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Border Security and Changing Pattern of Nigeria-Benin Relations: An Overview

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ABSTRACT Nigeria-Benin relations are socio-economic and security related because of the economic viability, porous nature and security threat of the countries' borders. It is the most vital border across West African region through which socio-economic and cultural relations have been established since period before colonial masters. The colonial artificial border caused insecurity where the issue of border control led to some disagreements coupled with unilateral actions taken by Nigeria also led to an overt and sour change in the relations of the two countries. This paper examined importance and security challenges of Nigeria-Benin borders; and discussed the reasons for and changing nature of the Nigerian-Benin relations during 2003-2019. Qualitative content analysis was adopted to examine the changing pattern of Nigeria-Benin relations. Finally, the outcome of the paper recommends the review of the borderlines; creating youth employments and improving security services that rhyme with present situation to tackling Nigeria's insecurity.