

## The Dynamic Politics of Al Qaeda Terrorism: Threats and Strategic Insights for Africa

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### Abstract

The world in general faces a range of security threats from Al Qaeda across Africa, the Middle East and more recently South Asia, due to the group's pervasive politics and ideological conflict. This pervasive conflict comes after more than 15 years of Al Qaeda's terrorism and international counter-terrorism in Pakistan and Afghanistan. This study uses qualitative methodology to examine the spread, Al Qaeda politics and counter terrorism to policy and practice in Africa. A document analysis was used based on the interpretivist research philosophy. It is revealed that since the dramatic 11th September 2001 attacks in the US the Al-Qaeda group has significantly changed posing more threat to the World. Recently, an Islamist insurgency in the Cabo Delgado northern province of Mozambique has gained traction showing that both Islamic State and *Al-Qaeda* groups are working in cahoots. Its activities are now covert but still confined to the original revolutionary agenda.

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