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Dear Tibor:

I wanted to share with you that recently 50 million Biafrans have voted in the self-referendum for Biafran independence, conducted by the Biafran Republic Government in Exile and Government in Homeland. This demonstrates the commitment of the Biafran government to exercise democratic tools to achieve the self-determination of the Biafran people.

To learn more, I encourage you to view the following article on the Biafra self-referendum by

<https://orb-international.com/keep-an-eye-on-the-biafran-self-referendum/>

Sincerely,

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Keep an Eye on the Biafran Self- Referendum

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While attending a recent screening of the documentary 'In the Shadow of Biafra' at King of the Nigerian-Biafra war on current events in Nigeria¹. The documentary portrays the lens of Nigerian writers, showcasing how perceptions of the war vary depending on gen concerned that the documentary only looked at Biafrans' struggle for independence thrc the past instead of highlighting the continued fight of many Biafrans for an independen

Currently, the Biafra Republic Government in Exile (BRGIE) is holding a self-referendum round of voting started in February 2024 and was completed on May 30th, 2024². This w commencing later this month and lasting until November 2024³. After the commencem BRGIE, Simon Ekpa, said that over 30 million Biafrans voted in the self-referendum, whic presidential election⁴. Ekpa also announced that the Restoration of the Independent Sta of the third round of voting in the Autumn⁵. Biafrans' recent attempts to establish their as futile since Biafra was reabsorbed into Nigeria over 50 years ago, but their desperatic

Why do Biafrans want independence now?

According to Ekpa, the Biafran self-referendum is justified given the marginalization fac of Nigeria and the ineffectiveness of the national government in solving this issue⁶. Thi recent public opinion polling in Nigeria. Nigerians in the South-East and South-South re government as ineffective, compared to other regions.

The South-East and South-South regions were the location of the historic homeland of secessionist Republic of Biafra and a high concentration of Biafrans continue to live in t



the 1960 people .

Beyond ethnic marginalization⁸, BRGIE has cited increased threats of insecurity as a just respondents in the South-East region are the most likely to feel unsafe in their commur issues like kidnapping, killings, and the destruction of property, have plagued the South-violence caused by militants and terrorists continues to increase¹⁰. The national govern in the region. This increasing threat of violence, coupled with the ethnic marginalizatio current trigger for why Biafrans want to secede from Nigeria.

Picture 1: Conducting fieldwork in Nig

Response of the National Government

While the Nigerian national government has not commented on the Biafran self-referer to any “separatist activities” while citing the One-China policy. The policy refers to China wherein Taiwan is a province of China rather than a separate country and government¹¹ opposition to Taiwanese separatist movements with the Biafran self-referendum, severa between the two separatist movements. Based on this, it is unlikely the Nigerian govern and subsequent Restoration of the Independent State of Biafra. Given this data, it is unc the results of the self-referendum will be through political statements or escalate to a r keep an eye on Biafra over the coming months.



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