

Mali – Sahel: May 2018 Violent incidents by Al-Qaeda affiliate Jama’at Nusrat al-Islam wal Muslimeen (JNIM), Islamic State in the Greater Sahara (ISGS), Islamic State in West Africa Province (ISWAP), Ansaroul Islam, and other security incidents

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- **JNIM:** Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam wal Muslimeen
- **AQIM:** Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb
- **MINUSMA:** United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali
- **CMA:** Coordination for the Movement of Azawad
- **GATIA:** Self-Defense Imghad Tuareg Group and Allies
- **MNLA:** National Movement for the Liberation of the Azawad
- **MAA:** Arab Movement of Azawad
- **CJA:** Congress of Justice in Azawad
- **MSA:** *Movement pour le Salut de l'Azawad*
- **ISGS:** Islamic State in the Greater Sahara
- **MPSA:** *Movement Populaire pour le Salut d'Azawad*
- **NGO:** Non-governmental organization
- **IED:** Improvised explosive device
- **VBIED:** Vehicle-born IED
- **SVBIED:** Suicide VBIED
- **ICRC:** International Community of the Red Cross
- **MOC:** Operational Mechanisms of Coordination
- **CSCOM:** Centre de Santé Communautaires (Health Community Center)
- **CSRef:** *Centre de Santé de Référence*
- **UNHCR:** United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- **UNMAS:** The United Nations Mine Action Service

01 MAY 18: According to [GATIA – MSA statement](#) (see image on the right) suspected members of ISGS carried an attack on civilians camp of Idarfane at In-Taylalene near Andéramboukane, Ménaka Region. At least 6 civilians killed.

01 MAY 18: According to [GATIA – MSA statement](#) (see image on the right) suspected members of ISGS carried an attack on civilians camp of Tin-Dinbawi, Ménaka Region. At least 11 civilians killed.

02 MAY 18: Malian Army vehicle struck by an IED in the area of Boundjigire, Koulikourou Region. 2 soldiers injured.

03 MAY 18: MSA reported two Douassahak Tuareg (civilians) assassinated by unidentified gunmen at Inazul, 20km from Ménaka, Gao Region. Likely related to ongoing aggressive counterterrorism operations by GATIA – MSA militias against ISGS.

03 MAY 18: Allegedly, GATIA members attacked a Ibogilitane camp in Tendabakar, Ménaka Region. Supposedly 6 civilians killed and this was in response to 01 May attack on Idarfane camp.

03 MAY 18: Dozo fighters ambushed by suspected Macina brigade militants of JNIM near Mamba village, Mopti Region.

08 MAY 18: GATIA vehicle struck an IED on the road between Djebock and Ahina, Gao Region. 1 GATIA member killed and 2 wounded.

09 MAY 18: Presumed Ansar al-Din militants of JNIM launched rockets on MINUSMA base of Amachach in Tessalit, Kidal Region. No casualties or physical damages recorded.



Communiqué Conjoint GATIA-MSA suite au massacre de Tindibawen

Après la destruction des bases de l'EIJS par les forces armées maliennes, les forces armées du Niger, l'opération Barkhane avec la participation de la coalition locale GATIA- MSA, les éléments du même groupe terroriste ont procédé au cours de cette journée du 01/05/2018 à l'exécution sommaire de dix-sept (17) personnes à Tindibawen et Taylalene, deux localités de la commune de Ménaka.

La coalition GATIA- MSA présente ses condoléances attristées aux familles endeuillées et souhaite prompt rétablissement aux blessés.

La coalition rappelle que ce même groupe terroriste est l'auteur des crimes perpétrés les 26 et 27 avril 2018 ayant coûté la vie à quarante-sept (47) civils dont des vieux et des enfants à Aklaz et Awakassa.

La nouvelle attaque du 1er /5/2018 a atteint un niveau d'horreur jusqu'à là inégalé, des personnes âgées ont été brûlées vives dans leurs maisons. Les assaillants après leur forfait ont emportés des biens appartenant aux populations.

La coalition GATIA- MSA tout en condamnant ces crimes d'une horreur inexplicable, appelle la division des droits de l'homme de la MINUSMA, les organisations des droits de l'homme ainsi que toutes les autorités compétentes à diligenter une enquête pour situer les responsabilités et traduire les auteurs de ces crimes devant les juridictions compétentes.

La coalition GATIA-MSA réitère son appel aux gouvernements du Mali et du Niger ainsi qu'à toutes les personnes physiques et morales concernées à tout mettre en œuvre pour endiguer cette vague de crimes de masse.

La Coalition GATIA-MSA a le regret de constater qu'une campagne de désinformation tendant à dénaturer de saluaires opérations de lutte anti-terroristes en conflits inter communautaire. Cette manœuvre est d'autant plus surprenante qu'elle prend de l'ampleur au fur et à mesure que se réduit la capacité de nuisance de l'EIJS.

La coalition informe qu'elle n'a participé qu'à des combats menés contre des terroristes armés et non des civils sans défense, et se tient à la disposition de toutes personnes de bonne foi pour établir la vérité.

La coalition informe l'opinion publique nationale et internationale de sa ferme détermination à protéger les personnes et leurs biens, et de poursuivre son opposition au règne de la terreur.

Ménaka, le 1 Mai 2018

Pour la coalition

Amara Ag Hamdouna et Mohamed Ag Albachar

13 MAY 18: MINUSMA vehicle struck an IED near Aguelhoc, Kidal Region. 3 Chadian peacekeepers injured.

13 MAY 18: Rockets launched on MINUSMA and Barkhane base in Tessalit, Kidal Region. No casualties or physical damages.

13 MAY 18: Unknown gunmen attacked NGO vehicle at unknown location of Lowel-Guéou commune, Mopti Region. Civilians injured but managed to escape while their vehicle set on fire. Victims identified assailants as “jihadists.”

14 MAY 18: Local imam of Toupere village near Boni (18km east), Mopti Region assassinated by suspected members of Serma brigade of JNIM. Imam was identified as Ousmane Guindo.

14 MAY 18: Malian Army and members of Macina brigade of JNIM clashed near Diafarabé, Mopti Region. 4 vehicles seized, two of which equipped with heavy machine guns.

17 MAY 18: Two teachers of a secondary school kidnapped then released under unclear circumstances by suspected Macina brigade members of JNIM between Kadijal and Mopti, Mopti Region.

18 MAY 18: Barkhane forces arrested 5 suspected militants who were staying at late Cheick Ag Aoussa’s house in Kidal, Kidal Region.

19 MAY 18: Unidentified militant fired at a Malian soldier in the market of Boulkessi, Mopti Region. Reportedly 15 civilians were killed by the Malian soldier when returned fire. Malian authorities said to have opened investigation on the incident after local population accused the soldiers of atrocity against civilians.

19 MAY 18: Suspected members of Macina brigade of JNIM clashed with Dozo hunters near Nawalouma village near Ké-Macina, Ségou Region. 6 Dozos killed.

21 MAY 18: Suspected Macina brigade members of JNIM killed 2 civilians under unclear circumstances near the village Goua, Mopti Region.

26 MAY 18: Alleged militants attacked MSA checkpoint near Talataye, Gao Region. At least 4 MSA fighters killed and 2 injured.

26 MAY 18: Alleged militants assassinated 5 civilians under unclear circumstances near Talataye, Gao Region.

27 MAY 18: Suspected Macina brigade militants of JNIM kidnapped 3 civilians in Kara village, Mopti Region.

28 MAY 18: Suspected Macina brigade militants of JNIM kidnapped Mopti Court interpreter from his home near Mopti City, Mopti Region.

30 MAY 18: Members of ISGS militant group carried an attack on GATIA/MSA convoy near In-Kakane, Ménaka Region. 3 MSA/GATIA fighters injured.



Images of MSA fighters in Ménaka Region. Source: MSA Facebook page.

01 MAY 18: Unknown gunmen attacked and robbed three health workers of Tarkint, Ersane, and Tabankort at Agamhor, Tarkint Commune, Gao Region. 2 motorcycles belonging to health workers taken while also stripped from their belongings.

02 MAY 18: Armed bandits attacked education academy director at his house at Douentza, Mopti Region and seized his vehicle.

03 MAY 18: Unidentified gunmen shot and killed under unclear circumstances 2 civilians near Diondori, Mopti Region.

03 MAY 18: Two ICRC vehicles attacked by armed bandits at Al-Moustarat, Gao Region. 1 passenger injured.

[05 MAY 18](#): Suspected Dozo fighters attacked Bombou village inhabited by mostly Fulani in Mopti Region. At least 2 Fulani killed and houses destroyed.

[05 MAY 18](#): 2 civilians (driver and a friend) taken on 22 April near Saba Village, Mopti Region have been released and to be in good health conditions. Victims however were stripped of their belongings by presumed jihadists.

06 MAY 18: Alleged members of MSA and GATIA militias arrested and executed 2 individuals at In-Kakane village near Talataye, Gao Region. One of the victims was an Arab and other was Ibogholitane Tuareg.

[07 MAY 18](#): Unidentified gunmen attacked Douassahak Tuareg camp near Takarat village, Gao Region. 2 civilians killed and others injured while homes set on fire.

[08 MAY 18](#): Unidentified gunmen abducted Ténénkou Mayor and his driver between Mopti and Kdial, Mopti Region.

09 MAY 18: Armed bandits attacked and robbed civilian vehicle between Gossi and Intahaka, Gao Region. No casualties or injuries but passengers stripped of their belongings, including cash.

10 MAY 18: Unknown gunmen attacked civilian vehicle carrying market attendees from the Doussahak Tuareg community in the area of Tikakatene, Gao Region between Ansongo and Gao. 9 civilians killed and 3 injured, including one severely.

11 MAY 18: Malian Army arrested 2 armed bandits while trying to attack and rob a transportation vehicle near Al-Moustarat, Gao Region. The vehicle was traveling from Gao to Kidal.

11 MAY 18: Unknown gunmen on motorbikes abducted the mayor of Inadjatafane, the former mayor of Boni and a councilor of an education academy between Douentza and Boré, Mopti Region. Gunmen also seized their vehicle. They were released on 13 May under unclear circumstances.

12 MAY 18: Kisal NGO reported that unidentified gunmen carried an armed assault on Doussahak camp of Takaghat, 25km south of In-Delimane near Talataye, Gao Region. 6 civilians killed including children of tribal chief Ahmed Assaleh Ag Hiyaka.

13 MAY 18: 12 armed bandits assaulted Mayor Deputy at a local market of Bazi-Gourma, near Ansongo, Gao Region. The Mayor Deputy and his team were returning after tax collection mission and they were stripped from their belonging.

13 MAY 18: Alleged Fulani militiamen attacked Dogon village of Dangatené, Mopti Region. Self-defense militia repelled the attack. 1 assailant killed.

14 MAY 18: Allegedly Malian Army killed under unclear circumstances 10 civilians at Gande-Dialaba village, Mopti Region, according to Kisal NGO. Victims supposedly were between 5 and 13 years old.

14 MAY 18: Unidentified gunmen attempted the assassination of certain Hamma d'Andaman, leader of Ganda-Koy armed group at Abaradjou district of Timbuktu, Timbuktu Region. He managed to escape after being wounded with two gunshots to his arm. This is the second attempt against him.

16 MAY 18: Suspected Dozo hunters attacked Madougou village, 45km from Koro, Mopti Region. The attack was repelled while 3 motorcycles abandoned by assailants.

16 MAY 18: Unidentified gunmen kidnapped a GATIA associate near Dejebock, Gao Region.

16 MAY 18: GATIA members kidnapped a local notable of Imochag Tuareg in the village of Tin Habou, Mopti Region. The incident took place a day after the notable announced allegiance to HCUA.

16 MAY 18: MSA members briefly kidnapped CMA representative in Ménaka, Ménaka Region. Victim identified as Shiguidi Ag Madit, head of a Douassahak Tuareg fraction (Idoguiritènes).

[18 MAY 18](#): Nurse assistant of Tiguila CSCOM attacked and killed by unknown gunmen few kilometers from Tiguila, Mondoro Commune, Mopti Region.

[18 MAY 18](#): Head of Tinahabou tribe, Hamadah Ag Agbilel kidnapped and his vehicle taken by unidentified gunmen near Tiguila, Mondoro Commune, Mopti Region.

[19 MAY 18](#): NGO Kisal reported that Dozo hunters attacked Fulani village Argene, Mopti Region. 4 Fulani civilians killed and 6 others injured.

19 MAY 18: One Fulani herder killed by Dozo hunters near Koro village, Mopti Region.

19 MAY 18: Fulani self-defense militia repelled an attack by Dozo hunters on Fulani village Bombou, Mopti Region. 1 civilian (child) killed.

20 MAY 18: Local businessman (merchant) assassinated by 4 gunmen under unclear circumstances while in his field at Banani, Mopti Region.

20 MAY 18: Armed bandits attacked and seized a vehicle belonging to a merchant near Ansongo, Gao Region.

21 MAY 18: Alliance for the Salvation of the Sahel (ASS), new Fulani militia established in Mopti Region with the goal to protect Fulani communities.

22 MAY 18: Reportedly MSA/GATIA militias clashed with members from the Arab community near In-Azour, Ménaka region. At least 3 MSA-GATIA members killed and 2 other from the Arabs' militia.

25 MAY 18: Armed bandits seized vehicle belonging to the office of fight against drugs, chateau district, Gao, Gao Region.

24-25 MAY 18: Armed bandits attacked CSCOM of Hâ (Taboye) near Bourem, Gao Region. Bandits seized computers, motorcycle, cash, and medicine.

[27 MAY 18](#): Three Arabs from Ahel Taleb, Iskakna, and Limazil tribes taken by members from GATIA at Tikirkiwit, 30km east of Tamkoutat, Gao Region.

28 MAY 18: Armed bandits attacked and robbed transportation vehicle at Magnadaou, Soni Ali Ber commune, Gao Region. Passengers stripped of their belongings.

28 MAY 18: Violent clashes took place between suspected Fulani and Dogon communities at Naye, Madougou commune, Koro Cercle, Mopti Region. At least 7 civilians killed and others injured.

31 MAY 18: Fulani self-defense militia ASS claimed to have clashed and repelled an assault by Dozo hunters near Goumba village, Ségou Region. ASS alleged to have killed at least 10 Dozos though this cannot be confirmed by an independent source.

02 MAY 18: Suspected members of Ansaroul Islam carried a kidnapping attempt of unidentified individual (s) at Nassoumbou, Soum Province, Burkina Faso. The attack was repelled by local gendarmerie and military.

02 MAY 18: Presumed Ansaroul Islam militants attacked and burned elementary school and the housing of the school director in Bafina village, Centre-Nord Region, Burkina Faso. Two motorbikes belonging to teachers were also seized. (Source: VOA)

02 MAY 18: Presumed members of Ansaroul Islam attacked Guiendbila village, Centre-Nord, Burkina Faso. Militants ransacked shops and camp of self-defense group Koglweegos destroyed. (Source: VOA)

03 MAY 18: Presumed members of Ansaroul Islam attacked gendarmerie post of Markoye, 37km NW of Gorom-Gorom, Oudalan Province, Sahel Region, Burkina Faso. Burkinabe forces repelled the attack and no casualties reported.

[03 MAY 18](#): Red cross Burkinabe taken by presumed Ansaroul Islam militants near Arbinda, Soum Province, Sahel Region, Burkina Faso. He was released and found on 08 May not far from Nassoumbou.

10 MAY 18: Presumed Ansaroul Islam militants attacked Mentao refugee camp using explosives against security post located at the camp, Soum Province, Sahel Region, Burkina Faso. No casualties but the post was damaged.

10 MAY 18: Armed bandits attacked transport vehicle with marketgoers onboard near Aghay, Tillabéri Region, Niger. 3 civilians killed and others stripped of their belongings.

14 MAY 18: Presumed members of Ansaroul Islam attacked prefect residence of Oursi, Oudalan Commune, Sahel Region, Burkina Faso. 1 person (prefect) killed while his residence set on fire.

16 MAY 18: Local notable of rural commune Arbinda assassinated by suspected Ansaroul Islam, Soum Province, Sahel Region, Burkina Faso.

19 MAY 18: Unidentified gunmen on motorcycles entered the village of Aghay, Tillabéri Region, Niger and killed under unclear circumstances at least 17 civilians. However reports suggested it is a result of ongoing tensions between Tuareg Daoussahaq/Imghad and Fulani communities.

19 MAY 18: First Mayor deputy relative abducted by Ansaroul Islam militants abducted in suspicion of collaboration with Burkinabe authorities at Baraboulé, Soum Province, Sahel Region.

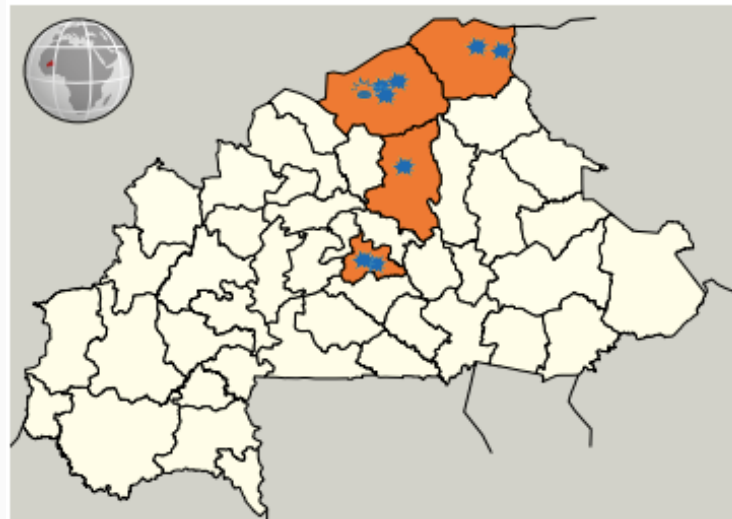
20 MAY 18: Ansaroul Islam militants abducted catechist and his at Koutougou, Soum Province, Sahel Region, Burkina Faso.

22 MAY 18: Burkinabe special units of the gendarmerie dismantled a militant cell on the southeastern outskirts of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. 3 militants and 1 gendarme killed, 4 gendarmes and 2 civilians injured. Weapons, ammunition, explosives military uniforms [French and Burkinabe] and equipment seized.

24 MAY 18: Suspected Ansaroul Islam militants abducted traditional healer at Niafo village, Arbinda, Soum Province, Sahel Region, Burkina Faso.

28 MAY 18: Alleged members of CMA-GATIA abducted a Fulani herder near Tighuezefen, Tillabéri Region, Niger.

30 MAY 18: Unidentified gunmen entered and fired their weapons while searching for a wanted individual in the village of Sikiré, 6km from Arbinda on Arbinda-Beléhedé axis, Soum Province, Sahel Region, Burkina Faso. Supposedly the incident is related to a transaction about stolen livestock.



Security incidents in Burkina Faso for May 2018. Source: OCHA