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FI201: NATIONAL SECURITY ANALYSIS

DURATION: 3 HOURS (100 marks)

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Answer **question one and any other three** questions.
2. Each question carries 25 marks.
3. Cell phones are not allowed into the examination room.
4. Begin each fresh answer on a new page.

QUESTION 1 (COMPULSORY)

Study the following online news extract;

Islamic State group claims control of northern Mozambique town of Palma

The Islamic State group said Monday it had seized the coastal town of Palma in northern Mozambique, after days of fighting. The jihadi group's claim came after thousands of survivors of coordinated jihadist attacks in the town fled on boats to the provincial capital, Pemba, according to sources in the city. International aid agency sources said between 6,000 and 10,000 people are waiting to be evacuated to safety following the raid on Palma that began last Wednesday.

Extremist militants raided Palma, a town of around 75,000 people in the province of Cabo Delgado that is home to a multi-billion-dollar gas project being built by France's Total and other energy companies. The government said dozens were killed in the attack, including seven people caught in an ambush during an operation to evacuate them from a hotel where they had sought refuge. A South African is among those killed, his family said.

US vows support

The United States on Monday vowed to support Mozambique after the assault.

"We remain committed to working together with the government of Mozambique to counter terrorism and violent extremism and defeat ISIS," Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said.

"We condemn the terrorist attacks on the town of Palma.

"These attacks show a complete disregard for the welfare and security of the local population which has suffered tremendously at the terrorists' brutal and indiscriminate tactics."

Kirby declined to give details about how the United States works to assist Mozambique against the militants.

Expatriate gas workers seek refuge

The attack is the closest yet to the major gas project since an Islamist insurgency broke out across Mozambique's north in October 2017.

The attack forced expatriate workers and locals to seek refuge temporarily at a heavily guarded gas plant located on the Afungi peninsula – 10km (six miles) from Palma, on the Indian Ocean coast south of the Tanzanian border.

Operations are under way to move them to Pemba, around 250 kilometres south of Palma. Sea Star, a large passenger vessel, arrived in Pemba on Sunday with around 1,400 people, mostly workers including Total employees.

Another ship arrived in Pemba on Sunday afternoon and was released on Monday morning, according to an official from an international aid agency operating in the city.

"Authorities indicate that there will be a boat that will arrive during the day," the source told AFP.

Thousands of other people were still stuck at Afungi, with some expected to have arrived in smaller boats overnight Sunday and early Monday.

Police and military have cordoned off the zone, hampering access to the area where the boats were landing.

UN agencies were due to hold emergency talks in Pemba to coordinate the evacuation and humanitarian aid for the new arrivals.

The defence ministry said late Sunday that the security forces have "reinforced their operational strategy to contain the criminal attacks of terrorists and restore normality in Palma, having carried out operational actions focused primarily on the rescue of hundreds of citizens in the last three days".

Pemba is already packed with hundreds of thousands of other people displaced by the Islamist insurgency, which has uprooted nearly 700,000 from their homes across the vast province.

'Shot while fleeing'

The armed attackers fired on civilians in their homes and on the streets "as they tried to flee for their lives", according to Human Rights Watch.

(FRANCE 24 with AFP) <https://www.france24.com/en/africa/20210329-islamic-state-group-claims-control-of-northern-mozambique-town-of-palma>.

Required;

- a) Explain the reasons why the attack at Palma was considered as a terrorist attack. (8)
- b) Discuss the impacts of the terrorist attack on socio-economic development. (11)
- c) Explain any three measures that can be adopted to deal with such an attack in future. (6)

[Total: 25 marks]

QUESTION 2

Briefly explain the following terms;

- a) Hazard (5)
- b) Security survey (5)
- c) Protective intelligence (5)
- d) Economic security (5)
- e) Health security (5)

[Total: 25 marks]

QUESTION 3

Discuss any **four** national security threats for Zimbabwe.

[25 marks]

QUESTION 4

‘Security is the bedrock upon which any meaningful economic development can be achieved and sustained’. Comment on the veracity of this assertion. [25 marks]

QUESTION 5

Demonstrate how you can apply the three phases of national security investigations when investigating a terrorist threat. [25 marks]

QUESTION 6

‘Social media is a double edged sword for perpetuating and preventing criminal activities’. Analyse this assertion. [25 marks]

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