

Conflicts and Parties Connected Thereto In Nigeria

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ABSTRACT

Crimes, known as offences, generally are considered as offensive acts or behaviours which are committed against the state by individuals in the society. It is the law that certain group or persons are identified as parties to the crimes that have been so committed so that the state will after due process apply the necessary sanctions to such persons. However, before such parties are adequately punished in accordance with the prescribed laws, there is the statutory requirement to identify who is a party to the acts the state has complained of. Chapter IV of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (1999) as amended guaranteed certain inalienable rights to the individuals, such as: right to life; right to dignity of human person; right to personal liberty; right to fair hearing; right to freedom of movement amongst others, which in crisis or conflict situations are flagrantly violated. This paper with a view to determining who in the eye of the extant laws of Nigeria constitutes a party to an offence or crime, particularly in crisis situation is therefore examined for the criminal liability of such persons or group.

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