

Good morning,

I start by Nigeria's mishaps

A country whose reward for Boko Haram, banditry and kidnappings is freedom and even compensation.

A country whose reward for education is unemployment and peanut salary!

A country whose reward for injustice is silence!

A country whose reward for oppression is accolades!

A country whose reward for bloodshed is long English by its leaders!

A country that kills its own to prove a point!

A country that belittle women and girls as objects!

A country whose reward for schooling is STRIKE!

A country that keeps its ENERGETIC youths idle and unemployed yet expects them not to become the devil's workshop!

A country that compares fuel hikes with other countries' prices yet can't compare developments with the same countries alike!

A country where you report cases to its police and you turn the accused!

A country that will sponsor thugs to kill just to discredit its youths but can't sponsor same thugs to go to Abuja- Kd road to kill kidnappers!

A country that is Sharp and fast in giving the shooting order for the massacre of peaceful protesters but can't give the same marching order in Sambisa and our villages where bandits have taken over!

Am I proud of NIGERIA? Oh Yes I am, for the land is never the problem, Nigerians are never the problem, the youths are never the problem but the ruling minority alongside ethnic bigots, religious fanatics and a few deep, very ignorant ones are the problem.

It is both Muslims and Christians in Nigeria that are suffering, it is also our brothers and sisters who do not identify with any religious groups who also have it very rough too. :

how much do Westerners know about Nigeria? I ask this question only because many westerners have tried to claim what Nigeria is and what we are not. While not recognizing it as Africa's largest nation. Are we aware of its considerable economic importance in the world at large? Are Westerners aware of the considerable dangers it faces in regards to its people's choice of beliefs.

Granted, it's a little challenging to learn about Nigeria's woes because we have to search for reports. Sadly, But it's increasingly conspicuous that with every passing week, violence and terror in Nigeria intensify in regards to religious freedom

In fact, at this very moment—another genocide against people who believe in religion is silently unfolding.

A poor village with a few small buildings is surrounded by open fields. In the foreground is a pile of torched debris smolders, A dozen or so Africans stand staring at the indescribable remains, with one or two turning toward the camera, dazed expressions on their faces. This is one result of many encounters with Boko Haram I had seen after a whole mosque filled with people praying was bombed and I had not long passed by the Mosque and the explosion happened.

Even though it's been a while, the story is nearly the same: heavily armed jihadis suddenly appear in the dead of night. They attack house after house, breaking down doors, shouting Allahu akbar. They shoot the elderly and able-bodied men. They rape, mutilate, and murder women. They kidnap young boys and girls. They torch houses, schools, Mosques and churches yet we still refuse to see each other as same even though it's affecting us all as a people not our beliefs.

As I escaped the horrible scene of a mass massacre carrying a newborn baby through the forests, hills and Valley that the terrorists cut out open from her mothers womb because the mother shields her 9 year old from being raped, with Some other villagers who managed to flee. As we all parted ways many of them haven't been seen since, no one can say for sure who is still alive or not. Survivors' faces reflect the agony of trying to remember just what happened, exactly when the screaming and shooting began, and how we managed to escape with our lives. Because I have had encounters with the terrorists I for sure know it's not Islam that they go by with their evil atrocious acts!

In short, there is a bloodbath in Nigeria. Those of us who track religious freedom violations and persecution agree with those who increasingly speak of another genocide. Murderous incidents are acted out with accelerating frequency, perpetrated primarily by terror groups—Boko Haram, kidnapers and bandits. Tens of thousands of Nigerians have been slaughtered in the last decade. But their stories rarely appear in mainstream Western news reports.

One question prevalent in millions of discussions that have erupted across the country and on multiple social media platforms across the globe has been “is peace achievable in Nigeria?” Or put differently, “is peace possible in Nigeria?”

Nigeria, is a nation with over 300 ethnic tribes with different religious beliefs and values. Paradoxically, Nigeria, with all its divisive tendencies and negative forces, has, over the years, managed to maintain a fragile unity in religious diversity against all odds.

However, Nigeria is currently pictured as a chaotic, unsafe and corruption-infested society, with so much hatred, hate speeches, fake news, violence, disunity and hardship in the land.

Has it always been like this? I dare to say "No!" Our once peaceful Nigeria has been rendered uninhabitable because the ground of our society is crisis-ridden!

There are issues related to religious intolerance, armed banditry and robbery, ritual killings, hired assassinations, kidnapping and bomb explosions, Corruption across Nigeria. All these contribute hindrances to sustainable development and pushes peace and security further away from many Nigerians who yearn for enduring peace in the polity and nobody is responsible.

Lastly I am a Muslim woman of very strong faith, but I also have been an agent of dialogue between faiths, and my respect for others belief is utmost. I am guided by Islam, and I also humanity in basic human rights and I've always known that they should be respected and upheld legally. Many of us Muslim women believe that people particularly men influenced by culture and led by selfish patriarchal inclinations have and are still interpreting Islam to suit their own ends which is in return yielding to interreligious crises.

The US Congress should ensure more dialogues are a go to and the that the Nigerian government is present during the dialogues.

The Nigerian government should look into religious reforms that will allow everyone to express and practice their religion without fear of persecution

Transparency and Accountability should highly be encouraged, and the hate speech law should be in effective use regardless of who a person is.

Freedom of speech should not be abused. Citizens shouldn't be afraid to express themselves.

You see Nigeria, its for ALL of us Nigerians and we want peace.

Hafsat.