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Countering Violent Extremism in Africa

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Overview

I. FRAMEWORK

II. CHALLENGE

III. RECOMMENDATIONS



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'Terrorism,' 'Violent Extremism,' and Beyond

Terrorism

- Violence
- Non-State Actor
- Targeting Civilians
- Political Ends

Violent Extremism

- Support for or Commission of Ideologically Motivated Violence to Further Political Goals
- Justification/Glorification of Terrorism
- 'CVE at 10' (c2005-c2015)

Toward New Definitions?

- Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE)
- 'Countering Radical Islamic Extremism' (CRIE)/'Countering Islamic Extremism' (CIE)?...



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'Counterterrorism' & 'Countering Violent Extremism'

Counterterrorism



Countering Violent Extremism



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The Challenge in Africa

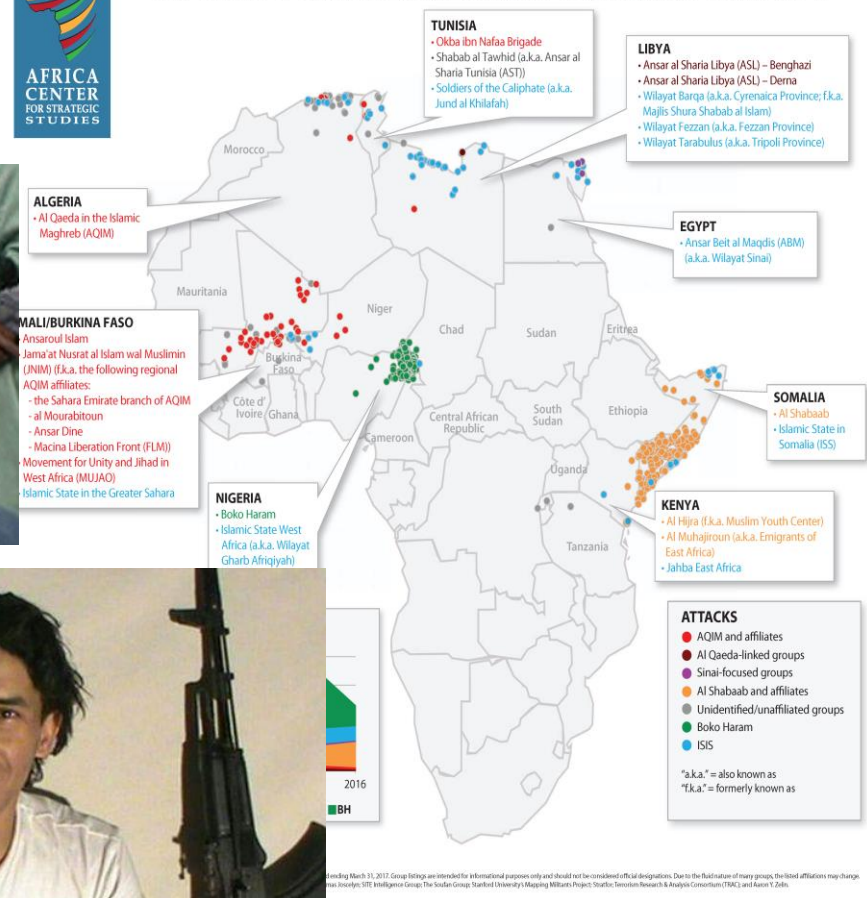
Organizations

- Islamic State in Libya (ISL)
- Al-Shabaab
- Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM)
- Boko Haram
- Etc.

Lone Wolves Extremists...



AFRICA'S ACTIVE MILITANT ISLAMIST GROUPS



Ending March 31, 2017. Group listings are intended for informational purposes only and should not be considered official designations. Due to the fluid nature of many groups, the listed affiliations may change over time. Sources: SITE Intelligence Group; The Institute for Strategic Studies; Mapping Militant Groups; SITE Intelligence Group; Terrorism Research & Analysis Consortium (TRAC); and Avner Y. Zelin.

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Characteristics of the Challenge

Diverse and Persistent Drivers

- 'Pull' Factors
 - Recruitment
 - Opportunity
 - Ideology
 - Coercion
 - Etc.
- 'Push' Factors
 - Marginalized Populations
 - Demographic Trends
 - Corruption and Impunity
 - 'Ungoverned' Borderlands
 - Etc.

Modes

- Violent Outgrowth
- Insurgency/Internal Dissent
- Contract/Expand



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Costs of the Challenge

Direct Impacts

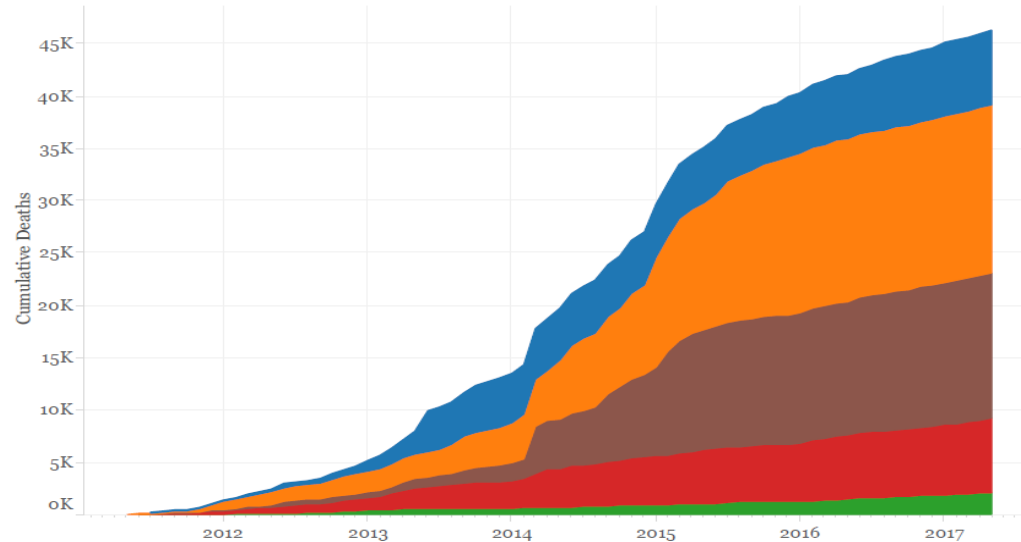
- Death and Injury
- Destruction
- Displacement
- Disruption
- Etc.

Indirect Impacts

- Repression
- Instability
- Economic Losses
- Etc.

Graph 3: Total Deaths by Perpetrator

This graph reflects the cumulative deaths over time attributed to a particular perpetrator. These five perpetrators represent the vast majority of deaths documented by the NST. There are deaths included in the overall NST count, displayed in graph 1, that are not reflected here.



Perpetrators

- State Actor
- Boko Haram
- Boko Haram, State Actor
- Sectarian Actor
- Other Armed Actor

Notes

Hover over a point in the graph to view the total number of deaths by that date.

Specific dates can be viewed using the slider above.



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Recommendations

African Responses

- 'Rise and Rollback'
- African CVE
- Regional CT Operations



USG Role

1. Define and Prioritize USG Objectives
2. Face the Interests-Values Dilemma in CT/CVE
3. Figure out Security Cooperation in Fragile States

Conclusion



Thank you.

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