

# Let's Talk Africa

Voices From Nigeria

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# “TALK and DO” & WHY today’s ZOOM

**Nigerians live all over the United States and the World.  
These states have the largest Nigerian IGBO/BIAFRA populations totaling  
approximately 300,000 Nigerian Americans**

**Maryland, New York, Texas, California, Illinois, Pennsylvania  
Ohio, Atlanta, Indiana, North Carolina, Nevada, West Virginia**

Banky W - "Talk and Do" feat.

2Baba, Timi Dakolo, Waje, Seun Kuti, Brookstone & LCGC (LYRIC VIDEO)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sg1bBaSvQ4w&feature=youtu.be>

# Mental Connections as a Jew

Rabbi Walter Jacob

<https://jewishchronicle.timesofisrael.com/remembering-kristallnacht/>



▲ Children wearing concentration camp uniforms shortly after the liberation of Auschwitz by the Soviet army on 27 January 1945. Photograph: SUB/AP

Photo source [@igboekui](#) facebook account

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/11/10/opinions/kristallnacht-anniversary-pittsburgh-anti-semitism-ro-senbaum/index.html>

# “Lest We Forget”



Military police pulled these Igbo from their homes,  
then marched them to their deaths while what is left  
of their homes was set on fire





HEBREW	IGBO	MEANING
Abah	Aba	
Adah	Ada	First Daughter
Agur	Agu	Lion
Ahi	Ahia	Market
Amarih	Amara	Grace
Ara	Ara	Mad
Ayya	Anya	Eye
Aziza	Aziza	Broom
Chema	Chima	God knows
Eber	Ebere	Mercy
Ezer	Eze	King, Chief
Geba	Gaba	Move on
Genesis	Ge na isi isi	Go to the beginning
Hagaba	Ha_ga_ba	Let them go
Salu	Dalu	Well done
Raphu	Rapu	Leave it
Sobe	Sobe	Follow
Ubal	Uba	Wealth
Zaam	Zaam	Answer me

POPECHILEE

# Nigerian Jews?

Documentary

Re-Emerging: The Jews of Nigeria

Official Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/37622733>

**The lost Jewish tribes of Nigeria  
still hope for aliyah**

<https://www.israelhayom.com/2019/05/17/the-lost-jewish-tribes-of-nigeria-still-hope-for-aliyah/>

Sister Zita Iwuoha



# Women in Nigeria have an Inner Strength

## Riot or Rebellion?

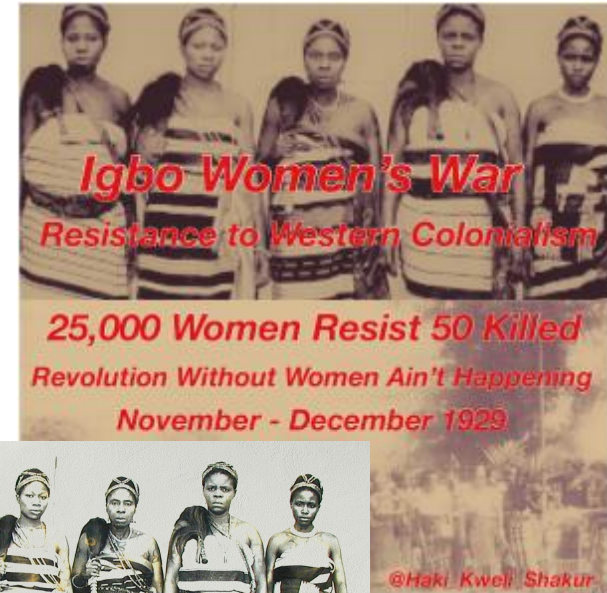
### The Women's Market Rebellion of 1929

<https://www.historians.org/teaching-and-learning/teaching-resources-for-historians/teaching-and-learning-in-the-digital-age/through-the-lens-of-history-biafra-nigeria-the-west-and-the-world/the-colonial-and-pre-colonial-eras-in-nigeria/the-womens-market-rebellion-of-1929>

**Goals:** The campaign began with the goal of receiving a written assurance that women would not be taxed, and evolved to also demand the removal of many Warrant Chiefs.



<https://www.blackpast.org/global-african-history/aba-womens-riots-november-december-1929/>



<https://newafrikan77.wordpress.com/2017/12/02/igbo-womens-war-resistance-to-western-colonialism-november-december-1929-25000-women-matriarchy-50-killed-struggle-forward/>  
<https://oldnaija.com/2020/04/10/aba-womens-riots-1929/>

# Maternal instincts



Here was the ways women during my Mom's time wrap babies and travel miles

- To work on the farm
- To go to the market
- Fetching water

that can not happen now due to FEAR of **kidnapping, rape and killing.**

This can not continue.

# Nigerian Police Brutalize Women Supporters Of Biafra



Photo source [@igboekunie](#) facebook account



# Zita's Healthy Beginnings

## Story on Zita

[https://www.publicsource.org/mothering-the-mother-sister-zita-iwuoha-combats-black-mother-mortality-in-allegheeny-county-and-beyond/?fbclid=IwAR1CFWvLaOzVbZYd7FxFYvXyzR3oMJl0jPfeQ0QVFIZ9\\_1dazmlvEDe\\_kTfM](https://www.publicsource.org/mothering-the-mother-sister-zita-iwuoha-combats-black-mother-mortality-in-allegheeny-county-and-beyond/?fbclid=IwAR1CFWvLaOzVbZYd7FxFYvXyzR3oMJl0jPfeQ0QVFIZ9_1dazmlvEDe_kTfM)




**ZITA'S HEALTHY BEGINNINGS**



**SECOND ANNUAL**  
**FREE MEDICAL**  
**CLINIC**  
**UMUAWUCHI**

Date: 3rd January, 2020  
Venue: Umuawuchi Medical Center  
Time: 8.30 am  
*Come thou with Us and God will do you Good!*



# Covid brought new issues for ZHB to help address

**Covid  
Pandemic  
Hygiene  
Clinic  
Mask  
projects**



Covid was a FLAME to existing tensions

Our clients keep reaching out to share stories of their friends and families in need this coming winter.



These Pregnant Women lost their lives for no reason



Reverend Columba Nnorom



## Igbo-Ukwu Art





# Images from Nov 2 - Nov 5



Kano 1945 >> Over **200** Igbos killed  
 Kano 1950 >> Over **1000** Igbos killed  
 1966 massacre Over **40,000** Igbos killed  
 May 29th 1967 over **200,000** Igbos killed  
 1967 - 1970 over **3.1 million** Killed  
 ..during the bloody civil war including  
**Asaba genocide**  
 Kano 1980 >> over **40,000** Igbos killed  
 Maiduguri 1982-1983 **500** Igbos killed  
 Jameta 1984 >> over **1500** Igbos killed  
 ♦Gombe >> 1985 ♦Zaria >> 1987  
 Kaduna & Kafanchan >> 1991  
 Bauchi & Katsina >> 1991  
 Kano >> 1991 Zangon-Kataf 1992  
 Funtua >> 1993 Kano again >> 1994  
 Kano again >> 2000 Kaduna again 2001  
 Jos crisis >> 2001 Kaduna >> 2002  
**Jos >> 2008**  
 Beheading of Gideon Akaluka >> Dec 1994  
 .. **Kano** state Police station  
 Saint Moritz killed >> Dec. 2001  
 Post April >> 2011 Presidential election  
 10 youth corps men and women numerous  
 innocent citizens bcos a Christian  
 Southerner **was elected.**  
 Jos Christmas Eve >> 2010  
 Madala Christmas day >> 2011

## SHOCK AT THE UNITED NATIONS

Killings of Biafrans since 1945 by the Nigerian government and it's British master has been brought to the United nations by the IPOB leader MAZI NNAMDI KANU on the 17th and 18th of September 2019, in Geneva, Switzerland.

## 1966 anti-Igbo pogrom

8,000 and 30,000 Igbos estimated killed in Northern Nigeria

“Wartime casualties were significantly higher, and soon eclipsed the 1966 attacks. Estimates range from a low of **500,000** or lower to a high of **6 million**.<sup>[xxi]</sup> Due to the **blockage and disruption of agriculture and food distribution**, relief agencies operating in the region at the time estimated **hunger deaths at more than 1,000 a day**.<sup>[xxii]</sup> In July 1968, the British mission estimated that **200-300 Biafrans were dying every day**. “

<https://sites.tufts.edu/atrocityendings/2015/08/07/nigeria-civil-war/>

# Casualties of the aftermath of the Biafra War



These are victims of the Nigeria-Biafra War (1967-1970) and were suffering from a disease known as Kwashiorkor, which is caused by malnutrition. For blockaded by land, sea and air by Britain/Nigeria and after their farms had been destroyed, the Igbo were dying from starvation. But for the intervention of humanitarian organizations like Caritas, Joint Church Aid etc, the Igbo would have been wiped out. Both the Israeli government and American Jews also sent relief materials to Biafra.

## Kanu: IPOB Leader

Nnamdi Kanu, the Igbo Jewish leader of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) Eloquent and charismatic, he can mobilize 2 million of his members "with the snatch of his fingers."





# Rivers State aka“Ogoniland”

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) “*Environmental Assessment of Ogoniland Report*”

<https://www.unenvironment.org/explore-topics/disasters-conflicts/where-we-work/nigeria/environmental-assessment-ogoniland-report>



## Oil spills in Biafra.

**The Biafrans own the oil but the Nigerian Fulani regime is in-cahoots with the multinational oil companies- control it with brutal force.**

**It's the reason for the killings. "Follow the oil."**

## Shell oil spills in the Niger delta

**Shell has accepted liability for two massive oil spills that have had severe consequences for the economy, health and development of the community of Bodo in Nigeria**

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/gallery/2011/aug/03/shell-oil-spills-niger-delta-in-pictures>

Onyinye Gandhi Chuks

# Nigeria's SARS: An Overview



# Creation

- ❖ 1985 - 1992 Nigeria adopts and implements IMF-recommended austerity measures (Structural Adjustment Program - SAP)
- ❖ SAP worsened unemployment and poverty leading to high crime rates
- ❖ In response, the Ibrahim Babangida-led military junta established the Special Anti-robbery Squad (SARS)





# SARS goes rogue

- ❖ As with most institutions in Nigeria, impunity, corruption, poor training and even poorer remuneration made the unit go rogue
- ❖ Since then, scores of innocent Nigerians have been extorted, robbed, tortured, and/or extra-judicially murdered by SARS officers



# #ENDSARS Protests

- ❖ #ENDSARS Protests sparked by recent killings by rogue SARS officers, and reinforced by pent-up anger and frustration over poor leadership, corruption, and the worsening economic and security situation in Nigeria
- ❖ Protests were peaceful despite attempts to the contrary by the government
- ❖ Protests brutally suppressed by the Nigerian government with reported massacres in Lekki, Lagos State, and other parts of the country.



# Extrajudicial Killings By The Buhari Regime

- ❖ 348 Shiites killed - December 2015
- ❖ Scores of IPOB members killed 2018, 2019, 2020
- ❖ Youth killings in Ikire, Osun state
- ❖ Obigbo killings in Rivers state



# Marginalization And Dehumanization

Dr. Louis Picard

<https://asasocialfundforhiddenpeoples.org/>



# Types of Hidden Peoples: World-Wide

- Indigenous People- First People who lived in a place
- Threatened People- Race, Gender, Ethnicity, Religion and Language
- Endangered- At risk of Extinction
- Marginalized- Shunned in War and Peace- Children, Women, People with Special Needs (Social, Physical and Mental)

# Gypsies (Roma), Untouchables (Dalit) and Bushmen (San)



# Dehumanization: Impact on People

- Abandonment of Children (Street Kids, Kidnapping and Child Soldiers)
- Brutality (Rape, Gender Violence, Acid Attacks, Burns)
- Atomization (Shunning, Exploitation and Death)
- Marginalization (Subordination and Exclusion from the Social System)
- Violence and Genocide

- [illegible]



# A Formula for Disaster



# Katwe Uganda 2018





# 200,000 Killed--1,000,000 Displaced LRA War

Joseph  
Kony &  
Friends

“Lords  
Resistance  
Army”

Gulu  
Uganda  
1986-  
Present



# Gandhi & Julie

Action steps & more

# Action Steps: Read and Learn more



**UK based organization** JOIN FORCES WITH US AGAINST THE ROOT CAUSES OF GLOBAL POVERTY, INEQUALITY AND INJUSTICE.

**Polluted promises: how Shell failed to clean up Ogoniland**

[https://www.waronwant.org/resources/polluted-promises-how-shell-failed-clean-ogoniland?\\_ga=2.241422656.351515673.1604856625-1029308099.1604856625](https://www.waronwant.org/resources/polluted-promises-how-shell-failed-clean-ogoniland?_ga=2.241422656.351515673.1604856625-1029308099.1604856625)



**UK & USA based organization:** Dedicated to advancing human rights in business and eradicating abuse

**Nigeria: Civil society demands justice for peaceful protestors killed and respect for civil liberties**

<https://www.business-humanrights.org/en/latest-news/nigeria-civil-society-demands-justice-for-peaceful-protestors-killed-and-respect-for-civil-liberties/>

# Action steps

## --Nigerian Embassy in the USA

<http://www.nigeriaembassyusa.org>

Ambassador Sylvanus Adiewere Nsofor

Head of Mission

Email: [ambassadoronsofor@nigeriaembassyusa.org](mailto:ambassadoronsofor@nigeriaembassyusa.org)

Subject of email: End Silent Slaughter in Nigeria

## --Post on Social Media with #silentslaughter and #endSARS #ObigboMassacre

## --Join the Zita Healthy Beginnings email list: <http://eepurl.com/hik5a1>

## --Write to government

If you write the Embassy, Congress, Senate etc and you get FEEDBACK/REPLY please share it with us by email at [ZHBAwareness@gmail.com](mailto:ZHBAwareness@gmail.com)

# Action Steps: Read More about Women's History in Nigeria

## **Igbo women campaign for rights (The Women's War) in Nigeria, 1929**

<https://nvdatabase.swarthmore.edu/content/igbo-women-campaign-rights-womens-war-nigeria-1929>

## **ABA WOMEN'S RIOTS (NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1929)**

<https://www.blackpast.org/global-african-history/aba-womens-riots-november-december-1929/>

## **Riot or Rebellion? The Women's Market Rebellion of 1929**

<https://www.historians.org/teaching-and-learning/teaching-resources-for-historians/teaching-and-learning-in-the-digital-age/through-the-lens-of-history-biafra-nigeria-the-west-and-the-world/the-colonial-and-pre-colonial-eras-in-nigeria/the-womens-market-rebellion-of-1929>

## **Taxation, Women, and the Colonial State: Egba Women's Tax Revolt (1947-49)**

<https://muse.jhu.edu/article/407888/summary>

## **Funmilayo Ransome-Kuti: and the Women's Union of Abeokuta**

<https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000230929>

# **Action Steps: Read Recent News Stories FROM NIGERIAN NEWS**

## **South-East Governors meet Wike over IPOB**

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2020/11/south-east-governors-meet-wike-over-ipob/>

## **OYIGBO KILLINGS: Withdraw soldiers in 72 hours or face ICC, INC tells Wike**

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2020/11/oyigbo-killings-withdraw-soldiers-in-72-hours-or-face-icc-inc-tells-wike/>

## **Attack On Peaceful Protesters Violates Human Rights Of Citizens - YPF**

<https://www.legit.ng/1381059-endsars-protests-young-parliamentarians-forum-asks-fg-compensate-families-victims.html>

## **International Criminal Court commences investigation into Lekki shooting**

<https://www.pulse.ng/news/local/icc-investigates-lekki-shooting/k1ljb3s>



## ACTION STEPS: review the existing **Change.org** petitions created by Nigerians

[Hope Ogobuegwu](#) started this petition to The Nigerian Government

**#EndSARS** <https://www.change.org/p/the-nigerian-government-end-sars-in-nigeria>

[Booger Red](#) started this petition to President and Vice President of Nigeria

**#EndPoliceBrutality**

<https://www.change.org/p/president-and-vice-president-of-nigeria-end-and-demand-justice-for-police-brutality-in-nigeria>

[Ayobami Arannilewa](#) started this petition to Nigeria National assembly , to The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

**#ProtectNigerianYouth**

<https://www.change.org/p/the-law-makers-of-the-nigerian-government-the-president-of-the-federal-republic-of-nigeria-to-disable-the-police-from-arresting-searching-the-youths-without-warrant-in-nigeria>

# Watch videos - Share Videos

Youths Continue [#EndSARS](#) Protest In Abeokuta

October 19, 2020 [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WC8NP54gx\\_E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WC8NP54gx_E)

## **Kristallnacht**

[https://www.aish.com/ho/i/Kristallnacht--The-Night-of-Broken-Glass-An-Overview.  
html](https://www.aish.com/ho/i/Kristallnacht--The-Night-of-Broken-Glass-An-Overview.html)

## **Activist Movements tend to Draw Media attention**

1. Change.org Petition. Sign it & Share it among your circles on any social media platform
2. Write to the Foreign Affairs and Subcommittee of Africa Senators and Congresspeople saying you need them to publicly condemn the massacres and pressuring the US to send a Special Envoy to Nigeria.
3. Write “Letters To The Editor” and get the media to publish stories about the Biafra massacres
4. Tell your friends about the current Biafra genocide.