

## Weekly Report for June

### Nigeria

Sadly on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> in south-eastern town of Bosso of Niger close to the border with Nigeria, two Nigerian soldiers and thirty Niger's were killed by Boko Haram in an attack. However, on the 4<sup>th</sup>, danger was averted as a joint operation of the Army, Air Force and Civilian Joint Task on the 4<sup>th</sup> escaped an ambush by Boko Haram. This happened in Boko Haram camp in Chukungudu, Sambisa Forest. 19 Boko Haram members were killed including one of their commanders. Also, a on the 4<sup>th</sup>, meeting of 15 member states of ECOWAS culminated in regional concerted effort to counter terrorism through greater intelligence sharing and military co-operation. Same day, the Nigerian Defence Headquarters said it had uncovered plots by the extremist Boko Haram sect to bomb locations in Nigeria during the forthcoming Ramadan fast. In what seems like first attempt to active its statutory role, the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) in Maiduguri has cautioned Muslims in Borno to be vigilant and to be wary of beggars around Mosques during the fasting month of Ramadan to prevent suspected attacks from Boko Haram members. On the 5<sup>th</sup> and at the southern end of Nigeria, PDP and the APC trade words as the All Progressives Congress (APC) (southern zone meeting held in Benin) alleged accused the People's Democratic Party (PDP) of sponsoring the new militant group called Niger Delta Avengers. Still that day (5<sup>th</sup>) the Niger Delta Avengers (NDA) has noted that the liberation of the Niger Delta people has taken a new swing with the emergence of new groups all over the region. The NDA warned other emerging groups to desist from kidnapping and attacking soldier. Relieving was the report on the 5<sup>th</sup> shows that over 1,000 families and Internally Displaced Persons in the North East part of the country have benefited from the philanthropic gesture of a Non-Governmental Organization, Peace Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Initiative.

While the war ranges, on the 6<sup>th</sup>, the Federal government through the Ministry of Interior and collaboration with the United Nations organized a dialogue with victims of Boko Haram insurgency on the livelihood of the population of the Lake Chad Basin, consisting of Niger, Chad, Cameroon and Nigeria. On the same day, the Federal Government revealed that it will not use military action against killer Fulani herdsmen marauders as it believes the police was capable to deal with the menace. News report also had it that the Nigerian Air Force (NAF), as part of preparations towards inducting new platforms, is expanding the apron at the military wing of Yola International Airport to enhance air operations against Boko Haram insurgency in the Northeast and is inducting more aircraft into its inventory. However, revelations headlining news reports on the 7<sup>th</sup> confirmed how insurgents are ravaging Adamawa-Borno border communities, abducting women and attacking returning farmers. Some three women were allegedly adopted over the preceding weekend.

Reports revealed disproportionality of approach between Movements for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) Niger Delta Avengers (NDA) who has rejected government offer of amnesty. The spokesperson of MEND Jomo Gbomo reportedly criticized the avengers whom they said were former commanders and fighters of MEND that accepted amnesty from the federal government in 2009. Following these and threat to bomb strategic places by another group known as Delta Liberation Force (JNDLF), the United States have advised all parties to toll the line of dialogue as a lasting solution. In an intensified effort to avert the works of the militants, the Nigerian Navy and NSCDC paraded arrested suspects belonging to militant groups

in the Niger delta. At a meeting with the vice president, governors of the Niger Delta called for the federal government to drop all corruption charges against leaders in the region. Back in Borno, the NSCDC paraded suspects 56-year-old Boko Haram kingpin in Aski Uba Local Government Area of Borno. Still on that day (7<sup>th</sup>) Governors of the south-south region who met with vice president yemi osinbajo at the State House that day called for the majority of corruption cases in the region to be dropped by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC).

On the 9<sup>th</sup>, reports revealed how the Nigeria Police Force’s Intelligence Response Team (IRT) and the Kaduna State Command Special Investigation Bureau (SIB) operatives arrested the criminals that abducted and killed a colonel in Kaduna metropolis on the 27th March.

Also on that day (9<sup>th</sup>), in a landmark ruling, the ECOWAS Community Court of Justice awarded \$200,000 as compensation to each of the families of eight persons who were killed on September 20, 2013 by Nigerian security agents during a raid on an uncompleted building in Abuja in a search for Boko Haram insurgents. Issuing the verdict in a case brought by a Nigerian Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) against the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Nigerian Army and the Department of State Security Services, a three–member panel of judges of the Court also asked the government to pay another 150,000 dollars each to the 11 persons who sustained injuries during the raid.

On the 10<sup>th</sup>, the Niger Delta Avengers bombed the Obi Obi Brass Trunk line belonging to Agip ENI in Bayelsa. Also on that day (10<sup>th</sup>), Avengers threaten secession as militants bomb NPDC facilities”. A pipeline belonging to the Nigerian Petroleum Development Company, a subsidiary of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation was also bombed. Fortunately, 156 Task Force Battalion of 29 Task Force Brigade in conjunction with Civilian JTF and local vigilante conducted a clearance operation to Yajiwa in Alagarno forest in Borno state. 8 Boko Haram terrorists’ camps beyond Yajiwa were cleared. Also, report reveals how people were dying of malnutrition in town of Banki some 130 kilometres (80 miles) southeast of the Borno state capital, Maiduguri. However, on the same day, Niger's defense minister announced plans with Chad to send troops to neighboring Nigeria to fight Boko Haram extremists. Similar effort, reports had it on the same day that Nigerian troops have carried out clearance operations to destroy remnants of Boko Haram terrorist camps and enclaves in several villages in Bama Local Government Area of Borno State while over 197 hostages and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in parts of the North-east were rescued.

Rescue	CJTF death	injuries	civilian death	injuries	soldier death	injuries	terrorist death	loses	Surrender	Arrest
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## **Mali**

On the 6<sup>th</sup>, Mali's former Prime Minister Moussa Mara commending Chinese peacekeepers under the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) for bringing peace, development soft approach power to bear on the counter terrorism effort to the West African country. Following the killing of one Chinese peacekeeper, China has deployed investigative experts to Mali to reveal how the death occurred as a way of averting future occurrence. In EU's continued effort to bring stability to the Sahel, reports on the 6<sup>th</sup> also shows that the EU's Council approved an additional EUR4.93 million for EUCAP Sahel Mali, the union's security mission in Mali, to counter fears of growing instability in the country. Launched in April 2014, EUCAP Sahel Mali trains the country's National Guard, gendarmerie and police forces, while liaising closely with EUTM Mali, the EU's military training mission. Both headquarters are located in Bamako. In March, the mission training centre was attack with one casualty on the side of the attackers. Unfortunately, Burkina Faso has approached Mali over plans to withdraw its troops from Mali.

On the 9<sup>th</sup>, it was reported that One year on; Mali is still struggling to implement a fragile peace deal aimed at ending a cycle of internal uprisings and allowing the government to combat the growing threat of Islamist militants. Periodic violence continues in the north of Mali, carried out by Islamist militants who have also staged a series of high profile assaults in Burkina Faso, Mali and Ivory Coast.

On the 10<sup>th</sup>, an online forum published that this month marks the one-year anniversary of a fragile peace accord between the Mali government and Tuareg separatists. But after twelve months to make progress, you wouldn't know it. French forces had allegedly driven extremists out of northern Mali, but the attacks have not abated. Several extremist groups are still very active in northern Mali, with roots traced back to al-Qaeda. And they are causing problems for everyone.

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## NIGER

On the 4<sup>th</sup>, news filtered in of how Boko Haram Takfiri group have reportedly captured a rural town in southeastern Niger after launching a large-scale offensive in the troubled border area. Local residents said Boko Haram extremists mounted an all-out attack against Bosso, located around 1,365 kilometers (848 miles) from Niger's capital, Niamey, on Friday afternoon, forcing Nigerien military forces to withdraw from the area without any resistance. Prior to these report, Thirty Nigerien soldiers and two Nigerian soldiers were killed in a Boko Haram attack on Friday night against the south-eastern town of Bosso, close to the border with Nigeria, Niger's Defense Ministry said on Saturday.

On the 6<sup>th</sup>, People living in the region of Diffa in Niger reportedly continued to be affected by insecurity related to activities by the terrorist group Boko Haram around the Lake Chad, according to reports by the United Nations relief wing. The first attacks in the Nigerien territory, particularly in the Diffa region, occurred in February 2015. Since that date, around 30 security incidents have been recorded, with an upsurge of Boko Haram attacks since April 2016.

Another report on the 6<sup>th</sup>, was that Niger and Chad military is planning serious counter-attack on Boko Haram insurgents after 30 Nigerien soldier were killed during a fierce battle with terrorists in the south-eastern town of Bosso. Describing the recent attack as one of the deadliest in the country Defense Minister Hassoumi Massoudou said: “We must continue to fight, this insult must be expunged, there is nothing to be done, and it must be avenged.”

On the 8<sup>th</sup>, The UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) has expressed concern for some 50,000 people, who have been forced to flee a town in Niger after a devastating attack from armed group Boko Haram. Adrian Edwards, UN refugee agency (UNHCR) spokesman, told reporters in Geneva on Tuesday that tens of thousands of people were forced to flee the town of Bosso, in south-eastern Niger, after the armed group attacked a military outpost based over the weekend.

Also on that same day (8<sup>th</sup>) Chad had sent 2,000 troops to Bosso in Niger Republic to help the country in the fight against Boko Haram.

On the 9<sup>th</sup>, After Boko Haram killed more than two dozen soldiers in Niger last week, it claimed the attack in the name of Islamic State-West Africa Province — a title meant to tell the world it is an arm of the Syria-based extremist group. But U.S. officials tell Reuters they see no evidence that Boko Haram has received significant operational support or financing from Islamic State, more than a year after the brutal West African group’s pledge of allegiance to it.

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