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- A revealing account of the Bush administration's activities in Africa as part of the 'war on terror'
- Uncovers overwhelming evidence that suggests the Bush administration and Algerian government were behind kidnappings blamed on Islamic militants
- Shows how these kidnappings have been used to justify the presence of US bases in the Sahara
  - Author is a highly-renowned authority on the Sahara region
  - Ideal for undergraduates in African studies and international relations

The Bush administration is keen to build a substantial military presence in Africa, citing the need to combat the growth of Al-Qaeda in Somalia, Algeria and other countries on the continent. This book reveals the secret US agenda behind the 'war on terror' in Africa and the shocking methods used to perpetuate the myth that the region is a hot-bed of Islamic terrorism.

Africa expert Jeremy Keenan points to overwhelming evidence suggesting that, from 2003, the Bush administration and Algerian government were responsible for hostage takings blamed on Islamic militants. This created a permissive public attitude, allowing the US to establish military bases in the region and pursue multiple imperial objectives in the name of security.

The shocking revelations in this book seriously undermine the mainstream view of Africa as a legitimate 'second front' in the 'war on terror'.

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