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THE ANALYSIS OF POSSIBLE WAYS OF THE DESTRUCTION OF BOKO HARAM RADICAL ISLAMIST ACTIVITIES ON FAMILIES IN NORTH-EASTERN NIGERIA

The vicious cycle of Boko Haram attacks in Nigeria since 2009 tend to have created worst ever security situation since independence in 1960. This paper examined psychological effects of Boko Haram activities on families in the North Eastern Nigeria. It argued that the devastating impacts of Boko Haram activities on families in the North East will likely inculcate revulsion among the people and religious organizations. The paper observed that the disillusionment arising from such distaste perhaps will sustain a long period of insecurity even if Boko Haram is defeated in the nearest future. It observed that in spite of efforts made so far by government agencies, government needs to redouble her efforts to reduce hardship arising from the present insecurity in the North East as a measure to tackle psychological impacts of insecurity. The study adopted qualitative descriptive analytical methods and relied on the social bond theory as its theoretical compass. It recommended among others a paradigm shift from the hitherto government poor approaches to solving problems of national importance to a more responsive strategy, sufficient enough to counter or rather address the security crisis in the North Eastern Nigeria.

Key words: Psyhological attacks, Boko Haram, devasting impacts, islam, paradigm shift, responsive strategy.

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«Боко Харам» радикалды исламдық топтың Нигерияның солтүстік-шығысында орналасқан халқына психологиялық шабуылын жоюдың ықтимал жолдарын талдау

Нигериядағы «Боко Харам» радикалды исламдық топтың 2009 жылдан бастап жасаған лаңкестік іс-әрекеттері елдің қауіпсіздік саласына үлкен нұқсан келтірді. Бұл ел тәуелсіздік алған 1960 жылдан бергі кезеңде орын алған үлкен қауіп-қатер болатын. Бұл мақалада елдің Шығыс бөлігінің солтүстігіне қарай орналасқан тұрғындарына «Боко Хараммен» көрсетілген психологиялық қысымдылықтың әсерлерін зерттеуге талпыныс жасалды. Автор осы экстремистік ұйымның ықпалының талқандаушы сипаты қоғамда діни бірлестіктерге деген жиіркену сезімін тудырғанын баса айтады. Зерттеуде «Боко Харам» жақын арада жеңіліс тапса да, көрсеткен қысымына деген ашу-ыза одан әрі арта түсіп, ұзақ уақытқа созылады деген болжам жасалады. Автор сонымен қатар, мемлекеттік қызметтердің салған барлық күш-жігерінің әрекеттеріне қарамастан, қоғамда жоғары тұрақсыздықты тудырып тұрған психологиялық шабуылдарға қарсы әсерін екі есеге арттыру қажет деп қорытынды жасайды. Негізінде, бұл мақалада әлеуметтік байланыстар теориясы шеңберінде сапалы талдау әдістерді қолданады. Автор сондай-ақ, ұлттық мәселелерін шеше алатын «кедей» мемлекеттен Нигерияның солтүстік-шығысындағы қауіпсіздік саясаты бар мемлекетке ауыстыру парадигмасын ұсынады.

Түйін сөздер: психологиялық шабуыл, бұзушы ықпал, парадигма өзгерісі, жауапкершілік бағыты.

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Анализ возможных путей устранения психологических атак радикально-исламистской группировки «Боко Харам» на население северо-востока Нигерии

Порочный круговорот террористических действий радикально-исламистской группировки «Боко Харам» в Нигерии, начавшийся в 2009 г., создал наихудшую ситуацию в области безопасности за весь период обретения страной независимости в 1960 г. В этой статье делается попытка изучения психологических эффектов давления «Боко Харам» на семьи, населяющие северный Восток страны. Автор утверждает, что разрушительный характер влияния данной экстремистской организации прививает обществу отвращение к религиозным объединениям. В исследовании предполагается, что разочарованность от подобного долгоиграющего давления будет возрастать еще больше, даже если «Боко Харам» будет побеждена в скором будущем. Автор также приходит к выводу, что, несмотря на все усилия, предпринимаемые государственными службами, необходимо удвоить их эффект в противовес психологическим атакам, вызывающим высокую нестабильность в обществе. Как основополагающие, в статье применяются качественные аналитические методы в рамках теории социальных связей. Также автор предлагает осуществить сдвиг парадигмы с «бедного» государства, решающего националистические проблемы, до государства с более ответственной и отзывчивой социально-экономической политикой, которое может установить контроль над кризисом безопасности на северо-востоке Нигерии.

Ключевые слова: психологические атаки, Боко Харам, разрушительное влияние, ислам, сдвиг парадигмы, ответственная стратегия.

Humanity is historically replete with incidences of violent conflicts. Nigerian state since independence in 1960 has gyrated in uncertainty and confusion following persistent crisis of different dimensions and magnitude. Thus, over three decades since the Maitatsine uprising in the 1980s, Nigeria is again confronted with the challenge of taming the tide of Boko Haram violence in the Northern Nigeria. The outbreak of the Boko Haram uprising with increasing violent confrontations since 2009 obviously marked another phase in the incorrigible pattern that violent uprisings, riots and disturbances have become in Nigeria. Boko Haram uprising tends to have multiplied the burden of prevailing insecurity in the face of Nigeria's search for democratization and development.

Essentially, since the return to democratic governance, conflict situations seem to have remained a permanent feature in many states in Nigeria. However, the Northern Nigeria appears to have witnessed high number of devastating conflicts. Prominent among these crises include the recurrent Jos crises of 2001, 2002, 2004 and 2008 (Akaeze, 2009: 5-6). The Jukun/Tiv crisis of 2001, the Wukari crisis of 2013/2014 (Nwanegbo, 2014: 8-14; Nnorom, Odigbo, 2015: 18-24). Also, the Boko Haram kamikaze attacks and the growing shocking attacks of the Fulani herdsmen in various parts of the North have deteriorated the security condition in the North and Nigeria in general.

More specifically, in States like Jos, Benue, Nassarawa, Bauchi, Adamawa, Kaduna, Taraba e.t.c manifest ethno-religious and communal conflicts have engendered poor socio-economic relations. The emergence of Boko Haram insurgence does not only increase insecurity, it has led to wanton destruction of lives and property and threatened the very foundation of Nigeria's cooperate existence. For instance, Danjibo explained that at the beginning of Boko Haram crisis, more than 500 members of the sect were killed by government security forces in Borno. He further stated that in Bauchi state, 41 persons including a soldier and a police officer lost their lives while in Yobe state 43 persons lost their lives with greater casualty on the sect and by the time the violence was contained, between 1,000 and 1, 400 people have lost their lives with inestimable damages to properties (Danjibo, 2010). Thus, between 2011 and 2014 the menace of Boko Haram has increased from a brush fire to an all-consuming conflagration. The bombing of the Police Headquarters Abuja, the attack on the United Nations secretariat Abuja, the abduction of over two and fifty Chibok secondary school girls, the present escalating incidences of suicide bombings are indications that Nigeria seems to be close to a near security collapsed society. As can be seen, the evolving operational strategies of the Boko Haram such as suicide bombing means that concerted effort are needed in combating the trend. This will include government institutions, commitment of the security forces, the civil society and individuals.

Interestingly, while the government has battled over the years to nib the problems in bud, it appears that achieving durable peace in the North remains a herculean task. It is against this background that this paper seeks to examine the psychological challenges posed by Boko Haram in light of the present onslaught. More specifically, the paper looks at the extent Boko Haram activities have affected family relations and lives in the Northern Nigeria.

Theoretical Explication

The study adopts the social bond theory in the analysis of psychological effects of Boko Haram activities to families in the North Eastern Nigeria. Our choice of the theory is predicated on the fact that the theory demonstrates the underlining dynamics of social relations and the extent lack or weak social connections can undermine peace in a society. The theory was originally developed by Travis Hirschi. According to Hirschi «we are moral beings to the extent we are social beings» (Hirschi, 1969). This tries to establish the link between our state of being and the society we inhabit. Shoemaker argued that the social bond theory is basically «refers to the connection between the individual and society» (Gardner, Shoemaker, 1989: 481-SIX). The theory has received considerable empirical support, and its explanatory value is typically described as good or moderate.

The theory explained that deviant behaviour occurs when the social bond appeared to be weak or lacking. In this perspective and with regards to the prevailing security condition in the North Eastern Nigeria, it may be stated that the emergence and subsequent upsurge of terrorist activities of Boko Haram is inextricably tied to the fact that Nigerian society is challenged with inadequate, poor and weak social bond. As a result, many families tend to have failed to provide the necessary guide for the children. Secondly and perhaps more importantly is the debilitating impacts of poor leadership in Nigeria over several decades of her independence. In fact, Nigerian government has existed on its own, differently from the people with both oblivious of need for symbiotic state-institutional and statepeople relationship.

Hirschi outlined and explained the four elements of the social bond, which according to him are: attachment, commitment, involvement, and belief. Generally, these elements stimulate individual's engagement or disengagement in deviant behaviour. Again, Hirschi further posited that attachment involves the degree to which the individual has affectional or emotional ties to these people, identifies with them, and cares about their expectations (Hirschi, Op.cit.). Evidently, this could be seen as the bonding or strong ties that exist among family members. Indeed, it explained social bond theory, as a condition in which individuals with strong attachments are less likely to engage in deviant behaviour and vice versa. Secondly, the element of *commitment* essentially looks at the totality of effort devoted for conventional and positively needed activities. It is measured by the aggregate investment of energy, resources and time in conventional activities such as sports, farm work and even education. According to Akers these investments represent stakes in conformity (Akers, 1997).

More succinctly, social bond theorists posited that individuals with strong commitments will not want to jeopardize them by engaging in deviant behaviour. Among families in North East, this commitment will be in terms of quality jobs and ability to meet basic needs of daily living such as food, shelter, education etc. These are obviously lacking or in short supply hence many in camps are dependent on agencies and individuals for food and shelter.

Thirdly, *involvement* is concerned with the amount of time a person, persons, group or individuals spend engaging in conventional activities, such as doing office work, community services, administration or participating in clubs or recreational activities. The last component of the social bond theory is the *belief*. This is the acceptance of a conventional value system. Social bond theory maintained that any weakening of these conventional beliefs increases the likelihood that an individual will engage in violent confrontations and deviant behavior (Shoemaker, 1996).

Following from the above, it is pertinent to note that the challenge in the North East appears enormous. With many families already dislocated, peace perforated and the horror witness on daily bases by the young and old may likely sustained long acrimonious relations among people especially those that have lost their loved ones.

Beyond this, children born in this challenging period may not understand the importance of peace. Secondly, children conceived violently (maybe through rape) in the quest by the terrorists and miscreants to satiate their sexual desires may typically represent the gene that produces them. In such condition, peace may continue to elude families, the region and in general the Nigerian state that is in dire need for peace.

Catalogues of boko haram attacks since 2009

Boko Haram insurgence in the Northern part of Nigeria since July 2009 typified yet another phase in the ever recurring pattern of violent situations in Nigeria. Prior to Boko Haram terrorist acts, violent confrontations, riots and disturbances of several dimensions have become rampant in the North and Nigeria in general. Following the diverse nature of Nigerian society, especially the challenges of religion, ethnicity, the colonial legacy of divide and rule, poor governance and the entrenched prependalism, patrimonial politics that accentuated during the prolonged military rule, the present situation may not have been unanticipated.

Thus, since 2009 the Boko Haram has evolved from a mere religious fundamentalist group to an insurgent gang and indeed a global terrorist network. It (Boko Haram) has linked its activities with other international terrorist group. Recently, Boko Haram pledged allegiance with Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS). Undoubtedly, these links and connections perhaps have contributed to the sustenance of Boko Haram and their cronies especially, in their recent attack in paris – France. In Nigeria for instance, the initial attacks on government institutions tend to have reduced, but attacks on public places such as market, church, schools and motor parks have remained on the increase.

School participation remains a challenge across Nigeria and obstacles are particularly severe in northern states. In addition to issues of school access, family and school resources, and attitudes towards education, school attendance in northern Nigeria is impeded by the increasingly brazen extremism of Boko Haram an Islamist militant group, and it's targeting of girls' education. The group opposes the Western - style education associated with formal schools in Nigeria and seeks to relegate women exclusively to the household. As a result, risks associated with school-going are compounded for girls and young women in a context where female education attainment is persistently low. Indeed, in many northern states more than 50% of young women ages 15 - 24 have no experience with formal education (EPDC extraction of MICS 2011). Also, alarming is the increasing incidence of suicide bombings. In all, Nigerians and indeed Nigeria appeared devastated.

Year	Date & Month	Nature of Attack	Location	Numbe r of people killed	Numbe r of People Injured	Number of People Displaced & Property Distroyed
2004						
2009	26 th July	5 days up-rising	Dutsen-Tanshi Maiduguri	41		Over 30 people
	27 th July	Armed attack	Potiskum DV HQ, Yobe	4		
	29 th July	Armed attack	Potiskum/Damaturu, Yobe	33		Over 160 people
	29 th July	All night armed battle	Railway terminus Maiduguri , Yobe	40		Over 250 people
	Januar v	Gun runner battle	Jos	326	183	Over 120 people
	March	Midnight armed attack	Dogo Nahawa, Zot & Ratsat Jos	300	129	Over 90 people
2010	7 th Sept	Jailbreak	Attack on Prisons in Bauch	5		Freeing 721 Innmates
	6 th Oct.	Assassination	Awana Ngala in Maiduguri	3		
	9 th Oct.	Assassination	Maiduguri	3		
	11 th Oct.	Bombing/Gun attack	Maiduguri Police Station		3	

 Table 1 – Boko Haram Attacks in Nigeria between 2009 and 2014

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	24 th	Bombing/Armed	Jos metropolis	80	23	Over 230 people
	Dec.	attack		-		
	28 th	Assassination	Senior police officer & two others	3		
	Dec.					
	28 th	Bombing/Armed	Christmas eve bombing in	38	87	Over 120 people
	Dec.	attack	Maiduguri			
	31 st	Armed Attack	Abuja Market blast killing many	168	210	Over 250 people
	Dec.		people			
	23 rd	Assination/killin	Boko Haram Murders Deeper Life	4	45	Over 60 people
	Jan.	gs	Pastor & others			
	29 th	Assasination/killi	Boko Haram kills ANPP Guber	7	34	
	Jan.	ngs	Candidate & other			
	31 st	Bombing/Gun	Boko Haram & Military in fight to			Over 250 people
	Jan.	attack	finish in Borno			
	17^{th}	Bombing/Gun	Boko Haram/Military Bloody clash	2	23	30 people & 25 houses
	Febr.	attack	in Borno			raised
	12 th	Assasination/killi	Boko Haram Assassinated Muslem	5	12	
	Mar.	ngs	Cleric			
	27 th	Assasination/killi	Boko Haram kills ANPP Stalwart	2		
	Mar.	ngs	& other			
	5 th	Assasination/killi	Boko Haram free for all rampage	2	7	Over 110 people
	April 22 nd	ngs				
	22 nd	Jailbreak	Boko Haram frees prisoners in			14 prisoners freed
	April 26 th		Yola			
	26 th	Bombing/Gun	Bonmbing/Blast	3	14	Over 150 people
	April 29 th	attack				
	29 th	Bombing/Gun	Boko Haram Bombed Northern			
	May	attack	Nigeria			
	31 st	Bombing/Gun	Bomb exploision & killings	1	23	
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	June	Attack	Epidemiological center			
	8 th	Bombing/Gun	Boko Haram Attacked Catholic	10	68	23 people & 3 buildings
	June	Attack	church in Maiduguri	10	00	raised
	17 th	Bombing/Explois	Boko Haram Hit Police HQR in	2	20	38 cars & 140 others
	Jun.	ion	Abuja	-	20	damaged
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	Jun.	ion	House			buildings raised
	7 th	Bombing/Explois	Boko Haram Bomed JTF Patrol	3	3	1 car destroyed
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8 th	Bombing	Boko Haram suicide bombers		23	
Febr.	&Exploision	storm Kaduna Barracks			
16 th	Jailbreak in	Boko Haram & jailbreak in central	1		119 prisoners freed
Febr.	Prisons	Nigeria			
20 th	Bombing	Exploision rocks Suleja church		13	
Febr.	&Exploision				
21 st	Gun Fight	Boko Haram Gun fight in Yobe	30	17	5 vehicles damaged
Febr.					
27 th	Bombing	Suicide bombers attacks Jang's			
Febr.	&Exploision	Church			
8 th	Gun Fight	Boko haram fighters opens fire at a			
Mar.		checkpoint in Kano			
8 th	Abduction/Kidne	Boko Haram Killed adbucted Brish	2		
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12 th	Armed Attacks	Book Haram Kills scores in Jos	18		
Mar.		Church raid			
14 th	Armed Attacks	Boko haram fighters opens fire at a			
Mar.		checkpoint in Kano			
17 th	Armed Attacks	Gun attacks in Sounthern Kaduna	10	5	3 buildings & 2 cars
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21 st	Armed attacks	Boko Haram fighters attacks police	2		Taised
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27 th	Bombing	Boko Haram bombers attacked			
April 30 th	&Exploision	Media Houses in Abuja			
	Armed Attacks	BUK attacked by Boko Haram	15	43	9 vehicles damaged
April 3 rd		fighters			
3 rd	Armed	Book Haram killed Church-goers in	15	35	
June	Attacks/Killing	Bauchi			
11 th	Armed Attacks	Suicide Attacks on Churches in Biu	12	65	Over 120 people
Jun.		Jos & Borno			displaced
17^{th}	Mass Murder	Book Haram kills many in a suicide	130		Over 300 people
Jun.		attaks in Jos			1 1
18 th	Mass Murder	Suicide attacks on Churches in	40	110	Over 90 people
June.	Mass Mader	Kaduna and Zaria	40	110	displaced
8 th	Armed Attacks	Bokites Gunmen suicide attacks in	34	55	Over 60 people displce
o July	Allieu Auaeks	Barakin-Ladi	54	55	Over oo people displee
26 th	Armed Attacks	Boko Haram attacked Gum Arabic	5	12	
20 July	Anned Attacks	Factory in Bayan	2	12	
7 th	A		25	24	0
·	Armed Attacks	Gunmen Murders several in Okene,	25	34	Over 40 people
Aug. 8 th		Kogi		-	displaced
-	Armed Attacks	Boko Haram fighters killed	3	6	
Aug. 18 th		Soldiers in Bauch			
	Mass Murder	Book Haram Murder entire family	4		
Sept. 24 th		member in North			
	Suicide Attacks	Suicide bombers attacked Bauch	3		
Sept. 3 rd		church			
3 rd	Midnight Suicide	Book Haram attack Mubi town	46	150	Over 350 people
Oct.	Attacks	killing scores			
29 th	Suicide Attacks	Suicide bomber hit Church during			
<u> </u>		Holy Communion			
Oct.					
Oct. 27 th	Armed Attacks	Gunmen attacked Abuja Police	40	39	Stampeed

	20 th	Abduction/Kidna	Boko Haram abducted seven			
	Febr.	pping	French Tourist in Cameroon			
	25 th	Armed Attacks	Gunmen Killed several in Kaduna	11	9	Raised shops and
	Febr.					buildings
	26 th	Abduction/Kidna	Boko Haram releases video of			
	Febr.	pping	kidnapped French family			
	4 th	Suicide Attacks	Boko Haram attacked Military base	20		5 building raised
	Mar.		-			
	13 th	Suicide Attacks	Boko Haram fighters stormed Kano	13	55	
	Mar.		School			
2013	19 th	Bombing	Bomb blast and exploision at	30	65	Not less than 50
	Mar.	&Exploision	Motor Part in Kano			
	12 th	Terror Attacks	Boko Haram & JTF clash in Kano	9	12	
	April					
	April 24 th	Mass Murder	Massacre at Baga Borno state	105	210	Over 150 people lost
			-			their homes
	April 26 th	Terror Attacks	Boko Haram terror attack in Yobe	25	38	Over 90 people
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	April 8 th	Jailbreak	Boko Haram Attacked Army	55	45	Over 105 iimates freed
	May		barrack in Bama, Yobe			
	May 14 th	Abduction/Kidna	Boko Haram abducts women &	55	67	Over 65 people
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	14 th	Abduction/Kidna	Boko Haram abducts women &	55	67	Over 65 people
	May	pping	children			1 1
	May 20 th	Terror Attacks	Mass/exodus of men & women to			Over 2,000 flee Borno
	May		Niger from Borno			to Niger
	6 th	Armed Attack	Boko Haram attack school in Yobe	42	55	
	July		killed many students			
	19 th	Terror Attacks	Boko Haram attack in Borno State	142		
	sept.					
	sept. 29 th	Armed Attack	Boko Haram attack College of	40		
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	Jan.	ion	Borno killed many			
	16 th	Mass Murder	Izghe massacre by Boko Haram	105		
	febr.		terrorists			
	24 th	Mass Murder	Mass murder of College student in	43		
	Febr.		Yobe			
	27 th	Armed Attack	Boko Haram raid village in Borno	74	54	Over 200 displaced, 34
	Febr		-			buildings raised
	2th	Bombing/Explois	Boko haram bomb Maiduguri, raid	300	250	Over 350 displaced, 45
	Mar	ion	village			buildinds raised

Source: Adopted from Akinfala, Akinbode and Kemmer.¹⁰

The totality of these attacks coupled with the increasing violence since the 2014 tend to have triggered massive displacement especially in the North Eastern part of Nigeria. Interestingly, many communities and public places in the North East have been designated by government for IDPs camps while others were created by the people in response to the exigencies of their situation. For instance, the total number of internally displaced persons identified in Adamawa, Bauchi, Borno, Gombe,

Taraba and Yobe as of February 2015 is 1,188,018 IDPs with 149,357 households (Displacement Tracking Matrix, Report II, 2015). In this, the three most affected states by Boko Haram activities have the highest number of IDPs. For instance, Borno state has 672,714 IDPs which is the highest number among the three most affected states, followed by Adamawa who has 220,159 IDPs and Yobe with a total of 135,810 IDPs. Below is the total number of IDPs in the North East as of February 2015.

Current Location	IDP Individuals	IDP Households	Average HHs size
ADAMAWA	220,159	25,807	8.5
BAUCHI	60,555	9,881	6.1
BORNO	672,714	76,842	8.8
GOMBE	24,655	3,335	7.4
TARABA	74,125	11,599	6.4
YOBE	135,810	21,893	6.2
Grand Total	1,188,018	149,357	8.0

 Table 2 – Total IDPs Population by Current Location (State)

Source: Displacement Tracking Matrix, Report II¹¹

It is important to note that in Nigeria, incidences of unaccounted victims in disaster times sometimes surpass the official figures. In this condition, many may have been abandoned uncounted. There is also possibility of unknown existing camps or those neglected because of politics, religious affiliations or the remoteness of these camps. For instance, at the height of violence in 2014 following federal government declaration of state of emergency and subsequent deployment of troops to most affected areas, only ten camps were identified in state like Adamawa in four local governments in the state. Thus, by 2014, Girei, Yola North, Yola South and Fufore local government areas accommodated eighteen thousand two hundred and fifty eight (18, 258) individuals comprising two thousand six hundred and fifty households. These numbers are stated below as follows:

Table 3 – Names of Camps Location and Number of People in Adamawa State in 2014

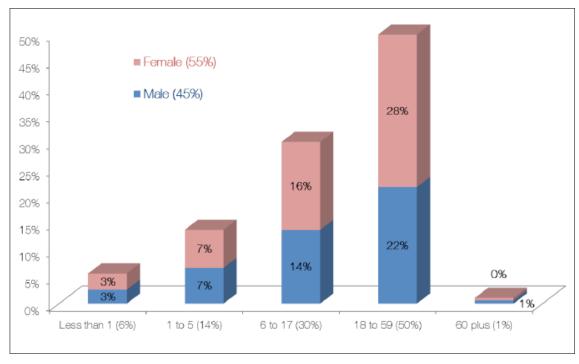
SSID	Name of Camp Location	LGA	Ward	Households	Individuals
AD_S001	NYSC Damare Camp	Girei	Damare	450	4953
AD_S007	Lamido Lawal Pri School	Girei	Girei 1	229	1,626
AD_S008	St Theresas Cathedral	Yola North	Lugere	864	3,675
AD_S002	Deeper Life Camp Ground	Yola South	Namtari	80	428
AD_S003	Malkohi Camp	Yola South	Namtari	127	577
AD_S004	Malkohi Village	Yola South	Namtari	120	602
AD_S009	Runde Killa	Yola South	Namtari	21	165
AD_S010	Kawawan Wapa	Yola South	Namtari	246	2,808
AD_S006	Daware Village	Fufore	Pariya	186	438
AD_S005	Eyn Church Vinikilang	Girei	Vinikilang	327	2,986
	Total assessed in 10 Camps in Adam	2,650	18,258		

Source: Displacement Tracking Matrix, Report II12

Unfortunately, children and women are more vulnerable as they constitute greater number of the victims. According to the displacement tracking matrix report II (2015) the survey show that 53% of the IDP population are female and 47 % are male while Children of less than 18 years constitutes 56% of the IDP population and more than half of them

are 5 years old or younger (Displacement Tracking Matrix Report. 11 Op.cit.). Implicitly, many children especially those within the age range of one to five have seen no moderate or responsible homes than camps. Most of these children do not have access to education. The crisis has also contributed to high level of children malnutrition since the

parents depend mainly on food provided by either government agencies such National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) or other spirited individuals. The table below shows percentages of demographic profile of the IDPs population in the North-Eastern states between male and female.



Source: Displacement Tracking Matrix, Report II (2015:4)

Figure 1 – IDP Population by major age group and sex breakdown

Evidently, the above trend poses a serious challenge to the survival of any nation. It threatens the numerical strength of a Nigeria, reduces socioeconomic activities in the North East. Most of the states in the North East are agrarian societies that supply food to other parts of the country. Persistent violence and insecurity is likely to create food scarcity and Nigeria over the last few years tends to have shown poor capacity to curtail the increasing number of Boko Haram's attacks on defenseless people.

Boko Haram activities and families in the north-east nigeria

The activities of the Boko Haram sect has risen to an unbearable level and has brought about undesirable psychological effects on the families especially on women and children in the North Eastern Nigeria. The abduction of 276 school girls from Chibok secondary school was the height of Boko haram senseless activities of abduction. The abduction attracted global condemnation. Yet, it appears that since then the rise in gender and sexual based violence in the North East has been on the increase due to the increased activities of Boko Haram.

Consequent upon this crisis is the 'imprisonment' of many families in camps. Arguably, camps appear to temporarily guarantee safety and offer access to limited food provided by concerned groups, yet that may not underestimate the fact that «gender and sexual based violence is believed to be a widespread phenomenon among female internally displaced persons(IDP's) both at various camps and in host communities» (Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre, 2014). In this regard, the challenge of protecting the girl child, mother and generally the young seems enormous. Thus, several other families who are not privilege to access camps have been maimed, dispersed and dislocated from their relations. Ross explains that there are many children who have lost contact with their parents, as well as mothers and fathers who have no idea

what has happened to their sons and daughters among more than 4,500 displaced people in the North Eastern Nigeria (Ross, 2015). This situation has compelled some to inhabit on top of mountains and some have crossed over into neighboring countries of Cameroon and Chad thereby making communication and reconnection with their families almost very difficult if not totally impossible.

Understandably, the tendency of the present situation conditioning and shaping the character of the youths towards resorting to violent may spear doom for the future generation. For instance, in one of the videos released by Boko Haram in 2014, it showed a man who was buried up to his neck and was seemingly stoned to death for adultery. Many children were among the large crowd watching. The act implicitly may not convey a Jihadist message to the young who witnessed the cruelty; it rather convinced them that such cruelty can be justified.

Beyond the fact that these crimes are committed publicly, Boko Haram seems not to have respect for innocent children. Presently, a lot of children are suffering and many more are being killed or abducted. Indeed, it appears that the air of panic and even helplessness has continued to mount across most parts of North Eastern Nigeria, in tandem with the escalating violence. Unfortunately, women and girls tend to experience the most traumatic and unbearable adversities due to their vulnerability in times of crisis especially when they lose their husbands, guardians or children who are mostly bread winners of the family.

Conclusion

From the analysis, we have explained that the history of Nigeria since independence and more specifically since her return to democratic governance is replete with myriad of violence of different sort. Obviously, the consequence is instability and increasing insecurity. With the emergence of Boko Haram and its terrorist attacks since 2009 over seventeen thousand (17000) Nigeria were murdered. Nigeria and more specifically the North Eastern Nigeria has become a hotbed of terrorism. The paper noted that Boko Haram kamikaze attacks on defenseless Nigerians have perforated the peace and have negatively impacted on the psyche of the people. It has dislocated many families, compelled people to become refugees in their land and in all, resulted to the death of thousands of Nigerians in a seemingly cruel condition. Following from this, the paper appreciated government efforts in tackling insecurity. However, it suggested the need for government to evolve more realistic and practical measures to ensure that insecurity is urgently addressed. We advocated for more responsive efforts to render assistance to the victims and the internally displaced persons. This will also help to compliment the efforts of NEMA and in general help to reduce the hardship the victims experience on daily bases. With many families presently scattered, government needs to engage a special program that will help to address the psychological impacts on families and strive to provide basic needs in the face of the continues Boko Haram onslaught.

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