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ABBREVIATIONS

Armed Forces Consultative Assembly (AFCA)
Armed Forces Ruling Council (AFRC)
Defence Intelligence Agency (DIA)
Chief of Army Staff (COAS)
Civil-Military Cooperation (CIMIC)
Civil-Military Relations (CMRs)
Common Wealth (CW)
Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)
General Officer Commanding (GOC)
Interim National Government (ING)
International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)
Military Assistance to Civil Authority (MACA)
Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (MOSOP)
National Intelligence Agency (NIA)
National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS)
National Party of Nigeria (NPN)
Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC)
Nigerian Air Force (NAF)
Nigerian Army (NA)
Nigerian Navy (NN)
North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO)
Northern People’s Congress (NPC)

Operation Harbin Kunnama (OHK)

Operation Safe Haven (OPSH)

Organisation of African Unity (OAU)

Peace Support Operations (PSO)

Provisional Ruling Council (PRC)

Royal West African Frontier Force (RWAFF)

Services Consultative Committee (SCC)

Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW)

State Security Service (SSS)

Structural Adjustment Programme (SAP)

Supreme Military Council (SMC)

Technical Aid Corp (TAC)

United States of America (USA)

Unity Party of Nigeria (UPN)

West African Frontier Force (WAFF)
ABSTRACT

The study examines the use of the military in conflict management in Southern Kaduna conflict. Over time, the military has been deployed to mitigate violence in intrastate conflicts in Nigeria; the Southern Kaduna conflict is not an exception. The study examines the strategic and legal relations of military deployment in Southern Kaduna conflict as a result of the changing dynamics of the conflict which have led to the proliferation of small arms and light weapons. Qualitatively, the work examines the historical trajectories of the conflict, while adopting the Agency and the Just War Theory as a theoretical guide in explaining the realities of deploying the military. Data for the work were gathered from both primary and secondary sources. Structured interviews were conducted with selected experts in the field of strategic studies, peace and conflict resolution studies, top military officers at the Department of Civil-Military Cooperation (CIMIC), Defence Headquarters (DHQ) and the Army Resource Centre in Abuja; and secondary data were sourced from Newspapers, journal, books and internet. The data gathered were analysed using the textual method. Findings revealed that military conflict management role is clearly expressed and established in the Nigerian 1999 Constitution as amended and supported by provisions of law in the Armed Forces Act. Also, the military conflict management operation is guided by two doctrines; containment in situ and de-escalate ante. It also observed that human rights could be derogated in matters of national security. There are, however, non-derogated rights which include right to life and the prohibition of torture amongst others; nonetheless, there are specific collateral damages in military conflict management operations. Consequently, the study recommends that as a matter of policy training of military personnel on the rule of engagement in conflict management roles. Besides, procedure, doctrine, and vision should not be limited to conflict management operations. Tact, doctrine, procedure and strategy should focus on issues of human security too as essential components of the operations.