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At independence, Cameroon and Nigeria adhered to the OAU principle
of UTI POSSEDETIS JURIS by inheriting the colonial administrative
borders whose delineation in some parts was either imperfect or not
demarcated or both. The two countries tried to correct these
anomalies. But such efforts were later thwarted by incessant
geostrategic reckoning, dilatory, and diversionary tactics in the
seventies and eighties that persisted and resurfaced in the nineties with
a more determined posture. On two occasions, the border conflict
almost boiled over to a full-scale war. First, in May 1981 when there
