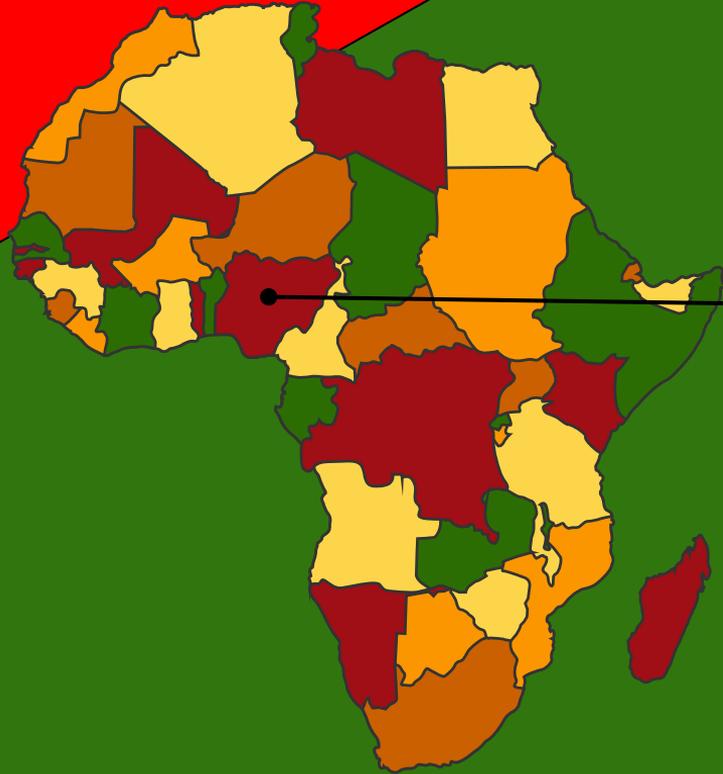


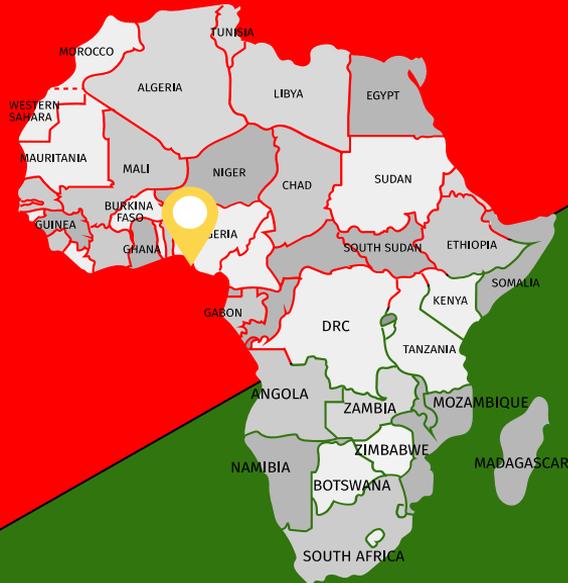
Lekki Massacre and #EndSARS

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What is the Lekki Massacre?

The Lekki Massacre got its name when members of the army and police officers shot at a group of young peaceful protesters at the Lekki toll gate.



The Lekki massacre happened on Oct 20, 2020 and was the second thing that happened in October this year with SARS police brutality and the second thing this October that the #EndSARS was heavily used for. You can learn more about SARS and why the people of Nigeria and people all over the world want to end it in the next slide.

What is Sars and why is there a campaign against it? (#EndSARS)

#EndSARS is a social movement run by the people of Nigeria against police brutality. #EndSARS consists of mass protesting in the streets of Nigeria by its citizens and online protest using social media all over the world. The slogan calls for the end Special Anti-Robbery Squad, also known as SARS.

The hashtag #EndSARS was created in December 2017 when activists in Nigeria started to try to disband them for their unruly and inhumane behavior towards citizens. This hashtag came back to life on October 4th when a video was released of SARS officers dragging two men out of a hotel when an officer fired his weapon at one of the two men dragged from their temporary residence.

Single story of Africa!!

To combat slavery many african americans claim that in Africa they would all live as if they were kings and queens and we know that is obviously not true from what we have just seen involving the Lekki Massacre and SARS brutality.

We need to combat these single stories told by black American's, though they are not malicious or attacking in any way they undermine the very real struggles of those who actually live in Africa and experience abuse, violence, and harassment regularly. To combat this single story we must incorporate african voices in our storytelling.

Nigerian Perspective of the Lekki Massacre and #EndSARS

“We thought if they came and saw we were with our flags, trying to move our country forward, that they would see that. But then when they came they just acted like animals.”

“These shootings clearly amount to extrajudicial executions. There must be an immediate investigation and suspected perpetrators must be held accountable through fair trials. Authorities must ensure access to justice and effective remedies for the victims and their families.”

“Is this a government that we have? We don't have a government.”

“Opening fire on peaceful protesters is a blatant violation of people's rights to life, dignity, freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. Soldiers clearly had one intention - to kill without consequences.”

Author's Notes!

Shahd: Africa means home to me but it may not mean the same to others. Africa may be seen as a poor and overheated continent to other people. Stories of Africa from people who have never visited does not change my perspective because I have lived there for many years of my life. I don't have a bias on Africa. A responsible storyteller tells the truth and keeps information very Clear.

Na'im: I have always known Africa as, "The Motherland" so Africa to means originality and the place where civilization began. Stories have often made me think of Africa as a poor dirty continent but with more education about the land I've learned that it's much more beautiful than this dump we call America. To be a responsible storyteller you must tell a story from multiple perspectives and to be a responsible story consumer you must cross reference or corroborate your sources.