

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNAL SECURITY IN NIGERIA

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Abstract

Information Technology is a critical infrastructure in contemporary security management across the globe. There have been a lot of important developments with respect to information Technology such as Analytic systems, Video Surveillance System, Licence Plate Readers, DNA testing, Technical Intelligence among others all have far reaching implications for internal security. The paper adopted Qualitative method (Secondary data) by reviewing available literature, journals, security reports on the interplay between information technology and internal security. The social contract theory of state was used to guide the study as government need to provide effective mechanism to ensure adequate security of lives and properties of its citizens. The study discovered that security architecture in Nigeria is still at level of information technology adoption. The study recommended that Nigeria should employ conscious policies backed up with adequate funding to encourage security agencies to elevate their operations that is embedded in the latest information technology available at any point in time to ensure internal security and minimize the occurrence of crimes.

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