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Author: History of the Zuruland and Its People

Comments and Observations

I am sorry for taking so long before responding to your request. Even though in one of my verbal conversations with you on phone, I gave you my impression of the book.

The truth of the matter is that, I found the book titled: History of the Zuruland and Its People very interesting, objective and most of all comprehensive. The rethinking was very academic but also very good. The Repositioning was proper and accurately done. The Rewriting was necessary in order to put the records straight.

In the last two decades and half, I have read two books that attempted to report on the history of Zuru Emirate and its people. These two books before your own were too brief with a lot of errors and hearsay.

Unlike the previous books your book has really captured the history of Zuru with its people, tradition and values. You took the pain and trouble to interview many stakeholders that matter in all the five Chiefdoms. The first three Chapters, although too academic, are good for future researchers on Zuru Emirate. They actually capture the details on the issues of indigene and settler which is not only a problem in Zuru but it is also a national problem. Your elaborate reporting on the formation of communities in Zuru land is a most read for every Zuru person regardless of tribe or religion. You also raised a very important issue in your book, which is the issue of multilingualism and the threat it rose to smaller languages in Northern Nigeria. Many of them are at the verge of extinction.

It may be a little exaggeration to say that your book on the history of Zuru Emirate is near perfect. But in comparison with the previous books that attempted to report on the same subject matter this may not be an exaggeration at all. In other words you did a very good job in capturing the basic facts known to many people in the Emirate. Equally important is the way you did your work objectively without any bias or sentiments.

In the final analysis, therefore, I will recommend not only it be published but that every true indigene of Zuru Emirate should have a copy and make it his/her companion. Once again, it is a must read and well done for a good job and God Bless you.

God Bless Zuru Emirate

God Bless Nigeria

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