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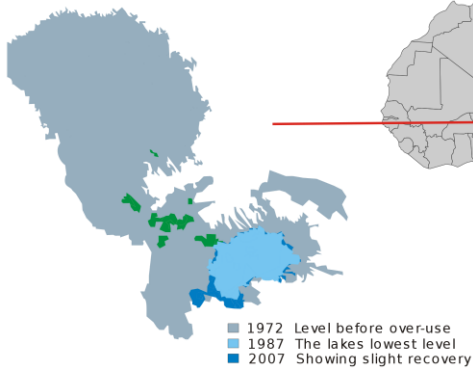
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# The Boko Haram Insurgency in the Lake Chad Basin

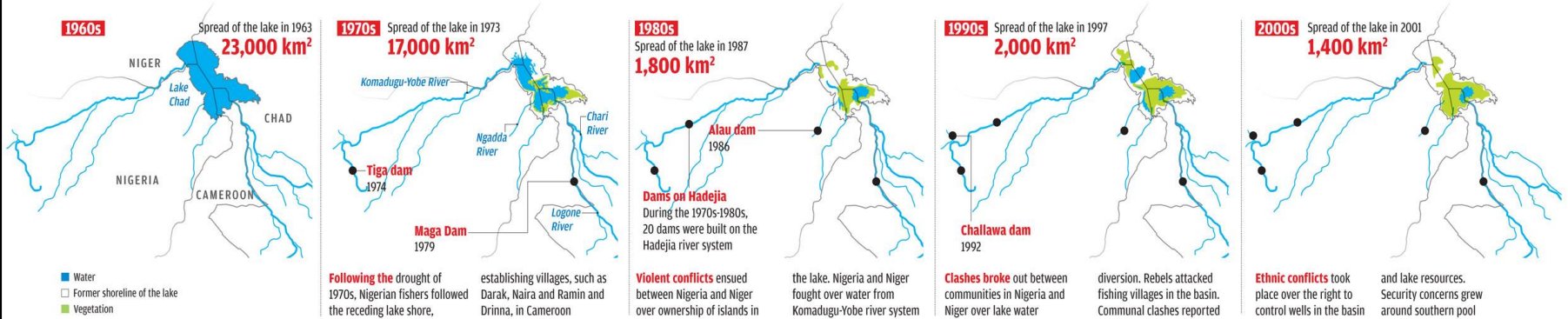


# The Lake Chad Basin Region

Lake Chad

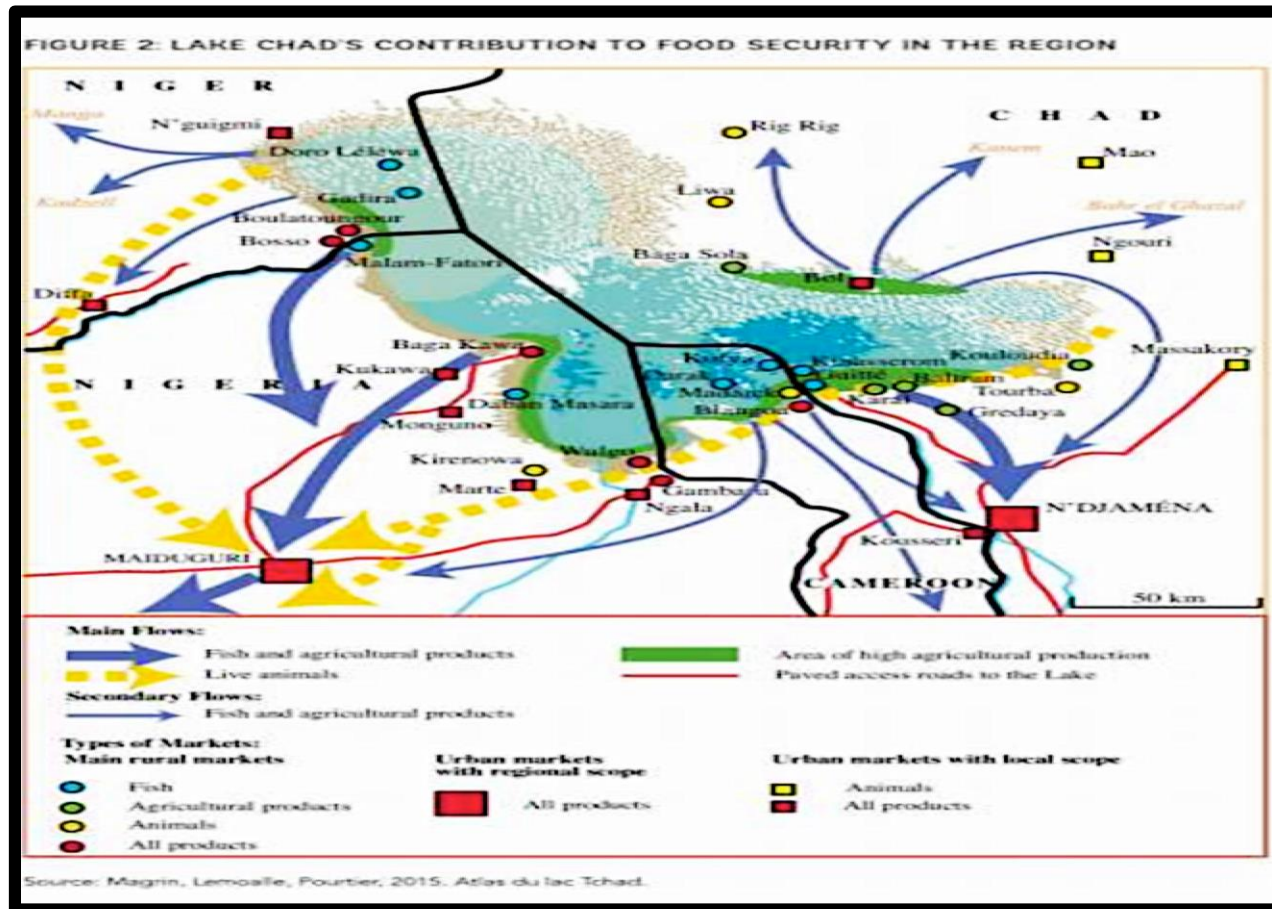


## Vanishing act | Lake Chad has shrunk by 90% in 50 years, resulting in frequent conflicts in the region



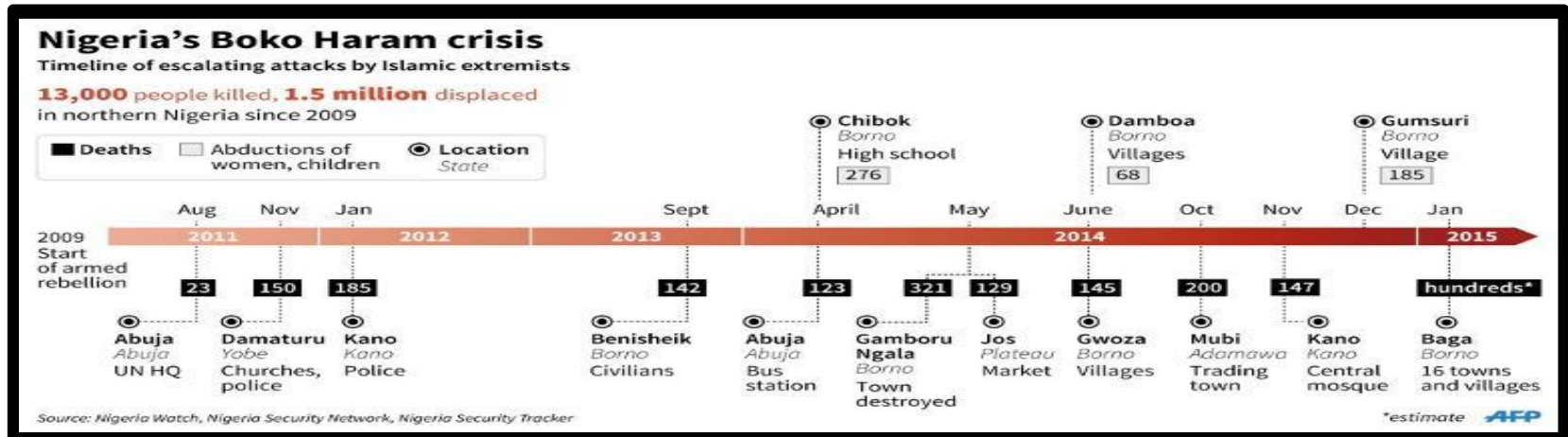


# Economic Significant of The Lake Chad Basin



- History of Violent Criminality - Smuggling, Cattle Rustling, Corruption and Extortion by Government Agencies, Traditional Authorities and 'Mafia gangs'.
- Proven Hydrocarbon Deposits in the Region of Commercial Significance

# Background to the Crisis



# Influence of ISIS in the Crisis

## The spreading influence of ISIS jihadists

25 organisations are allied with the Islamic State group  
and 10 others support it\*



● Presence of groups outside Iraq and Syria that are linked to ISIS



\*As of June 19. The size of these groups and the strength of their allegiance to IS varies considerably  
Source: IntelCenter

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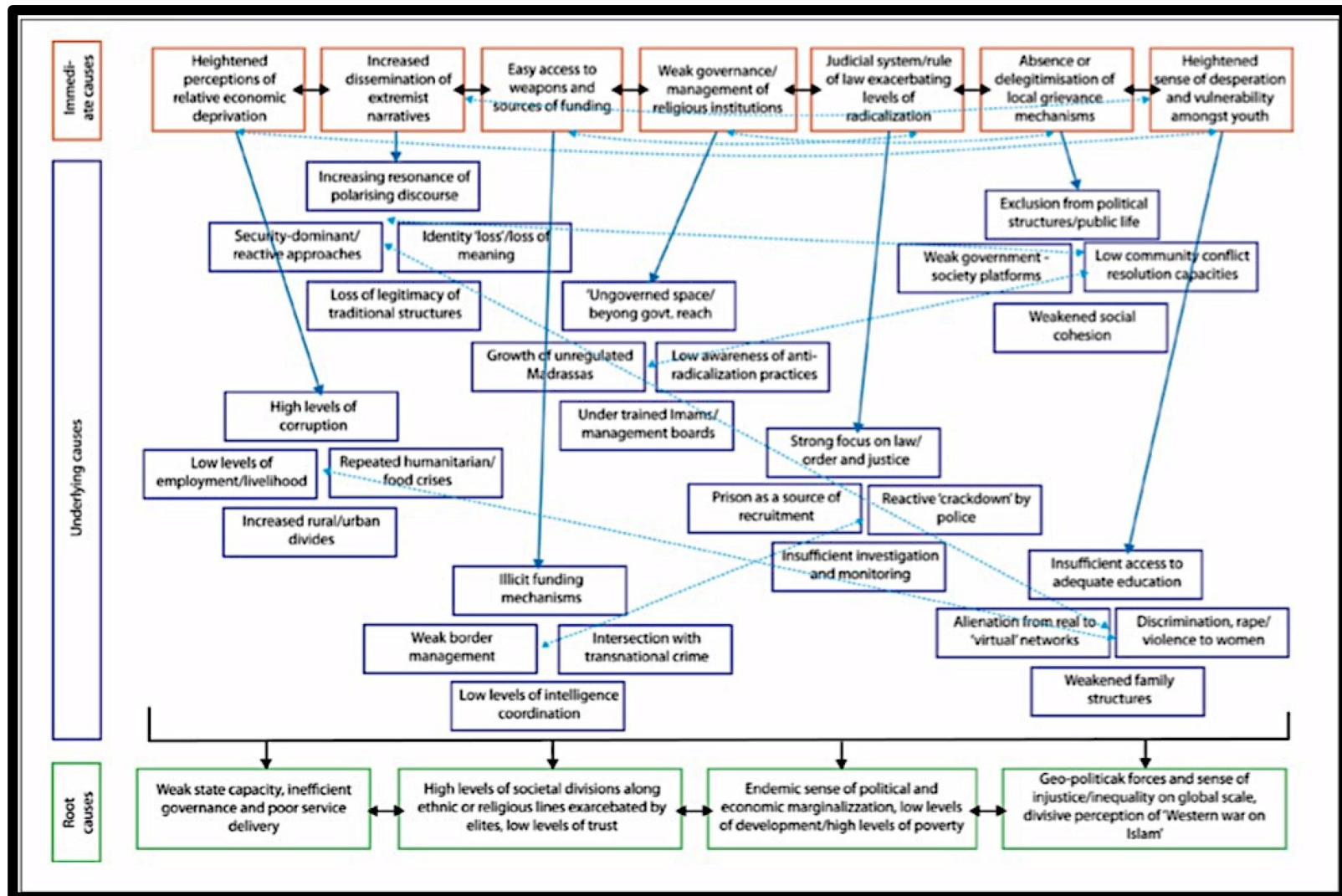






Portraying the threat as predominantly ideological and branding the insurgency as violent extremism activity or as a jihadist terrorism, risk moving the focus away from **the nexus of crime, [which is about] socio-economic deprivation, poor governance and environmental degradation, which when instrumentalized, drives violence, conflict and fragility in the Lake Chad Basin.**

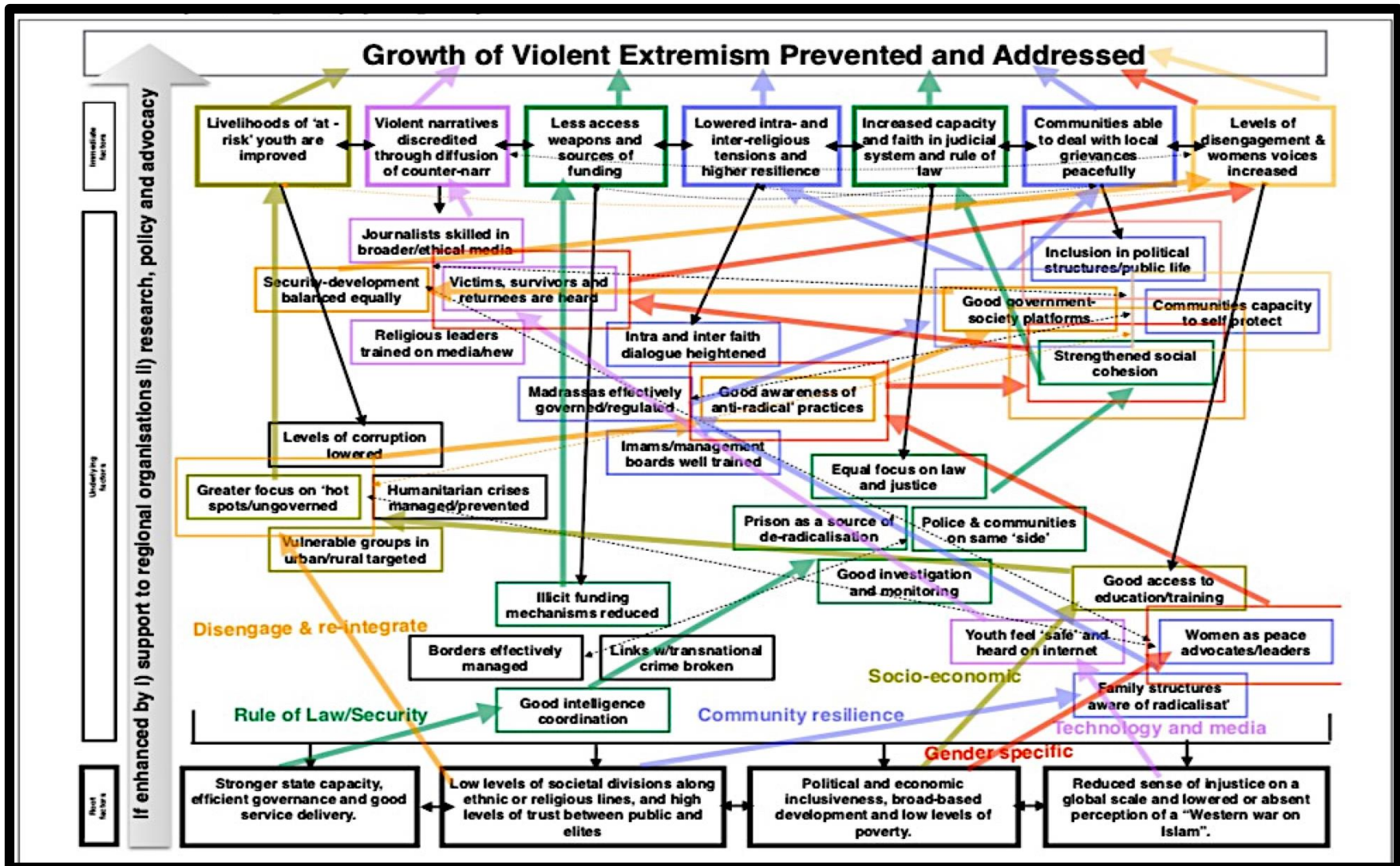
# Extremism Causes and Effects Matrix



Source: UNDP – Preventing and Responding to Violent Extremism in Africa: A Development Approach

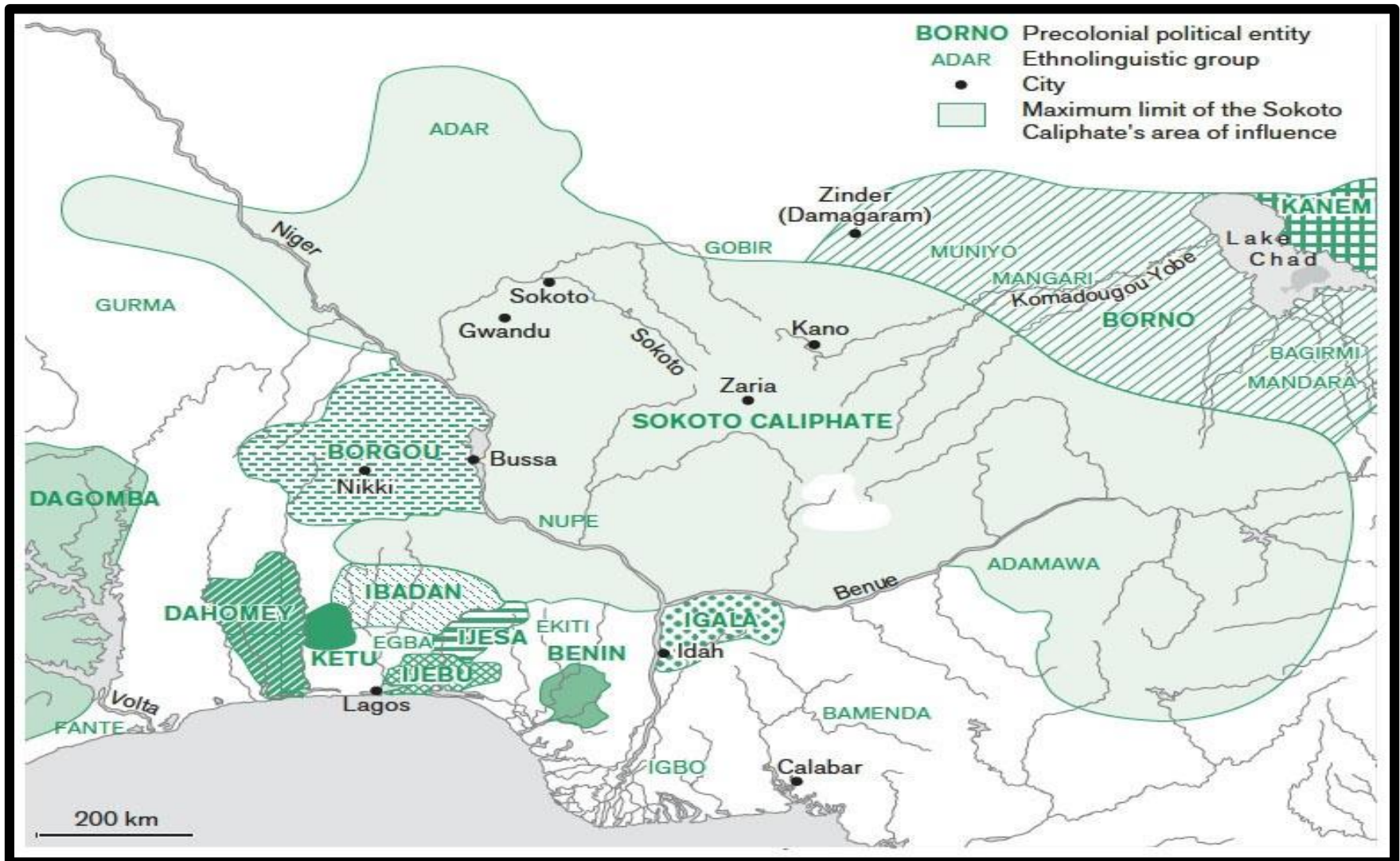


# Preventive and Counter Extremism Strategy Matrix



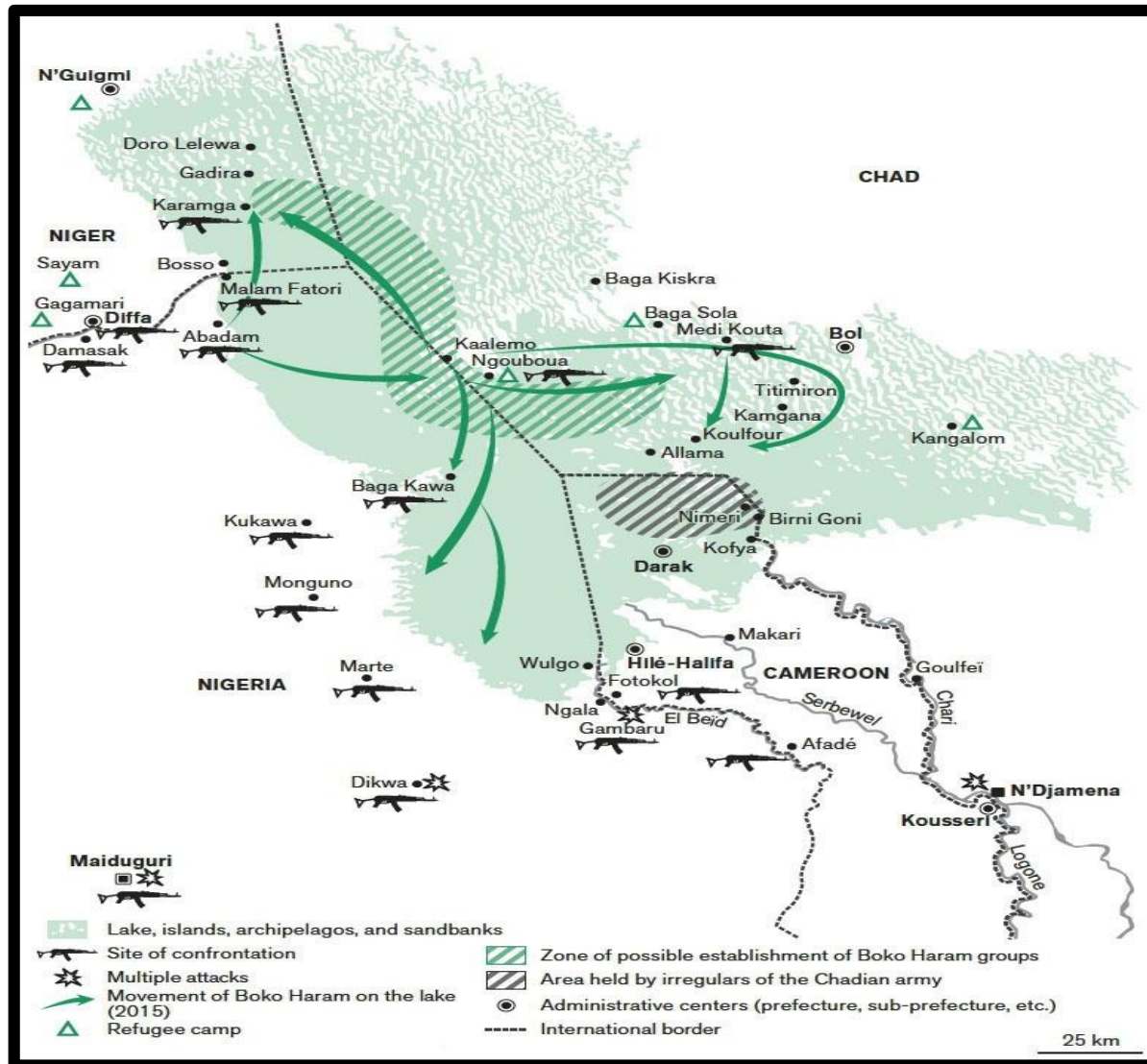
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# The Sokoto Caliphate and Borno Empire



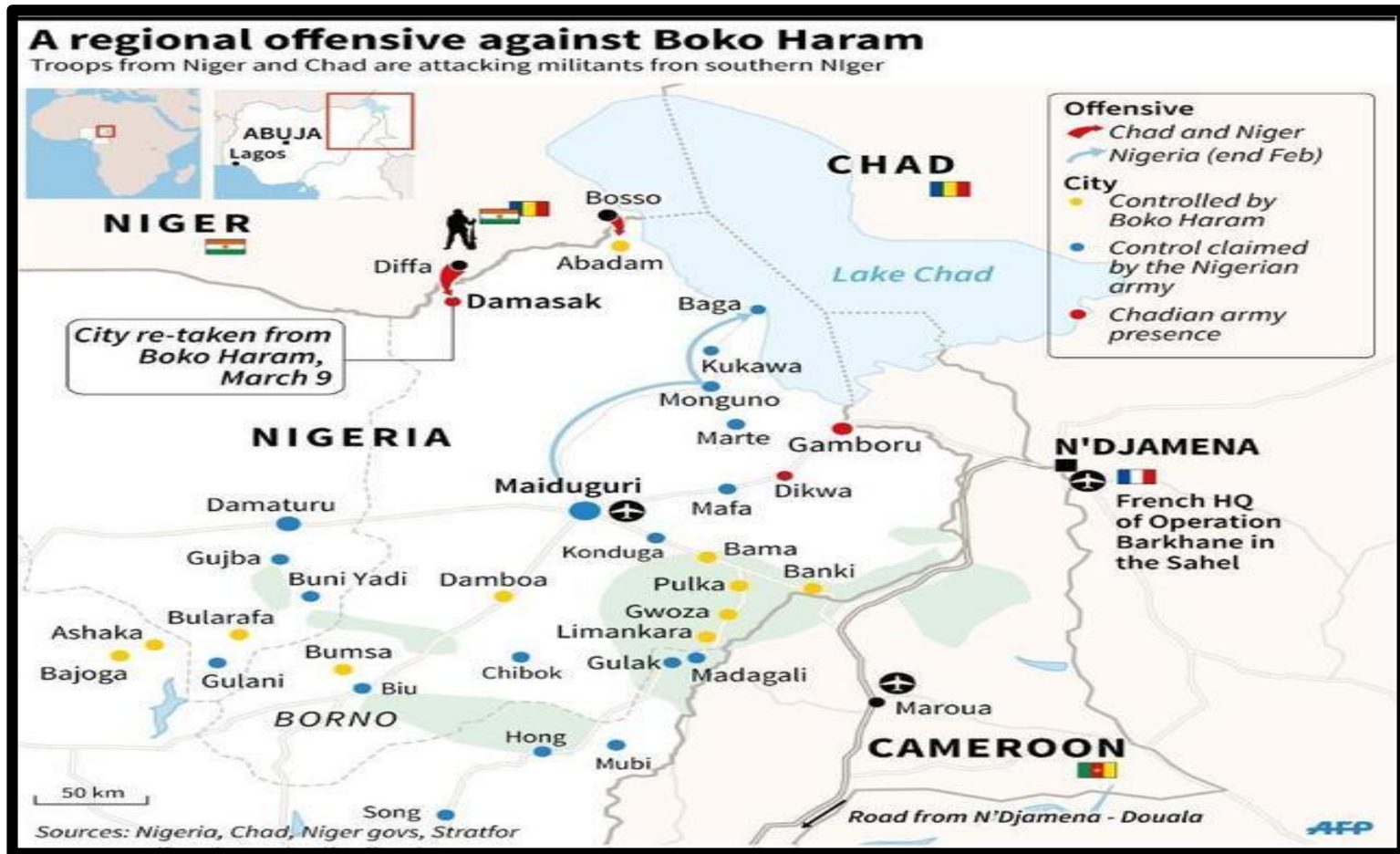


# Domination of the Lake Chad Basin by the Abu-Musab Al-Barnawi Group





# Regional Military Deployment around the Lake Chad



**Note - Militarization of the Region due to the Violent Insurgency**

# Major Multilateral Organizations in the Lake Chad Region

## Political and Socio-Economic



## Military



# Conclusions

- **Development and Implementation of a holistic strategy that responds to the manifestation and the drivers of the insurgency in and around the Lake Chad Basin by addressing crime, justice (Transitional Justice), good governance and local and regional economic development on national (e.g. North East Development Commission- Nigeria) and multi-lateral platforms (LCBC) and the Lake Chad Basin Governors Forum.**
- **Enhance military cooperation (Multinational Joint Task Force, G5S, et la) across borders to understand and combat the various factions of Boko Haram and related criminological aspects.**
- **Reestablish comprehensive formal and traditional government institutions across the region.**
- **Dredge and Recharge the Lake Chad and establish agro-allied industrial hubs, with a military strategy around securitizing the projects.**
- **Leverage support of International partners to achieve above.**