

Nation Building

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Introduction

Nation building is among the most crucial problems that are being exercised by leaders in the developing nations. There is considerable agreement among scholars that many of them have emerged as states, but they still have to go a long way before they could claim to have reached nationhood. A nation is an aggregation of persons whose ranks are cemented by an identity which rises above ethnic, religious, regional, tribal, and linguistic affiliations. It depends on consciousness or awareness that there national needs which automatically override parochial interests. It is a sentiment of unity to which all living in a particular Territory pay voluntary spiritual and emotional homage. The cumulative impact of these feelings is manifested in the form of nationalism. Although in a world of growing economic, cultural, technological and political interdependence, nationalism is being denigrated, but still even a cursory glance at the international scene levels no doubt in the mind of an observer that it is still a very powerful propulsion