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What will it take to go after ISWAP enclaves in the Lake Chad region? These guys are building a freaking army !!. If we seriously want this war to end we have to create a buffer, isolate Boko Haram and keep them from having outside reinforcement of any kind.



No amount of appeasement will force the Chadian government or their French overlords from denying ISWAP the use of their territory as a staging ground. They are just not interested in doing that. Not because they cant, but because it goes against their interest,

Think about it. In February 2019 a series of French airstrikes targeted a group of “mercenaries and terrorists” from Libya. French Mirage fighters struck a column of 40 vehicles that crossed into Chad from southern Libya.



French military said it got involved at the Chadian government’s request. Think about this for a minute. They obliterated a convoy of 40 pickup trucks of an armed group that had travelled from Libya and was “penetrating deep into Chadian territory.

I implore you to look up a map and see the incredible amount of distance required to carry out such an undertaken. The fighter jets, based at the N’Djamena, first carried out a “show of force” flying low over the convoy. The awestruck militants would have been wondering

where the hell they came from. However, the column continued despite the warning, and the French fighter jets carried out two airstrikes. FORTY convoys wiped out by Mirage jets. So here's the paradox. They destabilize Libya,



There’s instability in Libya. it’s full of terrorists. The terrorists are allowed to traverse the Sahel into northern Nigeria unmolested. But try that with Chad the French air force will come for you. The Union of Forces of Resistance (UFR) rebel group probably dont get it.

They cried after the strikes saying the French government must stop meddling in Chad’s “internal problems”, saying the strike had targeted its men. This guys are wasting their time. The French are there to protect the Derby regime at all cost. Democracy will not be tolerated.

Remember the Maskirovska pulled by Chad early this year where a group of Boko Haram fighters supposedly attacked a Chadian army base few kilometers away from French and American bases for NINE HOURS !! unmolested. 100 Chadian troops were killed. After which they took their time



carting away weapons, stacked them unto boats. Not speed boats. Paddle boats (canoes) and paddled away to safety to their sanctuaries in the Lac Province. And we we are all supposed to believe that is remotely possible. The French could stop rebels from Southern Libya,

pound the crap out of them for 3 consecutive days..but could only watch helpless as Boko Haram attacked an army base for nine straight hours. Idris Derby declared war. Dorned his army uniform. Called in tv crew to capture him leading his men. You cannot make this up lol



and embarked on a campaign of lies to embarrass the Nigerian government in the most undiplomatic of fashion. Calling press conferences complaining Chadian forces have occupied territory in Nigeria and asking the media to beg Nigeria to come occupy liberated territory so

they can leave. Drawing a fierce rebuttal from the usually silent Nigerian army. Remember the "Whose champion are you" phrase used by Army spokes man John Eneche.

Nigerians may have a hard time understanding the fact that Boko Harams stronghold is around Lake Chad, which lies primarily within Chadian territory. The area combines rich agriculture, pastoralism and fishing that helps the jihadi groups engage in commerce.

I can confidently say that until ISWAP/Boko Haram fighters are uprooted from the Lake Chad and denied sanctuary, it will be virtually impossible to end this war. No matter how much losses they suffer. They retire to their enclaves, restrartegize, re-arm and bounce back.

They can do this forever if they have to. The Chadian authorities can easily restrict economic activities of ISWAP on the territory. French and American forces can turn those enclaves into ashes. Its never going to happen. The onus is on Nigeria to say enough is enough.

In 2015, after scamming President Jonathan of $22 million dollars in a sham ceasefire and going into hiding, Boko Haram apparently went rogue on Chad and carried out two suicide bombings in the Chadian capital. The Chadian military carried out retaliatory airstrikes in Nigeria.



Without notifying Abuja the Chadian air force carried out air strikes on Boko Haram targets in Nigeria to avenge the twin suicide bombing. Citing the "cowardly and barbaric acts perpetrated by Boko Haram terrorists", which killed 33 people in N'Djamena

....the Chadian government said that it had "carried out reprisal airstrikes on the terrorists' positions in Nigerian territory" . Six Boko Haram bases were destroyed in the air raids, which caused "considerable human and material losses. It didnt end there. When army spokesman

Olukolade came out and said the strike was part of an agreed framework between both countries, Idris Derby publicly denied notifying Abuja. He said the decision to strike was unilateral and Chad would continue its "merciless" pursuit of the insurgents "so that no drop of

Chadian blood spilt goes unpunished". Listen folks. What will give a man the confidence of, after sabotaging Nigeria's final offensive against BHT. Scam Abuja $22 million for the sham ceasefire, and run into hiding when Shekau resurfaced and denied talks of any ceasefire

France was privy of the fake ceasefire deal and said nothing..and then months later the Chadian military carry out unauthorize airstrikes on Nigerian soil and not only brag about it but threaten to do more.

But here we are years later. We know of ISWAP sanctuaries on Chadian territory. We know terrorist from all over converge on those islands to strategize. We know they smuggle arms into Nigeria from those bases. We have documented evidence of ISWAP running a mini republic.

We know they both turn a blind eye because a destabilized Nigeria is in their best interest. For Chad, access to oil rich Nigerian islands. For France, complete control of West Africa. We have the assets to carry out strikes on those enclaves. Yet we do NOTHING.

We have drones that fly higher and faster and can be used to perform surgical strikes on predetermined targets. The Nigerian army itself can occupy the entire Lake Chad island and create a buffer. We can use our economic leverage to force them to act. We do nothing.