

CIVILIAN PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY POLICING AND SECURITY MANAGEMENT IN BORNO STATE, NIGERIA: A CASE OF THE CIVILIAN JOINT TASK FORCE

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Abstract

The paper examined civilian participation in community oriented policing and security management in Borno State of Nigeria, with great emphasis on the roles of Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF). The paper argued that the role of Civilian JTF in Borno state and other informal security bodies such as village hunters intensify intelligence gathering and sharing with formal security agencies which has helped to a greater extent in reducing crime and terrorism in Borno state. The deplorable security situation in the country necessitated people and groups of citizens to rise to the challenge of combating perceived or genuine threats to the security of their community. The paper adopted qualitative method using secondary sources of data. The partnership theory of Crime Prevention was adopted as the theoretical framework. It is revealed that civilian participation in security management is instrumental to effective policing and vice versa. The paper recommended that security agencies should establish relationship of trust with the communities they serve. This would enhance cooperation, proper coordination between them and the informal community security outfit; which would help in the intelligent gathering to addressing security challenges particularly in communities where internal conflicts and terrorism exist.

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