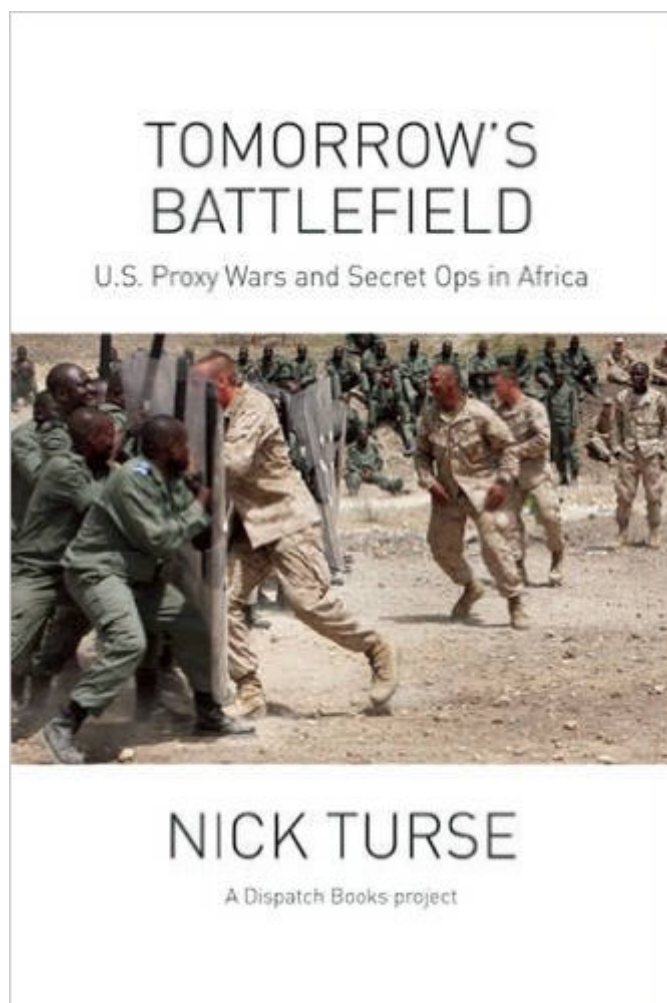


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You won't see segments about it on the nightly news or read about it on the front page of America's newspapers, but the Pentagon is fighting a new shadow war in Africa, helping to destabilize whole countries and preparing the ground for future blowback. Behind closed doors, U.S. officers now claim that "Africa is the battlefield of tomorrow, today." In *Tomorrow's Battlefield*, award-winning journalist and bestselling author Nick Turse exposes the shocking true story of the U.S. military's spreading secret wars in Africa.

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In *Tomorrow's Battlefield* • Nick Turse combines a number of his own articles highlighting his research into what AFRICOM and Special Forces Command Africa (SOCAF) are doing on the African continent. The consistent refrain in every account is that AFRICOM is purposely hiding its true efforts and footprint while engaging in operations that create, instead of solve, security challenges. Despite the redundant theme in each chapter, Nick Turse did get me thinking. It is very tempting to make two foundational errors when writing about Africa. One, underestimating the sovereignty of African nations and belittling their capability. Two, overestimating US military capability and impact. It makes complete sense that if the US has only a small military footprint of 5000 or so on the African continent, executing mainly training, advising and exercise activities, that many of Africa's shared security problems would probably not disappear. The above statements

highlight one additional misconception about the African environment. Just as the American presence in African countries comes through invitation, so also, Africa invites many other countries to invest in Africa's military capacity to include: France, England, Spain, Portugal, Poland, Germany, Canada, Turkey, Jordan, China, India and many others. This doesn't include the inter-African military partnerships across the continent, mainly from stronger players like Egypt, Morocco, Ghana, Nigeria, Ethiopia, and South Africa. If Africa is "Today's Battlefield" then the responsibility and collaboration must include more than US involvement.

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