

## Call for Chapters

## Half a Century of Insurgency and Counterinsurgency in the Niger Delta of Nigeria

**Editors:** Otoabasi Akpan, Usman Tar, Chukwuma Osakwe, Shuaibu Ibrahim and Ubong Essien Umoh Insurgency and counterinsurgency (I-COIN) are enduring themes that run through the military history of the Niger Delta. Arguably, the earliest domain of insurgency at the kinetic level in post-independence Nigeria was the Niger Delta. The insurgency found expression in Isaac Jasper Adaka Boro who, on February 23, 1966, formed the Niger Delta Volunteer Service (NDVS) and led a secessionist insurgency that was to last for twelve days. Although Boro took advantage of large ungoverned spaces in the Niger Delta engage in fomenting insurgency (FOIN), he failed to establish an intended "Niger Delta Republic." Boro's operations succeeded in Taylor Creek, Kaiama, Yenagoa, Imbiama, Oloibiri, Nembe, Patani, Odi and Sagbama communities in the Niger Delta until a formidable counterinsurgency posture of the Government of Nigeria (GoN) halted it.

This call for papers is designed to encourage a scholarly discussion on the changes and continuities over time in the dynamics of insurgency and counterinsurgency in post-independence Nigeria's Niger Delta since Boro's futile attempt in February 1966. Significantly, 2016 marks half a century since Boro. From a kinetic filter, while a determined counterinsurgency force of GoN was successful in quelling Boro's insurgency in less than 12 days, subsequent insurgencies in the Niger Delta, especially after 1999, have lasted for more than 12 years. Since Boro's NDVS, insurgencies in the Niger Delta have been deeply rooted in social movements with kinetic and non-kinetic manifestations. Indeed, between 1966 and 2016, insurgency and counterinsurgency in the Niger Delta have evolved considerably. Consequently, the book assumes the intellectual and academic responsibility of examining the mutation of insurgency and counterinsurgency in the Niger Delta in the past 50 years.

Prospective chapters should be relevant to the volume in the light of the issues raised above. However, the following topics serve as a guide for prospective contributors:

Part I: Conceptual and Theoretical Perspectives to Insurgency and Counterinsurgency

- ✓ Theorising Insurgencies and Counterinsurgencies in the International System
- ✓ Zones and Landscapes of Insurgencies and Counterinsurgencies in the International System
- ✓ Historiography of Insurgency and Counterinsurgency

Part II: Insurgency in the Niger Delta of Nigeria since 1966

- ✓ Sociological, Political, Geographical and Demographical Explanations for Insurgency in the Niger Delta
- ✓ Geo-Strategic Significance of the Niger Delta in the Gulf of Guinea
- ✓ Historical Narrative of Conflicts and Crises in the Niger Delta of Nigeria
- ✓ The Political Economy of Insurgency in the Niger Delta
- ✓ The Financing of Insurgency in the Niger Delta
- ✓ The Psychology of Insurgents in the Niger Delta: Perverts, Felons or Freedom Fighters?
- ✓ Insurgency Leadership and Followership in the Niger Delta
- ✓ State Capacity and Insurgency in the Niger Delta of Nigeria
- ✓ The Resource Curse and the Niger Delta Insurgency

- ✓ Resource Management Curse and the Niger Delta Insurgency
- ✓ Changing Phases of Insurgency in the Niger Delta since 1966
- ✓ Kinetic and Non-Kinetic Dimensions of Insurgency in the Niger Delta since 1966
- ✓ Social Movements in the Niger Delta since 1966
- ✓ Domestic and International Responses to the Insurgency in the Niger Delta

Part III: Counterinsurgency in the Niger Delta since 1966

- ✓ Securitizing Post-Independence Insurgent Threats in the Niger Delta of Nigeria
- ✓ Changing Phases of Counterinsurgency in the Niger Delta since 1966
- ✓ Kinetic and Non-Kinetic Dimensions of Counterinsurgency in the Niger Delta since 1966
- ✓ Enemy-Centric and Population-Centric Counterinsurgency in the Niger Delta
- ✓ Policy, Strategic, Operational, tactical and Technical levels of Counterinsurgency in the Niger Delta

Part IV: Issues and Challenges of Insurgency and Counterinsurgency in the Niger Delta

- ✓ Impact of Insurgency and Counterinsurgency on the Niger Delta and Nigeria
- ✓ Externalization of the Niger Delta Insurgencies and Counterinsurgencies

All book chapters will go through a double blind review process. Contributors should ensure that their chapters are original and not recycled. Chapters should endeavour to make objective significant contributions to updating our knowledge on the cause, course, consequence, change, continuity and contingency surrounding insurgency and counterinsurgency in the Niger Delta in post-independence Nigeria. Furthermore, manuscript turned in for submission should not be published already or under consideration for publication by any other books or journals.

Interested contributors are kindly requested to submit their chapter title(s) accompanied by a comprehensive introduction, research outlay and a short author(s) biography by April 23, 2016 to ubongumoh@uniuyo.edu.ng. Prospective authors will be notified about the status of their chapters by May 15, 2015. Completed chapters which must not exceed a maximum of 10000 words, should be in English (British) and submitted in Microsoft Word format, Century Gothic, 10 font, with footnotes citation style, by August 30, 2016 or at an earlier date to ubongumoh@uniuyo.edu.ng

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