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One has only to visit any of the village farms in Africa or any of the estate operated by Government or a private individual in a hot afternoon to observe not only hundreds of hungry and haggard looking men and women struggling to provide for their families and themselves by clearing large portions of sturdy grass with blunt machetes under our scorching tropical African sun, but also the degree to which African Governments and indeed their Neo-colonial European Masters are so greatly indebted to the peasants and estate workers. I would therefore like to dedicated this book to these suffering rural Africans, both past and present, as a tribute to their frantic efforts over the years.

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PREFACE

This book has been written with the understanding that the study of Political Science in Africa should not be dictated by the methodological concerns, examples and values of Western European academics but by an African Political Economist who is familiar with the Continent.

Apartheid was dead and buried after the release of Madiba Nelson Mandela and it is treated here to enable the student and general reader see the similarities of the policy of racial segregation in South Africa with the Israeli policy of separate development in the Gaza strip. The type of apartheid policy practised by the Israelis is even worse than what the minority white population did to the Africans who are the majority in South Africa.

The book would be useful for Undergraduates and Postgraduate students in African National, State and Private Universities and beyond. It will serve as a reference point for all students who have registered for IRL 411: International Institutions, POS324: Revolution and Society. POS224: Nigerian Government and Politics .IRL314: European Union in World Politics.POS408: Politics and Society in Central and West Africa, POS 913: Advanced Comparative Politics, POS209: Civil – Military Relations POS211: Political Parties and Pressure Groups, POS305: Introduction to Comparative Politics and POS922: Military in /and Politics.

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GLOSSARY

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|-----|-----------------|---|--|
| (1) | "La Main Rouge" | - | French Secrete Service |
| (2) | Raj | - | The period of British rule in India before 1947 |
| (3) | Skullduggery | - | Dishonest behaviour especially in Politics |
| (4) | Freebie | - | Free gift |
| (5) | ESSENCO | - | Short form for Essential Commodities (Buhari's Regime) |

ABBREVIATIONS

AFRC	-	Armed Forces Ruling Council
AHC	-	African High Command
AG	-	Action Group
ANC	-	African National Congress
AU	-	African Union
AAUG	-	AllAfrica Union Government
KGB	-	Komitet Gosuderstvennoy Bezopasnosti or The Committee for State Security (Russia)
M15	-	The British Secrete Service
MOSSAD	-	Isreali Intelligence Service
CIA	-	Central Intelligence Agency
FBI	-	Federal Bureau of Investigation
OFN	-	Operation Feed the Nation
USA	-	United States of America
NCNC ¹	-	National Council of Nigeria and the Cameroons
NCNC ²	-	National Council of Nigerian Citizens
NDP	-	National Democratic Party
NNA	-	Nigerian National Alliance
Ph.D	-	Doctor of Philosophy
ECOWAS	-	Economic Community of West African States
NPA	-	Nigerian Ports Authority
NICON	-	National Insurance Corporation of Nigeria
NBC	-	Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation
RC	-	Roman Catholic
PA	-	Personal Assistant
UK	-	United Kingdom or Britain
NPC	-	Northern people's Congress
NNSDF	-	Northern Nigeria Self-Development Fund
UGCC	-	United Gold Coast Convention
CPP	-	Convention People's Party
UPC	-	Union Populaire Du Cameroon
NEPU	-	Northern Elements Progressive Union
UMBC	-	United Middle Belt Congress
NDC	-	Niger Delta Congress
UNIP	-	United National Independent Party
UPGA	-	United Progressive Grand Alliance
KNC	-	Kamerun National Congress
KNDP	-	Kamerun National Democratic Party
NCLP	-	Nigerian Commoners' Liberal Party
NEL	-	National Emancipation League
LMWG	-	Lagos Market Women Guild
NCBWA	-	National Congress of British West Africa
KPP	-	Kamerun People's Party
UPP	-	United People's Party
NECPP	-	North East Convention People's Party
FEDECO	-	Federal Electoral Commission
UPN	-	Unity Party of Nigeria

NPN	-	National Party of Nigeria
NPP	-	Nigerian People's Party
PRP	-	People's Redemption Party
GNPP	-	Great Nigeria Peoples' Party
NAP	-	Nigeria Advanced Party
CNU	-	Cameroon National Union
CPDM	-	Cameroon National Democratic Union
POLISARIO	-	Frente Popular Para la Liberacion de Sangnia el hamra Rio del Oro
CEMAC	-	Economic and Monetary Union of Central African States
UDEAC	-	Customs and Economic Union of Central African States
EAC	-	East African Community
LPA	-	Lagos Plan of Action
NEPAD	-	New Partnership for African Development
NYSC	-	National Youth Service Corps
PHCN	-	Power Holding Company of Nigeria
CDC	-	Constitution Drafting Committee
SMC	-	Supreme Military Council
WAI	-	War Against Indiscipline
NPC	-	Nigerian Communist Party
DCS	-	Developed Countries e.g America, Britain, France
LDCS	-	Les Developed Countries e.g Cameroon, Nigeria, Chad, etc.
UNITA	-	United Front for the Total Liberation of Angola
MPLA	-	Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola
FNLA	-	National Front for the Liberation of Angola
SWAPO	-	Southwest African Peoples' Organization
PAC	-	Pan African Congress
SADR	-	Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic
OIC	-	Organization of Islamic Conference
NNDP	-	Nigerian National Democratic Party
NYM	-	Nigerian Youth Movement