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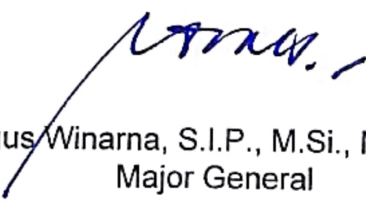
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ABSTRACT

MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST TERRORISM IN NORTHWEST NIGERIA FOR ENHANCED NATIONAL SECURITY

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Since 2009, Nigeria has been confronting security challenges like terrorism, kidnapping for ransom and armed banditry amongst others. Between 2018 and 2020, armed banditry activities in the North West region, particularly in Zamfara, Katsina and Kaduna States, led to about 286 armed banditry attack incidents, over 300 lives lost, rustling of about 7,500 cattle and the displacement of over 25,000 persons, amongst others. As part of government efforts towards addressing the menace of armed banditry in Northwest Nigeria from 2019 and May 2021, the Nigerian Army (NA), Nigerian Air Force (NAF) and Nigeria Police Force (NPF) embarked on several operations such as Operation DIRAN MIKIYA, Operation PUFF ADDER and Operation HARBIN KUNAMA among others. Despite these efforts, terrorist activities still persist in the region thereby undermining national security in Nigeria. Thus, the desire to proffer strategies that could contribute to curbing acts of terrorism in the North West region for enhanced national security in Nigeria provides the motivation for this study titled: "Military Operations Against Terrorism in Northwest Nigeria for Enhanced National Security". Military operations encompass military operations other than war. Employing quasi-qualitative methods comprising an analytical-descriptive framework as well as a survey, this research showed that Boko Haram terrorists, tribe-affiliated militias, armed banditry and kidnapping posed a terrorism threat in the NW. Despite positive progress, limited quick impact projects by the military, insufficient capacity of security forces as well as inadequate maintenance and serviceability of air platforms were found to impede counter-terrorism efforts by the military. The research concluded by proffering strategies to enhance military operations against terrorism in NW Nigeria, such as joint military-farmers agricultural cooperative for better civil-military relations, the establishment of a knowledge management system for military operations and the siting of a UAV MRO in Northwest Nigeria.

Keywords: Terrorism, Military Operations, Military Operations Other Than War, Armed Banditry, National Security and Civil-Military Relations.

ABSTRAK

OPERASI MILITER MELAWAN TERORISME DI NIGERIA BARAT LAUT UNTUK PENINGKATAN KEAMANAN NASIONAL

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Sejak tahun 2009, Nigeria telah menghadapi tantangan keamanan seperti terorisme, penculikan untuk mendapatkan uang tebusan, dan bandit bersenjata. Antara tahun 2018 dan 2020, aktivitas bandit bersenjata di wilayah Barat Laut, khususnya di Negara Bagian Zamfara, Katsina dan Kaduna, menyebabkan sekitar 286 insiden serangan bandit bersenjata, lebih dari 300 nyawa melayang, pengrusakan sekitar 7.500 ternak, dan perpindahan lebih dari 25.000 orang, di antara yang lain. Sebagai bagian dari upaya pemerintah untuk mengatasi ancaman bandit bersenjata di Nigeria Barat Laut mulai tahun 2019 dan Mei 2021, Angkatan Darat Nigeria (NA), Angkatan Udara Nigeria (NAF), dan Kepolisian Nigeria (NPF) memulai beberapa operasi seperti Operasi DIRAN MIKIYA, antara lain Operasi PUFF ADDER dan Operasi HARBIN KUNAMA. Terlepas dari upaya-upaya ini, aktivitas teroris masih terus terjadi di wilayah tersebut sehingga merusak keamanan nasional di Nigeria. Oleh karena itu, keinginan untuk menawarkan strategi yang dapat berkontribusi dalam mengekang aksi terorisme di wilayah Barat Laut untuk meningkatkan keamanan nasional di Nigeria menjadi motivasi bagi penelitian yang berjudul: "Operasi Militer Melawan Terorisme di Nigeria Barat Laut untuk Peningkatan Keamanan Nasional". Operasi militer mencakup operasi militer selain perang. Dengan menggunakan metode kuasi-kualitatif yang terdiri dari kerangka analitis-deskriptif serta survei, penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa teroris Boko Haram, milisi yang berafiliasi dengan suku, bandit bersenjata, dan penculikan merupakan ancaman terorisme di wilayah barat laut. Meskipun ada kemajuan positif, terbatasnya proyek dampak cepat yang dilakukan oleh militer, kurangnya kapasitas pasukan keamanan serta tidak memadainya pemeliharaan dan kemudahan servis platform udara ternyata menghambat upaya kontra-terorisme yang dilakukan oleh militer. Penelitian tersebut diakhiri dengan menawarkan strategi untuk meningkatkan operasi militer melawan terorisme di NW Nigeria, seperti kerjasama pertanian gabungan militer-petani untuk hubungan sipil-militer yang lebih baik, pembentukan sistem manajemen pengetahuan untuk operasi militer dan penempatan UAV MRO di Northwest Nigeria.

Kata Kunci: Terorisme, Operasi Militer, Operasi Militer Selain Perang, Bandit Bersenjata, Keamanan Nasional dan Hubungan Sipil-Militer.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

1 Div	:	1 Division
AC OPHD	:	Air Component of Operation HADARIN DAJI
ACLED	:	Armed Conflict Location and Event Data
ACMD	:	Aircraft Maintenance Depot
AFN	:	Armed forces of Nigeria
AHQ	:	Army Headquarters
AMF	:	Aircraft Maintenance Facilities
AMIET	:	Aircraft Maintenance Infrastructure Equipment and Tools
AOC	:	Air Officer Commanding
AQIM	:	Al-Qaeda in the Lands of the Islamic Maghreb
AW	:	Asymmetric Warfare
BHT	:	Boko Haram Terrorist
C in C	:	Commander in Chief
CFRN	:	Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
CIMIC	:	Civil-Military Cooperation
CNI	:	Critical National Infrastructure
COIN	:	Counterinsurgency
CONOPS	:	Concept of Operation
CSS	:	Combat Support Services
CT	:	Counter Terrorism
CTOPS	:	Chief of Training and Operations
CTU	:	Counter Terrorism Unit
DES	:	Division Equipment Support
DHQ	:	Defence Headquarters
DRR	:	Deradicalization, Rehabilitation, and Reintegration
DSS	:	Department of State Services
Engr	:	Engineer
FAO	:	Food and Agriculture Organization
FGN	:	Federal Government of Nigeria
GFP	:	Global Fire Power
GSE	:	Ground Support Equipment

HA/RD	: Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HA/DR)
ICRC	: International Committee of the Red Cross
IDMC	: Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre
IDP	: Internally Displaced Persons
IED	: Improvised Explosive Device
ILC	: Integrated Logistics Command
ISWAP	: Islamic State West Africa Province
JFT	: Joint Task Force
LB	: Logistic Base
LGA	: Local Government Area
MDAs	: Ministries, Departments and Agencies
MOD	: Ministry of Defence
MOOTW	: Military Operations Other Than War
MPRI	: Military Professionals Resource Incorporated
MRO	: Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul
NA	: Nigerian Army
NAF	: Nigerian Air Force
NAFTRAC	: Nigerian Air Force Training Courses
NAOC	: Nigerian Army Ordnance Corps
NBS	: National Bureau of Statistics
NDHS	: National Demographic Health Survey
NEO	: Non-Combatant Evacuation Operations
NITDA	: National Information Technology Development Agency
NN	: Nigerian Navy
NNDP	: Nigerian National Defence Policy
NPF	: Nigeria Police Force
NSA	: National Security Adviser
NSCDC	: Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps
NSS	: National Security Strategy
NW	: North West
OCHA	: Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
OMT	: Operations Monitoring Team
ONSA	: Office of the National Security Adviser
OOTW	: Operation Other Than War
OPHD	: Operation HADARIN DAJI
ORBAT	: Order of Battle

PDM	:	Periodic Depot Maintenance
POAC	:	Planning, Organising, Actuating and Controlling
PSYOPS	:	Psychological Operations
QIP	:	Quick Impact Projects
R & D	:	Research and Development
SALWs	:	Small Arms and Light Weapons
SNCOs	:	Senior Non-Commissioned Officers
SOC	:	Special Operation Command
SSR	:	Security Sector Reform
TLCC	:	Theatre Logistics Component Command
UAV	:	Unmanned Aerial Vehicles
UN	:	United Nations
USDOD	:	United States Department of Defence
WMD	:	Weapon of Mass Destruction