

Table 11.1 Cont.

S/N	Date	Locations	Casualties	Remarks
8	21 October 2012	Maiduguri	15 youths allegedly killed by JTF	Embattled Senator Zana accused the JTF of executing 15 boys playing football in Maiduguri.
9	17 April 2013	Bama, Borno State	35 men killed by JTF	The 35 persons were suspected to be members of Boko Haram.
10	March 2014	Giwa Barrack, Borno state	640 recaptured detainees were killed	UN Human Rights Council frowns at the extra-judicial killing of these detainees.
11	17 January 2017	Rann IDP Camp, Borno state	More than 200 IDPs were killed	The Nigerian air forced claimed that the bombing of the IDP camp was a mistake.
12	1 March 2018	Bama LGA	28 men were allegedly killed by the military while undergoing screening in Bama LGA	The corpses of these 28 men were brought to the mortuary: their bodies showing evidence of gunshot wounds.

other sophisticated military hardware (McGregor 2015). However, the US was reluctant to sell the weapons to Nigeria. The human rights argument appeared to provide the US with a credible excuse to implement the Leahy law to deny Nigeria access to the military assets. The over-reliance on external sources for military equipment exposed the ineptitude of the Nigerian government. This partly explains why the Boko Haram crisis festers. The refusal of the US compelled the Jonathan administration to engage in clandestine move to purchase the weapons from the underground market in South Africa. The deal collapsed as the funds for the purchase were seized by South African authorities, who described the botched deal as illegal (Ibekwe 2014).

Policy somersault? The Leahy law and the politics of implementation

Over the years, human rights protection, especially at a rhetorical level, has been the arrowhead of American foreign policy and its diplomats have often claimed to be guided by concern for the concept when engaging in external relations. In 1977, for instance, President Jimmy Carter while addressing UN Representative said that human rights remained the corner stone of his foreign policy (Carter 1977). However, scholars like Chomsky (1978) have been critical of the US human rights agenda especially in the context of its double standards regarding implementation. There is a gap between rhetoric and