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Over the past few decades, terrorism have become a significant plague in Africa, with increased frequency and intensity in terrorists attacks. The term effects of terrorism in African is defined as the extensive consequences of terrorist’s activities which are devastating to the continent. This essay aims to explore various impacts of terrorism in Africa, particularly the economic effects, continental governance, and peace and security.

Terrorist’s attacks in Africa has extreme impacts on economy, affecting development of the affected regions and the continent at large. A research done my Oji and Afolabi, (2022) indicates that terrorism leads to a consequential disruption in economic activities, which leads to long-term consequences on national economies. The destruction of these infrastructure hinders trade, and reduces investor confidence thus stalling economic growth. While it creates significant economic losses, terrorism in Africa has motivated increase in security funding, leading to growth in military sector and job creation in some countries.

One of the crucial impacts of terrorism in Africa is the disruption effect on peace and stability. According to Oji and Afolabi (2022), the rise of terrorism groups such as al-Shabaab in Somalia and Boko Haram in Nigeria has led to extensive insecurity, displacement of people and loss of lives. These groups often target the political, economic, and social vulnerabilities to gain support and increase their influence.

As a result, African governments face challenges in keeping law and order, protecting citizens from violence, and upholding human rights. Although terrorism in Africa has negative impact on governance by undermining state authority, destabilizing institutions, and causing extensive insecurity, it have also encouraged stronger continental cooperation, increased counterterrorism operations, and strengthened national resilience in some states.