**IF I COULD INVENT SOMETHING NEW**

AN ESSAY

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Insecurity is a big problem in Nigeria. Countless number of people (including women and children) have lost their lives in different parts of the country. From the north-east to the south-east, the story is the same. Other parts of Nigeria are not any better.

According to the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), insecurity in Nigeria has continued to affect the well-being of children in Nigeria through high levels of domestic crime coupled with violent attacks by non-state armed groups in several regions.

According to UNICEF, in 2002, an estimated 9.3 million people, including 5.7 million children, were affected by conflicts in states in the northeast, northwest and north-central (Benue state) regions of Nigeria.

The country is suffering from five major security threats, namely:

1. Jihadism (Boko Haram)
2. Herders/Farmers Clashes
3. Banditry
4. Kidnapping
5. Militancy (in the oil-producing Niger Delta)

Apart from insecurity, another problem that threatens the peace and existence of Nigeria and Nigerians is armed robbery. The hardship in the country in recent years has forced a lot of people, mostly youths, into armed robbery. Most of these armed robberies took place on our roads and the major targets are commuters and travellers. Many lives have been lost to acts of armed robbery in Nigeria.

***If I could invent something new***, I would invent a satellite-like technology that monitors everyone and their activities wherever they are. The technology would have the capacity to show where and when an event took place regardless of how long the event took place. The technology would have the capacity to show the locations of perpetrators of crimes, thereby aiding in crime investigation and the arrest of criminals.

The deployment of the technology by the government and private individuals (who can afford it) would go a very long way in stemming the spate of criminality in Nigeria, especially the ones related to insecurity and armed robbery in the country.

We can have a better Nigeria if the problems of insecurity and armed robbery become things of the past.