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### **Abstract**

*Since the return to democratic rule in 1999, Nigeria has witnessed different forms of conflict ranging from sectarian to ethno religious crises, wholesale abduction, hostage taking, arson, incidents of cattle rustlings and terrorism in the North. Threats to national security includes rampant crimes of armed robbery, baby factories and kidnappings in the East, pipeline vandalism, crude-oil theft and civil unrest in the South; abduction, hostage taking and ritual killings in the West. All these have had severe consequences on human and material resources of the nation hence the constant need for the Nigerian government to lay down defence strategies to quell this strife. Defence strategies, in this work, is evaluated through budgetary allocation to national defence sector and the establishment of military industrial complex. These directly affecting National security components of internal and economic security respectively. The study predominantly utilized secondary data and quantitative descriptive analysis. In the final analysis, the findings indicated that today's Nigeria is witnessing a higher level of aggression and wanton destruction of lives and properties despite huge defence spending annually hence, the Marxian theory of post-colonial state. The study through the review of the BIS countries concludes that there is a lopsided allocation to defence sector that favours recurrent expenditure over the capital expenditure and recommends that they be properly balanced to set the Defence Industries Corporation of Nigeria into massive production of military and civilian goods that will help quell internal security and provide employment opportunities to teeming youths. Thus, Improving MIC in Nigeria.*

