RAILWAY SERVICES AND HUMAN SECURITY IN ENUGU METROPOLIS,
ENUGU STATE, NIGERIA

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Abstract
Railway facilities and services are a major factor to be considered in examining the security and welfare of the active populace in Enugu Metropolis. Rail transport services in the metropolis have been anything but weak and barely support the people’s real economic and social life. Existential consequences of such include, but not limited to the people paying more for consumer goods, waste of precious and productive hours on bad roads due to neglect of both the roads and the rail intersections, gradual erosion of strong bond between the north and the south, loss of opportunities for economic activities among persons, the segmentation of the major roads in the city at strategic junctions by rail lines and constituting a threat to the safety of human lives and properties. The theoretical framework for this paper was based on neo-colonialism. Data were sourced from text books, journals, newspaper publications and reliable online sources. This paper advocates that there is need for a more modernized and effective rail transport system in Enugu Metropolis; the Nigeria Railway Corporation’s rail operations in Enugu are not effective and people friendly. It is therefore expedient that the rail transport system in the Metropolis and the South Eastern states be upgraded to meet the ever-rising transportation needs of the people. Any effort, from the private and government, at improving rail transport operations in the metropolis should be encouraged, funded, implemented and sustained to ultimately enhance the security and welfare of the populace.

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Introduction
One of the most significant and impactful inventions of humans is the rail transportation system, playing invaluable roles in the overall development and security of economies. It is most affordable and handy in the business of logistics and safety. A good rail transportation network connects societies and expands human economic, social, cultural and commercial engagements. Such interactions defuse misconceptions and promote regional understanding, tolerance and security. Adequate transportation in the form of rail is essential for the effective interaction of any two geographical entities across the world.

The initial idea that informed construction of rail lines in Nigeria was partly to create links whereby other parts of the country could easily access Lagos, the then colonial seat of power. According to Act setting up the Nigerian Railway Corporation, it was also intended and designed to commute passengers and transport their ware in safe, affordable and efficient manner that will offer full value for money, recoup cost or break even, improve market share and quality of service, ensure safety of operations and maximum efficiencies, fulfil corporate social responsibility in a manner that will satisfy