

The Kenyan Trojan Horse

A Summary:

The Kenyan security forces have been severely blamed for failing to anticipate the numerous Al-Shabaab attacks. The resulting security forces restructuring, intended to patch up these alleged deficiencies, reflects a misunderstanding of what security forces can do and where accountability for military and political choices lie. In fact, the security forces are far more diversified in its tasks than is generally realized. Where analysis is done and for whom makes a great difference in its effectiveness.

Moreover, the changing nature of warfare is altering how it is done, where, and by whom. The difference between what is strategic and tactical has much diminished. At the least, security analysts all too often fail to integrate the growing use of open source information, as well as analytic models and theories from various scholarly and think tank research.

Even if security forces have well-defined choices, they may not act to capitalize on them. A crucial point then is whether an alternative concept is available for better analysis by the security forces. Developing equally powerful analysis for security forces is an important unresolved point for future generations of security analyst.

The Kenyan Trojan horse is the creative genius that leads Kenya security forces to come up with a strategy that can defeat the Al-Shabaab Menace just as the Greeks used to win the war.

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