

MANY STREAMS FEED THE RIVER

Funding and provenance of weapons of Boko Haram

funding sources

- ca 2002, Osama Bin Laden allegedly provided US\$3 million in initial funding for groups in Nigeria
- donations from domestic religious sympathizers
- donations from abroad (“aid organizations”)
- “tax” revenues in occupied territories
- tax on fish trade on Lake Chad
- begging by children, the sick and elderly
- blackmailing wealthy people through threats
- ransom from kidnappings
- protection money against repression
- robberies on banks and shops
- arms trade with neighbouring countries
- international drug smuggling through Nigeria
- cross-border money laundering
- similar activities in Cameroon



weapons

- transnational arms trade
- regional arms trade
- stolen from regular forces
- bought from regular forces
- donated by regular forces