

Nigeria – then and now

Pre-Colonial Nigeria
5000 BC - 1500 AD

Colonial times
1500 - 1914

Constitutional development
1914-1960

5000 BC

first people living in Nigeria

1000 AD

Yoruba founded the city of Ife

different states were established in the north (were successful in trading)

beginning 18 century

British had taken control of them

spread their Christian beliefs, language and culture

early 19th century

holy war between the Fulani and the Hausa started

Fulani created Muslim empire and judicial system

end of 19th century

divide between Christian (south: rapid modernisation) and Muslim (north)

since 1922

Legislative council ruled the south

1954

Nigeria became a federation

500 BC

organised society was found

1500 AD

Portuguese slave trade began

1807

slave trade was abolished

end of 19th century

British empire dominated Nigeria

1914

North and south united as "Colony and protectorate of Nigeria" and since 1947 the whole country

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Legislative council ruled the whole country

Independence
1960 - now

1 October 1960

Nigeria became independent

1966

Military regime took over power

1975-1983

First period of democracy in Nigeria: civilian administration regained power

1995

EU imposed sanctions against Nigeria and Commonwealth suspended membership

1999 / 2003

end of military rule
first democratic election since military rule

Since 2009

frequent activities of islamist movement "Boko Haram"

1963

Nigeria became a federal republic

May 1967

A three-year civil war started, the "Biafran-War" -> northern people wanted an own country, around 1 million died

1985

2nd military coup (tried to take power)

1996

five political parties in Nigeria, were gaining more and more power

2010

Goodluck Ebele Jonathan became president, Nigerian economy boomed

2015

Muhammadu Bubari became new president, re-elected in 2019