

Boko Haram

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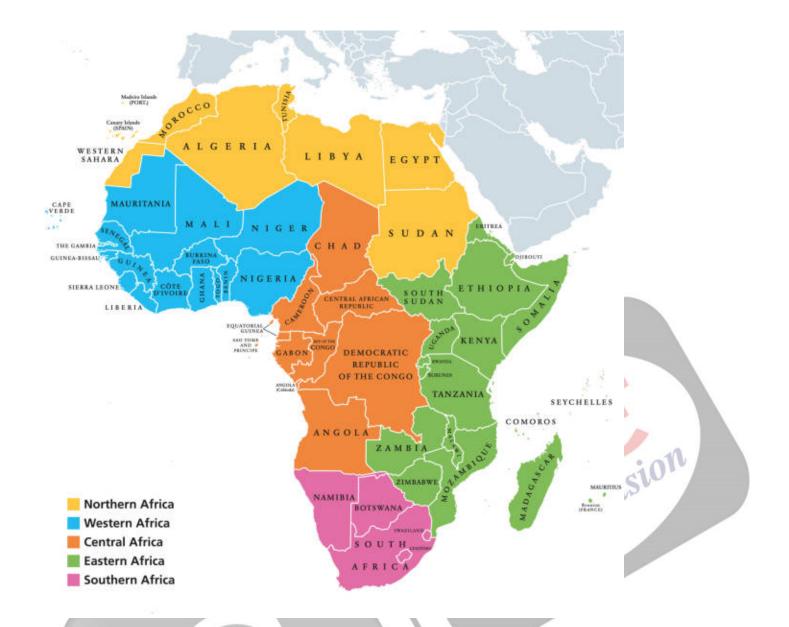
Nigeria is witnessing a renewed insurgency led by Boko Haram, threatening its national security.

Boko Haram:

- Boko Haram is an Islamic sectarian movement that emerged in northeastern Nigeria in 2002, founded by Mohammed Yusuf.
 - They mainly inhabit areas in the northern states of Nigeria, specifically Yobe, Kano, Bauchi, Borno and Kaduna.
- Boko Haram meaning 'Western education is forbidden' opposes Western-style education and secular governance and aims to establish an Islamic state.
- It emerged in Nigeria in the mid-1990s as a moderate Islamic group, influenced by post-Biafran War grievances (1967-70), which saw over 2 million deaths amid government suppression backed by Western powers and oil interests.
- They operate across borders in Nigeria, Niger, Chad, and Cameroon, and remain one of the deadliest terrorist groups in Africa despite efforts to suppress it.

Nigeria:

- Nigeria (also known as Giant of Africa) is a country in West Africa shares borders with Niger,
 Chad, Cameroon, Benin, and the Gulf of Guinea.
- It has the largest population in Africa and the 6th largest in the world, in addition to being the 4th largest economy in Africa.
- It gained independence from Britain in 1960, with Abuja as its capital.
- The country features the Cameroonian Highlands and is rich in natural resources, especially petroleum and natural gas.



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