

## **Travails on the Nigerian Roads: The Case of the Luxury Bus Transport Service**

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Part of irony of Nigerian situation is that most of the infrastructure inherited from the British colonial administration were either not developed or had been left to dilapidate. The condition of Nigerian roads have not ceased to amaze discerning observers and in effect, the roads have been ranked among the worst in the world. A significant portion of post independence studies on transport systems have been devoted to examination of successive Nigerian government's budgetary allocations and development in the transport sector in general. While there are comprehensive studies on the railway transport sub-sector as a vital colonial legacy in Nigerian economic history in terms of opening up the country for the British commercial enterprise and imperial control, little has been done in looking at the aspect of the hazards on Nigerian road network. This paper marks a significant shift by examining the risks the Nigerian roads have constituted over time on the motor road transport services. This paper, therefore examines the emergence of Luxury bus service as a new modern road transport mode for long distance travels in the country as well as elucidates on the daily experiences encountered by the operators and commuters. It also looks at the unique resilience of the Luxury bus in transforming the road transport sub-sector in terms of minimally surmounting the myriad risks on Nigerian roads. This paper contends that the advent of the Luxury bus has not only revolutionalized the road transport sub-sector, but invariably dominated the road transport services despite the constraints posed by the Nigerian roads. This paper uses valuable information from the lived experiences of the Luxury bus entrepreneurs, drivers, conductors and commuters especially those that ply the North-South and East-West routes in Nigeria.