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Introduction

In the event where people have no peace and enough security due to threats and attacks, then that is called terrorism. As it may be defined and understood, terrorism may involve ¹ use of violence to generate a general climate of fear in a population of people and thereby to bring about a particular political objective (Martin, 2017). Terrorism is regarded as a dangerous activity which many groups have engaged in for their own benefit. This generally has been pushed by the personal interest that political party leaders have in a certain region. In order to achieve these interests, the political organizations have to organize for terror attacks to bomb, shoot and kill people. Terrorist activities have also been conducted by members of state and the church leaders who usually benefit from such activities.

Terror activities may include use of dangerous weapons including fire arms and bombs. For the terrorists to survive in these activities they ensure they cause confusion to the public and mostly in places where the respected people with high dignity live. These attacks may include suicide bombing and kidnapping people who are linked to high profile in the government. Terrorism has been occurring in a selected areas or places (Boeke, 2016). These selected places mostly include places where students meet for learning, where people assemble mostly during holidays and also in big hotels and restaurants where people are in plenty. The reason is because people have a tendency of assembling in such places where there is peace and the environment is cool. Many people who also assemble in such places are usually not armed.

Terrorism activities are usually linked to damaging the security and the infrastructure of the common areas where people regard as safe for human peace. Other targeted areas by terrorist include the economic bases of a country, for instance, if a country depends on tourism, then terrorists will target on that sector by kidnapping tourists and even shooting in such areas. Project buildings by the state may also be a big target (Martin, 2017). It is estimated that since 1980 a lot of countries use the advantage of violence related to elections in order to attack that country and secure important resources for future benefit. That kind of terrorism threatens the economy of a country. In most cases if not all, most victims of terrorism are often innocent civilians.

Chapter arguments

Terrorism is rare

In most cases terrorism is an incredible rare event. For long time, many places do not experience the issues of terrorism and this makes it difficult to detect the arrangement and the execution of such activities (Boeke, 2016). For instance, in many recent years, in a country like United States of America, they have experienced fewer terrorist attacks. At the same time, the issues of homicides and robbery have rose at a high rate and therefore the concentration of security is placed in these areas. In the recent years also, the cases of traffic deaths have gone high for more than ² 100 times more people that those who are killed by terrorists. Terror groups like al-Qaida have committed relatively few attacks in the past 10 years and therefore it is difficult to detect terrorism.

Prevention is improving

There has been a global decision to protect the lives of its citizens. This has made the number of terror attacks go down and for the recent years, any terrorist attacks have been

considered as plots (Martin, 2017). Many countries have improved their security levels by allocating a high budget to the security ministry. This has an impacts of protecting the lives of citizens. The policy makers who are on the plan to stop the terrorist activities, have diminished the terror activities by ensuring that they spot all these plans of terrorism and do away with them before the real attacks happen. These plans involve taking patrols on any suspected places where terrorists may be hiding. There is a well-trained intelligent officers who are assigned the roles of investigating on the country's safety and who are on daily patrol to receive any information concerning attacks through the improved modern technology.

Mass attacks have become rare

This is considered after people have been warned on the target areas of terrorists. People have developed a sense where they do not assemble in a common place for long time. Instead people travel in shifts or they enter in shopping malls in shift so that incase of any attacks, few people get casualties (Boeke, 2016). According to the statistics, many of the terror attacks since 1970 included few fatalities where less than 300 lives have been claimed. Since terrorist attacks are rare but lead to high fatalities once they occur, terrorists have embarked on attacking the unusual areas where they can kill many people and that wave is gone.

Terrorist groups are different in their structure

According to statistics, terror groups are so many with different ideas and different origins. This issue therefore makes it hard to come up with a strategy to identify the terrorist groups. When terrorism occurs, different people and who compose of large population, try to think that the common terror groups like al-Shabaab and the Islamic states are the ones conducting such activities. However, this may not be true because terrorist groups have turned to so many (Martin,

2017). Many of the terror groups are unrecognized but they have a good management and proper organization where they get their instructions from. Some terror groups operate like businesses where they can achieve their mission within one year and they are gone. Other terror groups are formed with just one major aim whereby after they are through with their aim, the organization breaks and that becomes the end of that terror group.

Assigning of responsibilities is hard

According to data collected from the recent researches, assigning roles which one should play in the attacks is extremely hard and impossible. This means that no group of terrorism can be assigned responsibility but many of the attacks are taken into action by individuals or specific organizations. Similarly, two or more groups can also combine their forces and claim an attack (Boeke, 2016). This issue makes it hard to detect the terror activities before they happen. This makes the prevention of such cases harder. Following such cases of terror attack, the government or any other body given the mandate to investigate such activities, they are not able to identify the terror group and give a clear information to the members of the public.

Conclusion

In a nutshell, terrorist activities have for the last 20 years become hard to detect due to the controversies associated with the terror groups. This problem of detecting the terrorist activities has made it hard to prevent terrorism by the investigators. However, it is hard for terrorism to diminish due to reasons such as; terrorism is rare and this poses a great challenge to the investigators who cannot predict the next terror attack. People have concentrated on the other evil activities which claim more lives like accidents, homicide and robberies. Mass attacks have become rare for the last decade and therefore mass casualty attacks leading to high fatalities are

rare. The prevention of the terrorist activities is improving day in day out and therefore it is hard to detect any terrorist activity. The terrorist groups are not all alike and therefore investigating on all these terror groups is a hard task. Assigning of responsibilities to the terror groups is often impossible and this makes it a lonely deal or a group deal hence the investigators are left without any option other than admitting the attack.

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