The cycle of violence being unleashed on Nigerians by the fundamentalist group, Boko Haram has heightened fears among the populace and the international community that the hostility has gone beyond religions or political colouration. Going by the latest report from the Human Rights Watch (HRW), about 935 have been killed since 2009 when the sect began its onslaught on the country. The dangerous dimension the insecurity challenge has become a great source of worry as security experts affirm that what is on ground has shifted to the realm of terrorism, a global phenomenon where no one is safe. It is lamentable, however, that the security organizations have failed to tackle the challenges, even as they have
The terrorist acts of the Boko-Haram since 2009 have created a state of palpable fear in Nigeria and beyond, while the helpless posture of governments is worrisome. The study examines the growth of the sect, the efforts of government in addressing the challenges and the implications. The study is descriptive and data obtained from secondary sources. The study identifies the root causes of insecurity in Nigeria which has hindered business activities and some security challenges confronting Nigeria was also highlighted. Security challenges in any environment constitute threat to lives and properties, hindered business activities, and discourage local and foreign investors, which effect and retards socio-economic development of a country. As the Boko Haram terrorist group wages war on a widening range of targets in Nigeria, the inefficiency of the country's government has been starkly revealed – along with the urgent need for deep-cutting political and socio-economic reforms to counter a growing sense of insecurity. The north has been particularly hard-hit, with poor governance, omnipresent corruption and worsening social indicators compounding the security problem. Boko Haram, originally a peaceful Islamist movement, has moved progressively towards militant extremism since 2009, regularly attacking Nigerians and foreigners, Ch