

2010 Nigerian Coup d'état

Read the text, watch the videos and then answer the questions.

Over the past nearly 50 years there have been numerous coups in Nigeria.

Thriving in business, industry and growth it is also a home to drugs human trafficking and political unrests.

A densely populated country that sees both wealth and poverty. Over the past decades coup have been a familiar scene.

1974 This was a bloodless coup that overthrew the first post colonial government and although it was a government was hit by numerous coups it lasted till 1991.

1996 This was a military coup. In this coup the 1st democratically elected President Mahamane Ousmane was ousted after nearly three years in power. General Ibrahim Bare Mainassara was placed in control as head of state. Prime Minister Hama Amadou was arrested in the coup and several soldiers and president guards were killed in the attack.

1999 Just three years later ,President Ibrahim Bare Mainassara was shot in an ambush, at the an International Airport, either Diori or Hamani ,or military base while attempting to flee the country. Dauda Malam Wankewasthen placed as President. In elections in 1999 Mamadou Tandja became President.

Leading up to the coup of 2010 In 2009 a constitutional crisis occurred which caused Tandja to remain in power beyond his original scheduled

term of office. In 2010 Tandja was ousted. In 2010 . again a coup occurred and what caused the coup was what occurred in the constitution crisis of 2009, then leading up to the coup of 2010.

1. What is a Coup ? Explain in detail.

2. Why was it important to have a coup in 2010?

3. Write a paragraph on the 2010 coup in Nigeria and what events occurred for this to happen.