



## INTERROGATING THE NEXUS BETWEEN COUNTERTERRORISM AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION IN THE NORTH-EASTERN NIGERIA: THE ROLE OF UNCTITF

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### ABSTRACT

Boko Haram insurgency poses serious security threat to the Nigerian government. For this reason, the Nigerian government employs counterterrorism operation through the use of Joint Task Force (JTF), which is a combination of the military, paramilitary and police to counter the terrorist menace. Accordingly, the extreme use of force, coupled with chaotic military operation by the Joint Task Force in the name of counterinsurgency, resulting the violation of the fundamental human rights of many Nigerians. Consequently, United Nations Counter Terrorism Implementation Task Forced (CTITF) launches counterterrorism projects to contain a human rights violation, and enhances the state's capacity in fighting terrorism. Therefore, the aim of this paper is to assess the United Nations counterterrorism initiatives under the aegis of CTITF. The aim of this paper is to identify the implications of violating the rights of innocent citizens to the success of the counterinsurgency. It argues that any counterinsurgency operation that violent the rights of the people it intends to protect undermines human security. The study relies on the secondary data extracted from the journals, articles, books, magazines, newspapers and reports from the Amnesty International. It employs descriptive methods of data analysis. The article finds that this violation of human rights resulted from the failure of JTF to fully adopt the code of conduct and rule of engagement in combating insurgency. Therefore, the fight against insurgency can only be succeeded if the government gets the support of the ordinary citizens, rather than using extreme force to achieve its objective.

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