

Mobility, Mobilization, and Counter/Insurgency

The Routes of Terror in an African Context

Despite the centrality of mobility to the operations of both state and non-state armed groups as well as the survival strategies of civilians in conflict zones, issues of mobility and access have remained tangential to how we analyze contemporary armed insurgencies. The extant literature focuses rather exclusively on the “roots” of armed insurgencies while glossing over its “routes” and trajectories. Scholars thus miss the complex ways in which state and non-state actors, as well as local populations, interact with and navigate around infrastructures of mobility. Daniel E. Agbibo foregrounds mobility in this book as a key arena where state and non-state actors jostle for ascendancy, reflecting the contested nature of power. *Mobility, Mobilization, and Counter/Insurgency* has three interconnected objectives: (1) to analyze the evolution and mutation of Boko Haram in light of how the sect interacts with mobility and mobile infrastructures; (2) to gauge the extent to which the governance of mobility has been a central factor in the war against Boko Haram since 2009; and (3) to assess the impact of Boko Haram’s mobile warfare and the state’s regulation of mobility on people whose livelihoods rest squarely on movement and access. By studying the armed insurgencies through the lens of mobility and access, new questions are generated, established themes are rethought, and fresh empirical sites are explored. Finally, the book’s focus on Africa provides a long overdue corrective to extant literature on mobilities, which too rarely expand beyond cultures and canonical discussions of mobility in Western societies.

Daniel E. Agbibo is Assistant Professor of African and African American Studies at Harvard University.

“This is a well-researched and provocative narrative. Dr. Agbibo convincingly demonstrates how specific modalities of mobility and mobilization are closely entwined in the context of violent insurgency in Northeast Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin. This book is a remarkably urgent, impressive and constructive contribution.”

—Professor Kenneth Omeje, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

Mobility, Mobilization, and Counter/Insurgency

THE ROUTES OF TERROR IN AN AFRICAN CONTEXT

DANIEL E. AGBIBO



SAVE 30% AT
PRESS.UMICH.EDU
WITH PROMOTION CODE
UMS22

PAPERBACK 978-0-472-03892-3 | \$29.95

HARDCOVER 978-0-472-13290-4 | \$70

ALSO AVAILABLE AS AN EBOOK.



UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN PRESS

Order at www.press.umich.edu or 800.621.2736