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*"Civil Unrest - The heightened security tension within  
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### Panel Discussion



2020 has been a stressful year for Nigeria with the combination of the Covid Pandemic, EndSARS protest as well as the current Amber month status.



During the session, our panelists and audience debated and reviewed the current environment, modus operandi adaption, root causes, challenges, and potential solutions.

### Observations:



- The effects on trade flows & economic sustainability plans with risks of unemployment – aims to keep manufacturing up, with recent protests effecting economic recovery



- Confusion surrounding movement of essential items especially with interstate control commands i.e 2000 food trucks stopped
- Restrictions tough on operations with O&G such a fluid sector - logistic challenges, crew changes, expats scared to stay in country as well as offshore facing further restrictions.



- Requirements for boosting security with sense of panic, evacuations and concerns protecting assets, with need to reduce profile of people, location and move smarter – A more robust security system.



- \$700m loss to the economy over 12-day protest with Lagos facing the brunt of issues



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- Social media contributed towards feeling of panic
- Feeling that recent events are not the end of issues to come
- Militant groups agitated
- Poverty stricken have feeling that O&G sector are a cause of their position



### Root causes - Highlighted by Covid pandemic

- Frustration with youth unemployment and resentment towards the Capital
- Breakdown of trust



Skills imbalance:



Youth can be broken down into 3 sub-group

1. Educated
2. Less educated and unemployed
3. Hardened criminals & opportunist



- Systematic errors in education (downplaying of vocational skills) and limited sector opportunities for Nigerians.
- Those in categories 2 & 3 do not have opportunity to pursue overseas opportunities



- Conflicting messages from Govt. for business, which are counter-productive to new jobs and investment.
- Lack of relations between community and law enforcement to de-escalate conflict and address root cause before things fester



Conflict is generally broken down by 3 pillars

1. Political
2. Sectarian
3. Ethnic



i.e. Rwanda took out ethnicity conflict to come together as 1 nation

How do we dilute the 3 issues to enable '1' Nigeria?



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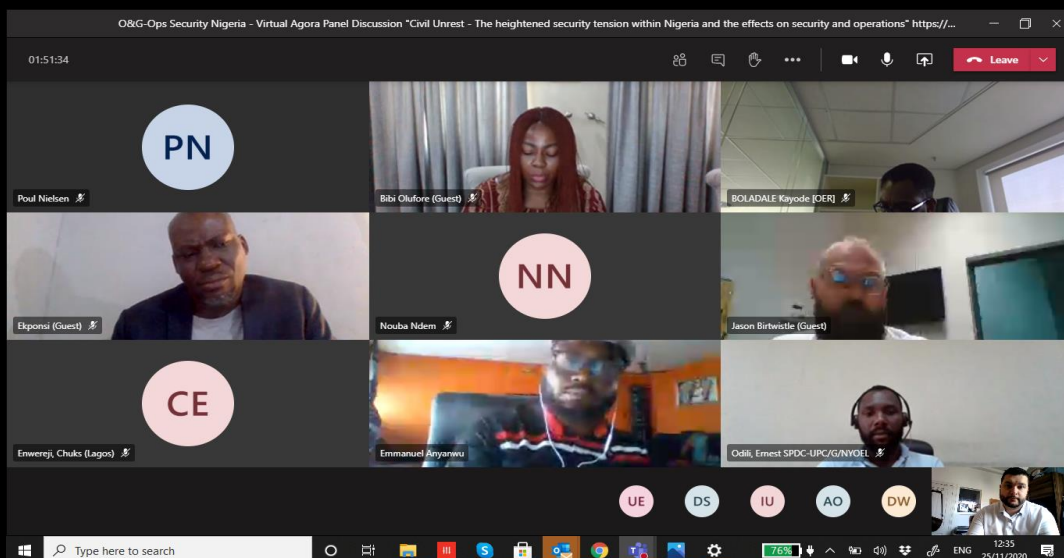
Potential solutions and scenarios debated.....



- Understand moving forward who we are as a country, who we are as individuals and what do we want as Nigerians
- Need to address issues as a nation as opposed to regionally
- How to industrialize Nigeria to create attractive opportunities
- Plans for youth - i.e Minister of Sport activity example
- Protests are like an Octopus - do not let them fester
- Understanding who the stakeholders are when a conflict is happening, address and engage
- Monitoring of amendment bills to ensure they are not counter productive to new jobs and investment
- Police reform, strengthening (training) and increased in presence to have knock on effect on society
- How do we bring people together when not happy?
- Improved infrastructure (Power, Food, Water, Health) to ensure long term citizens feel secure
- Importance of Govt. having local level discussion with communities
- A need to start thinking of different ways to tackle security
- Resolve issues that make Nigeria unattractive to new business and tackle the frustrations of existing business to ensure they don't shut down.
- Importance of appropriate security mix in BCP



N.B \*All topics debated are objective and in no way reflect the opinions of the panel, audience nor their respective organisations\*



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### Analysis of recent events



#### **Impacts of protest:**



- Upsurge in the cost of security services
- Scarcity of Government security agencies due to withdrawal of mobile police force from escorts.
- Vandalization of private and public assets.
- Brutality, fatality and killings of police officers and civilians



#### **Business continuity:**



- A Security mix system already in place will help to manage crew change and escort duties. The moment mobile police were withdrawn from escort operations, another scurry apparatus was engaged to perform crew change.
- Strong existing community relationship.
- Activation of emergency evacuation plan and stimulation exercise.



#### **Remediation/ Advice :**



- Government to call all stakeholders to a town hall meeting at the local level, using religious, social and grassroot institutions to address the youths who have continued to clash with the police till date



- Government to produce a systematic communication (which may be quarterly) to address the grievances and state how actions are being taken to manage issues raised during the protest



- Redeployment of police to the roads and traffics in a full and sophisticated scale should be quickly done to curtail yuletide crime. Not only that, but police welfare to be well improved as an unhappy officer is reflective in their individual happiness towards the society



- Government to create a systematic approach to mop up guns and police uniforms that had gone into wrong hands during the protest
- Root cause analysis as to why the protest degenerated to violence required in order to understand and avert future recurrence

