

Nuclear Threat in Africa: What Option for Nigeria.

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Abstract:

Africa was left out of nuclear debate until recently today; South Africa is known to have engaged in a lot of nuclear activities. This development has generated some concern in Africa because it is seen as a ploy to delay the achievement of self-termination, political independence, and majority rule within African continent - a region Nigeria seeks to lead. This study examines the development of nuclear capabilities in Africa, particularly South Africa; the amount of threat the South African clear facilities generate in Nigeria; and Nigeria's option in the face of the apparent nuclear threat in Africa.

Decision-making model is used as one of the theoretical frameworks for this study. The approach is based on State's perception of the external and internal environmental factors in foreign policy decision-making. Examples of such decision-making can be seen in the Nigerian government's decision to change from advocating for a 'nuclear-free-zone' for Africa to actively seeking nuclear capabilities. We also examine how excessive nuclear South Africa have influenced Nigeria, and indeed, countries (that have the wherewithal) to seek for of their States under nuclear umbrella is descriptive and analytical, and most of the materials are Nigerian, British, American, South African, Adonis official documents and publications, and relevant; books, academic journals on the issue of Nigeria's Plans on nuclear acquisition and South Africa's Nuclear Capabilities. The findings are that: While a number of African countries; lean, only South Africa presently has nuclear weapon that can credibly threaten Africa; and the extent threat perceived by other African States, including vividly demonstrated in the decisions of some of them actively seek nuclear capabilities; In conclusion, it is Nigeria can best repulse South African nuclear loping her (Nigeria's) economic and industrial base economy (as Nigeria is now) is in itself a threat security.

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