

that is broken apart, Biafra will be overrun by your neighbours.

DSS2 - **In one of your interviews, you said Nigeria is a failure.**

Sowore - It is a failure, that's true, any country that cannot protect its citizens, majority of its citizens, can't provide jobs, can't provide education, healthcare, all those duties of a Nations which are set out in chapter two (2) of the Nigeria Constitution, whatever schedule is there, is a failure.

DSS2 - **So in your opinion, Nigeria is a failure?**

Sowore - Nigeria, the leadership of Nigeria is a failure; the Nigeria State in terms of its ability to take care of the needs of its citizens is a failure. I believe so.

DSS2 - **And in your view,**

Sowore - Yes.

DSS2 - **The only way is for Nigerians to bond together and bundle out this people, and take back the State.**

Sowore - Bond together like.

DSS2 - **That's what you said.**

Sowore - You see, what you need to understand is that in a democracy, its people that owns the power, not those in power or authority. So if the people decide that they are not happy with their government,

DSS2 - **Are you speaking for the people?**

Sowore - I'm speaking for majority of our people that they could do something about their situation. And it is up to government to listen, not to intimidate people. Like we've been here before, where the military felt nobody should say a word about how they rule the country, but we didn't give up. People were killed, you know, assassinated; people were thrown into jail with trump up charges, but eventually, the military was forced out of power, you know, and eem, its, its eee, because it was our right to have democracy.

DSS2 - **So your, your objective, if I get you right, is to culminate in forcing the present government out of power? Is that what you are saying?**

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- Sowore - The present, the present government
- DSS2 - **Yes.**
- Sowore - Is aware that there are a lot of challenges and they haven't been able to address the challenges as it should. So there are people who have said it before that Buhari should resign, there was a protest in this town known as resume and, or resign when Buhari went to London and couldn't come back and nobody knew his state of health. When Yar'Adua was in power and nobody knew his state of health, he was asked to resign, so they don't, they don't themselves.
- DSS2 - **So revolution was your way of asking the president to resign?**
- Sowore - People are, look, the revolution we did, as you saw.
- DSS2 - **Mmh,**
- Sowore - Was to force the government to address the needs of the people, the Nigerian people, and I've explained them to you severally what the needs are, where they are failing and I have admitted to you here that Nigeria has failed to live up to the expectations of a State, a nation State, because of all the issues that you guys are aware of and dealing with on a daily basis, even from the security services.
- DSS2 - **Let's go back a little, you mentioned the orange Beret.**
- Sowore - Yes.
- DSS2 - **What's what's in your view, what does the beret signifies for you?**
- Sowore - It's a symbol of resistance.
- DSS2 - **What, what, what level of resistance?**
- Sowore - Em em whichever resistance it is, people change logo, they change their dressing eem, to show that, they are resisting things and it happen in several places, people wear beret all the time. And you know they wear beret in South Africa, ee aa they wear beret in Uganda, people who feel that the country should change. So beret has been with us for a long time,

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it's also worn by security services, it is also worn by secret gangs, ee secret cults,

DSS2 - **Militants?**

Sowore - Its, I haven't actually seen many militants, if your definition of militant is Niger Delta for example as recent, I've never seen a Niger delta militant wear beret, may be MEND wear beret, some of them were beret. You don't have to wear beret to be a militant. If you want to be a militant, beret is the last thing you'll purchase.

DSS2 - **In your various mobilization for the Revolution Now, you said eem, you likened, you raised issues concerning em, you likened the situation to Sudan, the uprising in Sudan, and the end result, you likened it to Egypt, and the end result, to Puerto Rico, eem Tunisia, is it fair to say that that was also where you were heading to?**

Sowore - I'm glad you mentioned all these places. And I will take it from Puerto Rico where an uprising forced the Governor to resign. Its Governor of a State, because he was involved in all kinds of scandals, right, so when people rise up and say to you in government that they want to see change. It is up to the government to address their needs. But in decent environments, people have resigned because they were unable to cope with the demands of the public. In some cases, the public will not leave until their demands are met; they occupy every space they can find. You know, you also know that you made mention of Hong Kong.

DSS2 - **Yes.**

Sowore - Exactly, where even secondary school students are protesting to bring about the change that will not force them to become an extension of China, because China didn't have very good human right record, so they don't want to go back to China, China, there don't want to be under Chinese rule, so in all kinds of places, people rise up, people rise up to demand fundamental change, so that their society can address their needs.

DSS2 - **Do you see yourself as someone who can provide those changes that they are looking for?**

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- Sowore - That's why I ran last time and I campaigned round the country and around the world. And some people have said that my campaign was probably one of the best campaigns in the presidential election.
- DSS2 - **Is it fare to say that eem, the present revolution now is motivated by the fact that you lost out at the poll?**
- Sowore - No, I, like I said, you cannot lose out, You Canno, I've always been an activist. When I didn't run for office I was a student activist, I wasn't running for office. I've lived a life of perpetual activism because I'm motivated by the betterment of society. Election was, in fact election was the least thing I did, when it comes to activism, and I don't consider that as activism because it is politics and there is a way people look at elections, so if I had won, you would have seen a different president. You would probably have seen a president that wears beret. Yes,
- DSS2 - **So you've, you believe that em should this.**
- Sowore - In fact I can draw you attention to a minister of Buhari who wears beret. Former minister, so when did beret become a crime?
- DSS2 - **No, because you said the beret,**
- DSS1 - **Nobody has said it's a crime,**
- DSS2 - **In your own word you said the beret signifies.**
- DSS1 - **Resistance.**
- Sowore - Resistance, yes, higher level of resistance.
- DSS2 - **No ee a higher level of, a militant level of resistance.**
- Sowore - Well, you keep saying that, but I cannot recall when I said militant, but in case that is contentious for you, militancy has no I am no,
- DSS2 - **No it's not contentious.**
- Sowore - Ok so go ahead.
- DSS2 - **Because you said that you had your agenda to implement at the end of the revolution.**

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Sowore - And what was it?
DSS2 - **You said you already ran for president.**
Sowore - Yeah.
DSS2 - **And therefore that should the revolution succeed, it will not be mismanaged, because you already have an agenda.**
Sowore - The success of the revolution we are preaching will not be ma mismanaged.
DSS2 - **Yes.**
Sowore - Because we've had a lot of instances in this country where people revolt. I'm talking about Nigeria.
DSS2 - **Yeah.**
Sowore - At the end of the day, the same people we revolted against come back to power, that's why we're in the situation we are in today. The people who fought for democracy in 1999 were not the ones who took over and we ended up in the hands of characters who had been sabotaging democracy. So when I say that as a citizen of Nigeria, it will succeed we will continue to ensure that we don't lose out, that's correct.
DSS2 - **So you are basically saying, when you push this government out of power, you were going to step in and provide the kind of.**
Sowore - This is your, this is your position not mine,
DSS2 - **No, those were your words,**
Sowore - Well, you're putting words in my mouth, you know I have said it repeatedly, that the people who want to overthrow governments don't do so in the open. You understand, but people who want to see fundamental change, are bold enough to say these are the changes that we want to see. And I believe that, you probably are in the possession of some of the demands by now and that these demands are very, not new there are things that you and I are aware of, so but if your objective is to claim that I want to overthrow the government,
DSS2 - **You mentioned that.**

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Sowore - That's good luck.

DSS 2 - You had mentioned eem, rising up against the military, military rule?

Sowore - Yes.

DSS2 - And in fact I remember you actually.

Sowore - In the past.

DSS2 - Yeah in the past.

Sowore - Yes.

DSS2 - You said you rose up against eem, Buhari, eem, Babangida, Babangida and he was pushed out of power.

Sowore - Yes.

DSS2 - You rose up against Shonekon, even though he wasn't a military,

Sowore - Interim president.

DSS2 - Yeah, he was pushed out of power and you said even Abacha who was one of the worst leaders Nigeria had,

Sowore - That's collect.

DSS2 - You ended up pushing him out of power; therefore, you are not a newbie in this,

Sowore - Yes.

DSS2 - Are those your views?

Sowore - They are not my personal views, I use the word we, in the sense that it was a combination of forces that pushed these characters out of power at the different times in the history of this country, documented.

DSS2 - So is it fair to say that that was what you are also trying to do this time around?

Sowore - I have repeated to you that pushing them out was a combination of forces. Our part was peaceful organization that use all kinds of means of resistance, through the campuses,

DSS1 - So you're talking about all kinds of means of resistance.

Sowore - Yes, known to us.

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DSS1 - Including violence if possible?

Sowore - Well, my history is known to you, I've never engaged in violence. I told you when I first talked to you yesterday when we were off record, well I assume but it might be on record, that eem, I, my first time with the DSS was ee 1993 when it was SSS. I was arrested and interviewed for hours, you know, and after that in 1995 when I went for NYSC, I was also arrested, interrogated for hours, I've never used violence, I don't believe in violence, if I did, it would be a different game, but I don't, I've never engaged in violence.

DSS3 - Mr Sowore,

Sowore - Yes.

DSS3 - You mentioned that pushing out the government would be, you combined several forces, if I get you right?

Sowore - I said, what led to the end of military rule, was a combination of efforts, efforts.

DSS3 - So now, do we assume, do we assume that you are combining effort now with different groups to virtually end artificially, the government?

Sowore - My method of operation is known, our method of operation is known, its peaceful, non-military agitation.

DSS3 - Okay.

Sowore - For change, fundamental change in our country.

DSS3 - Okay.

Sowore - And you have my history, my history is public and all the participants in that era are still alive.

DSS3 - Okay.

Sowore - So, but I imagine you want to put words in my mouth.

DSS1 - Mhmhmhm, you imagine.

Sowore - Yes.

DSS1 - that's your imagination really, let's look at this, let's look at these videos and see, when you hear some of the word you spoke.

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DSS2 - While we wait, eem do you consider your action as being legal under a democracy.

Sowore - Yes.

DSS2 - Because I recall, I recall you say you do not care about the legality of your action.

Sowore - What I said is that history can only be the judge of people who fight like I do, not judges who have acted against the interest of the public.

DSS2 - Yeah and therefore you are not concerned about the legality.

Sowore - No, I just told you that I was speaking of history being the judge, like Fidel Castro said that history will absolve me.

DSS2 - In your view how do you, what is your take on democracy and rule of law, do you think you can divorce one from the other?

Sowore - What is the rule of law without democracy? And we're talking about how democracy has been basterdized in this country, when elections don't matter anymore, when people rig, election, they use soldiers, the circumvent the will of the people, we're talking about the people's will here, the people's will is supreme in every democracy, and it is from the will of the people that every other component of democracy or adjunct of democracy can operate. When you don't have a democracy, you're running a jungle. And the rule of law becomes a façade.

DSS2 - So do you think the law should be suspended so that you can achieve the utopian society you're thinking of? Because when you say, I'm not concerned about the legality of my action,

Sowore - I said it that it is only history; you're taking it out of context,

DSS2 - No, that's, I'm quoting you directly.

Sowore - Yes I said ee, why are you quoting me out of context; I said history is my only judge, that's my acceptable judge.

DSS2 - Not the law?

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- Sowore - Because I know that the legal system has been used consistently against those who are fighting for the betterment of this country and you know, ee I have had thirty (30) years of experience in doing this. I was expelled from the University; Judges were telling me that I was wrong, in this country, they don't exist anymore, in, during June 12, a Judge sat in the middle of the night, is that rule of law? All these things that we're saying that are being turned to sabotage justice, is not rule of law, until we get to that place.
- DSS1 - **So except the, the ruling goes in your favour, it is not.**
- Sowore - It doesn't have, it doesn't have to go in my favour, it has to be that it is fair and just. And anytime something is not just and fair, justice is based upon, you know, justice is the end of law. If law doesn't deliver justice, I'm afraid; the society has got a problem.
- DSS1 - **Now you think, your own, your own position alone can define the law? Your own thinking alone can define the law?**
- Sowore - I've found a situation where the philosophical thinking of one man has altered everything in the world, but I am not putting myself in that position. I'm not a philosopher. But I am entitled to freely think, and share my thoughts with the public.
- DSS1 - **Ok now, are you, this is, just look at the beginning, this is.**
- DSS2 - **Are you familiar with this face.**
- Sowore - Oh yes I am.
- DSS1 - **This is who?**
- Sowore - This is Idris Abdulkareem the guy who sang Nigeria Jagajaga,
- DSS1 - **And who.**
- Sowore - That's me.
- DSS1 - **Ok so we'll play it, and, and thereafter, let's see.**

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VIDEO PLAYING:

Sowore - All right guys, its ee this is ee Idris Abdulkareem,
Idris Abdulkareem- Yes sir,
Sowore - Yes.
Idris A - Eeee revolution is on its reality wake up everybody,
it's time to wake up hehe hehe, the revolution is for
real, stand up and ask for what is yours. The time is
now, Ojoro no de o,
Sowore - At all.
Idris A. - Lucky for the winner, ekuroju for the looser ni..oo!
Sowore - Mhm.
Idris A. - They are in the forest attacking you and you're
keeping mute. You should be ashamed of yourselves.
Stand up, walk, let them know that you are ready it
happens in china and the students came out and
protested,
Sowore - In 1989,
Idris A. - 1989
Sowore - Yes, and that's why China is prosperous today.
Idris A. - That's right
Sowore - They made the sacrifice.
Idris A. - So don't sit on your,
Sowore - It happened in Algeria, Tunisia, poorman started the
one in,
Idris A. - and he burnt himself dead,
Sowore - That is self immolation, sacrifice,
Idris A. - What's up Nigerians, I no wan die, mama de for house,
papa de for house, so I no wan die, when you no even
die when you don reach 80 years, wetin you achieve?
Sowore - A lot of people are suffering and smiling.
Idris A. - They are dead already.

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- Sowore - Some are just walking dead in this country. A country where you have no dignity, you can't put food on the table,
- Idris A. - It's so sad,
- Sowore - You can't take your children to school.
- Idris A. - It's so sad.
- Sowore - You can't drive on the road, security.
- Idris A. - No security, imagine, insecurity everywhere.
- Sowore - You know we were saying this morning say, if you want to get minimum wage to be increased, put politicians for minimum wage.
- Idris A. - Simple,
- Sowore - Everybody will be receiving like two million naira (N2m) per month,
- Idris A. - Simple,
- Sowore - That's as simple as ABC,
- Idris A. - So please August five (5),
- Sowore - August five (5) we're shutting down Nigeria.
- Idris A. - Come out, everybody come out.
- Sowore - Twenty (20) cities have already signed up, ee, Lagos, Abuja, Owerri, Enugu, Kaduna, Kano, at this point Abeokuta, Akure, Benin City,
- Idris A. - Your impact must be felt, very very important, come out.
- Sowore - Port Harcourt, Thank you all the coordinators in those places. In fact today, in one of the cities, the DSS called our person there saying, he here say una wan shut down Nigeria? He told him, he said by Monday,
- Idris A. - Straight up,
- Sowore - Tuesday we go get DSS anymore,
- Idris A. - Ojoro no de, ojoro no de
- Sowore - Because the country would have experienced an unbelievable amount of sudden change.

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Idris A. - Ojoro no deo, Nigerian wake up wake up, it's time, the time is now, wake up Nigerian.

Sowore - You guys know Abdulakaren now he no need introduction,

Idris A. - We don't also need fake ee, wetin they call am freedom fighters, the one where go come, make I go collect money from somewhere later, eeeee no, ojoro no dem well well eee no de. So these one na reality.

Sowore - You know yourself,

Idris A. - Make I know call your name, you know yourself, no show your face oo. If you show your face that day I go embarrass you.

Sowore - Yes, they know themselves,

Idris A. - Please, 5th August,

Sowore - Alright, Revolution now,

Idris A. - Whatsup, say no,

Sowore - Yes.

Idris A. - Revolution song, is saying no,

Sowore - Say no to ruga ruga,

Idris A. - Ruga ruga, say no.

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DSS1 - Ok so, that's you and Idris Abdulkareem right?

Sowore - That's correct.

DSS1 - Okay now when you made this video, it was of your own choice and volition that this video was made.

Sowore - Absolutely.

DSS1 - Did anybody compel you to spread this video?

Sowore - Not, that's why it is uploaded to the public.

DSS1 - Okay.

Sowore - It has been in circulation ever since, circulated severally.

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DSS1 - So every statement that was made here was not forced on you?

Sowore - It's my position.

DSS1 - Okay it's your position, shot down Nigeria by Tuesday.

Sowore - With protest, yes.

DSS1 - Ok, so let's look at the next one. So we'll play this other one, and it goes on so that.

VIDEO PLAYING

Reporter - You have found that you're going to win the election in future, you are going to win the election, coming election yeah, you're going to win, now I want to ask you, don't you think that this is going to be a counterproductive? By staging a revolution because you cannot approbate and reprobate.

Sowore - Thank you very much ee, where we have reached in Nigeria is that Nigerians are frustrated, they are tired and they have reached a point of no return in terms of rejecting the lackluster, mediocre, wicked, insensitive, leadership in the country. And the revolution has become therefore, inevitable, it is not, we didn't chose to go for a revolution, they chose it, !

INTERVIEW

DSS1 - Ok is that you speaking?

Sowore - That's me correct.

DSS1 - Ok

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Sowore - By ensuring that there was no level playing field in the last election. The election was the place we could have carried out the revolution of a ballot box, but they stole the ballot box. They hijacked materials that were meant for free and fare elections and as a result did not organize any election that was credible enough for people to have faith in the ballot ee box. So people have asked that we take it to the next stage, not the next level, which is a fraudulent

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design to hoodwink our people. Bem what we have realized is that for this country to even have free and fair elections in the future, there must be a showdown. People must come out and define, who their electoral officers are, what the electoral laws are, and how free and fair elections that are acceptable to them, that are credible, are organized. Not the one organized by their oppressors. So, that is what the revolution is about. I am not affirming to you that I can win election in 2023 under the same circumstance that I did it in 2019, I would be deceiving myself. Because even in my home town, Soldiers came and shut at the drone that we were using for monitoring the election, Soldiers were hijacking ballot boxes in front of us, elections took place at the polling units, but the results were misco ca collated at the collation centres. So it would, we don't need to tell you that even INEC as we speak now has not been able to place the result of the election on their website, because there is no way they can defend the figures that they put out. That is the very clear and I'm not the only one asking for revolution, 84 percent of Nigerians according to a pool we conducted want a revolution. They don't want war. But these people want to drive us into war so that we can all be exterminated at once. We don't want war, we want a very clean, quick and succinct revolutionary process, surgical, that will put an end to the shenanigans of government, and that would put an end to oppression, the corruption of government. I mean look at it, you have Ministers who have active cases with the EFCC being asked to bow and go in our National Assembly. You have Ministers who have been engaging in high crimes, we have a president that is insensitive to the country, this is, this country has fallen apart, Nigeria has failed. Except Nigerians bundle, I mean bond together and bundle this guys out of our National space, we're wasting our time. And don't ask me whether I'm afraid or worried about the legal implications for what I am saying. I am carrying out a historical duty. Only history can judge me. Not a prosecutor or a Federal Judge, I'm not worried about that, I'm not worried death. You can kill somebody who is not afraid of death. And if I am afraid of death am I better than those people in Zamfara who are getting

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slaughtered every day? Am I better that those people who get killed by so called kidnappers who just walk into the middle of the road with an AK 47, kill people and walk quietly back into the bush? Am I better than students who are getting rusticated for speaking out on campuses? Am I better than those kids who die before they could even see Nigeria that they wanted to badly be, am I better than women who can't afford to eat, am I better than those workers who are not getting paid? Am I better than people who are being, I mean who are suffering all over the country. We are the first to account for how much we raised, and after raise, after accounting for it we place it on the internet so that if anybody has any challenge, they can raise the challenge. It's all on the website of our party, aacparty.org and my campaign website sowore2019.org, you can download all the expenses and revenue, and we explained where the money came from. The party has a separate account that I've never touched. In fact I contributed to it. In fact they are two (2) accounts, the presidential campaign account and then there is a party account. The party account has different signatories from my campaign account. The campaign, my own personal campaign account existed before the party. The media should not be lazy, but I know that a lot of the media in Nigeria is complicit, because the explanation is there in the accounting. Every night I spent in Lagos, I paid for it from my personal money. You understand. I'm not a jobless politician. I'm not one of those politicians who rely on government money to run campaigns. But anything then that happens outside of lagos....

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DSS2 - So that's you speaking right.
Sowore - Very, very true.
DSS1 - With your orange.
Sowore - That's right; I'll love to have it back while I am here, I love it,
DSS1 - you want to have it?
Sowore - It should be part of my apparel as I'm speaking with you,

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DSS1 - You want to wear it.

Sowore - Yes, but I don't have it in your premises so,

DSS2 - You said the government caused the revolution.

Sowore - Yes, I said they invited the revolution.

DSS1 - So you guys didn't chose the revolution, they chose it.

Sowore - Yes.

DSS1 - So ultimately, you're doing thing that, something that is not of your choice?

Sowore - When I say that I'm speaking paradoxically of the fact that, you know, we'll have all been happy today, if free and fair elections had happened, and people in government had listened and respected the wishes. This video in particular is very self explanatory, in my view, it explains exactly where we're coming from, the context in which we're acting and asking for a revolution now and aa where we are in the country. And we discussed all the issues that, aa form part of our demands and at this point said it.

DSS2 - You said the revolution of the ballot failed, that government did not allow the revolution of the ballot.

Sowore - To take place.

DSS2 - To take place.

Sowore - Yes.

DSS2 - So now you want the revolution of the street. You are going to match until you drive these people out of our political space.

Sowore - Well ee political space is a space that suppose to be democratic. Anybody who is not practicing democracy does not belong to the democratic space. That's what I mean.

DSS2 - So the objective ultimately was to drive them out of that space?

Sowore - The people of any country are the supreme owners of power. And whenever they said somebody is not treating them well, all of this building, all of the Nigerian

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Army, Police, Navy cannot protect people in power if the people don't them. I've explained to you openly, how I objected to military rule and worked, participated in matches, protests that eventually forced the military out of power. You know, I didn't participate in a coup because I was not in the military and I wouldn't have done it any ways because I don't believe in military rule. But the people who are running Nigeria today, who you are defending, are the people who overthrew all kinds of government. They planned coups, there've also used the word revolution many times. But they are not here with us because they control the levers of power today, unfortunately we don't. But the people who we work with, who we match with, are the owners of power, they are the ones who should determine their leaders. Leaders should not be pushing the people around or determine, who, where they should be. That is the essence of democracy. It is the government of the people, by the people and for the people. Not government ranned down the throat of the people.

DSS2 - **Do you describe taking power through the revolution as democracy?**

Sowore - Whenever people decide how power is used, you can't question it, you can't question.

DSS2 - **When you say people, I understand we have a National Assembly.**

Sowore - The National aa,

DSS2 - **Composed of representatives of the people.**

Sowore - If the elections don't produce representatives legitimately, how do you call them representatives of the people?

DSS2 - **So how do we call the people you are talking about?**

Sowore - The people, the people, the people are speaking, that is why you should have waited to let the people, the people have a right to assemble, and you know even if you have the best elections, the people can still protest against people in government. And call it whatever name they want. I've lived in the US for twenty (20) years, I was told when I arrived in US

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that the US democracy has been around for two hundred (200) years. Every day I go out people are protesting. You know, in fact there is a group in Idaho when Obama won the election, they said they wanted to secede from the US. They are armed. But the government did not arrest them, the government just made sure they responded to them. There are, there were armed, so the US has seen millions of people march peacefully, so why are we afraid of the people. Why are we afraid of the choice, what people chose to respond to oppression of lackluster governance, you know lack of, you know mediocrity in government. That is where I think this bifurcation and confusion is coming from, it is like we don't understand the power of the people. Or because we've all been conditioned on that side of the table that the people's power don't mean nothing, because we can always suppress it with either our antics or physical force. The people on this other side of the people are the ones who use physical force, I've never used physical force before. I've never, I've never even handled a gun in my life, because I don't believe in violence. But I believe in means of pressure, I believe in pro-democracy marches, I believe in things that are done in ways that are guaranteed, if not by our constitution, because our constitution is also problematic, because it was created by these military buzzards, because at least there are fundamental recognized at the level of the United Nations. People have the right to march, in fact United Nations even recognize the right of people to secede from a country if they so want, but our constitution did not recognize that, that's our constitution. So there is, the right that people have to change their objective conditions are very broad in nature, they are not as narrow as it is being defined from the point of people in government.

DSS1 - So let's just look at the next one. The next video
 Sowore - Yes

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Reporter - Welcome back to the morning show, we are on arise. The increasing number of the death of Nigerian in the

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hands of herdsmen whose origin is still a subject of contention, has been the source of increasing tension in the land. The friction being generated by this has continued to reflect on the country's socio political barometer apart from it widening the fault lines among various ethnic groupings in the country. In recent times, various stakeholders have been speaking out concerning this rain of terror. Over last week here in Lagos, there was a beret movement, orange I think, that's the colour, right? across the city lead by a former presidential candidate during the 2019 general election, Omoyele Sowore who now joins us to talk about this new movement and how he intend to drive home his point about this government, the need to sit up, with a view to nipping this threat to National security in the bud. Omoyele Sowore good to having you again on the morning show.

Sowore - Thank you very much.
Reporter2 - You welcome to the morning show,
Sowore - Thank you.

INTERVIEW

DSS2 - Mr Sowore.
Sowore - Yes.
DSS2 - You heard him speaking right.
Sowore - That's right.
DSS2 - What platform is that?
Sowore - That's ee, it a TV station, arise TV. Its ee, I think it is an affiliate of Thisday newspaper.

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Reporter 1 - You and eem some other Nigerian have launched what you term revolution protest, I can see that you have a beret, The colour is orange, what is in the inspiration? Could it be the Ukrainian revolution? The orange revolution in Ukraine, which came up shortly after election in 2005? Or is the inspiration of ee Bobi wine, a Ugandan who chose red beret as its own symbol of protest against the incumbent Ugandan government.

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Sowore -

I think eee when you see beret, it is a signal that people have you decided to rebrand and be eem more militant regarding either national or international issue. And when I mean militancy here if you realize that after the election, we changed eem, some of our positions and we started using revolution now because that election showed that simple election can no longer safe Nigerian problems, and that people must take their destinies in their hands. And that we deserve or we must have a revolution in this country. eem particularly, we don't want war because a lot has been done as you mentioned, this is the most difficult time in Nigeria, this country is not safe, and I know people use the word generically herdsmen. The way I describe it is that it's the metaphor for how people feel about being under siege at this time. Though if you divide herdsmen into political herdsmen, economic herdsmen, people who are raping the economy, who are destroying the country's democracy. And when it was not herdsmen, they used to be called unknown gunmen. Eem before it was that people were kidnapping were referred to as Niger Delta militants regardless of where there were carried out the act. I think there was a time the Niger Delta militants apparently, went to Kaduna to kidnap the secretary to Government of Kaduna State, such a high official who is not a person to worry, But now, we're using herdsmen, the truth is that this country is not working. And people who are leaders are incompetent, eem they are wicked, and they are not willing to change their ways and there've shown clearly during the last election that they cannot even accept democratic change, they cannot allow free and fare elections to happen they are looking close to themselves and there is hunger, starvation and insecurity in the land, the government has failed Nigerians people are no longer safe. People of Nigeria need to take that necessary big step, not next level, our Nigeria would not attain its potentials. And that is why we are changing our appearances and we are changing our tone and we are urging and mobilizing people around Nigeria to come together at this point in time.

Reporter2 -

Now, tell us about the match, was there a member of AAC or, now tell us what the agenda is, what's

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supposed to be the objective, and you are also considered saying that the match was a manifesto for what is coming up in the next few weeks and months. What should we expect?

Sowore - that's correct, eem we are mobilizing people across the country that have a conversation and chosen a date when this would happen. It is series of matches that will eventually lead to what is our expectation that this country will return to its owners, the people and no longer be managed by the owners of Nigeria who have decided that, you know, our lives don't matter and that they'll take decisions, eem it doesn't matter, they decide what they decide for this country. So it's up to them to decide when it should be over, but it's to us to decide when enough is enough and we've reached a breaking point.

Reporter 1 - You are the presidential candidate of the African Action Congress, in the February 23 Presidential election, and you know, at the end of the day, you got about thirty-two thousand, five ninety-three votes (32,593). Now eem is it an expression of frustration with the outcome of that election? What you could not get with the ballot box, eem you want to mobilize people to the streets, eem to get it because at that time you kept saying that look, the people in government in Nigeria have failed the people. And eem you had a slogan to take the country back, so if the ballot box has fails you, failed you, eem you want to take the country back through the streets. Is that the agenda?

Sowore - No aa I'm not, it would be wrong to say that this is frustration, we've all of us are frustrated in Nigeria. You know, I ran in election, I ran in an election and they allocated some votes to me.

Reporter2 - Allocated?

Sowore - Yes, there was not an election, everybody knows that, that's the reason why we are stepping up now, that it is clear that eem voting eem, is not in no longer going to solve the problems in Nigeria. So taking it back at that time is still taking it back now. We're stepping out to make sure there is an urgency attached. Nobody is safe in this country,

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nobody has got jobs, nobody can feed, no has hospitals to go to, nobody can sleep at night you know without your two (2) eyes open. This is the worst place to live in the world today, it's very sad, we cannot continue to lament, we cannot continue to agonize, we have to organize and.

Reporter 2 - I want to know what you mean by there was no election, also in your manifesto, when you were running your campaign, on the area of security, you said, you would, as president, you have a solution to insecurity and ranching as a solution. Can we now discuss that, what you want the government to do differently, if government is ready to do what you want.

Sowore - I am not here as government adviser, eem I brought out a lot Ideas that they couldn't implement, that's why we are in this mess now.

Reporter 2 - But what would you like see not as a government but as a citizen of Nigeria?

Sowore - I'm not here to tell you what I want to see but I want to tell you what I want to do.

Reporter 2 - There needs to be solution.

Sowore - This is the solution, it is to have a revolution now, that's what I'm here to discuss. I'm not here to, we are not going back to the campaign, we campaigned, tried our best, they couldn't allow elections to hold. Everybody has come to the conclusion that there was to election. The elections were was badly mismanaged and they, what they just did is that people went to vote at the polling units. They moved the elections to the collation centres and allocated to themselves votes,

Reporter 1 - but what you are trying to do is to call out the people to do what?

Reporter 2 - Yes for end, what's the ultimate purpose?

Sowore - It is for the people to take back the country, to take back the democracy.

Reporter 1 - What would that look like?

Sowore - What would it look like if it happens?

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Reporter 2 - Yes

Sowore - When it happens you will know.

Reporter 1 - But we have seen it in Sudan, we have seen it in Algeria, we have seen it in Egypt, Syria, Arab Spring, we've seen it in the occupy movement also. I guess that's what you're trying to do. Now eem, it may have worked in order places, how optimistic are you that Nigerians will follow you? And go to the streets. Because if you are able to achieve the momentum that we saw in Algeria, Sudan, Arab Spring and the Occupy movement, may be you'll be able to make it. Do you think Nigerian will follow you to the streets?

Sowore - Nigerians are coming up to the streets. In fact in 2012, Nigerians I mean Nigeria, had the biggest occupy movement in the world. When they were doing, when occupy was the main thing, but we failed at that time because there was no proper planning. Or an anticipation of where it should go, because even revolution deserves to macro managed after the success of the revolution. And that is why we are different. In this case, the person who is sitting in front of you had tried to be president of Nigeria, at least I have an agenda and that when it works people are working with us, people are hearing us all over the world, and come to the conclusion that enough is enough. and with regards to whether Nigerians will follow or not, that is not what we are here to preach, I am here say this is what we want and I sure that a lot of Nigerian out there, millions of Nigerians who are frustrated at this point, who no longer have confidence in our leadership, I mean the leadership of this country and they want to a difference country, and we are here to give live to that. And we're calling on all of them wherever they may be, that we better do this one time so that we don't have to do it in pieces. Because if we find ourselves in pieces, the way things are going on now, Nigerian is in precipice, so to avoid war, let's go for revolution instead of going for prolonged war. Let's go for one reaction that would will safe our country that is what I am here to talk about and I will continue to talk about it until we achieve it. .

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Reporter 1 - But I have two(2) questions I'll ask you, you know in Nigeria, activism, yes is one thing, but being able to mobilize the people is another, when you try to mobilize people in Nigeria, they could throw up questions about ethnicity, about motive, you know about, religion, rights, so, what strategy do you have in place, or are you just doing this alone eem or you have some other allies eem who are buying into your narratives and who truly believe and are either in the political class or in the professional class, you know, that the time has come truly as Sowore is insisting to take back Nigeria.

Sowore - Eem Doc, you know me before, for up to thirty (30) years, and I was one of the Student leaders that mobilized against the military, at times we had over a million people on the streets on the streets of Lagos that drove the military out of power, you know, I am not talking about one military general. It started from Babangida, we drove him away, Shonekon came, not military but a stop gap machine, we drove him away eighty-two (82) days, we stayed on the streets in this Lagos and all over the country for eighty-two (82) days, Abacha came, he was a military general in terms of oppression, we took him out, so this is not new, you know, I'm not a newbie in the this business so I'm not going to be coming on the TV to be telling you strategies, it stupid for me to do. But I'm telling you that people all over this country and Nigerians all over the world

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DSS1 - Let's, let's just stop it for a while. So all these have been the conversation with you, right?

Sowore - Yes.

DSS1 - So now I'll just want a question on revolution. At what point did the idea of revolution come to you precisely in Nigeria?

Sowore - After the election, I've been putting it on my twitter account.

DSS1 - Okay, after the election.

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- Sowore - Yes...
- DSS1 - **Why not before the election?**
- Sowore - I mentioned it in the conversation we had before that we had a chance to have a revolution as the ballot but it didn't happen because the elections were badly mismanaged.
- DSS1 - **Okay.**
- Sowore - And if you had watched some of my presidential campaign videos, you'll see that I talked about revolution a lot that, we want to bring about a revolutionary leadership, because that is the only way we can move this country in the direction of progress. I spoke about it a lot, yes.
- DSS1 - **So it appears that it's because you partook in the election and it didn't go well with you in the election, so the option is now revolution?**
- Sowore - It's incorrect. I just told you that even during the campaigns, I said that Nigeria is in need of a revolution that will change everything, and that there is an opportunity is coming if eem the election permits, but apparently, nobody was interested in free and fair elections.
- DSS1 - **Ok now, you heard, you heard most at the introduction of this conversation with you, with you and the Arise person, you talking about the militant part of it.**
- Sowore - Yeea.
- DSS1 - **Ok, now aaa, you also said that elections cannot save Nigeria, is that right?**
- Sowore - I mentioned before, I've spoken about this extensively that election, except they are free and fair, cannot safe Nigeria.
- DSS1 - **Ok election cannot safe Nigeria?**
- Sowore - Except they are free and fair.
- DSS1 - **Except they are free and fair**
- Sowore - Yes
- DSS1 - **And the match is the sign of what is coming next?**

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- Sowore - We have planned; we have had plans to keep matching until we have a resolution to the problems that we've identified.
- DSS1 - **And the slogan in take the country back now?**
- Sowore - That was my slogan in the election. Take it back.
- DSS1 - **So you still believe that voting wouldn't help Nigeria?**
- Sowore - If it is free and fair election, and I said it in ee video prior to this one that if elections, that to even have free and fair elections, we have to engage in a lot of struggles. Because the people who are rigging elections have become calcified.
- DSS1 - **Okay.**
- Sowore - Yes.
- DSS1 - **So let's look at the next video, Okay, this is another one.**

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- Sowore - *The Nigerian State cannot protect anyone, it can't protect Yorubas, It can't Hausa, Fulanis,*
- DSS1 - **is that you talking?**
- Sowore - That's me
- DSS1 - **Okay**

VIDEO CONTINUING

- Sowore - *It can't protect people in the Niger Delta region. The truth is that, while we are here discussing, the enemies they chose for us, we have forgotten our real enemies. Those are the people in Government. They are the ones manipulating us against each other. They are the ones choosing our enemies for us, when it sooths them they will give them a name that is popular, now it is Fulani herdsmen, there was a time it was OPC, there was a time it was eem Niger Delta Militants, there was a time the popular name was unknown gunmen, that is how Nigeria operates, that is how Nigerian leaders operates, and if we are here discussing the issues without attacking the problem, you are helping them to continue the enslavement of the Nigerian*

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people. The truth is that, there is no social, political and economic justice in this country for any one and when you don't have that, people are going to be looking for who to attack. Imagine, how a Fulani herdsmen will carrying AK 47 riffles from Sokoto or Borno all the way to Ebonyi and nobody will apprehend him on the way. And when he is apprehended, somebody goes to the police station to rescue them because one of the things we don't discuss is that those cows the Fulani herdsmen are rearing around, they belong to these people. They belong to government officials. Why are we deceiving ourselves?, I know of a place in Oyo State, the people they call Fulani herdsmen have never passed Niger State before, they were born in Yoruba land there will go and give them ten (10) cows, Twenty (20) cows, forty (40) cows, they will help you rear it, kill anybody that is on the way of those cows, and when those things happen you call them Fulani herdsmen. But meanwhile, they are Oyo State indigenes. You understand, our position is that Nigeria has reached a tipping point, Nigeria needs a revolution. You are wasting your time, these number of conferences will not solve Nigeria problems, I have called our elders, you people have tried, some of you have been serving Nigeria here since you were in your twenties (20s) , you are almost probably ninety (90) now and you are still helping us to do conferences, while the youths are hanging around hoping that Nigeria will change, so let me just announce very quickly, that starting from Monday, a group that I belong to, Coalition of revolution or for revolution would be shutting down Nigeria from August 5, and these series of matches and rallies, will continue until we have a Nigeria of our dream. I have lived in America for twenty (20) years so nobody should preach to me life or enjoyment, there is nothing there. The place to be is Nigeria. But we are running away, dying in the Mediterranean Sea because this country is uncomfortable for anybody. It doesn't matter the ethnicity, where there are not doing it in Fulani State, they are using, operation python dance in the South East. Like your brother here just said, they just burnt down a village in Bayelsa State, if you look at the soldiers that did this there are not likely Fulani soldiers, they can be your brothers that

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burnt down your village. Because there is no respect for our dignity as a people and for you to get back your dignity, do as they are doing in Hong Kong, do as they are doing in Algeria, do it as they are doing in Tunisia, do it as they are doing in Puerto Rico. Let's all come out one time shut down this unworkable system once and for all. And then, after then can we have a country in which the people decide their constitution. Not the fraudulent constitution that was set up by Generals in the army. Not this unworkable system. Nigeria itself was set up as a business by the British through the Niger company, that was, Nigeria was set up as if it's suppose to be Shoprite for the British. Nigeria never had the opportunity to become a Nation, it's still being run as a business. That is why people are telling you that they own oil blocks, they own, eem groundnut pyramids, no country should have its faith determined on products or commodities but the problem now is that all of us, Nigerian as we call ourselves, we've become commoditized. They are just trading us in the market of impunity. And until we retrieve our humanity and dignity, we can have a million of these conferences I have attended a lot of them, I can tell you, starting from 1993 at the University of Lagos when I was a student leader. Then our problem was also attributed to Fulani Generals, but when Abiola was going to be incarcerated, it was Yoruba coppers that were going to Aso Rock to watch one stupid movie they said they have seen what Abiola did wrong. The man who took over from Abiola was from Abeokuta, not a Fulani herdsman. The army general that became deputy to Abacha was from Ogun State, not a Fulani herdsman, let us stop allowing them to choose our enemies for us. Let us focus on the enemy we know and not the enemies we don't know. Revolution now. Thank you very much.

Another Speaker - this is important; we must clear this, we're in dilemma, this dilemma is paradoxical, and it has moved to the realm of paradoxical metaphor.

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DSS2 - So that's you speaking.

Sowore - Yes, that's correct.

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- DSS2 - And ee once again you highlighted eee your intention to shut down the country.
- Sowore - That's true.
- DSS2 - To take back the country.
- Sowore - I said we'll shut down the country with matches and rallies until we get the country of our dream, that's correct.
- DSS2 - And you also said that the people in power have failed?
- Sowore - That's correct. They've not been able to live to the expectation of the public.
- DSS2 - And you said Let's to as the people in Algeria, the people in Sudan, and every other place where.
- Sowore - Hong Kong.
- DSS2 - Hongkong.
- Sowore - Puerto Rico.
- DSS2 - Where the governments have been driven out of power through mass movement according to you.
- Sowore - I don't know that there've driven them out yet in Hong Kong.
- DSS2 - But in other areas they have?
- Sowore - Its, my own reference to public power.
- DSS2 - Is it fair to say.
- Sowore - Matches, rallies.
- DSS2 - So that is your objective, when you say that until something happens, will it be fair to say that that is what you expect to happen?
- Sowore - When I say until something happens, it is determined by situations and variables. The people in power may see peoples power and decide to change their ways, and changed fundamental elections, when we did eem, when we did occupy Nigeria in 2012, the people in power changed a few things even though as I said, the people who organized it did not put in place the structure for monitoring and ensuring that those things were, ee

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would last. And they didn't last. Because the exposay on the guys who were involved in ee oil subsidy scam came out of that movement and it was far reaching.

DSS2 - **So that is why this time around you rebranded to a more militant approach.**

Sowore - I've always been militant in my approach to fighting for democracy when I say militant, I will stand in front of matches, I'll risk it, I'm still in the front of you now, abducted eem from my hotel room, because you think of me as a militant, if you don't think of me as a militant, you won't have sent masked men, well armed to come and pick me up, you'll have waited for the morning. So, you are already treating me as a militant.

DSS2 - **You, you actually said eem you want a clean, surgical and smooth revolution once and for all, is that, is that correct?**

Sowore - As you have read and heard, as you have heard and read yes.

DSS2 - **which you admitted it's you.**

Sowore - That's correct. That's you know, when the people take their stand and ensure that until they achieve, the respect they deserve, and the honour they deserve, and retrieve their dignity, that they would not back down.

DSS2 - **When you say the, the, the rehearsal was for something next that was coming, what exactly, the match was a rehearsal for the next thing coming.**

Sowore - I imagine that people would match in far greater number than we would do on August, 5. I haven't been able to review what happened on August 5, but I heard that people actually came out and matched, yes. And I hope that they would do more whether I am there or not. Yes.

DSS1 - **It's okay so we'll just, we'll just, we'll just stop here for a while.**

Sowore - Okay.

DSS1 - **And I if they are further questions, we're still call you back at another time may be tomorrow, but in the**

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main time, you'll, we'll request that you give us a statement in writing in respect of all the interaction we've had, the questions we've asked you. If you want to, if you don't want to write statement, there is no issue, but then, it still has to be a statement voluntarily made.

- Sowore - But I'll ask that I consult with my lawyer and take another date to write the statement. Since you said this might continue. I'm assuming that you're going to keep holding me here as long as you want, so in which case,
- DSS1 - That's your assumption.
- Sowore - That what you just told me so,
- DSS1 - So, we've just finished and we'll want, we'll ask you to give us the statement now,
- Sowore - I would give you statement but you have to also grant me time.
- DSS1 - Okay.
- Sowore - Yes.
- DSS1 - So how much time do you want now? You want to write now or,
- Sowore - That's what I've said, I will consult with the lawyer and since you said it might continue, I will urge you to let it be tomorrow.
- DSS1 - Okay, it's okay.
- Sowore - Because I've assumed that the lawyer is also exhausted,
- DSS1 - Okay.
- Sowore - Yes.
- DSS1 - It's Okay
- Sowore - Thank you
- DSS1 - So tomorrow, when we, when we are back, I'm sure you will remember everything that we have had interaction with you about?

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Sowore - I would, I would eem put in there whatever I can recollect,

DSS1 - Yes, whatever you can recollect.

Sowore - Yes, because I don't have the tools in my possession to recollect, you have collected everything I have. And have also shut me out of public domain.

DSS1 - when you say some of those things, when did they come out? They are not coming from us, it's from you, when we come there, we, we can simply just remind you of the things we've asked, and you'll give us the responses in writing.

Sowore - we'll keep working on this.,

DSS1 - So thank you, thank you so much, Mr Lawyer, your name again,

Lawyer - Sam.

DSS1 - Sam?

Lawyer - Yeah Ogala, You are musa Musa.

DSS1 - Yes, thank you so much, Usman Usman, yeah thank you so much Mr Sam Ogala, eem we'll end the interview now,

Samuel - Okay.

DSS1 - And we can go back with you, thank you very much.

Lawyer - Thank you.

Pleasantries.

This transcript is a fair representation of my interview with DSS operatives on August 6th 2019. I am adopting it as my statement.



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