Determinant of criminal activities by some Nigerians residing in Malaysia: A socio-economic perspective

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Abstract

Even when statistics from various international institutions indicate a relatively higher incidence of crime among the locals, the increasing trend of a spike in crime among immigrants, especially African descent in Malaysia is also bothersome. Given the rise in the number of reported criminal activities involving specifically, Nigerians in Malaysia, it becomes necessary to understand the underlying motives for such behaviour as part of the attempt to arrest the trend. The current study explores the factor contributing to criminal behaviour among some Nigerians residing in Malaysia in view of the prominence of socio-economic factors. Explaining crime is one of the challenges, this study explores the interacting phenomenon from a socio-economic perspective.

Addressing this objective, this study employs the Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP), whereby the socio-economic factors are ranked according to their contribution to the crime rate. It is expected that the findings of this study will shed light on the root causes of this menace, thereby offering policy makers greater information and insights with which to more effectively curb such criminal activities. © Universiti Putra Malaysia Press.

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