. And paradoxically, in spite of Abacha’s known terror activities, he still has a football stadium named after him. We know of little and large Abachas in every state and LGA. Also terror can come with a smiling face. There are even greater thieves who do not wear Abacha goggles but smile toothily while stealing from everybody - from babies, children and especially targeted the old through pension funds.

Theft is theft and the losses cause terror. While you watch the ball in the World Cup, whose hand is in your LGA treasury causing terror?

How did we get to this impasse as a potentially great country? Contrary to popular belief, it is not because great and good men and women did not speak out and even fight at every point in our terror history. Silence has never been a Nigerian trait. We talk and we walk the talk. Honest patriotic Nigerians did and still talk using every available platform from lectures like this one across the country to newspapers and presentations at professional and public meetings and tens of thousands of ‘free readers’ association or reduced price newspaper readers’ association meetings. All the carbon dioxide produced must contribute to global warming, but who is listening? No one!

Here is a cause without an effect. How many Nigerians have paid the price for honesty and protest - the sack, relegation, passed over for promotion, harm and even the supreme price - death? What care is there for the families and survivors of our patriots turned martyrs? Nothing! Beyond platitudes and pleasantries from the politicians arriving perpetually late for opening ceremonies, there is silence as the recipient powers are happy with the status quo – the terror of the times.

The effects of terror include alienation, deprivation and the creation of victims. **Terror is consumptive, divisive, devouring everything, causing low productivity and fear of friend and foe. The error in terror is that terror cannot be productive or all-inclusive.** No Nigerian should have such power over another. **Terror and**

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**development are mutually exclusive.** Similarly, terror promotes the individual over the collective interest, the opposite of the collective global village theory and democracy. Who is implementing the opposite of terror? **Where are the peace, love and positive assistance** all of which create development and general prosperity for all?

There would be no generator needed in any Nigerian home or office if over the last 30 years government had added 1000 Mw to the grid every year. The money and plans were there but the 'Political Terror Decision' was 'NO' and instead funds were stolen annually. This changed Nigeria's entire destiny from a collective grid nation to an individualist 'Generator Generation' with a new talking drum, the generator, announcing our incompetence regularly. This terror costs every single family 10 to 100 times more for electricity power with trillions in diverted incomes, a lower standard of living, poor life achievement and unquantified pollution and deaths and broken homes. If you think you are doing well, imagine how much better you would be doing if you did not have to run a generator in your home and office and religious house these 30 years.

Another example is the motorcycle. There is terror in decision taking. It was political decisions of some Nigerians still alive that turned Nigeria from a mass transit nation needing buses to the mono-transit of the motorcycle unleashing the terror of a costly misguided 'Okada Epidemic' of hundreds of thousands of crashes, amputations and deaths and orphans and occupation of thousands of hospital beds. And we still do not make good ordinary or robotic artificial limbs for them or the victims of Boko Haram. This is unfortunately a huge job industry awaiting creation. Confirming the extent of the problem, every Nigerian knows an okada victim or has seen an okada accident. Someone should start corporate sponsored Motorcycle Okada Racing so they can stop harming our children who live in terror of being knocked down and killed just because they want an education or are sent on an errand.

Sometimes talk is useless. Will this lecture be useless? **Most of the audience is already converted and engaged in the 'good' activities** that have allowed Nigeria to survive till today though they are unappreciated and denigrated by the political class. Nigerians more brilliant and better than me have for years been at programmes like this providing simple solutions and advice but zero was achieved. So why will this lecture be any different in result when since 1956 when Trenchard Hall was opened, hundreds of nationalistic and erudite Emeritus Professors and distinguished Nigerians have stood on this spot and Nigeria has not yet acted on their submissions. There are so many good Nigerians willing to lift Nigeria out of the quagmire.

We can all name many good Nigerians. Let me name the 75 year young celebrant of today, Chief Adebayo Akande who has contributed immensely over the years, and more visibly through a dream come true, the integrity station Splash 105.5FM established in 2007. Congratulations sir and Happy Birthday. You have not

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established just another radio station, you have established a legacy project and gold standard and an opportunity for many young talents to develop skills and be heard as mentors and role models to their peers. Of all the splash FM Annual lecturers I will single out these scholars. Emeritus Professor Adetokunbo Lucas who taught me medical statistics so well in 1971/72 that I still remember the lecture event. Professor Akinjide Osuntokun who's generosity got me a spot on the Comet, the precursor of The Nation for which I write weekly on Wednesdays and not forgetting Professor Akin Mabogunje, a lighthouse, a beacon in this dark insanity.

Most opportunities in Nigeria are drowned in political corruption and the mundane mediocrity of the political discourse sometimes called chop-chop or belly politics which merely shares assets without growth, eats with both hands and does not take into consideration cerebral or practical discussions on the interest rate, the falling naira or the MDGs or number of toilets per student in school. Politics pervades everywhere and is equally murky in all professional groupings and other associations. In fact, the higher plane academic goal-getter politician may become extinct as unnecessary in Nigeria where many prefer to live for today and not for our children while paradoxically proclaiming yesterday's forward looking political heroes and front-liners as their role models – role models not to copy. In many instances politicians and civil servants are in the same boat. Is government made up of sane or sinister, concerned or corrupt individuals?

Many younger ones may want to know what 'corruption' is. First, it is your conscience. Then here is the litmus test – **the 9 O'clock News Test. Ask yourself 'Would I do this if it will be on NTA, SplashFM, BBC or CNN tonight?** If you do not fear God, fear embarrassment. Many of us are '**Corruption Survivors**', who have survived the corruption of others. **Soon you will ask politicians and civil servants 'Do you have corruption?' like 'Do you have malaria'.** Can we have an inoculation of Honesty & Modesty? The savings and benefits of '**One Year of Honesty & Modesty**' will become permanent by popular demand.

**Corruption is endemic** and should be boldly **taught as part of every subject** e.g. Corruption in The Agricultural food chain, and as a subject in a **Corruption Course/Class** in every school, University and as a disease, perhaps a tropical disease, in Medical School. Nigerians have coined the words **sinnator, grabinor, representathieves and NastyNASS** for very good reason.

Life is serious. In one morning in my clinic I saw patients with typhoid, cancer of the liver, a dead baby in the mother, fibroids, blindness from a school beating, no uterus, no testicles, a low placenta, an ectopic pregnancy, a breast mass likely to be cancer and so much more. Across Nigeria other doctors see similar cases everyday and now add the casualties of the terror, physical and emotional. For every war death there are ten injured citizens. Do politicians not know that life is serious?

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**Banking and interest rate and naira value as a terror:** Nigerian citizens have suffered so long from unsustainable high interest rates and banker's 'fraud' that they are used to them and have adjusted to 23-25% interest rates and trick hidden costs in bank. These rates severely limit growth of business and home. But even government identified the high interest rate as a problem because it has repeatedly circumvented the rate by issuing wavers and special rates to the 'favoured few'. Add to this a weak naira falling from an all-powerful less than N1 to \$1 to N163-173, 16,300% fall in my working life. Imagine the stimulation to Nigeria's economy if 'special rates' of loans to agriculture etc were extended to all with a **flat rate of 7 or 9% single digit across Nigerian banks for every Nigerian, business or personal.**

After all what is good for agriculture is good for us all. We are all Agric! We have had no 'Great CBN Governor' or President who has offered a strategy to get improved interest and exchange rates. Poverty rate is measured against the dollar. A strong naira will reduce the number of Nigerians living below the poverty level. So let the new CBN Governor's strategy be the key to reducing the poverty level by systematically **improving the exchange rate N1 per month till it reaches N1:\$1** as it was in the beginning or at least to the N88:\$1 under the kleptomaniac Abacha. This is the error in the terror in the banking system.

**LGAs:** Talking about loans, 40 years ago most students going to universities had bursaries, scholarships or loans from their states and LGAs or the federal government. This huge responsibility, almost abandoned to date, must be picked up again by the current political class. By the way, does your LGA chairman give **Letters Of Commendation to exemplary businesses or residents**, even at 100 years old? Some LGAs have resident experts who can advise or uplift the LGA or state. This would reduce the level of terror by LGA thugs who use nailed sticks to terrorise motorists and show the error in LGA terror.

**The Ward: The ward is the smallest geopolitical unit where politicians report with cows to be killed every four years, pre-election. The ward should also be the unit of LGA development, each with its own identity,** scholarships, bursaries, schools, primary health centre, market, youth exhibition centre/museum/library and historical, geographic or tourist attraction as essential for rapid development. Elevating the ward will reduce LGA corruption terror.

**Media, Sports and Terror:** This is a media outreach and I will dwell on the media and the error in terror. Remember how most of us dreaded the sound of music, martial music, from the radio signifying another change of military coup seats? Today, the media is to educate, inform, empower and dispel ignorance with our maybe 100 TV and 200 radio stations. The media must distinguish between **'Corporate Responsibility'** and **'Corporate Social Responsibility'** just as governments must distinguish between 'democracy' and 'dividends of democracy'. Democracy is service, running of government, schools, hospitals, the repair of roads, payment of salaries and pensions and bursaries and scholarships. 'Dividends of democracy' are

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monumental, fantastic, creative and extraordinary and extreme service for the comfort and wellbeing of the citizens. Do you see any or many dividends of democracy around? I do not. If you do please let me know!

Every business, company or corporation has a corporate responsibility to **'do no harm' and 'tell no lie' especially for the media.** CSR is usually done with some of the profits e.g. 1% and is in the form of donations, sponsorships, scholarships etc or donation of services or products to the needy with no returns for the company except a good name. We blame governments for lack of leadership but what about corporates who have the power to change many things even through their own staff and outreach projects and do not? CSR is sometimes wonderful but sometimes it is just 'T shirt and face cap' CSR for show.

In the media, the offer of, for example, the offer of airtime for NGO messages and needy projects is a good CSR activity as publicity is a weapon of development. The international example of CSR include the CNN Freedom Project, the BBCs Challenge, the ACT adverts on Euronews, all fit this category as do the various CSR activities in Hero identification, HIV AIDS, Integrity Marathon, Education scholarships, Police and Road safety Programmes by Splash 105.5FM. Congratulations!

The primary or core role of the media, be it government or private, is three fold with differing emphasis on Entertainment, Education and Information, EEI. Advocacy is a word much abused as anti-government but even government is guilty of failing in advocacy. Advocacy is telling people about something negative or positive and suggesting a reaction, like life-saving skills including democratic activities.

The microphone and camera are the most powerful weapons of motivation and development, information and disinformation, teaching and terror, for role model creation and for character assassination summarised as 'ignorance elimination'. **Commercial companies commit billions to ignorance elimination about their products. They fill the airwaves and the eyespace with jingles, adverts, posters and billboards.** Many media practitioners do a fantastic job in presentation, delivery, research and analysis; we all have our favourites. Yet many announcers sit before the camera and the microphone empty-headed, they are not cranially challenged and they do not cranially challenge anyone listening. They are unprepared and waffle, repeating themselves with no information of a positive nature passing between them and the listener in 5 or even 10 minutes. Under the slogan **'Every second counts'** that is the time for **LIFE SKILL MESSAGES.**

The media and broadcasters have done a huge amount of wonderful work but much more strategic work needs to be done by producers and editors to guide the population in a **'Transition from Ignorance to knowledge'** and reach or stay cutting edge. Many cannot read but 99% can hear and see. This is not about propaganda but about enlightenment through a **'Media Driven Mental Development Agenda'**. Are stories planned in advance for December this year of next year June? Much of the

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media is reportorial but it can also help create a better society by mentoring the people by throwing up many more good examples of good practices to coax the people to improve attitudes and actions.

How many stations have a **'Today's Good Book' or 'Top Ten Books This Week' or 'You Got To Read This Book This Week' Programmes. Life is more than endless meaningless music on Channel Z.** The youth audience needs guidance and encouragement towards volunteerism and even career guidance. Those singers they seek to imitate may have worked very hard and survived trials and tribulations and training. Youth stories like **'My holiday visit to the Motherless Babies Home, or the Pacelli School for the Blind or the Cheshire home' or My Life In A Wheel Chair, or As A Blind Person or In The Boy Scouts or Girl Guides'** must get as much airtime as music videos. Music videos and albums should not run back to back when they can be interspersed with life skill messages and volunteer activities at no extra cost to the media house – just a corporate decision to be different and engage the youth in a new and different way. **Just a collective corporate media decision about youth programming that will spread worldwide.**

The media must not sell its soul for money and IGR, Internally Generated Revenue. **The media is too powerful an influence to neglect its duty in an ignorant country to 'sell' all its airtime in favour of the highest bidder!** When giant corporate bodies come to the media, the media should have its own agenda for its audience to integrate with all the adverts and reality programmes and incorporate some other messages at no extra charge. **The media also has the right and responsibility to have daily life skill messaging targets** to educate the citizen on every aspect of their lives from hygiene to health to road use to nonpartisan voter education. One death from ignorance is a mark against all of us. **The war on ignorance is squarely in the media's court** but the media in an effort to put everything under IGR, most times sees everything from the money-making perspective. It would rather remain silent unless paid to speak. It therefore fills gaps with often mindless music and often, but not always, charges for everything including social life-skill messages on HIV AIDS, reading culture, breast exam, the man being responsible for the sex of the baby, wearing a seatbelt and crash helmet, avoiding bullying, sex and drugs etc.

**A 21st Century Social Message Advertising Revolution** could start here and spread around the world. It would cost nothing extra and reach billions daily.

1. **World Media Social Responsibility Law for every media outlet to 'include in every 24 hours of broadcasting 15 minutes up to one FREE HOUR of 15-120 messages of 30-60 seconds each per day on chosen social life skill messages to bring about behavioural change in society'. Nigeria should recommend this LAW to the world.**

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2. **A 'PRINT MEDIA SOCIALMESSAGE LAW' mandating that every company should also 'INCLUDE A SOCIAL/MEDICAL MESSAGE IN EVERY SINGLE ADVERT' in the media – on air, in the press, posters and billboards.**

The media misses the point that the recruitment message from for example the Red Cross and other NGOs is a **NGO-MEDIA SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PARTNERSHIP**. Simply announcing daily that **'Man Is Responsible For The Sex Of The Baby, The Woman Just De Carry Um'** or **'Real Men Do Not Beat Their Wives'** or **'Rape Is Always Wrong, It Does Not Cure You Or Make You Strong'** or **'Do Your Blood Pressure Today, Take Less Salt And Sugar and Less oily Foods'** will save many marriages, prevent much animosity and actual violence against women and lives. The radio and the TV microphone and pictures are powerful weapons for eliminating the **Disease of Ignorance** in the population in the hands of the right continuity announcer who should see herself as a guide and mentor and even teacher to the listeners. The power to influence positively 1 or 5million with your words is a wonderful gift but to be used maximally it must however be harnessed wisely. There is a great **'Waste space of the media' with Recycling, Rehashing,'** what has just been said.

It is urgent that every announcer takes up the battle to educate while entertaining Nigerians and help treat the epidemic of ignorance. Each station management and staff at the beginning of the year or month should initiate an **'ANNUAL STRATEGIC MEDIA OUTREACH PLAN'** and invite and link with the websites of UN agencies, NGOs, MDAs and Government to draw up a pamphlet/list of the **TOP 100 LIFE SKILL MESSAGE SLOGANS, ANECDOTES AND MOTIVATIONAL MINI-STORIES** to be on the desk and fingertips to use as **MOTIVATIONAL FILLERS. LIFE IS TOO PRECIOUS TO WASTE A MINUTE OF AIRTIME. For millions the media is the only education they will get.** It is frustrating to hear banter for 10minutes at a time when **Nigerian listeners thirst for real knowledge.** Trivia about some Nollywood star has its place but the smart media strategist will insert an edutainment pun that will inspire the listener. The media has moved away from a reporter style to commentator style. Not just what happened but why, how, was it good, how and what can we learn from this to live better lives? **If we must hear about entertainment then let it be education and entertainment – 'edutainment'.**

**Entertainment is good but edutainment is better.** Let everyone feel they have learnt something after your programme. **We cannot remain a country of the ignorant drowning in mindless music, song and dance lest we dance on the graves of our children.** Even and especially **youth music programming can be linked in with motivational messages and comments** on the life of the artists or current events.

Happily many stations including Splash FM do this but much more needs to be done. **The idea that only what is paid for gets on air is a bad terror Nigerian 'IGR' idea.** The media, both government and private and National Orientation Agency must educate us, not only about the President, Governors and their wives but about more

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things that will save our lives. Media practitioners and presenters have power and must participate in the development of the minds of listeners. Your job, through entertainment or other programmes can empower, enlighten and energise the listeners to higher goals, as many of you do now.

Nollywood should learn from America where the good American always wins. Hollywood extols the virtues of Americans. Nollywood needs to do the same for Nigeria without immoral propaganda. There are millions of hardworking, honest and diligent Nigerians everywhere ripe for making films about and we have an epidemic of ignorance about life skills. Not every Nigerian disappears and reappears as a snake or spirit or assassin or a kidnapper or a body parts dealer- events which are unfortunately believed by too many gullible viewers and listeners. After all, they saw it on TV or in that film!

For example, in spite of the media hype and advertising billions of corporate bodies spent around the World Cup with so many footballs on billboards, how many footballs have Nigeria's 60m+ children and youth? Shame! Another opportunity lost as we **convert football to foolball**.

**Advocacy and adverts: Nigerians know more about football than life saving messages.** There are 100 times more commercial product messages on the streets than messages that will save life - life skill messages.

No one will die without commercial messages but your children could die from ignorance of life skill messages. Yet the world budget for commercial messaging is 0.1-1% of that spent on commercial messaging. Corporate advertising is selfish mono-messaging and aimed at attracting the consumer. On the other hand the social skills message from the UN, WHO, Red Cross, Food, Drink, Drugs, Environmental, Road use organisations and agencies **help keep the customer alive longer** to enjoy commercial products but cannot afford enough airtime. **A healthier, knowledgeable, longer living customer will consume the products longer and make more money for the corporate body. Link piggyback, 'dual' corporate and social messages together in the same advert for no extra cost.** So any and every advert should also have a life skill message as 5 or 10% of the surface. The customer will feel that the corporate cares. **'Drink X drink but also complete your education'**.

We have many broadcasters but few messages. With over 100 sports available, a strategic contribution of -100,000 footballs by the Stock Exchange blue chip companies for our army of youth playing in the informal football sector found on **The Lagos sand-sand reclaimed land and the nationwide Under Flyover Football Federation would be a huge anti-terror move.** It would also make a huge impact on **youth self-esteem, crime reduction and the Gross Happiness Factor which is a new yardstick** for development and not GDP or the salaries and allowances of Assembly and NASS members or bank profits. **Can we link all sport and particularly football to a strategic development agenda? We have almost lost the opportunity of using the**

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**billions of phone cards as a vehicle for a joint corporate-social message education programme** to eliminate ignorance while collecting and exchanging different cards with different life skill messages like **‘Macho men do not rape or beat women’** or **‘Examine your breast and abdomen monthly’** or **‘Girl, get an education’**. **Can we use football cards with players and coaches** and referees photographs for a new edutainment scheme? It can be spread to Nollywood stars and other celebrities. **Nigeria cannot afford the luxury of football being an end in itself. Educare Trust used to do a 5 minute drama sketch on HIV AIDS during halftime at Adamasingba Stadium.** This can be copied during halftime in all the Glo League matches with different life skill messages.

Here are four simple things that may save lives. Tell all those seeking a pregnancy to take one table of folic acid daily to help prevent abortions and improve the baby’s brain formation - WHO. You have heard that females should examine the breasts monthly. Well, all men and women should lie down and examine their abdomen monthly for masses and report strange findings to the doctor. If you are or your wife is pregnant seek professional help immediately for medical advice and start Antenatal clinic ASAP and do an ultrasound scan in the first three months for dating and number of babies. Everyone should keep a file of their medical records.

Are you personally involved in terror? Perhaps that is a God question. Do you think that terror should be condoned to achieve your goals or should terror be condemned?

**When did politics become synonymous with or part of the definition of stealing?** Winner steals all is a bad idea. The issue of party funding is a serious terror and national corruption calamity which will perpetuate terror if not made transparent and public. **Parties must be forced to stop stealing up to half the budget.** Nobody is open about party funding. Should it be a percentage of the salaries of party appointees? If the country thinks political parties are entitled to a different percentage of the budget for 1st, 2nd, 3rd at the polls, then let the Non-Sovereign National Conference say so, OK? Let them say so and allocate it through NASS. **Parties must stop stealing from the budget, directly or indirectly, legally and illegally, or they are no different from any other thief** or a policeman who takes bribes at checkpoint and then arrests a thief for stealing in the market. It is not corruption, it is stealing.

On the Terror Scale how do your LGA, State and Federal government rate in their relationships with you and each other? The LGA, State and Federal government are all supposed to be on the same side, the people’s side, not government versus the people. There is **dangerous error in the terror relationship between the Federal government and the states.** The relationship is supposed to be of **mutual respect, fraternal, friendly and forward looking** on every development level, not master-servant or master-beggar. The federal officials come from states, so can their agendas be unbiased and non-discriminatory? **Unfortunately it is used to bring**

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**terror to targeted states just because of party, personality or political differences** by withholding funds and approvals and interfering in state politics like local bridge construction and road maintenance.

The Apapa Expressway is a case-in-point. **The error in terror is that the federal terror does not merely punish the states but also the citizens and children of the terror-ridden state, suffer collateral damage,** regardless of their individual political affiliation.

The federal government should restrain itself, or be restrained by courts and an independently appointed **'Federal/State Arbitration Ombudsman'** from bringing terror to the citizens of any state for any reason. **The federal government may abandon and abuse its responsibility and it may have federal might but the states and their citizens have rights** to equality and non-discrimination. **How dare the federal government continue the old evil, pre and post-civil war, ethnic games of initiating and implementing policies that deliberately discriminate against citizens and children in some states?** Has the 1967-1970 civil war really ended in the inner circles of government? Has oppression of one by another ended? Has discrimination on ethnic lines ended? Has ethnic domination ended? **The word WAZOBIA should be dead in this country of 335 or more ethnic groups?** It has always been an insensitive and arrogant insult to other tribes of which there are over 100 even in the 'ZO' area of the North. Not every Northerner is Hausa or Fulani. **There must be ethics in ethnic participation. There is great error in the federal terror** used to disrupt and truncate the development of states and their citizens and children.

Terror comes in many forms. Terror is all around us and we must learn how to counter terror by pointing out the 'Error in Terror' to everyone especially **those prone to following the false god of terror to achieve evil goals.** The error in terror is that terror causes long term problems. It corrupts and ruins everything and everyone even strangers faraway.

The error in terror is that it singles out the youth for especially severe punishment because of their vulnerability to family misadventure. Kill the parent and the children will often 'die' socially and sometimes physically. But **many youth may have to take up volunteer work; others will fall into violent reactive groups,** even school cults. Vulnerable children who have human child rights to a better life are deprived of their parents by the violence of terror. **The lives of the large numbers of orphans, widows and refugees made by the terror of Boko Haram and Fulani herdsmen and gangs are lives of suffering.** But do we know that the orphans, widows and refugees of the terror of political corruption also number in their millions but are not seen because there are no blood and bombs for Breaking News headlines. They have been 'managing', struggling along silently.

**What is the cost of the terror of corruption in lives and misery, in castles, corpses, coffins and cemeteries, fractured families and broken homes - all unsung victims,**

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**voters and volunteers who devoted their lives to growth and lost out? Terror and its first son corruption translate into ignorant Nigerians who should not be ignorant, into suffering Nigerians who should not suffer, into dead Nigerian who should not be dead.**

It is a political science question to debate whether **the terror of corruption is violent or nonviolent terror and measurable by depression, deprivation and death. Corruption terror always leads to violent cutting of budgets at home and in the office and violent changes in plans.** It was official government financial terror that has allowed successive incumbents to steal budgets.

Corruption terror is terror, blood stained or not. The dead do die from corruption. Our children are murdered by corruption. **Every kobo stolen from the construction, education or health budget kills a child from a pothole crash, from ignorance denied a cure at an empty school and from lack of knowledge of or access to life-saving drugs. We doctors see through the agbadas and babanrigas and the bravado of political hype and see clearly the blood of our dead patients on the hands of the politicians.** Life is serious; it's about service to others, not self. Pretending that terror does not exist or ignoring terror to others until it kills you is not the solution. **Terror is to be confronted and defeated, whether it is imported from the Maghreb or home-grown terror or a hybrid mutation.**

**The error in terror is that no nation, state LGA, business, school, university or organisation or even family can be run on terror forever.** Even the military in Nigeria had to give up periodically in order to allow recovery of the victims and the victor. **Terror is not a vulture and does not feed on the dead. Terror is a sadistic torturer of the living and an exhaustible fuel. Terror consumes everyone around and eventually itself, running out of fuel and dies the same death of terror. The opposite of terror -Justice, Peace and Love last forever, inexhaustible.** Terror always terminates itself in a horrific manner.

Why did Nigeria not collapse? The answer is the 5am-9pm, dogged, hard work of the tens of millions of 'daily bread' **Nigerians who repeatedly rescue the country from corruption-driven financial collapse,** and still the league of corrupt people returns to bring more terror and reward the survivors with more and more Western tax and levies. The African and Nigerian care system run through the extended family, the first NGO in the world, is unrecognised by the tax system which only approves of the Western definition of nuclear family. **Every Nigerian is an NGO.** It always a beautiful experience to see those with next to nothing sharing with the needy on the street. Where is our Nigerianised Tax System?

**NGOs feebly and sometimes stupidly and sometimes corruptly attempt to fill the chasm left by corruption** in the supply of space, books, medicines, equipment, opportunities, protection and growth of ideas of individuals and groups in Nigeria. **If Nigeria is a water tanker then terror and corruption are holes knocked into it and**

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the tap is the normal exit to the people. NGOs cannot wait for the holes to be plugged and no one is actively plugging them, but even the rushing tap has some people running away with the water of life before it can reach the people who are cunningly distracted, and their eyes and minds diverted with yet another unifying football match. We cannot wait for the wasting water to be properly directed. Some say it is not a water tanker at all but a petrol tanker. We pray it does not explode. NGOs seek to save the odd one or two children while thousands are swept away by the deluge of corruption. It would be better to fill all the holes now and cut the flow of the tap to the wrong people today, now!

In Nigeria, we are no strangers to terror. **We have had true terror in Nigeria during all government eras** and today we have a mutant chameleon, milito-civilian, of terror manifesting during the Ekiti elections. **Many of you will vividly recall your own example of terror. Were you bullied** or did you face physical beating, belt beating, frog-jumping, sirens and bank and other batons, stray bullets, accidental discharge, koboko whips, machetes, armed robbery, thug attacks or checkpoint terror. Was that experience or multiple experiences for better or for worse in your lives? That is the error in terror. **After a three year respite the checkpoints are back** with the associated ‘skirt and blouse’ terror, police and yellow fever. It is laughable, pathetic and terror at the same time. **But be in no doubt that the worse terror of all is to allow a child to witness or suffer terror** and everyday our children on the roads witness demands for bribes and witness the citizens being humiliated in traffic. What is the psychological terror effect of witnessing these acts daily? Will the children become terrors?

People in married situations should also remember the ‘**Domestic Terror Decision**’ of saying ‘**No**’ too often to partners who are men and women of power wielding guns or even political power who then retaliate on the world out of annoyance at being frustrated in their marital desires. It is not a joke. And **please remember the domestic terror of wife beating, mental torture, rape and domestic help mental and physical terror.**

How do we tackle the terror of ‘**The Nigerian Factor**’? Can we make the Nigerian factor a positive factor like the American or British Factor? We must teach the old Nigerian Factor in schools and offices and the **New Improved Nigerian Factor**. We have too many **greetings and hyper-recognition** in public events. Let the Non-Sovereign National Conference protect Nigerians from the terror of **Protocol in Nigeria** by approving the insertion of ‘**All Protocol Assumed To Be Observed**’ ‘**APATBO**’ as acceptable introduction in our constitution to protect all Masters of Ceremony. Let us insist that **Nigerian Time Is the Correct Time** and Lectures, Conferences and Meetings can start promptly and not wait for political dignitaries. Let us rise against **Queue Jumping by Commercial Vehicles** and needless aggression in public.

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Cushing's Syndrome is a medical disease. **'Cushion Chair Disease'** is a political disease of big men whose bottoms can no longer be accommodated in normal ordinary mekunu, talakawa chairs. Nigerians are nauseated and moved to vomiting when their so-called elected and appointed leaders can no longer sit in **'people's chairs'** and demand bigger and bigger cushioned chairs at every function. But remember we the people sometimes **create the monster by too much praise and bowing down and standing up and are surprised when the monster mutates and demands more food than we have and bites us**. It is bad enough that Nigerians now too often insist on **covered chairs, covering sometimes beautiful chair designs**, but the excesses of cushion chair sitters is embarrassing, and **Cushion Chair Disease** is spreading like an epidemic. I hear unconfirmed reports that they even have a different type of toilet.

**There is also insidious terror** - imposed by corruption, theft, abuse of office, malicious political and faulty judicial practice and wrong decisions perpetrated under cover by administrators which ruin millions of lives condemning them to under-achievement. All these terror tactics result in unjust financial, liberty and Happiness losses with low expectations and achievements and misery.

**A uniform is an emblem for service, protection and constitutional authority, proudly worn.** Unfortunately many but not all the adults use the uniform differently, not for service but for terror. We can never attain the high moral ground when the beacon of government and the uniformed road agencies rob citizens constantly.

Remember the Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Red Cross, Boys Brigade, Cadets, Man O' War, Sheriffs? These are the **first generation NGOs** creating an army of upright youth, ready for **volunteering and moulding**, now neglected for years. **They need airtime and budgetary and corporate support**, promotion and establishment in every school for the volunteer spirit, morals, role models, discipline and citizenship training. Your **school testimonial** was never complete without your **co-curricular activities** and stating if you were a sports team captain, monitor or prefect. Prefects were perfect in those days. I was Senior Prefect in Greg's. How many Senior Prefects or Prefects are here? Bring back the testimonial. When I was in secondary school, around 1962, our Boy Scout unit in St Gregory's College, Lagos served at the October 1st Independence Day reception of the President, Nnamdi Azikiwe at Lagos House. **We grew up volunteering and respecting the uniform** until they were used to bring terror to innocent defenceless citizens. Now there is even terror in schools, from unchecked bullying, physical violence from teachers and students and cults and drugs. **No, it is not okay to bully or beat children. I have seen over 50 children with permanent eye injuries and blindness from school related beatings, including a 6 year old girl beaten by a teacher last week.** A slogan on every bottle of soft drink, soap, noodles and beverage packet may help - like **'Once beaten: maybe blind'** or **'Child Fights can lead to breach of Child Rights to two eyes'**.

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Do not be a terror to children. ABC, **Avoid Bullying Children**. Schools need a **Bully Register**. The NYSC, in which I served in Jos, Bukuru and Lafia in 1975, is uniquely placed to have as a part of its goals, a **Co-Curricular Club School Programme aimed at there-establishment of at least 13 clubs in each school especially those supervised by NYSC**. There is no use creating a new school club for every problem, road safety, breast examination, HIV/AIDS, mosquito catching- yes mosquito catching is **serious national anti-malaria sport** in some countries, etc. Use and empower and expand the tried and tested old clubs. **Simple, clear government and NGO posters and pamphlets on any new co-curricular subject matter** can be given to these established organisations to use to correctly disseminate information among students. **Bring back youth and school clubs in all schools to recruit** the underutilised army of youth to the battle against terror and for the hearts and minds of Nigerian children.

**Every student must belong to at least one such school club if we want moral rearmament.** The easy brain washing of the youth with peer pressure and bad media and other influences has clearly demonstrated that during holidays and for out of school students and youth that there is an urgent need to counter this with **Inspirational Youth Centres within walking distance of all youths.**

Since the ward is the political unit of the country, there should be **1 Inspirational Youth Centre per ward** or 16,400 in Nigeria. This is **an anti-terror strategy** which can be trusted to the educated youth in the NYSC.

In the last 40 years millions of NYSC members have expended a large amount of energy and sometimes died doing just that, serving Nigeria through work and Community Development, CD on Thursdays. This energy can be channelled from now on into **NYSC supported Permanent Inspirational Youth Centre**. They can be in donated or rented spaces, start small with contributions from individuals, businesses and brains in the ward. They can be handed over to each succeeding NYSC group with nonpartisan, non-ethnic, non-political community management involvement of local talent like retirees, professionals and role models. **Funding should be available but moderate with emphasis on volunteering and donations. Such centres would receive and disseminate information to and from government ministries and the private sector on any 'irrelevant' and relevant issues like scholarship and job training opportunities, Ebola Virus, moral, life skill and work skill development.** Such centres would initiate and host a variety of youth targeted and youth promoting events including skill development.

**The LGA could easily give a N1m grant per year to each ward centre nationwide. Companies seeking to do grassroots CSR, Corporate Social Responsibility can easily target such Inspirational Youth Centres for development with material and financial support at little extra cost.** The centres can be called simply **Inspirational**

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**Youth Centre/Ward X** or named after a locality or hero but not a named after living person to prevent its being burnt down by rival political parties for presumed party affiliations. They will not belong to the NYSC but to the community youth. No partisan politics, only democracy and voter education with all other empowerment activities will be encouraged in the centres.

Where do Nigeria's 60million youth 'recreate and educate' themselves while their counterparts are visiting the MTN Science Centre in South Africa, though MTN has not yet built one in Nigeria -, The Smithsonian in the USA, the Welcome and Science Museums in the UK and the Louvre in Paris? Nigerian students visit our Museums steeped in culture but no technology or science and visit gardens and parks, GAP, which leave a gap in their brains. GAPS should link with nearby universities, polytechnics, media houses, actories, businesses, local corporate bodies and governments to provide 'edutainment' exhibition and museum spaces and material for the local and visiting youth nationwide. **Such centres should be an opportunity for local academics and students to showcase skills in construction of cultural, agricultural, technical and scientific exhibits and cover historic, contemporary and future subject matter to inspire the youth to 'think in and out' of the science, tech and cultural box just as their counterparts worldwide are inspired daily.**

**Be in no doubt that the Disease of Ignorance is a nationwide epidemic and a weapon of perpetrating terror.** The error in the terror of keeping youth ignorant is that they will destroy everything on impulse including those perpetrating a bad school system which guarantees ignorance. Mysteriously even the educated youth destroy good things during campus riots instead of just dustbins. To fight this ignorance disease, imagine every morning **the principal or Headmistress in every school nationwide reading from an Assembly Life Skill Message Book of 100 Messages.**

**There is terror in schools.** In the schools your children cannot use the **poor quality or absent toilet** so they do not drink enough water making them constipated and dehydrated with dark urine and hard stool leading to haemorrhoids and kidney stones with backache and blood in the urine. **Hygienic and clean toilets are not just civilised, they save lives and are a human child and teacher right.** Imagine the stress of a menstruating girl in a toiletless, waterless school. In our schools and tertiary institutions corruption and incompetence tell us that the **sport of Nigerian 'Shot putt'** is not the sport of muscled sportsmen like my late first cousin Funsho Williams, Grier Cup Champion shot-putter. It is a response to an absence of toilets and involves a black plastic bag behind the hostel and someone else's compound. Ask the youth.

**Education is a victim of Terror.** 'How do I keep the citizen servile to me? 'By keeping him ignorant even in school'. **When did books and libraries and laboratories become unnecessary in schools? Who was at these meetings which mapped out the destruction** and dilution of education standards, the take-over of schools,

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removal of traditional subjects and the **cancellation of practicals and substitution with the ‘Theory of Science’? All were terror attacks on our children.** This was ethnic cleansing or brainwashing and it hindered and **ruined a generation of brains** in order to allow for the catch-up of others who never caught up. **Traditional subjects need reintroduction.** Nigeria is in need of safe **non-political role models.** **Our schools even neglect to read our own literature greats.**

As we mourn the passing of the doyen of publishing **Chief Aigboje Higo, MD** and Chairman of Heinemann Plc and a founder of the famous Heinemann African Writers Series **do Nigerians know of Olaudah Equiano (1745 – 31 March 1797) the first Nigerian best-selling slave turned author?** His book the widely-read autobiography, *The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano, or Gustavus Vassa, the African* repub Heinemann, sold over 10,000copies in the UK and Ireland 225 years ago in 1789. Why is his book not read in every school in Nigeria at least in the enlightened states of Nigeria?

**Educare Trust, an NGO, is proud to have strenuously struggled to promote this Olaudah Equiano cause, the reading culture and many other Life Skill message cause, the reading culture and many other life skill messages for 20 years** and we thank many here for their advice, leadership and support.

**Would England refuse to read WS, W Shakespeare?** Why do our schools not read WS, W Soyinka, Achebe, Osundare etcetera? Politics. When Soyinka dies in the future there will be no shortage of ‘We mourn Soyinka’ posters, 100 full page obituaries with no substance, T shirts and banners, with a herd of Fulani cows for lunch.

**The parents, youth and Nigerians must fight to get Soyinka books into every home and on every booklist. Has Nigeria monetised books, recommending only those for which money has changed hands** to get on the book list, the terror of ‘book corruption’? We have lost our pact with books so much that we have been infected with the **disease called Plaquititis giving plaques at every opportunity** when what we should be giving out is a good book we think the awardee should read or have in his library. Books can be passed from generation to generation. Plaques end up dying with the dead and in the dustbin, a nuisance or in a cartoon or on a fire.

**A country which relegates its true heroes and role models of sustained integrity, hard work and humanity will have its youth turn to false gods and idols - like money, drink, drugs, sex, corruption and politicians who misuse our own money to dole out rice, sewing machines and cash to the few as misnamed dividends of democracy. These are actually dividends of Hypocrisy as only half of the available funds are ever used in all this instead of developing the country for all. Which is more desirable - a pot of rice or a pothole filled? Too many, the majority apparently, will choose the RSVP - Rice and Stew Very Plenty - every time.**

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**Devouring vs development, the belly over the brain? We do not know how to or refuse to create heroes.**

**The Nigerian media must learn tenacity, never to let go, to keep up and repeat the message 1000 times to achieve a goal just as drinks commercials hammer on their products every minute, a billion times a year – they never talk of listener fatigue.** The UK has its hero in WS-William Shakespeare and never lets any student, citizen or the world, forget it. **In the UK Shakespeare is a huge industry,** in theatre, in books for schools and in education in general. How do we build on Soyinka's personal work to create the same results for our own WS? We have a huge waste space in the minds and weekends of our youth. Soyinka may be from Ogun State but he belongs to Nigeria and the world. **Properly funded Soyinka Projects would help to fill that time constructively. Soyinka is an unrecognised industry.** Surely **he is worth a grant in the state and national budget** to commission plays, distribute books, give talks, and travel abroad with plays and works? If such a Laureate Programme had been running for the last 28 years, Boko Haram and the 419ers would not have had the field day they have now.

Beyond Prizes, from Achebe to Tade Ipadeola, all need to be involved in similar living **AUTHOR PROJECTS** from ward to state and national, which would collectively costless annually than what one single NASS or state assembly member receives from the budget in three months. Is that N30-45m?

One of the chief ways that Nigeria can honour those who bring honour to it, is to set up such **Distinguished Citizen Grants** for them to expand their work. Each of the states and LGA can easily also set up such State Grants in all fields including Film to bring to the fore State icons.

Meanwhile back in schools why are there no books, including literature books? If there is a 17million housing deficit, there is a 17m book deficit in schools and a 75,000 library deficit in Nigeria's 80,000 schools. A school library should have one book for every student in the school, but we can start with a 100 Book Library Box and add books every year. Every classroom should have a reference library apart from the school library. Parents must take children to visit bookshops regularly and buy novels at Christmas, New Year or anniversaries.

It is very strange that education is not seen as a key industry in Nigeria but a drain on the budget. For years and even today the budgetary inflow of the USA and UK and EU from students abroad is in the billions of dollars. That is income and entrepreneurial. Where is Nigeria now educationally? Elsewhere in the world Education Is A Major Entrepreneurial Industry. Africa's youth drown off the coast of Lampedusa en route Fortress Europe having spent \$3,000 for a ride in a truck across the Sahara and face drowning and other forms of death from cut-throat guardians and guides and even risk losing their kidneys, both at the same time, to organ traders and are left for dead or even as survivors end up as drug pushers, pimps and

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prostitutes in Italy etcetera. Who is asking why do Nigeria's and Africa's youth flee their country and continent? The leaders have failed to build a home for the citizens. Is it that we deserve the leaders we get or the leaders we get do not deserve their leadership role or the leaders we deserve are always sidelined in this era of mediocrity and money politics and godfatherism? Our youth flee the theft and corruption and decadence of politics, the civil service and society.

This is a huge industry lost to Nigerian myopic, sometimes ethnic, sometimes political and always mediocre policies and funding deficits. Witness the 100 plane armada of children travelling in September overseas even to Ghana. That is exporting our raw education material, like petroleum, when we could have education refineries. The story is the same for the medical industry with 'Medical Tourism' and the engineering industry where now we use imported Chinese labour. We are following the moribund petroleum refineries down the drain –all CINS Corruption, Incompetence, Neglect and Selfishness with very little common good.

For 50 years we have weaved between equally defective and questionable qualitative, quantitative, free or fee paying education, scholarships and few bursaries. Has nobody heard of the big secret of education, come closer, let me whisper it to you –books, books and more books and libraries? With books, not exercise books, not bricks, not blocks of cement, many children will find their own way to success. What are Nigeria's book/pupil ratios?

A strategic educational plan involves Step one Year One: Give all students in all schools, not rice or gari or an empty satchel but all the books they need for the school year they are in. Step two, Year Two: 'Operation Hand Me Down' and provide 'Top Up' for lost books with new set of novels for every single library in the 80,000 schools and 10 educational posters per classroom for our 1.5 million classrooms as A Picture Is Worth 1000 Word, except in Nigeria. Pre exam year Holiday lessons.

Evil men have acted out an Anti-Education Master plan and connived to strip our schools in order to make them 'Unfit for Purpose' and 'Child And Teacher Unfriendly Learning Environments' by application of policies cloaked in the toga of political expediency. Not everyone who claps for you is happy at your progress. Was this jealousy or malevolence? Education is a neglected industry in Nigeria. It should be given the same perks and tax breaks as entrepreneurial business as it has more clients per day, the students and employs, more workers - teachers and nonteaching staff – and has more measurable success than most businesses. Governments must support their own education institutions which depend on the quality of the teachers to impart knowledge and do cutting edge research. Schools and universities are buildings. Without committed teachers they would never be famous. One person's dream leading to a new department in UI or UCH or a private school or a university should be applauded with an 'Entrepreneurial Grant/ Award' for employing so many workers or bringing fame and grants to an institution. Schools must not be hyper-taxed. Each of the 10,000 students coming to your state for 8

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months a year is work and income for your landlords, markets, citizens, transport costs, feeding costs all improving the local economy and raises the Internally Generated Revenue. Stupidly, Nigeria has created so much terror in education that we are killing the goose called 'Education' and she has transferred the Golden Egg abroad even to Ghana, the former Gold Coast and victim of 'Ghana Must Go'!

Education is also a war, a war against ignorance in academic bookwork and social life skills. Education is in four parts –primary, secondary, tertiary which you know and the fourth part to make a circle is quaternary education which is in and out of school co-curricular education all to make a rounded character with learning. Thus it is far more than academics as quaternary education caters social life skills, healthy living, living in a community, job preparedness and proper occupation of free time during break time, after schools and during holidays called co-curricular activities. In the past these were taken care of in clubs, volunteer clubs, sports lessons and games sessions and interschool debates, sports meetings and visits to the less privileged. Tick the ones available today.

To fight a war you equip the troops. For years we have underequipped our education troops - to keep the youth down. An educated country will not be so easy to manipulate politically. The education war troops are children, their generals are teachers. The weapons are books. Simple, but not achievable in a corrupt Nigeria even as the largest economy in Africa - a paradox. Chi, Do they not fear God and Christ's injunction we all know..it is better for a millstone to be put around your neck and you be thrown into the sea than you harm a hair on one of these children's heads. No, you may say to God 'I never harmed a child directly' but you did when you stole pension or education funds, cut school budgets, diverted grants, inflated school contracts or under-supplied hyper-inflated books and laboratory equipment. But the word 'harm' means to obstruct or hinder. Guilty, prepare to drown in hell. And remember that NGOs, CSR by generous companies and international donors like DFID, UNICEF and PAC etcetera cannot and should be used to replace all these losses but merely to supplement an hard working honest government-run education system.

It is possible to eradicate the terror of corruption at all levels overnight, tonight, by the right leadership and followership or forcing a moral standard on everyone good and evil. However, in the meantime can we also remove the Ministries of Education and Health Ministries from the minds of politicians as so-called juicy Ministries of Misery and Corruption where perhaps up to 50% of any budget disappears in overhead costs? For those who never knew, the recent attacks on youth worldwide must have taught them that our children are too precious and vulnerable to be victims of corruption terror. Without bribery and corruption the naira would buy more books and medical equipment and build more brains and keep more people healthier quicker and longer.

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Flooding schools with the 20 books/ student, text books and novels, is a cheap quick way to give all students the weapons to fight Boko haram and ignorance. Delay is dangerous. Education cannot be accomplished without books. There is no 'Nigerian education' and Nigerians shine when given an international opportunity.

Do you know what a child will be in 20 years time? It is another deathblow to education and a lethal mistake to do shortcut education by neglecting non-core subject books and novels or story books. It will deliver brain dead children to the workplace. Shortcut education will lead to short-circuiting of education with truncating of goals, achievements and dreams. Education must be broad-based 'fun and games' education. What exposure does a child have to the 100 different careers? Indeed the UN etcetera recommend that education must take 26% of the budget annually to service the educational needs of 60% of the population. Perhaps we misread the document report as in Nigeria I think that corruption takes at least 26% of the budget and probably up to 50%.

The Lagos Ibadan Expressway is a huge example of CINS. Yes, it is being improved but at the cost billions in lost working days and trillions in lost revenues and wasted fuel in 3-10 hour traffic jams and countless crushed hopes, missed appointments and opportunities. Is this contractor terror and corruption or incompetence? All those are part of the Misery Index. What is your Happiness Index on a Scale of 1-10 on the Lagos-Ibadan expressway, now under de-construction with more pain than before repairs were started? All terror!

There is another form of terror - the terror of politics. How can the political decision to create terror at any level from street to Abuja be a 'legitimate' strategy of political activities in Nigeria in 2014?

Why can Nigerian business, government and private, never be conducted without recourse to threats of violence and actual acts of violence from the polity- acts of terror? With a housing deficiency of 17 million does it make sense to destroy whole estates suddenly deemed to be illegally built? Learning from the Abacha's son experience, surely acquisition, reallocation, renegotiation, donation to the NUC or NUT etcetera would make more sense? Read any letter from a government agency. It always ends in an outrageous Demand Notice for huge sums of money backdated four years with an unreasonable threat of imprisonment for 'default' and a ridiculously short time to raise the levy unless one is a thief. The recipients of such letters, the voters feel violated and terror enters their homes and businesses. Some officials, hired to serve the people, engaged in such terror, sat in a government office and dreamed up the contents of such letter and determined the huge unrealistic fines, backdated to before they were in office, for perceived offences but are never punished for

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abuse of office or power. They should be prosecuted for creating terror! A little tax from a lot is better than a lot from a few with the rest bribing with nothing coming to government revenue.

The abuse of one's official position to deny or delay the rights of Nigerians to their salary, pension, holiday, work is an act of terror. The biggest culprit of terror acts is not Boko Haram, a truly evil terror, but it is manipulated politics everywhere, also a truly evil terror, not made less evil, because you do not see the blood or bodies in the streets. You actually do see them, but you do not recognise them as the effect of blue or white collar crime and political and pen terror! What will stop this terror on fellow citizens? Too often politics actively condones, ignores or denies the terror activities of its own uniforms. This can be corrected by the millions of Nigerians who with phone cameras and audio facilities can help to record incidents of terror and publicise them. The fear of the camera may be a form of counter-terror campaign. A uniform definitely does not confer the right to violence or the right to violate the human rights of citizens.

Nigeria is dying and needs some serious rescue work or we will be the last generation and in the decade of demise caused by terror, when there will be nothing left to steal. We are a giant who, having eaten everything else, will now begin to eat its own hands. Unfortunately most of the political class is immune to that terror, untouchable, wealthy with our wealth, and surrounded by a ring of uniforms and ever-ready to flee abroad with their children and concubines. When any ordinary Nigerian thinks politics he thinks terror not pleasure - the terror of violence, corruption and orders from somewhere or someone called 'Above'. Have you ever met anyone called Mr or Mrs or Chief 'Above'? He or she is very powerful and everywhere. In Nigeria we do not need earthquakes and tsunamis because politics is enough to bring even more terror and misfortune than a tsunami or earthquake to us and our entire extended family and to even sink the ship called Nigeria.

We have trivialised the violence of politics and made it part and parcel and 'accepted' as normal. 'Vote rigging' which is stealing the mandate of the people, 'political murder', political thugs, political thuggery and political violence all should simply be named according to the criminal code. Stealing with intent to defraud, premeditated murder, thugs, causing GBH Grievous Bodily Harm etc. The dark cloak of politics does not make a murder less deadly, or a beating less bloody or an election less evil than stealing your money from a bank after killing the staff or the security police! Until the punishments are the same as for out of politics crimes, political terror will continue.

Politics must learn the lessons of good sportsmanship and have a radical rethink. We, through the Non-Sovereign National Conference, should demand dismissal for cheating in elections, never a rerun. A rerun is not for a cheat but for a genuine mistake like a false-start and now you can get dismissed for a false start. Armstrong the cheating cyclist and hundreds of other athletes even in Nigeria have been

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dismissed, and suspended, not offered a rerun. THE PEOPLE'S MANDATE IS MORE VALUABLE THAN MONEY. When a politician cheats in a political contest, he should be dismissed and prosecuted and jailed for the very serious crime of 'attempting to steal the people's mandate through fraud and deception' and the financial crime of 'attempting to extort salaries and perks for himself under false pretences and through falsifying the facts by illegitimate and illegal means'. The second in the race should automatically take his place and so on until there is a candidate who is found without stain. Cheating is not a legitimate political tool just because most do it. It is terror and must lead to dismissal and banning from political office for up to life. The political party also has a supporting role in this and should also be punished for similar offences for the actions of its messenger as it often seizes power with cheating and sometimes terror even more violence than a military coup. The accepted name of 'election malpractice' trivialises a serious criminal offence which is worse than 'examination malpractice' for which the same evil politicians voted to jail youth culprits for 21 years. What is good for the bad youth is better for the bad adult politician who should know and do better. To correct the error in political terror both party and candidate should be separately severely punished for terror activities committed by either or both. Such punishment can be monetary but must include a ban of the party for a time in proportion to the damage to the nation. Nigerians must demand that their phone cameras are legitimate weapons against election terror and be authorised to use them freely and unhindered by uniformed authority.

Power: We sit in the dark while our sun shines and glows from solar lamps worldwide even in countries with only ten percent of our sun. We must harness the sun before God relocates it to someone who will use it better. Imagine such a God sent letter. The power companies do not want us to use the sun because we will be free, you see of little men disconnecting for a corruption fee. They cannot TOSS or ration solar. As many as possible should get off the grid and go solar, renewable. To bring more power quickly to the people and as part of a national Legacy Project Nigeria should establish a CNB Solar Energy Fund of \$2b to get as many Nigerians as possible off the failed grid-even if is only for street and room lighting. The cost of solar equipment has fallen

by 80% in the last three years. The sun has not failed Africa, yet. Africa has failed the sun and God may just move it north so eventually we will be buying solar power from the UK-a paradox of terror.

Incompetence as a form of terror and corruption is a well-known terror tool. By employing incompetent hands and brains we have been programmed for failure and corruption. If electricity worked Nigeria's consumption of fuel would go down by nearly 40-60% and profits in every single business would skyrocket with higher incomes in every home. Will the importers of fuel corrupt the local refinery system? There is a sinister web of many corruption plans criss-crossing and negating our development activities. Will electricity work?

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In fact, if you hold up your hand as the weapon of terror and point your forefinger your remaining fingers and thumb form a fist. The forefinger is Violence then Corruption, Incompetence, Negligence and Selfishness, CINS are the other fingers of terror hidden in the fist.

Medicine: A word about the error in the terror of medical services. What type of country graduates doctors without house job opportunities for up to 2 years? Almost all male nurses claim they are doctors and every hospital is now 'specialist' and anyone does ultrasound and auxiliary nurses claim they are fully trained. That is the terror you must negotiate when you are sick and in need of medicine.

As a medical student I delivered my first baby in Ibadan in 1972. Many babies are born screaming, some are born silent. Drenched in the blood of thousands of deliveries delivery, I always wondered what would become of that particular baby. A terror or a transparently honest person. Today's perpetrators of terror were children once. The terror in your state and LGA with nail board checkpoints and terror demands for radio and advert licences is often perpetrated by people of your state, your tribe, your religion, your family who refuse to see the 'Error in terror'. You cannot blame Abuja and the Federal government for that.

Delivery is the most dangerous day in the life of a mother and her baby. Men cause terror in their wives by sending them to rubbish maternity or mission centres to face labour with poor medical care. Of course death can come during pregnancy and labour in even the best hospital. How many times do I have to say that hospitals are for delivery and missions are for deliverance? If men got pregnant they would all be in the best hospital. Surely delivery is worth investing in for a good result of a live mother and a bay with a good Apgar Score-the screaming sign of a healthy baby.

It is reported that 34% of Nigerians are miserable on the Misery Index, 54% are unemployed, 54% are illiterate. Wealth does not go with health as can be seen by Nigeria being the biggest economy in Africa and being the highest spenders on the Terrible Triple Bs - Birthdays, Betrothals and Burials - but being among the worst countries on the books/student, school science equipment and toilets/ pupil index.

Western taxes ruin our communal responsibility. With an increasing number of refugees and dependants we need to Africanise of taxes to allow out families to look after the extended family and even strangers who knock on our door for urgent aid and assistance.

We take licence without consequence, power without responsibility and fight elections without morals. If we had no oil would Nigeria be alive? Probably because most Nigerians have not benefited from oil revenues and oil has inflated the cost of business and living. If we had no oil would Nigeria be a failed state? Perhaps we would not have been so greedy. Is it not a terrible thing for a blessing from God to be made into a curse by man? What percentage of oil revenues actually gets to do any

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profitable job for Nigerians after deductions for kickbacks for past and serving officials and contractors costs etcetera. Is it 10 percent?

The true Nigerian is out there patching over the holes left by terror corruption, survivors in a hostile environment friendly only to the thief, banker and politician. But it is so easy to transit away from terror. JUST STOP. A murderer when arrested stops murdering immediately. He does not need to murder smaller and smaller people till he is weaned off murdering. Similarly it is so easy to transit from corruption to non-corruption. Just stop. In Nigeria there is a very thin line between a scheme and a scam. Terrorism has no religion but religion may be hijacked to serve terror. You do not need to go looking for terror. Many homes you know are terrorised by fathers, mothers and siblings. Is your domestic help terrorised and treated like a slave, even by the children who specialise in terrorising the children of domestics. Terrorism has victims of vicious victimisation.

Education is not always a weapon against terror as education can be manipulated to perpetrate terror. Be in no doubt that the greatest accepted terror is the terror of poor politics.

The greatest anti-terror weapon is the mind. The best antiterrorist weapon is the vote, especially the youth vote ABCDEFGH Available, Bold, Countable and Delivered on Election without Fail for Good Governance Here.

Is there a justifiable level of terrorism during elections to elect leaders who, after violent terror campaigns will visit hospitals and orphanages and hold babies and help the handicapped? Nigerians expect to be respected by politicians not raped and robbed and rubbished by them.

Nigeria takes the money of 10m diaspora Nigerians who are economic and political refugees because the system failed them or their parents but refuses them the vote. Happily the Non Sovereign National Conference has endorsed diaspora voting, something very easy to organise in any developed country. Perhaps INEC and the political leadership fear the disgrace of the results, both in ease of getting the results and the possible swing effect of the vote. Nigerian standards are too low. Humility is a rare trait in Nigeria.

In Nigeria we do not have horse trading, we have children, infant, baby and unborn baby 'baby factory' trading while politicians trade the lives of thugs and opponents and ruin all of us and our welfare and future for their personal gain. Indeed the NOA and democracy bodies should specifically engage groups known for violence in the build-up to elections as the primary recruitment grounds for thuggery and nip it in the bud by revolutionary strategies including large size easy to identify numbering of vehicles, uniforms for drivers and conductors, large ID cards for drivers and conductors and members and route identification colours to catch vehicles deviation

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from zones to cause problems elsewhere. The easier it is to rig the better for the rigger and thug. Do not give up. We must make it impossible to rig.

In Nigeria we must respect the role of women and revisit 'Man Proposes, God Disposes' changed to 'Man Proposes, Woman Amends and God Disposes'.

We swim against the tide of corruption or accommodate it but we do not fight it at every checkpoint with cameras and protects and picketing. I have reported a few of the worst in the media and they have been changed or removed. But we must be a loud embarrassing cacophony of voices in the wilderness to stop corruption at checkpoints. If you cannot speak then shoot a photo showing the corruption and name the place like the Osuntokun Junction and send it to Channels. Most people give bribes because they have deadlines delayed, deliveries to make, targets to meet, needs to be met, assignments to do, problems to solve all threatened with termination, truncation by the failure to give a bribe.

We set out to correct the wrong. We must eliminate child labour on building sites and hidden in factories.

Have you noticed how those undergoing trial for criminal offences are always unfit to stand trial but they were always fit to steal? The impunity with which people plan and execute political MMM mayhem, murder and maiming blatantly destroys any pretences at democracy. If the political class decides to utilise less than fifty percent of the budget for development and the rest for destruction, what hope have we?

In conclusion: Our forefathers taught that the unexplained wealth of an individual smelt and contaminated the community. It seems that a good name and hard work are despised and not respected and are insufficient to put food on the table, pay pocket money and school fees and will never pay pensions in this cash and carry corrupt political system.

In politics in 2014/5 it must be said that there should be no blood shed, no one injured or left for dead, no exchange of lead. There should be no more theft or there will be nothing left.

The error in terror is clearly manifest by the fact that even after 50 years of what we would consider to be maximum terror and corruption by our political class, we the people have survived. We are battered, bruised, broke but not beaten. We would all have been better off without the spectre of terror and the corruption of our children and if the trillions of naira stolen had been spent on the people. Will the terror stop or continue? It is not fully up to you, but come out and vote. Will the National Conference seize the moment or be railroaded by self-preservation of the political class which thinks little of the children surviving to tomorrow?

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We live on the promises of God or whoever we hold responsible for our existence. The promises often remain unfulfilled because of the evil terror machinations of those who divert your allocated portion of the world's and Nigeria's estate to themselves. The most common thief or culprit for your misery according to all Transparency International, NEITI and other studies is the political class with the collusion of the civil service.

I have been blessed and honoured to have spent a good deal of my life delivering many thousands of babies and seeing thousands more on ultrasound. Too many end up dead in our arms, damaged or in rubbish dump schools, their mothers often dying to give them birth in rubbish care centres and their teachers extracting gold from mud. I have been in many NGO including Educare Trust, with good people and been maligned and insulted and struggled even against old airport neighbours for having a lowly Government approved Educare Trust Youth Centre in their neighbourhood. People fear the youth instead of embracing them and moulding them. I, with others of like mind, have begged for donations from almost everyone in this hall, often unsuccessfully to fill the corruption-hole in the brains of our children. We have tried and are tired. Some of us are dead. Nigeria's children deserve better. Nothing can bring back a dead child, dead of ignorance or corruption. Only the family weep. There is the widow, widower and orphan. But which language dares to have a name for the parent of a dead child? Only silence.

In conclusion: Political terror and corruption are a manmade tsunami deliberately drowning our children and youth. There is enough only for the needy in Nigeria and not enough for the greedy. A country which fails its children through political hyper-salaries and massive stealing from the budget has failed the test of civilisation. Nigeria needs a rallying call against political terror and corruption at checkpoints and at elections. Stop corruption today. Just stop! You can stop lying or stop breathing, so you can stop stealing. Checkpoint terror was stopped overnight by IGP Abubakar for three years. Try chanting everywhere there is corruption: Give us 'ONE YEAR OF INTEGRITY, ONE YEAR, ONE YEAR, ONE YEAR!' and the dividends will grow into become a lifetime of no terror no corruption. Politics must divorce itself from terror and corruption. As we chant 'ONE YEAR OF INTEGRITY, ONE YEAR, ONE YEAR, ONE YEAR!' let us applaud the 'terror and corruption survivors'. God Bless us all THANK YOU.

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