

Mali – Sahel: July 2017 violent incidents related to JNIM [AQIM, Ansar al-Din, Al-Murabitoun, and MLF coalition], and other security incidents

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July 2017 by the Numbers

- JNIM claimed 7 attacks against French, MINUSMA, and Malian forces in July 2017.
- **Casualties summary in July 2017:** At least 1 MINUSMA peacekeepers (or contractor) killed and 6 injured; 7 French soldiers injured; 11 Malian soldiers killed and 4 injured; 6 members of armed groups killed; 2 civilians killed and 2 injured in attacks claimed or attributed to JNIM or other VEOs operating in Mali.
- July 2017 recorded multiple clashes between CMA and Platform forces, mostly in Kidal Region further complicating implementation of peace accord signed over two years ago.
- Armed robberies against civilians transportation and NGO vehicles in central and northern regions continues to be major security concern.
- French forces made several arrests of suspects collaborating with jihadist groups in Timbuktu Region.
- In July 2017 JNIM claimed its first major attacks on Burkinabe and Nigerien forces in Burkina Faso and Niger respectively. Since its creation in March 2017, JNIM almost exclusively operated and only claimed attacks in Mali. During these attacks at least 5 Nigerien and 8 Burkinabe soldiers killed while 3 Nigerien injured.
- After Adnan Abu Walid al-Sahraoui [released](#) a letter threatening MSA and GATIA groups in June, number of attacks recorded in Ménaka Region where the group that pledged allegiance to so-called Islamic State operates.
- Kidal NGO reported acts of violence by GATIA against Fulani herders following increased attacks by unidentified gunmen. GATIA accuses Fulani herders of collaboration with jihadist groups in Ménaka Region.
- In Burkina Faso at least 10 people killed in Sahel Region as a result of target assassinations by suspected jihadists.

- **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*

02 JUL 17: IED discovered and destroyed by MINUSMA convoy between Bourem and Tarkint, Gao Region

[04 JUL 17](#): Reportedly, JNIM assassinated a local merchant accused of collaborating with foreign forces. Victim was identified as Oumeyda El Wasri and his head allegedly was displayed at the weekly market of Zouera, Timbuktu Region. JNIM also distributed leaflets warning locals from collaborating with Malian and foreign forces.

[04 JUL 17](#): Three members of jihadist group entered the village of Toguéré-Coumbé, Mopti Region and two women were beaten for not wearing the veil. The following day militants hosted *Eid al-Fitr* sermon that locals refused leading to altercation between jihadists and local population. As a result militants held the village chief, notables, and two of deputies before releasing them 24 hours later. The incidents occurred on June 24 – 25.

05 JUL 17: Grenades launched on MSA camp in Ménaka by unknown gunmen according to statement on its Facebook official page.

[08 JUL 17](#): Unknown gunmen on motorcycles carried an armed assault on gendarmerie and customs post of Bénéna, Segou Region on the borders with Burkina Faso. Malian Army claimed killing the leader of brigade responsible days later.

08 JUL 17: JNIM claimed an IED attack on Barkhane armored vehicle at Ibchaghchagh valley, 20km North of Tessalit, Kidal Region. [Reportedly](#) 3 French soldiers injured. (Right: JNIM statement #29)

[08 JUL 17](#): Barkhane forces arrested 6 individuals at Eminaghata, 100km East of Ber, Timbuktu Region accused of collaboration with jihadist groups. 4 of the suspects reported on July 18th to be released. 1 suspect identified as Alhousseini Ag Assaley [reportedly](#) has close relationship with Macina brigade leader, Mohamed [Hamadoun] Koufa.



[09 JUL 17](#): Platform convoy ambushed by unknown gunmen at Abalbod, 30km NE of Almoustarat while heading to Anéfis from Gao. 1 Platform member killed and unknown number wounded.

09 JUL 17: Malian Army convoy ambushed by unidentified militants at In-Kadagotan, Ménaka Region. Initially 10 soldiers were [reported](#) missing and 4 vehicles destroyed. 2 eventually returned alive while 8 killed.

09 JUL 17: JNIM militants attacked Malian gendarmerie post 40km south of Bandiagara, Mopti Region. (Right: JNIM statement #30)

10 JUL 17: One civilian killed and 2 others injured by an IED in Konna, Mopti Region.

10 JUL 17: French forces of Barkhane carried an armed assault against militants in Ménaka Region following Malian Army ambush. [Reportedly](#) dozens militants killed.

17 شوال 1438هـ
11 جويلية 2017م

في عمليتين متفرقتين للمجاهدين في ولايتي «موبتي» و«كيدال»
تدمير مدرعة وإصابة 3 جنود من «المينيسما». وهجوم على مركز للدرك وغنيمة أسلحة خفيفة



في يوم (الثلاثاء 17 شوال 1438هـ/ 11 جويلية 2017م) وفق الله عباده المجاهدين من تدمير مدرعة للقوات الدولية «المينيسما» إثر استهدافها بعبوة ناسفة في مدينة «كيدال»، وكانت الحصيلة إصابة ثلاثة جنود بجراح متفاوتة الخطورة، حسب مصدر من عين المكان.

وقبل ذلك بيومين، قامت سرية من سرايا المجاهدين بالهجوم على مركز للدرك «المالي» في منطقة «بانجاقارا» التابعة لولاية «موبتي»، وتمكنوا بفضل الله وتوفيقه من السيطرة التامة على المركز وغنيمة بعض الأسلحة الخفيفة، بعد فرار الجنود الماليين. وأصيب أحد إخواننا إصابة طفيفة نسأل الله تعالى أن يعجل شفاؤه.

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11 JUL 17: MINUSMA armored vehicle struck an IED in Kidal. JNIM claimed responsibility and that 3 peacekeepers injured. (Above: JNIM statement #30)

12 JUL 17: [Reportedly](#) Malian Army clashed with 2 militants in charge of planting IEDs at Talatayt, near Ansongo. 1 militant killed and 1 escaped.

[13 JUL 17](#): Reportedly, Malian Army killed an alleged leader, Bakaye Sangaré of Macina Liberation Front [JNIM brigade and aka Macina brigade] at Mougna, Mopti Region.

16 JUL 17: Local observer reported rockets launched on Barkhane and MINUSMA base at Amachach, Tessalit.

[16 JUL 17](#): Malian Army officer killed by unidentified gunmen at Tessit, Gao Region under unclear circumstances.

[18 JUL 17](#): MSA-GATIA joint patrol convoy ambushed by unidentified gunmen at Tidimbawen, 15km from Inkadogotan where Malian Army ambushed on 09 July. 6 soldiers taken then allegedly [executed](#) at Ihabanagh on 19 July.

[19 JUL 17](#): Gunmen on motorcycles fired at National Guard post of Koro, Mopti Region. 1 militant killed. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #32)

[19 JUL 17](#): MINUSMA supply truck struck an IED between Ansongo and Ménaka. 1 killed and 3 wounded.

[20 JUL 17](#): Barkhane and Malian forces arrested 3 suspects with ties to jihadist groups in Timbuktu.

22 JUL 17: JNIM claimed responsibility of an IED attack that destroyed Barkhane vehicle 40km north of Kidal. (Right: JNIM statement #32).

[24 JUL 17](#): Vehicle transporting National Guard members struck an IED at Doro, Gao – Gossi route. 2 killed and 4 injured. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #32)



29 JUL 17: Truck transporting goods struck an IED in Zakak near Tinzwaten, Kidal Region on the borders with Algeria.

31 JUL 17: Malian Army convoy ambushed between Gossi and Hombori.

31 JUL 17: Barkhane vehicle struck an IED 5km east of Tessalit, Kidal Region. 4 French soldiers wounded. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #34)

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2 أوت 2017 م

تدمير مدرعة فرنسية وإصابة 4 عسكريين بجروح متفاوتة الخطورة
تفجير قنبلة قرب «تيساليت» على قوات «برخان»



في صبيحة يوم الاثنين (8 ذو القعدة 1438 هـ/ 31 جويلية 2017 م) مكّن الله عباده المجاهدين من تفجير عبوة ناسفة على مدرعة للقوات الصليبية «الفرنسية» من عملية «برخان»، عند قمة «تساليت» 3 كم شمال شرق «تيساليت» التابعة لولاية «كيدال»، مما أسفر عن تدميرها وإصابة أربعة عسكريين فرنسيين على الأقل بجروح متفاوتة، إصابات بعضهم بالغة الخطورة.. والحمد لله رب العالمين.

[03 JUL 17](#): Gunmen seized vehicle belonging to Malian telecommunication company (SOTELMA) in Gao.

[06 JUL 17](#): Platform and CMA forces reportedly clashed at Intachdayt, Kidal Region. 2 killed and 1 injured from Platform, while 2 others from CMA also died.

[06 JUL 17](#): Two gunmen attacked and robbed passengers while traveling in a truck at Bourem Djindo, Gao Region.

[08 JUL 17](#): Weekly market of Taglalt, 30km of Andéramboukane, Ménaka Region attacked by unidentified gunmen. 2 civilians killed while also fuel, foodstuff, and motorcycles taken by gunmen.

11 JUL 17: Clashes reported between CMA and Platform forces at Techanak, area located between Anéfis and Kidal. Same day, CMA was reported to have seized control of Anéfis, town that was controlled mainly by Platform.

11 JUL 17: Unknown gunmen attacked vehicle belonging to Malian gendarmerie in Timbuktu. 2 members of Malian security forces injured.

[12 JUL 17](#): Social development vehicle taken by unknown gunmen at Marmar, Timbuktu Region. Passengers also robbed.

[11 - 16 JUL 17](#): Unconfirmed reports by NGO Kisal indicated tensions between GATIA and Fulani herders near Andéramboukane, Ménaka Region on the borders with Niger. The organization stated that around 60 herders [mostly Nigeriens] perceived as members of jihadist groups killed by GATIA.

[14 JUL 17](#): Unidentified armed militants attacked and robbed town hall of Kouakrou, near Djenné Mopti Region.

[16 JUL 17](#): Two civilians taken by unidentified gunmen at Zarho, Timbuktu Region.

18 JUL 17: Unknown gunmen attempted to seize a vehicle belonging to local health center in Timbuktu. Vehicle driver injured.

[20 JUL 17](#): A mass grave containing 7 bodies discovered 20km NE of Anéfis, Kidal Region. MINUSMA [opened](#) investigations on the mass grave in addition to additional human rights violations following acts of kidnappings and ceasefire violations between GATIA and CMA in Kidal Region since early June.

[22 JUL 17](#): Malian Army reported that members of CMA fired at their convoy between Nampala and Léré, Timbuktu Region. Malian Army claimed that CMA first fired at their convoy while CMA claims FAMA forces were moving in an area controlled by CMA.

[22 JUL 17](#): Mayor's office attacked and burned by unidentified gunmen at Sendégué near Konna, Mopti Region.

[24 JUL 17](#): Unconfirmed reports indicated a camp belonging to Imghad Tuareg near Tagrangaboyte, Ménaka Region allegedly attacked by Fulani gunmen. 5 civilians killed allegedly.

24 JUL 17: Unknown gunmen seized merchant's vehicle at Abaradjou, Timbuktu Region.

[25 JUL 17](#): Ambulance seized by unknown gunmen between Timbuktu and Bambara-Maoudé, Timbuktu Region.

[26 JUL 17](#): Reported clashes between CMA and GATIA forces at Takalot and Ematal, Kidal Region.

[31 JUL 17](#): Unknown gunmen attacked and robbed three communal buses of Bani, SONEF, and Tilemsi near Gossi, Timbuktu Region.

05 JUL 17: JNIM militants attacked Nigerien Army mobile unit at Midal valley, Tahoua Region. 5 Nigerien soldiers killed and 3 others injured while vehicles and weapons seized (see images released by JNIM). JNIM claimed its first attack on Nigerien soil since its creation in March 2017. (Right: JNIM statement #28).



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هلاك عدد من الجنود، وغنائم مختلفة.. في هجوم على معسكر للجيش النيجيري
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ردا على الاعتداءات المتكررة للجيش النيجيري بحق أهاليينا، وانضمامه إلى «جيش الساحل» الذي شكلته «فرنسا» الصليبية مؤخرًا، أغار المجاهدون صباح يوم (11 شوال 1438 هـ/5 جويلية 2017 م)، على معسكر للجيش النيجيري في «نساوة» بمنطقة «مدال» على الحدود مع «مالي»..

وقد تمكنوا بفضل الله وتوفيقه، من السيطرة على الثكنة بعد أن قتلوا عددا من العسكريين وفرار البقية، كما من الله عليهم بغنيمة 4 سيارات محملة بأسلحة مختلفة، منها: مضادة للطيران وأخرى خفيفة مع صواريخ الراجمة وكمية من الذخائر، ومعدات عسكرية أخرى، وقبل انسحابهم، أحرقوا المعسكر وبعض الآليات العسكرية. ثم انحازوا إلى قواعدهم سالمين غانمين آمنين، والحمد لله رب العالمين.

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Arms and vehicles seized by JNIM, and JNIM statement claiming Midal attack. Source: JNIM media arm al-Zallaqa

12 JUL 17: Suspected three jihadists reported to have carried an attack on a Police patrol in Doumbala, Kossi Province, north of Burkina Faso on the borders with Mali. No casualties but militants managed to escape.

15 JUL 17: JNIM militants ambushed Burkinabe Army convoy near Araé village near borders with Mali. JNIM claimed responsibility and to have killed 8 soldiers while others wounded. (Right: JNIM statement #31). This is the first official claim by JNIM of an attack in Burkina Faso indicating likely collaboration with local group Ansaroul Islam without formal declaration.

ردا على اعتداءات الجيش البوركيني المتكررة
قتل وإصابات عدد من جنوده إثر كمين في منطقة «اروي» الحدودية
15 شوال 1438 هـ
27 جويلية 2017 م

في يوم السبت (21 شوال 1438 هـ / 15 جويلية 2017 م) مكن الله عباده المجاهدين من إيقاع رتل من الجيش «البوركيني» في كمين قرب قرية «اروي» الواقعة في المنطقة الحدودية (المالية البوركينية) مما خلف عددا من القتلى والجرحى في صفوف العدو الذي اعترف بمقتل ثمانية من جنوده مع عدد من المصابين.

جدير بالذكر: أنَّ هذا الرتل المستهدف كان في عملية تمشيط واضطهاد للمسلمين، حيث قتل واعتقل وعذب وهجر العديد من الأبرياء في المناطق الحدودية، كما كان رأس حربة في مساندته للقوات «الفرنسية» الصليبية في حملتها ضد المجاهدين في الأشهر الماضية في المنطقة المذكورة.

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[19 JUL 17](#): Local gold merchant taken by suspected militants according to local witnesses at Kourfadji, 35km of Djibo, Soum Province. Merchant was identified as a 63 years old El Hadj Moussa Belem.

[24 - 25 JUL 17](#): In an attack attributed to jihadists, gunmen attacked and killed 2 at Ndidja village, Djibo Commune, Sahel Region, Burkina Faso.

[24 - 25 JUL 17](#): In an attack attributed to jihadists, gunmen attacked and killed 2 at Sibé village, Tongomael Commune, Sahel Region, Burkina Faso.

[24 - 25 JUL 17](#): In an attack attributed to jihadists, gunmen attacked and killed 1 at Neyda village, Tongomael Commune, Sahel Region, Burkina Faso.

[30 JUL 17](#): Unidentified gunmen killed under unclear circumstances a man at Sona, Tongomael Commune, Sahel Region, Burkina Faso. At least 10 people killed in the area in July 2017.