

Mali – Sahel: August 2017 – April 2018 Chronology of 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 Armed Banditry and Inter-Community Violence

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#### **Abbreviations**

- 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 Imphad 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



- 02 AUG 17: Two militants attacked and killed two Malian soldiers at Al-Moustarat, Gao Region.
- 07 AUG 17: Unknown gunmen carried an assassination attempt against MNLA counterterrorism member, Inkinane Ag Attaher. 1 minor killed and 2 other civilians injured, while 1 of the attackers arrested.
- <u>08 AUG 17</u>: Unknown gunmen carried an attack on Malian National Guard post at Djenné, Mopti Region. 1 national guard injured after Malian forces repelled the attack.
- <u>14 AUG 17</u>: Militant group attacked MINUSMA headquarter in Timbuktu. At least 5 Malian guards of MINUSMA, 1 Malian gendarme, and 1 civilian killed. Also 6 peacekeepers and 1 Malian guard injured.
- <u>14 AUG 17</u>: Unidentified gunmen attacked MINUSMA and Malian Army post in Douentza, Mopti Region. 1 peacekeeper and 1 Malian soldier killed. 2 assailants also killed.
- <u>14 AUG 17</u>: Malian Army convoy ambushed on Nampala Léré axis, Ségou Region. At least 2 soldiers killed and 5 others injured.
- <u>16 AUG 17</u>: Suspected jihadists entered the village of Arkodia in Cercle of Niafunké and assassinated under unclear circumstances a local 40 year old man. This was followed by intimidation messages and demanding the application of Charia law to the population before leaving the locality.
- <u>16 AUG 17</u>: Unidentified four gunmen made irruption and assassinated a man identified as Abdoulahi Ag Souleymane in Kidal, Kidal Region under unclear circumstances.
- <u>17 AUG 17</u>: Unidentified gunmen ambushed 3 GATIA vehicles near Tamkoutat. 8 fighters killed and 3 vehicles set on fire. No group claimed responsibility and ISGS of Adnan Abu Walid al-Sahraoui suspected to be behind the attack.



- 19 AUG 17: Gunmen on motorcycles entered and burned old customs office in Ounkouro, Cercle of Bankass , Mopti Region.
- 19 AUG 17: JNIM branch in Timbuktu Region released MPSA commander, Elmehdi Ag Abdollahi. He is MPSA commander of Nebkit Elilk post, and was taken on 03 May 2017 in Timbuktu.
- <u>20 AUG 17</u>: Unidentified militant executed in public a herdsman identified as Bokary Chory at Seno Edal, Mopti Region. Reportedly, he was accused of providing assistance to a wounded Malian soldier after Bébi, Mopti Region <u>ambush</u> in August 2016.
- <u>20 AUG 17</u>: Three local men taken then released during Dèra market, Mopti Region. The 3 men were reportedly whipped for drug consumption by unknown gunmen before being released.
- <u>20 AUG 17</u>: Logistical MINUSMA vehicle struck an IED near Taghlit, Aguelhoc Tessalit axis, Kidal Region. 9 peacekeepers injured including 4 severe cases.
- <u>22 AUG 17</u>: Civilian vehicle struck an IED between Kobe and Tacharane, Gabero Commune, Gao Region. Driver injured and vehicle damaged. Population arrested 3 suspects behind planting the IED.
- 22 AUG 17: Unknown gunmen on motorcycles carried an attack on gendarmerie post of Tonka, Timbuktu Region.
- 22 AUG 17: Civilian bus struck an IED between Gao and Haoussa Foulane, Timbuktu Region.
- 22 AUG 17: MPSA abandoned Nibkit checkpoint localted 30km west of Timbuktu. This came after JNIM branch in the area released a threatening letter to the group.



- <u>24 AUG 17</u>: Gendarmerie post attacked by unidentified gunmen at Bandiagara, Mopti Region.1 gendarme killed and 1 injured.
- 24 AUG 17: Unknown militant kidnapped and killed NGO worker from his hotel room in Bankass, Mopti Region.
- <u>25 AUG 17</u>: French forces of Barkhane carried airstrike and a raid on unidentified militants in Tabankort, Gao Region. At least 4 militants killed and others arrested.
- <u>25 AUG 17</u>: Malian Army checkpoint attacked by unknown gunmen. 1 soldier killed and 1 injured. Checkpoint is located at the exit of Timbuktu toward Araouane, Timbuktu Region.
- 26 AUG 17: JNIM distributed leaflet in Zouera, Timbuktu Region threatening Kel Ansar Tuareg and its commander Abbas Ag Mohamed Ahmed against collaboration with French, MINUSMA, and Malian forces.
- 30 AUG 17: JNIM branch in Timbuktu Region released a warning statement against any collaboration with MINUSMA and French forces.
- <u>31 AUG 17</u>: Logistics MINUSMA truck attacked by suspected militants at Gossi, Timbuktu Region. 2 civilian contractors killed.





#### August 2017 Armed Banditry at Meli August 2017 Armed Banditry and Clashes Between non-

04 AUG 17: Unidentified gunmen stormed Oudeina village, 80km SE of Talatayt, Ménaka Region. 4 killed while at least 2 others remained missing after being kidnapped. All victims and kidnapped individuals identified to be of Doussahak Tuareg clan, and also merchant vehicle taken.

<u>04 AUG 17</u>: Transportation bus belonging to Nour company attacked by six gunmen 13km from Douentza, Mopti Region. Passengers robbed of their goods.

<u>09 AUG 17</u>: Unknown gunmen attacked and seized 2 vehicles belonging to ICRC on Goundam – Gargando route, Timbuktu Region.

09 AUG 17: Unidentified armed bandits attacked two transportation vehicles traveling from Sévaré to Timbuktu between Boré and N'gouma. Passengers robbed of their goods.

10 AUG 17: Tin-Hama market near Ansongo attacked by six unknown gunmen. At least three stores robbed and 1 civilian injured.

14 AUG 17: Armed bandits attacked and seized ambulance belonging to the Operational Mechanism of the Coordination (MOC in French) in Ansongo, Gao Region.

16 AUG 17: Transportation truck attacked between Boni and Simbi, Cercle of Douentza in Mopti Region by unknown armed bandits. Passengers robbed and 1 conveyor injured.

16 AUG 17: Doctors without borders (MSF in French) vehicle attacked and robbed by armed bandits 19km from Douentza, Mopti Region.



## **Armed Banditry and Clashes Between non-Jihadist Armed Groups**

- 20 AUG 17: Armed bandits robbed member of In-Delimane health center (CSCOM in French). Bandits seized cash, cellphones, and medicine.
- 21 AUG 17: Vehicle belonging to construction company seized by unknown gunmen at Chateau district in Gao.
- <u>22 AUG 17</u>: Unidentified gunmen injured 2 humanitarian workers between Kabara and Timbuktu. Humanitarian workers reportedly represent UNHCR.
- <u>25-26 AUG 17</u>: Unknown gunmen kidnapped and executed 2 members of Douassahak Tuareg community under unclear circumstances in Tamalat, Ménaka Region.
- <u>26 AUG 17</u>: Armed members of Ganda Izo in Tassiga, Gao Region arrested 2 armed bandits hours after an event related to armed robberies and violent extremism in the area.
- 31 AUG 17: Armed bandits attacked and robbed local office of unidentified NGO in Ansongo, Gao Region. Guard was tied up and left unharmed.
- <u>31 JUL 2017</u>: Three buses belonging to transportation companies Bani, Sonef, and Tilemsi attacked by unidentified gunmen 5km from Gossi, Timbuktu Region. Passengers robbed of all their belongings.





### Attacks claimed by or attributed to JNIM, or ISGS, or Ansaroul Islam in Niger and Burkina Faso

13 AUG 17: Two to four suspected jihadists attacked Turkish restaurant, Aziz Istanbul, in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. 19 people killed and at least 25 others injured. No group claimed responsibility. Assailants also killed.

<u>17 AUG 17</u>: Vehicle of anti-terrorist detachment (GFAT in French) struck an IED on Tongomayel and Inatan axis, Soum Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso. At least 3 soldiers killed and 2 others severely injured.

28 AUG 17: Gunmen on motorcycles attacked In-Torgua village, Bankilaré department, Tillabéri Region, Niger.

29 AUG 17: Gunmen on motorcycles entered Damba village, Soum Province and fired in the air before gathering local population, and announcing their presence. Damba located about 30km from Djibo, Burkina Faso.

<u>31 AUG 17</u>: Unidentified militant attacked and damaged gendarmerie post before taking on an entertainment center nearby of Djibasso, Kossi Province, Nouhoun Region of Burkina Faso. 1 customs assistant killed and motorcycles taken.





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- <u>02 SEPT 17</u>: Two MINUSMA logistical vehicles struck two IEDs 5km north of Tabankort, Gao Region. 1 peacekeeper injured.
- <u>02 SEPT 17</u>: Suspected Macina Brigade elements of JNIM arrived at Kouakourou village, Cercle of Djenné, Mopti Region and threatened kidnapping the village chief under unclear circumstances. <u>Two days earlier</u>, a 70 year old woman was whipped for not covering her hair at the same location.
- <u>05 SEPT 17</u>: MINUSMA vehicle struck an IED 15km of Aguelhoc toward Tessalit, Kidal Region. 2 Chadian peacekeepers <u>killed</u> and 2 others injured.
- 08 SEPT 17: Unidentified vehicle struck an IED at Etambar valley, Kidal Region according to local witness.
- 09 SEPT 17: Rockets launched by suspected JNIM militants on MINUSMA and Barkhane [Amachach] base in Tessalit, Kidal Region.
- <u>09 SEPT 17</u>: Malian Army forces conducted a raid at Koro, Mopti Region near borders with Burkina Faso. 2 suspects arrested and arms seized.
- <u>09 SEPT 17</u>: Civilian vehicle struck an IED 100km from Ansongo, Gao Region. Dozens injured and MINUSMA assisted treating the wounded.
- <u>08 SEPT 17</u>: Barkhane forces carried a raid on militants camp at N'Daki, southwest of Gao on the borders with Burkina Faso. 2 militants neutralized, 2 vehicles destroyed, and arms seized.
- <u>11 SEPT 17</u>: Rockets launched by unidentified militants on Gao airport where Barkhane and Malian Army are based. 2 Malian soldiers lightly <u>injured</u>.



13 SEPT 17: Malian National Guard forces repelled an ambush by suspected Macina Brigade of JNIM 5km from Kouakourou, Mopti Region.

13 SEPT 17: MINUSMA armored vehicle struck an IED 2km east of its camp in Kidal, Kidal Region. 2 peacekeepers injured.

14 SEPT 17: Armed militants attacked Malian National Guard in Ménaka. 3 soldiers killed and 1 injured.

<u>16 SEPT 17</u>: Two gunmen assassinated under unclear circumstances a member of Malian National Guard at Gossi, Timbuktu Region. Victim was identified as Ziad Ag Ibrahim and believed to have close ties to GATIA.

20 SEPT 17: Dozens of rockets launched on MINUSMA camp in Kidal City, Kidal Region. 1 peacekeeper injured. Also, 2 advanced MINUSMA positions were also attacked in Kidal. JNIM claimed responsibility and released video of the attack. (Right: JNIM claim)

20 SEPT 17: Malian National Guard convoy ambushed by unidentified gunmen 50km from Ménaka near In-Delimane toward Ansongo, Gao Region. At least 4 soldiers killed and 3 injured, while 1 vehicle and arms seized.

21 SEPT 17: Malian Army vehicle struck an IED near Boulkessi, Mopti Region on the borders with Burkina Faso. 2 soldiers injured.



22 SEPT 17: Suspected members of Macina Brigade abducted village chief of Saré-Kina, Mopti Region under the pretext he was relying on State authorities to resolve a local dispute rather than through Mohamed Koufa, head of Macina Brigade.



23 SEPT 17: IED detonated near UNMAS team in front of gendarmerie post in Ménaka, Ménaka Region. 1 injured.

<u>24 SEPT 17</u>: MINUSMA forces escorting logistical convoy struck an IED then ambushed by unknown militants in Tabrichat between Al-Moustarat and Tabankort, Gao Region. 3 peacekeepers killed and 5 injured.

23 SEPT 17: Barkhane forces conducted a raid and arrested at least 2 suspects in Kidal, Kidal Region.

24 SEPT 17: Militant group of six attacked and burned gendarmerie post in Mourdiah, Koulikoro Region. No casualties but gendarmerie vehicles set on fire and one seized. JNIM claimed responsibility and to have seized control of the post temporarily. (Right: JNIM statement #37)

25 SEPT 17: Suspected ISGS militant group clashed with members of MSA armed group at Tamalate, Ménaka Region on the borders with Niger. 2 MSA fighters and 5 militants killed.



<u>25 SEPT 17</u>: Four suspected jihadists in Malian Army uniforms abducted a local notable at Dioura, Mopti Region. Notable was identified as Barra Kalilou.

<u>25 SEPT 17</u>: Unidentified gunmen killed local notable and abducted an apprentice at Godoware near Mondoro, Mopti Region near borders with Burkina Faso.

27 SEPT 17: Unidentified militant attacked Malian Army position in Bourem, Gao Region.



28 SEPT 17: Malian Army motorcycle struck an IED at Tin Amar, 14km north of Tin Hama, Gao Region. 2 Malian soldiers killed.

29 SEPT 17: Comanav boat was ambushed by suspected Macina brigade militants of JNIM on the Niger river between Tawana and Tiékelendougou near Kouakourou, Mopti Region. 5 people wounded.

30 SEPT 17: MINUSMA convoy struck an IED near In-Fijarèn, 110km west of Ménaka, axis Ansongo-Ménaka. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #37) في عمليتين منفصلتين السيطرة على قرية مورجة ..... وتفجير مدرعة للمنيسما في انكزمان السيطرة على قرية مورجة ..... وتفجير مدرعة للمنيسما في انكزمان (07 محرم 1439ه/ 28 سبتمبر 2017م) من السيطرة على قرية مورجة التابعة لولاية كوليكورو بعد هروب الجنود التابعين لقوات الدرك المالية أمام المجاهدين فتم الإستلاء على معسكر الدرك وحرق ثلاث سيارات ودراجة نارية وغنم سيارة وعدد من الأسلحة والذخائر والأمتعة العسرية المختلفة وانسحب المجاهدون بفضل الله سالمين. وبعدها بيومين تمكن المجاهدون بتوفيق من الله من تدمير مدرعة تابعة لقوات المنيسما في منطقة انكرمان 110 كلم غرب مدينة منكا.







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- 04 SEPT 17: Armed bandits attacked ambulance belonging to unidentified NGO on Ansongo Tassiga route, Gao Region. 1 civilian injured.
- <u>06 SEPT 17</u>: Gunmen attacked and attempted seizing Malian Army supply vehicle at the local market in Ménaka, Ménaka Region. 1 soldier killed and 1 injured.
- <u>06 07 SEPT 17</u>: Two civilians killed by unidentified gunmen between Tonka and Niafunké, Timbuktu Region in an attempt robbery.
- 12 SEPT 17: Three armed bandits attacked and seized vehicle belonging to National Guards at Sossokoira, Gao Region.
- 13 SEPT 17: Unidentified gunmen entered and attacked In-Delimane market, Gao Region. 1 civilian killed and other material damages recorded.
- <u>14 SEPT 17</u>: Platform fighters on two vehicles attacked by unidentified gunmen at Samet, Gao Region. 2 platform members killed and 4 others taken.
- 17 SEPT 17: Unidentified armed bandits attacked and seized 2 vehicles belonging to unidentified international NGO at Goundam, Timbuktu Region.
- 17 SEPT 17: Unidentified armed bandits attacked and robbed health center of Tin Hama near Ansongo, Gao Region. 2 motorcycles seized.
- <u>17 SEPT 17</u>: Member of Operational Coordination Mechanism (MOC in French) on his motorcycle assassinated in Gao by unknown gunmen allegedly in response to the attack on platform on 14 Sept at Samet, Gao Region.
- 19 SEPT 17: Gunmen attacked and robbed health center accountant in Ansongo, Gao Region.



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- <u>21 SEPT 17</u>: Local NGO Kisal reported one ICRC vehicle taken and staff robbed by unknown gunmen near Boré between Konna and Douentza, Mopti Region.
- 22 SEPT 17: Two unidentified gunmen entered and robbed home of an international NGO in Ménaka, Ménaka Region.
- 23 SEPT 17: Barkhane forces seized weapons from MAA Platform base at Atila, 15km north of Timbuktu, Timbuktu Region.
- 27 SEPT 17: Armed bandits on motorcycles fired their weapons and attempted to rob a transportation bus near Kangala bridge of Tassiga, Ansongo area, Gao Region. One armed passenger fired back and repelled the attack.
- 28 SEPT 17: Three armed bandits attacked and robbed passengers of two vehicles near Hamkouladji village between Bourem and Gao, Gao Region.





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<u>04 SEPT 17</u>: Unidentified gunmen entered and attacked Kourfadji village, Soum Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso. Gunmen fired in the air before they arrested two individuals with alleged ties to municipal authorities.

06 SEPT 17: Armed bandits attacked and robbed local stores of refugee camp Tabaray, 5km of Ayorou, Tillabéri Region, Niger.

<u>07 SEPT 17</u>: Mayor's office of Diguel Commune, Soum Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso attacked and burned by seven suspected Ansaroul Islam militant group. Mayor's office accountant, <u>Ali Tamboura</u>, was also taken then <u>released</u> on the Malian side of the borders with Burkina Faso.

<u>14 – 15 SEPT 17</u>: Dozens of Ansaroul Islam militants on motorcycles kidnapped and executed village chief of Wendpoli, about 20km south of Baraboulé, Soum Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso.

<u>14 – 15 SEPT 17</u>: Dozens of militants on motorcycles attacked and assassinated 2 individuals, including a local notable, at Dowoulé [15km from Baraboulé], Soum Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso.

<u>17 SEPT 17</u>: Village chief of Tem taken then executed by suspected members of Ansaroul Islam. Tem is located few kilometers north of Nassoumbou, Soum Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso.

<u>20 SEPT 17</u>: Farmers and herders engaged in violent clashes at Garkéré village, Thiou Commune, Yatenga Province, Burkina Faso. 1 herder killed and 1 injured. The violent incident was instigated after livestock of one herder destroyed crop of one farmer a day earlier.

<u>21 - 22 SEPT 17</u>: Presumed Ansaroul Islam militants on motorcycles assassinated unidentified individual at Diaodiao village, Soum Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso.



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- <u>22 SEPT 17</u>: Presumed Ansaroul Islam militants launched an assault on police station at of Mentao village, Soum Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso. Police station is located near camp of Malian refugees. No casualties reported but station severely damaged.
- 23 SEPT 17: Burkinabe vehicle belonging to anti-terrorist unit struck an IED near Wouro Saba, few kilometers from Djibo on National Road 22, Soum Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso. 7 soldiers injured.
- 23 SEPT 17: Unidentified gunmen attacked and clashed with Nigerien forces at a checkpoint near Assamakka on the borders with Algeria, Niger. 4 Nigerien soldiers and 1 civilian killed.
- 25 SEPT 17: Five unidentified gunmen attacked and seized livestock belonging to Bam's Mayor in Baraboulé, Soum Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso.
- <u>26 SEPT 17</u>: Presumed Ansaroul Islam militants ambushed fuel trucks of a mining company of Belahourou escorted by gendarmerie forces at Tongomael, Soum Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso. 4 gendarmes killed. The ambush started with an IED explosion against vehicle leading the convoy on Tongomayel Inata axis.
- <u>26 SEPT 17</u>: Burkinabe anti-terrorist unit vehicle struck an IED in Touronata [60km from Djibo], Soum Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso. 4 soldiers <u>killed</u>.
- <u>27 SEPT 17</u>: Gendarmerie station of Toéni, Sourou Province, Burkina Faso attacked by unidentified militants. No casualties recorded.
- <u>27 SEPT 17</u>: Twenty gunmen irrupted in Bella Mballou village near borders with Mali, Burkina Faso and seized important number of livestock before fleeing back to Mali, reportedly. Livestock belong to two brothers who are forest guides.



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<u>27 SEPT 17</u>: Security forces said to have killed Nassoumbou Councilman, Dicko Moumouni Moussi, at Djibo, Soum Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso. He was suspected to have been collaborating and planning recent attacks for Ansaroul Islam militant group.

<u>27 - 28 SEPT 17</u>: Two gunmen suspected to be members of Ansaroul Islam on motorcycle assassinated under unclear circumstances an unidentified individual in Djibo, Soum Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso.

<u>28 SEPT 17</u>: Three people assassinated by suspected Ansaroul Islam militants in Touronata, Soum Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso. Victims included development councilman, an imam, and an elder man.

<u>28 SEPT 17</u>: One individual assassinated under unclear circumstances by presumed Ansaroul Islam militants in Kahoel, Soum Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso.





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01 OCT 17: MINUSMA vehicle struck an IED near Adar N'Tikilit, axis Ménaka-Ansongo, Gao Region. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #38)

03 OCT 17: Gendarmerie vehicle struck an IED 10km from Saye (Ké-Macina), Ségou Region (Saye – Mougna axis). 2 gendarmes injured. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #38)



02 - 03 OCT 17: Clashes reported on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> between elements of the MSA and a "group of bandits" in the area of Tamalate near the Niger border. No casualties and the attack was repelled. However, clashes resumed on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> in the area of Takadami on the Niger border again. MSA claims to have killed 15 assailants and acknowledges 2 of its fighters dead. Assailants are believed to be members of the ISGS though difficult to confirm. MSA, a mainly Doussahak Tuareg CMA splinter said the assailants were members from Fulani community associated with ISGS or other militant group.

04 OCT 17: Suspected JNIM militants on 2 pickups attacked a MINUSMA position in Kidal, Kidal Region. MINUSMA forces repelled the assault.

04 OCT 17: Suspected members of ISGS assassinated Iboghilitane Tuareg fraction chief 20 km from Andéramboukane, Ménaka Region on the borders with Niger.

<u>05 OCT 17</u>: Suspected members from Macina brigade of JNIM fired at a boat on Niger River in Kouakourou, Mopti Region.



<u>06 OCT 17</u>: Presumed Macina brigade of JNIM militants ransacked and set on fire local church of Douna-pen village (50km from Koro), Dioungani commune, Mopti Region.

<u>08 OCT 17</u>: Macina brigade of JNIM militants attacked residence of a Water and Forests Agent near Fangasso, Ségou Region. 1 agent and another civil servant killed.

10 OCT 17: Malian army post attacked in Labbezanga, Gao Region. 1 soldier killed and 6 others wounded, while 1 vehicle and arms seized. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #38)

في بداية شهر اكتوبر 2017م و 1439م منطقة المنيسما وأخرى للدرك المالي وهجوم على مقر للجيش المالي المدرعة للمنيسما وأخرى للدرك المالي وهجوم على مقر للجيش المالي مدرعة تابعة القوات المنيسما في منطقة اضر انتكليت على الطريق الرابط بين منكا و انسنغو. و في يوم الثلاثاء 3 اكتوبر تمكن المجاهدون من تفجير لغم على سيارة تابعة للدرك المالي في قرية ساي التابعة لولاية موبتي ما أسفر عن عدد من الإصابات فيها. و في يوم الثلاثاء 10 اكتوبر أغارت سرية من المجاهدين على نقطة للجيش المالي في منطقة للرنكا التابعة لدائرة انسنغو وأسفر الهجوم عن مقتل جندي وجرح آخر وغنم سيارة وبعض الأسلحة. وانسحب المجاهدون سالمين بحمد الله.

10 OCT 17: French forces carried an airstrike on suspected militant identified as Abdollahi Ag Ess's vehicle near Boughessa at In-Tifilalen, Kidal Region.

<u>11-12 OCT 17</u>: Macina brigade militants executed civilian accused to work as an informer for Malian Army in Boudjiguiré, Koulikoro Region. In response Malian Army pursued the assailants and claimed to have killed 4 suspects.

14 OCT 17: Barkhane and militant group clashed in the area of Tadalok, near Abeïbara, Kidal Region. 2 family related militants killed.

<u>14 OCT 17</u>: 2 suspected militants of Tunisian nationality reportedly arrested at Taboye (50km from Gao), Gao Region. Suspects arrested by CMFPR2 members and were in possession of cash and arms.

15 OCT 17: Gunmen attacked an MSA camp near Infoukaretane (30km from Ménaka), Ménaka Region on the borders with Niger. At least 3 MSA fighters killed and 2 vehicles seized.



15 OCT 17: Malian Army patrol ambushed by members of Macina brigade of JNIM in Kouakourou forest, Mopti Region. 4 soldiers killed. JNIM claimed responsibility.

15 OCT 17: JNIM claimed to have targeted Malian Army camp by rockets near Donguel at Kew, Mopti Region. (Right: JNIM statement #39)

18 OCT 17: JNIM militants ambushed Malian Army patrol between Nara and Mourdiah, Koulikoro Region. 1 soldier killed and another taken. (Right: JNIM statement #40)

19 OCT 17: Suspected JNIM members abducted Gendarmerie commander of Guiré, Cercle of Nara, Koulikoro Region, while traveling between Nara and Mourdiah.

20 OCT 17: Suspected militants arrested near Tin-Hama (68km from Ansongo), Gao Region while preparing an assault on Malian Army position. Suspects also reported to have important amount of explosives in their position.

23 OCT 17: Barkhane forces carried an armed assault and airstrikes on JNIM / Ansar al-Din camp near Abeïbera, Kidal Region. 15 militants reportedly killed while arms also seized. However, JNIM released statement claiming that 11 of those killed are members of the Malian Army held hostages. (Right: JNIM statement #43)





23 OCT 17: MINUSMA vehicle struck an IED then targeted by gunfire. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #42)

24-25 OCT 17: Village Soumpi, 20km from Niafunké, Timbuktu Region attacked by JNIM militants. 2 Malian soldiers killed, 1 injured, and important number of trucks belonging to SATOM (French construction company) destroyed (see image). JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #42)

23 OCT 17: Gendarmerie post of village Ouan, Ségou Region attacked by JNIM militants. 1 gendarme killed and 2 others injured. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Below: JNIM statement #41)

23 OCT 17: Gendarmerie post of village Dioro, Ségou Region attacked by JNIM militants. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Below: JNIM statement #41)







SATOM trucks set on fire on 24 OCT 17. Source: @issalan\_

24 OCT 17: Malian Army vehicle struck an IED between Ténénkou and Dia, Mopti Region. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Left: JNIM statement #41)



25 OCT 17: Malian Army vehicle struck an IED near Dioungani, Mopti Region. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #44)

26 OCT 17: MINUSMA vehicle struck an IED between Tessalit and Aguelhoc, near Taghlit, Kidal Region. 1 Chadian peacekeeper <u>died</u> on 20 NOV. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #44)

<u>28 OCT 17</u>: Rockets and mortars fired at MINUSMA base in Tessalit, Kidal Region. No casualties or physical damages recorded.

28 OCT 17: MINUSMA convoy targeted by an IED between Bourem (Gao Region) and Anéfis (Kidal Region). No casualties or physical damages recorded.

29 OCT 17: Malian Army repelled an attack by unidentified militants on motorcycles on a checkpoint in Ansongo, Gao Region.

31 OCT 17: JNIM militants ambushed High Court of Justice (HCJ) president Abdrahamane Niang between Dia and Diafarabé, Mopti Region. 1 driver killed. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #47)

27 اكتوبر 2017م تَفْجِيرَ آلِيةَ للمنيسما في أجلهوك... و التّصدي لرتل للجيش في موندورو في ظهر يوم الخميس (06 صفر 1439هـ/ 26 اكتوبر 2017م) وأثناء تحرك رتل لقوات المنيسما على الطريق الرابط بين أجلهوك و تساليت التابعة لولاية كيدال قام المجاهدون بتفجير لغم أرضى على آلية لتلك القوات ما أدى لمقتل ثلاثة جنود وجرح جندى آخر حسب وفي اليوم الذي قبله تمكن المجاهدون في منطقة موندورو ولاية موبتي من التصدي لرتل للجيش المالي كان يريد تمشيط المنطقة بعد اشتباكات معه ما أدى لرجوعهم على أعقابهم وبعد مدة حاولوا إعادة الكرة فقام المجاهدون بتفجير لغم أرضى على آلية من آلياتهم فتم تدميرها بحمد اللّه، وماتها عمره المراجع ( 🔵 مؤسسة «الراكلة» | الجناح الإعنامي لـ «جماعة تصرة الإسلام والمستمون» مقتل 5 عسكريين ماليين وإصابة آخرين في منطقة ماسينا 12 صفر 1439هـ 1 نوفمبر 2017م فى استهداف موكب رئيس المحكمة العلياً. وتفجير عربة عسكرية وفَّق الله سرية من المجاهدين يوم أمس (الثلاثاء 11 صفر 1439هـ/31 أكتوبر 2017م )، من نصب كمين لموكب «رئيس المحكمة العليا» لحكومة «باماكو» وإطلاق النار على قوات الحرس المرافقة له ما أسفر عن قتيل وبعض الجرحى، وذلك بين منطقتى «جافرابي» و«ديا» بدائرة «تيننكو» ولاية «موبتي»، وإثر ذلك تدخلت قوات الدعــم من الجيش «المالي» فتم استهدافها بتفجير عبـوة ناسفة، مما أدى بفضل الله وتوفيقه إلى تدمير إحدى العربات العسكرية تدميرا كاملا ومقتل العديد من الجنود، قدرته بعض المصادر بخمسة عسكريين.

31 OCT 17: 5 Malian soldiers killed after their vehicle struck an IED near Diafarabé, Mopti Region. FAMA vehicle was dispatched in response to the ambush against HCJ president. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #47)

<u>31 OCT 17</u>: Unidentified gunmen kidnapped Heyba Ould Zeyn at Zouera, Timbuktu Region. Ould Zeyn is an MAA military chief of the Tourmouz Arab tribe.



#### October 2017 Armed Banditry and Clashes Between non-Jihadist Armed Groups in Mali

- 04 OCT 17: Unknown gunmen raided a nomad camp in Inhinita, Ménaka Region and seized their livestock.
- 04 OCT 17: Armed bandits attacked and seized vehicle transporting a patient between Bourem and Gao, Gao Region.
- 05 OCT 17: Unidentified gunmen attacked vessel in Kouleze, between Diafarabé and Mopti, Mopti Region. No casualties reported.
- 08 OCT 17: Agriculture, water and forests agent assassinated by unidentified gunmen at Fangasso, Ségou Region.
- 11 OCT 17: Six armed bandits seized truck transporting 23 tons of rice 45km from Ménaka, Ménaka Region. Driver and 2 other passengers left unharmed while bandits headed toward Nigerien borders.
- 12 OCT 17: Armed bandits attacked and robbed Mayor of Inekar, Ménaka Region at home, and was later abandoned in the area after brief abduction
- 13 OCT 17: NGO (*Première Urgence*) vehicle seized by armed bandits at Tassiga bridge near Ansongo, Gao Region. Bandits arrived on motorcycles and robbed passengers of their belongings as well.
- 15 OCT 17: Position of Fulani self-defense group attacked in Hombori by presumed GATIA members. 2 fighters from self-defense group injured. Group targeted was established by former Ganda Izo commander Abderrahmane Cissé earlier this year.
- 17 OCT 17: Two fish vendors robbed by two armed bandits 20km from Ansongo, Gao Region. Victims were robbed from their belongings, including cellphones, motorcycles, and cash (~\$400).



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18 OCT 17: At least 39 schools remain closed for the 2017-18, and 1400 students prevented from education due to insecurity in parts of Central Mali. This concerns the following localities: Mondoro, Haire, Kerena, Bore, Dallah, and part of Djaptodji Commune.

20 OCT 17: Local observer reported clashes between CMA and Platform members under unclear circumstances at In-Khalil, Kidal Region.

22 OCT 17: Merchants traveling between Tin-Hama and Ansongo robbed by armed bandits near Ansongo, Gao Region.

23 OCT 17: Armed bandits attacked Dallibougou village in Mourdiah commune, Koulikouro Region and ransacked facilities of the local mobile phone company.

29 OCT 17: Merchants from Tin-Hama on board of six transportation vehicles robbed by six armed bandits 68km from Ansongo, Gao Region.

31 OCT 17: Two vehicles belonging to ICRC taken by unidentified gunmen while in a mission at Al-Moustarat, Gao Region. Employees were not harmed but robbed from their belongings.





## October 2017 attacks claimed by or attributed to JNIM or other VEOs operating in Niger and Burkina Faso

02 OCT 17: Suspected Ansaroul Islam launched rockets on Gendarmerie post near Nassoumbou, Soum Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso.

<u>04 OCT 17</u>: Four US Special Forces soldiers, and five Nigerien soldiers were killed and two other US soldiers wounded after an ambush near the town of Tongo Tongo, Tillabéri Region, Niger. ISGS claimed responsibility and released a video of the ambush. Vehicle and arms also seized.

05 OCT 17: Suspected Ansaroul Islam carried an attack on gendarmerie post of Mentao, Soum Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso.

<u>05 OCT 17</u>: Suspected Ansaroul Islam carried an attack on gendarmerie post of gold mining site Inata, Sahel Region, Burkina Faso. 1 gendarme severely injured.

<u>07 OCT 17</u>: Unidentified gunmen attacked and seized vehicle belonging to regional office of animal protection at Tin-Edjar, Oudalan Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso. 3 agents onboard also abducted.

<u>13-14 OCT 17</u>: Unidentified gunmen assassinated a local man allegedly close to Ansaroul Islam founder Malam Ibrahim Dicko in Djibo, Soum Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso. Security forces are alleged to be behind the act.

<u>15 OCT 17</u>: Security sources reported that police station and officer housing in Sollé, Louroum Province attacked by unknown gunmen. No casualties but the attack caused important material damages.

<u>16 OCT 17</u>: Reportedly, water and forest department station attacked by Ansaroul Islam militants at Béléhédé, 35km east of Djibo, Soum Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso. No casualties while two motorbikes and weapons seized, and house ransacked. Another attack followed in the area at Tongomayel.



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- <u>17 OCT 17</u>: At least 20 suspected members of Ansaroul Islam reportedly entered and burned local school of village Tém located 10km from the Malian borders, Soum Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso.
- <u>21 OCT 17</u>: Gendarmerie brigade of Ayorou, Tillabéri Region attacked by unidentified militants. 13 gendarmes killed and 5 wounded according to Nigerien authorities. Islamic State of Greater Sahara (ISGS) under al-Sahraoui <u>suspected</u> to be behind the attack though there is no official claim.
- 21 OCT 17: Presumed Ansaroul Islam militants attempted to kidnap son of a local councilman in Koutougou, Boulkiemdé Province, Burkina Faso.
- 21 OCT 17: Suspected members of Ansaroul Islam entered village of Tchalal-Goumdé, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso, ransacked and burned local stores.
- <u>21 OCT 17</u>: Presumed Ansaroul Islam militants burned primary school of Gomdé-Fulbé, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso. Teachers were also robbed of their belongings, including cellphones before being locked up.
- 23 OCT 17: Burkinabe Army officer and his brother killed in what appeared a target assassination at Gorom-Gorom, Oudalan Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso.
- <u>25 OCT 17</u>: 4 individuals assassinated at Basnéré, Sahel Region, Burkina Faso by suspected Ansaroul Islam under unclear circumstances.
- <u>25 OCT 17</u>: 1 person assassinated at Secteur 5 of Djibo, Soum Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso by suspected members of Ansaroul Islam.



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<u>27 OCT 17</u>: Teacher of primary school assassinated by unknown gunmen at Komé, 37km from Gorom-Gorom, Oudalan Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso.

<u>27 OCT 17</u>: 3 gunmen entered Tounté village, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso, fired their guns at the local mosque, and destroyed local school.

<u>31 OCT 17</u>: Vehicle of GFAT (*Le Groupement des Forces Antiterroristes*) struck an IED at Ariel, Soum Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso. At least 3 soldiers injured.





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<u>03 NOV 17</u>: Two Malian Army checkpoints attacked by suspected JNIM militants at Imboraghane near Bourem, Gao Region. 1 soldier killed and 3 injured.

03 NOV 17: Mortars fired by suspected JNIM militants on MINUSMA base in Kidal, Kidal Region.

05 NOV 17: Malian Army clashed with suspected members of Macina brigade of JNIM in Kouakourou, Mopti Region.

05 NOV 17: Malian gendarmerie post attacked by members of JNIM in Bla, Ségou Region. JNIM claimed responsibility and to have briefly seized the post, small arms, and a motorcycle after Malian security forces fled their positions. (Right: JNIM statement #48)

06 NOV 17: Civilian truck struck an IED near Léllehoye, Gao Region. 5 civilians killed and 9 others injured.

<u>06 NOV 17</u>: Malian Army escorting MINUSMA convoy ambushed by JNIM militants near Konna, Mopti Region at Mbeba village. 1 Malian soldier killed and another injured while 4 MINUSMA contractors killed and 2 injured. 3 trucks also set on fire and destroyed. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #49)

06 NOV 17: Malian Army vehicle struck an IED between Soumpi and Niafunké, Timbuktu Region. 3 soldiers injured. Malian forces were securing the area and preparing for a visit by the Malian prime minister, which was cancelled after the attack. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #49)





<u>06 NOV 17</u>: Malian Army ambushed by unidentified gunmen near Gossi, Timbuktu Region. 1 soldier killed and 1 injured.

07 NOV 17: Malian Army vehicle struck an IED near Famsala [Ténenkou area], Mopti Region. 3 soldiers injured. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #50 and image of damaged armored vehicle).

09 NOV 17: MINUSMA convoy struck an IED then ambushed by JNIM militants 33km SE of Hombori, in Mopti Region. 2 peacekeepers injured. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Below: JNIM statement #51)

10 NOV 17: Malian Army checkpoint in Ansongo, Gao Region attacked by JNIM militants. Barkhane forces intervened and carried airstrikes against assailants. 1 assailant killed, arms and other military equipment seized. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Below: JNIM statement #51).





Damaged FAMA vehicle from Mbeba village attack on 06 NOV 17 released by JNIM.

استهداف رتل للجيش المالي وتدمير آلية عسكرية و1 صفر 1439هـ ردا على حملة تمشيط للجيش المالي بالقرب من تيننكو بولاية موبتي



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Damaged FAMA armored vehicle after 07 NOV attack by JNIM near Famsala.



11 NOV 17: Malian Army attacked by Macina brigade of JNIM between Djénne and Kouakourou where an IED was discovered and destroyed. 1 soldier injured.

12 NOV 17: MINUSMA convoy attacked by unknown gunmen at Tinakort village [Bourem and Anéfis axis], Gao Region. No casualties and no damages.

14 NOV 17: MINUSMA vehicle transporting members of its forces struck an IED 20km of Anéfis toward Tabankort, Gao Region. Minor physical damages recorded. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #52)

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- 18 نوفمبر 2017م تم نصب كمين للجيش المالي في منطقة ديونغاني 70 كلم من كورو و أدى الهجوم لمقتل (8) جنود وتدمير آليتين وحرق آلية اخرى.
- 17 نوفمبر 2017م هجوم على مجموعة من قوات (35) في قرية تاورمبا 60 كلم من بلدية سوم بالقرب من الحدود مع مالي وأدى الهجوم لمقتل (6) نجود حسب بعض المصادر.
- 14 نوفمبر 2017م تفجير لغم أرضي على مدرعة لقوات المنيسما على الطريق الرابط بين تبتكورت و أنخيف.

<u>16 NOV 17</u>: President of the Niono District Court, judge Soungalo Koné, was taken from his house at Niono, Ségou Region by suspected Macina brigade members of JNIM. Six kidnappers reportedly arrived around 21:00 on a pick-up truck. Mr. Koné appeared in a short <u>video</u> on 05 DEC 17.

18 NOV 17: Malian Army convoy ambushed by JNIM militants near Diangouni, Cercle of Koro, Mopti Region. 1 Malian soldier killed and according to JNIM statement 8 been killed. FAMA also claimed to have killed dozens of JNIM militants. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Above: JNIM statement #52)

24 NOV 17: MINUSMA and Malian Army convoy ambushed by JNIM militants near In-Delimane, Gao Region. 3 peacekeepers killed and 15 injured while 1 Malian soldier killed and 1 injured. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #53)

24 NOV 17: MINUSMA convoy attacked by JNIM militants north of Douentza, Mopti Region. 1 peacekeeper killed and 3 injured. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #53)





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- 02 NOV 17: Unidentified armed bandits attacked and seized vehicle belonging to NGO *Première Urgence* near Tabango, Gao Region.
- 02 NOV 17: Supposedly members of Platform attacked CMA position in In-Afaraq, Kidal Region on the borders with Algeria.
- 03 NOV 17: Unknown bandit arrested while attempting to steal a vehicle in Timbuktu, Timbuktu Region. Driver of the vehicle injured.
- 09 NOV 17: Unknown bandits attacked policeman and seized his vehicle in Gao, Gao Region. Policeman injured.
- 10 NOV 17: Unidentified armed bandits attacked and robbed three transportation vehicles 30km from Bambara-Maoudé, Timbuktu Region. Buses were transporting health workers to Sévaré and were robbed of their belongings.
- <u>12 NOV 17</u>: Eight CMA fighters of Tessit base released in Gao, Gao Region after being arrested on 08 NOV by Barkhane and Sahel G5 joint forces at Tandarawel, Gao Region.
- 14 NOV 17: Armed bandits seized vehicle belonging to tribunal president in Gao, Gao Region at Chateau district. Driver was also robbed.
- 14 NOV 17: Armed bandits seized vehicle belonging to local NGO AMSS (Association Malienne pour la Survie du Sahel) in Gao, Gao Region at Chateau district.
- 20 NOV 17: Three armed bandits seized vehicle belonging to the regional development agency at Chateau district in Gao, Gao Region.



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- 22 NOV 17: Water and forest agent and his guide killed by unidentified gunmen at Ganidah village market (70km of Bankass), Mopti Region.
- 22 NOV 17: Retired security officer assassinated by unidentified gunmen at Sarafere, 35km of Niafunké, Timbuktu Region.
- 23 NOV 17: Two communal transport vehicles with civilians on board attacked by four armed bandits on motorcycles between Doro and Intahaka, Gao Region. Travelers robbed and stripped of all their belongings.
- 23 NOV 17: Privately owned vehicle seized by two armed bandits at Chateau district in Gao, Gao Region.
- 24 NOV 17: Malian National Guard repelled an attack by armed bandits against International Rescue Committee (IRC) NGO housing in Ménaka, Ménaka Region. 1 NGO worker injured. The agency temporarily seized its activities due to the multiple attacks.
- 24 NOV 17: Local businessman, identified as Sadou Diallo, escaped an assassination/robbery attempt by six armed bandits on motorcycles near his house in Ansongo, Gao Region. Assailants attempted to seize his vehicle.
- 25 NOV 17: Armed bandits on motorcycles attacked and robbed three civilian transportation trucks arriving from Ménaka near In-Delimane, Ménaka Region. Passengers were robbed and stripped of all their belongings, including estimated cash amount of \$15,200.00.
- 26 NOV 17: Armed bandits attacked and robbed four merchants between Djebock and Gao, Gao Region. Bandits seized an estimated cash of \$11,400.00.



#### November 2017 attacks claimed by or attributed to JNIM, Ansaroul Islam, or ISGS operating in Burkina Faso

<u>03 – 04 NOV 17</u>: Presumed Ansaroul Islam militants attacked and burned police station of Koutougou department, Soum Province, Sahel Region.

<u>05 - 06 NOV 17</u>: Gendarmerie brigade of Bourzanga (Centre-Nord), 50km of Djibo, Soum Province, Sahel Region, attacked by presumed members of Ansaroul Islam. No casualties reported but 2 motorcycles seized.

<u>09 NOV 17</u>: Burkinabe forces carried an armed assault and clashed with members of Ansaroul Islam in Ariel, Soum Province, Sahel Region. Reportedly dozens assailants killed while only 4 confirmed by authorities and arms seized. Also 4 soldiers injured.









Images of arms seized and vehicle damaged of suspected Ansaroul Islam militants. Source: @menastream

10 NOV 17: Suspected Ansaroul Islam entered Tounté village, Soum Province, Sahel Region and set on fire local school. Same act was reported on 27 October 2017.



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17 NOV 17: JNIM militants entered Taouremba village, Soum Province, Sahel Region and fired at local population. 5 members of self-defense group Koglweogo and 1 councilman killed. Also local bar set on fire. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #52)

17 - 18 NOV 17: 20 armed assailants entered Ariel village, Nassoumbou Commune and kidnapped two unidentified individuals who were released unharmed on 22 NOV. Assailants gave local population an ultimatum of five days to leave the village. In response, two days later population of the village started fleeing according NGO Kisal. Boly Oumarou, one of Ansaroul Islam operations leader led the offensive.

21 NOV 17: JNIM militants carried an assault against police patrol at Nongodoum, Loroum Province, North Region. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #52).

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18 - 19 NOV 17: Suspected Ansaroul Islam assassinated community health agent at Boguel Kdaje, 20km from Djibo, Sahel Region.

27 NOV 17: Ansaroul Islam attacked middle-school of Kain, Yatenga Province, North Region. 1 teacher killed & 2 injured.

<u>27 NOV 17</u>: Suspected Ansaroul Islam assassinated local councilman at Dohouré-Rimaïba near Baraboulé, Soum Province, Sahel Region.

<u>27 NOV 17</u>: Unidentified gunmen carried grenade attack on French Army vehicle traveling through Ouagadougou street to French special forces base in Kamboinsé. 3 civilians injured.

<u>30 NOV 17</u>: Suspected Ansaroul Islam militants attempted assassinating local councilman in Oukoulourou village near borders with Mali, Soum Province, Sahel Region. Gunmen ransacked his house and threatened notable to be back.



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03 DEC 17: Malian National Guard patrol ambushed by unknown militants 15km of Hombori, Mopti Region. 1 soldier injured and 1 vehicle seized.

07 DEC 17: Civilian truck struck an IED at Wailalam, 7km SW of Aguelhoc, Kidal Region. 1 civilian killed and 1 injured.

<u>09 DEC 17</u>: Suspected militants of JNIM assassinated 5 employees of Huawei company 8km from Dianké, Timbuktu Region. The company is in charge of installing optic fiber and were warned to stop in the area by the assailants. 5 employees killed included 3 Malians, 1 Burkinabe, and 1 Togolese.

09 DEC 17: JNIM claimed responsibility for an IED attack then an ambush on Malian Army convoy escorting the prefect of Nara, Abdoulaye Maïga between Kaloumba and Mourdiah, Koulikouro Region. 6 Malian soldiers injured in addition to the driver and bodyguard of the prefect. (Right: JNIM statement #52)



10 DEC 17: JNIM militants carried an attack on a vehicle transporting CJA commander Abou Ag Oubeïda near Douekiré, Timbuktu Region. Unlike other claims through az-Zallaqa, JNIM claimed responsibility through a statement (See slide of images released by JNIM) posted at Zouera village. 7 killed and 3 injured in the attack. JNIM accused Ag Oubeïda of killing members of JNIM and to be collaborating with Malian and international forces.



Mohamed Ould Nouini (aka Hassan al-Ansari)

12 DEC 17: French forces carried an assault on al-Mourabitun unit of JNIM in Gao Region around Tilemsi valley. Journalist Mohamed Abou Maaly <u>tweeted</u> that unit's commander Mohamed Ould Nouini (aka Hassan al-Ansari: see image) survived the operation. The mission was part of the operation conducted by <u>Sabre</u> forces during which 3 other militants killed including an Algerian member identified as Zakaria El-Staifi while Tunisian national was arrested.



12 DEC 17: JNIM claimed responsibility of an IED attack on Malian Army and MINUSMA convoy between Douentza and Dala, Mopti Region. Also claimed to have destroyed the vehicle wounding those on board. (Right: JNIM statement #54)

15 DEC 17: Malian Army repelled an ambush by suspected JNIM militants between Dofana and Sambani, Timbuktu Region. 1 soldier, 1 civilian, and 1 militant killed. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #55)

<u>15 DEC 17</u>: MINUSMA patrol vehicles attacked by suspected JNIM gunmen in Kidal, Kidal Region. 2 peacekeepers injured.

<u>15 DEC 17</u>: MINUSMA repelled an assault on its camp in Kidal, Kidal Region by suspected JNIM militants.

15 DEC 17: Two MINUSMA checkpoints in Kidal attacked by suspected JNIM militants. MINUSMA forces repelled the assault.

18 DEC 17: MINUSMA vehicle struck an IED in Kidal, Kidal Region. 2 peacekeeper injured. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #56)

<u>19 DEC 17</u>: Unconfirmed reporting said members of AQIM brigade al-Furqan in Timbuktu Region kidnapped two local notables in unknown locations in Taoudenit Region.





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أسفر هجوم خاطف قامت به مفرزة من مجاهدينا على مركز للدرك «المالي»

بمدينة «نونو» بولاية «سيقو» عن تدمير عربة عسكرية وغنيمة كمية من الذخائر والأسلحة المختلـفة (خفيفة ومتوسطة)، بعد أن سيـطروا بتوفيـق الله وفضله على المركز، وذلك ليلة (الخميس 3ربيع الآخر 1439هـ/ 21ديسمبر2017).

وتزامنت هذا الهجوم مع عملية أخرى فى منطقة «أربند» على الحدود المالية

البوركينية، إذ مكن الله سرية من الهجوم على مقر لقوات الدرك، وتمت السيطرة عليه بعد اشتباك مع أفراده، وغنيمة دراجة نارية وكمية معتبرة من الأسلحة

الخفيفة المختلفة والذخائر، وانحازوا سالمين غانمين والحمد لله رب العالمين.

21 DEC 17: JNIM claimed responsibility of an attack on Malian Army post in Niono, Ségou Region. JNIM also claimed seizing arms and ammunition during the attack, and destroying a military vehicle. (Right: JNIM statement #57)

26 DEC 17: Malian Army vehicle struck an IED near Boni, Mopti Region. 2 soldiers killed and 5 injured. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #58)

27 - 28 DEC 17: Armed militants carried an assault on Malian forces in Boni, Mopti Region. Malian Army repelled the attack. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #59)

28 DEC 17: Malian Army vehicle struck an IED near Boulkessi, Mopti Region. 4 soldiers killed and 4 injured. JNIM claimed responsibility and released images of the vehicle destroyed. (Right: JNIM statement #59)

28 DEC 17: JNIM claimed an IED attack and destroying Malian Army vehicle between Boni and Boulkessi, Mopti Region. (Right: JNIM statement #60)

31 DEC 17: Kisal NGO reported gunmen entered Douna village, Mopti Region and fired their weapons and kidnapped one young male of Dogon origins.





#### Images released by JNIM during December 2017 attacks claimed in Mali





#### Malian Army vehicle destroyed by an IED near Boulkessi, Mopti Region



Malian Army vehicle destroyed by an IED near Boulkessi, Mopti Region



Letter posted by JNIM in Zouera threatening against collaboration with Malian and international forces.



#### December 2017 Armed Banditry and Clashes Between non-Jihadist Armed Groups in Mali

- <u>07 DEC 17</u>: 4 suspected armed bandits attacked and killed MINUSMA service provider in Gao, Gao Region. Supposedly the attack was a robbery attempt of the victim's vehicle. 1 civilian killed and 1 injured.
- 01 DEC 17: MOC patrol attacked by unidentified gunmen in Gao, Gao Region. 1 gendarme injured. 1 suspect arrested.
- 05 DEC 17: Armed bandits seized vehicle of local inhabitant in Timbuktu, Timbuktu Region.
- 11 DEC 17: Malian Army discovered and seized weapons of an arms cache at a construction site in Sanounbougou district of Sikasso. Weapons seized include machine guns, automatic guns, ammunitions, and a shotgun. 1 suspect arrested.
- 19 DEC 17: Malian security forces said to have arrested suspected member of Macina brigade of JNIM at Kayes. Suspect, identified as Sékou Bolly, supposedly participated at the attack against Nara prefect of Banamba on <u>09 DEC 17</u>.
- 25 DEC 17: Unidentified armed bandits attacked and seized vehicle belonging to Wild Foundation NGO at Gnimgnama, 46km from Douentza, Mopti Region. Passengers were also stripped from their belongings.
- 30 DEC 17: As a result of security forces absence, locals established youth self-defense brigade to protect local population against increased armed robberies and insecurity in general at Nayo village, Kolongo Commune, Cercle of Macina, Ségou Region.
- 30 DEC 17: Group of herders denounced increased armed robberies and attacks against them by armed bandits in Timkoni and Tintafagat, 60km of Ansongo, Gao Region. According to them armed bandits demanded them to pay 2,000 CFA (~\$3.50) per animal. Herders asking state to assume responsibility to protect them.



#### December 2017 attacks claimed by or attributed to JNIM, Ansaroul Islam, or ISGS operating in Burkina Faso

<u>02 DEC 17</u>: Military vehicle struck an IED near Tounté, Soum Province, Sahel Region. 4 soldiers wounded. JNIM claimed responsibility for the fourth time of an attack in Burkina Faso, and released images of destroyed vehicle that was carrying soldiers. (Right: JNIM statement #53)

04 DEC 17: Suspected Ansaroul Islam militants attacked and set on fire police station and police commissioner's house in Koumbri, Yatenga Province.



19 DEC 17: Suspected members of Ansaroul Islam entered and opened fire in Damba village, Soum Province.

21 DEC 17: Suspected Ansaroul Islam militants attacked gendarmerie post of Arbinda, Soum Province. However on 26 DEC JNIM claimed responsibility of the attack, its fifth in Burkina Faso. (Right: JNIM statement #57)

<u>24 DEC 17</u>: Suspected members of Ansaroul Islam carried an armed assault against gendarmerie brigade at Déou village, Oudalan Province. No casualties but reportedly assailants seized arms, vehicle, and a motorcycle.

31 DEC 17: JNIM militants attacked gendarmerie patrol in the area of Barani, Kossi Province on the borders with Mali. 1 gendarme killed and 1 injured. JNIM claimed responsibility, its sixth. (Right: statement #61)







Images of Destroyed vehicle in Tounté IED attack.

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Mali – Sahel: January 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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06 JAN 18: MINUSMA vehicle targeted by an IED in Kidal, Kidal Region.

06 JAN 18: Vehicle of MINUSMA's logistical convoy struck an IED between Aguelhoc and Tessalit, Kidal Region. 2 peacekeepers injured.

06 JAN 18: Unidentified gunmen attacked GATIA post at Andéramboukane, Ménaka Region. 3 GATIA fighters killed and 1 civilian injured. ISGS suspected to be behind the assault.

07 JAN 18: Unidentified gunmen assassinated head of customs office in Timbuktu, Timbuktu Region.

07 JAN 18: MINUSMA forces discovered and destroyed an IED in Kidal, Kidal Region.

09 JAN 18: Malian National Guard mission ambushed near Djenné, Mopti Region. 1 soldier killed and 6 injured. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #62)

09 JAN 18: Unidentified gunmen attacked two MINUSMA posts in Kidal, Kidal Region. No damages or casualties recorded.

10 JAN 18: Logistical convoy vehicle of MINUSMA struck an IED between Aguelhoc and Tessalit (30km from Tessalit), Kidal Region. No damages or casualties recorded.

11 JAN 18: JNIM militants carried a complex attack on Malian Army convoy between Soumpi and Hombori, Mopti Region. JNIM claimed the attack and said 1 soldier killed and 3 others injured while 3 vehicles destroyed and arms seized. (Right: JNIM statement #63)







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<u>10-11 JAN 18</u>: Barkhane forces seized arms, military equipment, and documents at a suspected militants' safe house in Ménaka, Ménaka Region. Suspects were also arrested but <u>reportedly</u> not members of a militant group.

11 JAN 18: CMA vehicle struck an IED in Kidal, Kidal Region. 1 CMA member killed and 2 injured.

11 JAN 18: MINUSMA arrested suspected militant member near Douentza, Mopti Region. Suspect supposedly speaks little French and fluent in English.

11 JAN 18: Macina brigade militants of JNIM attacked, ransacked, and set on fire gendarmerie post (11km from Markala) between Ké-Macina and Markala, Ségou Region. No casualties.

11 JAN 18: Suicide vehicle-born improvised explosive device (SVBIED) targeted Barkhane forces near In-Delimane, Gao Region. 3 French soldiers injured. ISGS <u>claimed</u> responsibility through communiqué received by Agence Nouakchott Information (ANI).

12 JAN 18: MINUSMA vehicle struck an IED near Taghlit, Kidal Region. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #64)

14 JAN 18: Rockets launched on MINUMSA and Barkhane forces at Amachach base in Tessalit, Kidal Region. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #65)



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استهداف قاعدة " امشاش " بمجموعة من الصواريخ

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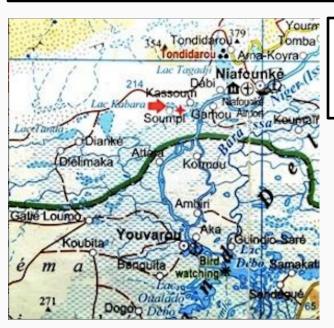


#### January 2018 attacks claimed other VEOs operating in Mali January 2018 attacks claimed by or attributed to JNIM or

- 17 JAN 18: Malian gendarmerie checkpoint attacked by presumed Macina brigade militants of JNIM at Bambara-Maoudé, Timbuktu Region.
- 17 JAN 18: Unidentified local taken by presumed Macina brigade militants of JNIM at Toko village, Mopti Region.
- 20 JAN 18: Senegalese peacekeepers of MINUSMA foiled an IED and ambush attack while in patrol near Boni, Mopti Region where Macina brigade of JNIM is operational. The IED was detonated by hidden militants but no damages recorded.
- 23 JAN 18: MINUSMA vehicle struck an IED in the northern entrance of Kidal, Kidal Region. Vehicle was transporting Guinean and Chadian peacekeepers. No casualties reported.
- 23 JAN 18: Unidentified gunmen attacked Malian Army checkpoint outside of Gao, Gao Region. FAMA forces repelled the attack
- 23 JAN 18: Unidentified gunmen presumed to be members of Macina brigade of JNIM attacked Malian Army checkpoint of Thy, 5km from Sévaré, Ségou Region.
- 24 JAN 18: Two customs agents killed after presumed Macina brigade members of JNIM attacked local market of Toubakoro, Koulikouro Region. However the group did not claim responsibility. 1 assailant also killed.
- 24 JAN 18: MINUSMA convoy discovered an IED between Tessalit and Aguelhoc, Kidal Region. 2 suspected arrested. Likely was planted by members of Ansar al-Din militant group of JNIM.
- 25 JAN 18: Transportation bus struck an IED at Bourgade de Pototovi, 10km from Boni, Mopti Region. Bus was transporting civilians traveling to Boni weekly market and majority were from Burkina Faso. 26 passengers killed. IED most likely planted by JNIM and to harm Malian or international forces.



25 JAN 18: Malian Army base attacked by JNIM militants at Youwarou, Mopti Region. FAMA successfully repelled the attack and reportedly at least 8 militants killed and 20 arrested, while 2 FAMA soldiers also killed.



27 JAN 18: JNIM carried an attack on Malian Army camp of Soumpi, Timbuktu Region. 14 soldiers killed and 18 wounded. JNIM claimed responsibility, to have seized 6 vehicles, arms and weapons (see images below) while 4 of its members also killed. (Right: JNIM statement #66)

Map: Soumpi base location near Niafunké. Source: Pierre.B.

Images Released by JNIM of Vehicles and Weapons Seized During Soumpi Attack on 27 JAN 18.











28 JAN 18: JNIM carried an armed assault against Malian Army and National Guard camp in Ménaka, Ménaka Region. At least 5 soldiers killed and arms seized. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #67)

31 JAN 18: Malian Army vehicle struck an IED between Tarkint and Bourem, Gao Region. At least 3 soldiers killed and unknown number wounded.



31 JAN 18: Landmine discovered and destroyed between prefect residence and governorate in Gao, Gao Region.

<u>30 JAN 18</u>: Unidentified gunmen carried an attack on Platfrom (MAA – GATIA) post near Aghlal (50km East of Timbuktu), Timbuktu Region, and set their post on fire. While JNIM militants (al-Furqan brigade) suspected to be behind it, the group did not claim the attack.







Images of JNIM militants in Central Mali released by its media outlet Az-Zallaqa.



#### January 2018 Armed Banditry and Clashes Between non-Jihadist Armed Groups in Mali

01 JAN 18: Armed bandits attacked and seized vehicle belonging to ADESAH (*Agence de Développement du Sahel*) NGO at Kirchiwal, 30km of al-Moustarat, Tarkint Commune, Gao Region. Passengers also stripped from their belongings.

03 JAN 18: Armed bandits attacked and robbed passengers traveling between Gao and Ansongo near Kobe village, Gao Region. Vehicle was also seized by assailants.

05 JAN 18: Unidentified armed bandits attacked and robbed ticket counter of Rimbo transportation station of Sossokouara, Gao Region.

08 JAN 18: Reportedly, Malian Army arrested 14 armed bandits at In-Delimane, Gao Region. Supposedly were bandits preparing to attack trucks traveling from Ménaka to Ansongo.

09 JAN 18: Vehicle belonging to governorate of Ménaka taken by unknown gunmen in Ménaka, Ménaka, Region.

10 JAN 18: Self-defense post of CMFPR1 attacked by unidentified gunmen at Forgho, 25km from Gao, Gao Region.

12 JAN 18: Malian Army seized arms and explosives during search operation of vehicles and motorcycles in Gao, Gao Region. Suspects were also arrested.

14 JAN 18: Red Cross vehicle attacked and seized by unidentified gunmen at Baria, Cercle of Bourem, Gao Region.

15 JAN 18: Unidentified armed bandits attacked and robbed two transportation trucks arriving from Niger at Tonditihiyo (30km from Ansongo), Gao Region.

17 JAN 18: Malian Army clashed with suspected armed bandits outside of Gao, Gao Region.



#### January 2018 Armed Banditry a Jihadist Armed Groups in Mali January 2018 Armed Banditry and Clashes Between non-

- 20 JAN 18: Unidentified gunmen attacked and robbed stores of Bolibana village, Ségou Region.
- 20 JAN 18: Unidentified gunmen attacked and robbed stores of Kolongo village, Ségou Region.
- 20 JAN 18: Unidentified armed bandits attacked and robbed local population at Tanamar (45km of Ansongo), Gao Region.
- 20 JAN 18: Civilian vehicle attacked and robbed by unidentified armed bandits at Baria, Gao Region.
- 21 JAN 18: Unidentified armed bandits attacked and robbed civilian vehicle near Tassiga bridge, Gao Region.
- 21 23 JAN 18: Unidentified gunmen kidnapped Baba Ould Cheikh, Tarkint Mayor, near Tarkint, Gao Region. No group claimed responsibility while Baba Ould Cheikh have been repeatedly linked to drugs trafficking in Mali. He was released under unclear circumstances on 11 FEB 18.
- 26 JAN 18: Armed bandits attacked and robbed local store at San, Ségou Region. Store owner injured after bandits attempted to kill him while cash and goods taken.
- 30 JAN 18: Armed bandits on four motorcycles attacked and robbed toll booth near San, Ségou Region. Cash and motorcycles seized.
- 30 JAN 18: Armed bandits seized vehicle belonging to sous-prefect of Douentza between Boni and Douentza, Mopti Region. Passengers also robbed of their belongings.



#### January 2018 attacks claimed by or attributed to JNIM, Ansaroul Islam, or ISGS operating in Burkina Faso

05 JAN 18: Security forces repelled presumed Ansaroul Islam militants attack on gendarmerie post of Kelbo, Soum Province, Sahel Region. Suspect killed and ammunition seized with an AK-47 two days later by Burkinabe gendarmes.

09 JAN 18: Unidentified gunmen attacked and robbed residents at a gold mining site near Basnéré village, Koutougou Commune, Soum Province, Sahel Region.

15 JAN 18: National Army released communiqué (image to the right) highlighting the outcome of operations conducted the end of 2017. To summarize, it claimed at least 200 suspects arrested/interrogated while only 33 of them were transferred to the police for further investigations and others released. Also claimed to have discovered and destroyed training camps in addition to discovering arms, ammunition, Tramadol, documents, and explosives used to build IEDs.

21 JAN 18: Unidentified gunmen carried an attack on Kacham-Ouest village, Oudalan Province, Sahel Region.

29 JAN 18: Police patrol ambushed by JNIM militants between Baraboulé and Petegoli, Sahel Region. 2 policemen killed. JNIM claimed responsibility and to have seized 2 AK-47s. (JNIM statement #68). This is 7<sup>th</sup> attack claimed by JNIM in Burkina Faso.

Dungselougou, le 15 Janvier 2018



Nord du pays pendant la période de fin d'appée ont permis d'interpeller de nombreux suspects et de neutraliser des engins explosifs.

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Les Forces Armées Nationales se félicitent de la collaboration de plus en plus accrue des populations et les exhortest à poursuirez cet d'un afin de soutenir les unirés engagées dans les activisés de sécurination. Elles rassurent les populations que les actions menérs vises







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كمين للشرطة البوركينية قتل شرطیّین واغتنام (2) سلاح کلاشینکوف



بفضل من الله تعالى تمكّن إخوانكم المجاهدون من قتل شرطييّن بوركينيّين واغتنام (02) سلاح من نوع (كلاشنيكوف) وذلك بين «بربلي» و «فتوقولى» يوم الإثنين 12جمادى الأولى 1439 هـ الموافق لـ 29 جانفى 2018م والحمد لله ربّ العالمين.



# January 2018 attacks claimed by or attributed to JNIM, or ISWAP, or ISGS operating in Niger

<u>17 JAN 18</u>: Heavily armed gunmen attacked Nigerien Army forces camp at Toumour, 10km from Diffa, Diffa Region. 7 Nigerien soldiers and 1 civilian killed while unknown number of soldiers wounded, and 10 armored vehicles destroyed. ISWAP claimed responsibility and released images of seized weapons and vehicles. (Right: ISWAP statements)

23 JAN 18: Unidentified gunmen carried an attack on gendarmerie patrol near Kokoloukou on the borders with Burkina Faso (see map), Tillabéri Region, Niger. 2 gendarmes killed and 7 injured.

29 JAN 18: ISWAP militants launched an assault against National Guard post in Chétimari, Diffa Region. At least 2 Nigerien soldiers killed. ISWAP claimed responsibility. (Right: ISWAP statement)



وكالـة أعمـاق: نحو 25 قتيـلا من الجيش النيجــري بهجــوم لمقاتلــي الدولــة الإســلامية على بلــدة تمــور قــرب بحيرة تشاد أمس



أكثـر مـن 25 هالـكا مـن الجيـش النيجـري المرتـد بصولـة على

بلدة ثمور

بندة غرب إسفية عديد من الجيـش النيجـري المرتـد بصولـة على

بفضل الله وحـده، انطلـق عـدد مـن جنـود الخلافـة نحـو مواقـع الجيـش النيجـري

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آليات مزودة برشاشات ثقيلة من عيار 12,5 ملم وأخرى مزودة برشاش ثقيل من عيار 14,5 وناقلتــي جنــد وســيارتي إســعاف وكميــة كبيــرة مــن الأســـلحة والذخائــر، وعــاد المجاهــدون إلى مواقعهم ســالمين، والحمد لله رب العالمين.



Location of Kokoloukou border crossing in Niger attacked on 23 JAN. Map Source: Pierre.B.



# Images of weapons and vehicles seized by ISWAP during January 2018 attacks in Diffa Region, Niger.





















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<u>04 FEB 18</u>: Presumed Macina brigade militants of JNIM assassinated 2 National Guards at Gossi, Timbuktu Region.

<u>04 FEB 18</u>: Malian gendarmerie repelled an armed assault by suspected JNIM militants at Hombori, Mopti Region.

<u>05 FEB 18</u>: Malian Army reportedly arrested two suspected jihadists in Mondoro, Mopti Region. Suspects were in position of arms and ammunition.

08 FEB 18: JNIM militants launched at least three rockets on MINUSMA and Barkhane base Amachach in Tessalit, Kidal Region. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #70)

08 FEB 18: MINUSMA convoy struck an IED 5km north of Tabankort, Gao Region while traveling from Gao to Kidal. 4 peacekeepers and 1 civilian injured.

25 جمادى الأولى 1439هـ 11 فيفري 2018م

قصف صاروخى على ثكنة للقوّات الصليبيّة بتسليت



وفّق اللّه تعالى عباده المجاهدين لقصف بالصواريخ على ثكنة للقوّات الصليبيّة المحتلّة بمنطقة تيسليت بالقرب من أمشاش وذلك عند السّاعة 13:30 من مساء يوم الخميس 22 جمادى الأولى 1439 هـ الموافق لـ80 فيفري 2018م وأنباء عن تصاعد الدّخان من داخل الثكنة والحمد لله ربّ العالمين.

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09 FEB 18: Civilian vehicle struck an IED near Perna, Mopti Region while traveling back from Déra market. At least 7 civilians killed and at least 12 injured. Civilians continue to be victims of IEDs intended to harm Malian and Foreign forces.

<u>12 FEB 18</u>: Malian Army discovered and dismantled an IED (see images on the right) at Goma Coura (Diabaly – Nampala road), Ségou Region.



14 FEB 18: French Barkhane forces carried airstrikes and armed assault on JNIM militants near Tinzawaten, Kidal Region. At least 10 militants killed while others arrested. Those killed included key Iyad Ag Ghali commander, Malick Ag Wanasnat. 14 militants also reported to be captured.

14 FEB 18: Son of local imam assassinated under unclear circumstances by suspected members of Macina brigade of JNIM at Séndégué village of Ouroubé Doubé Commune, Mopti Region.

15 FEB 18: MINUSMA armored vehicle escorting logistical convoy struck an IED 30km north of Aguelhoc, Kidal Region. Vehicle damaged but no victims recorded. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: statement #73)

<u>16 FEB 18</u>: Suspected JNIM militants of Macina brigades abducted the secretary general of the mayor's office in Sossobé, Togoro Kotia commune, Mopti Region.

<u>16 FEB 18</u>: Unidentified gunmen on 8 vehicles and motorcycles reportedly ambushed GATIA convoy at In-Tamedhé, near Anchawadji, Gao Region. 1 GATIA member injured.



17 FEB 18: MINUSMA discovered and neutralized an IED 30km south of Tessalit, Kidal Region.

18 FEB 18: Barkhane and militants clashed north of Aguelhoc, Kidal Region. At least 5 militants reportedly killed.

18 FEB 18: Civilian suspected of working with Malian Army assassinated by suspected Macina brigade militants of JNIM near Boni at Yéré Yéré village, Mopti Region. Victim was Malian Army guide in the area and was also former MAA fighters.



19 FEB 18: JNIM claimed an IED attack against Barkhane armored vehicle at Ibchaghchagh, NW of Tessalit, Kidal Region. (Right: JNIM statement #72)

20 FEB 18: Suspected Macina brigade militants of JNIM attacked Bondo village, Mopti Region. No casualties reported.

<u>20 FEB 18</u>: Malian Army checkpoint attacked at Tessit, Gao region. 8 soldiers & 1 civilian injured. Supposedly 7 checkpoints were attacked simultaneously.

21 FEB 18: Barkhane vehicle struck an IED near In-Delimane, Gao Region. 2 French soldiers killed & 1 injured. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #71)

22 FEB 18: MSA and GATIA units in collaboration with Barkhane forces claimed to have destroyed a camp belonging to ISGS near Inkadagotane, 60km SW of Ménaka. In a statement MSA and GATIA claimed 6 militants killed, motorcycles, arms, ammunition, and Nigerien Army vehicle seized.

26 FEB 18: MINUSMA convoy of Swedish contingent was struck by an IED east of Soumpi, Timbuktu Region. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #74)





25 - 26 FEB 18: MSA and GATIA claimed their patrolling units to have discovered a camp belonging to ISGS militants of Adnan Abu Walid al-Sahraoui in Ménaka Region on the borders between Mali and Niger. Groups also claimed to have clashed with ISGS militants. In the statement MSA and GATIA claimed 10 militants killed, 6 arrested, 1 GATIA-MSA fighter injured, and arms and ammunition seized.

27 FEB 18: MINUSMA convoy of the Bangladeshi contingent was struck by an IED near Pattouki village between Boni and Douentza, Mopti Region. 4 peacekeepers killed and 4 severely wounded.





Weapons allegedly seized and vehicle destroyed by GATIA-MSA forces.

27 FEB 18: Malian Army vehicle struck an IED near Dioura, Mopti Region. 6 soldiers killed. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #75)





## February 2018 attacks claimed by or attributed to JNIM, Ansaroul Islam, or ISGS operating in Burkina Faso

01 FEB 18: Suspected Ansaroul Islam militants assassinated village chief and local councilman in Tiemboulo, Soum Province, Sahel Region.

01 FEB 18: Suspected Ansaroul Islam militants entered primary school of Vini, Loroum Province, North Region warning teachers against teaching in French instead of Arabic.

<u>03 FEB 18</u>: Suspected Ansaroul Islam militants ambushed Déou police patrol team in Oudalan Province, Sahel Region. 1 assailant killed. As a result a curfew was enforced on 09 FEB 18.

<u>13 FEB 18</u>: National police checkpoint of Natiaboani near Pama, Kompienga Province, East Region attacked by unidentified gunmen. 1 policeman killed and 2 others injured.





#### February 2018 Armed Banditry, Inter-Community Violence and Clashes Between non-Jihadist Armed Groups in Mali

- 01 FEB 18: An ICRC agent assassinated by unknown gunmen in Gao, Gao Region.
- 02 FEB 18: Inter-community clashes occurred under unclear circumstances at Douna Village, Mopti Region.
- 02 FEB 18: MSA reported that suspected armed bandits carried an attack on Inwelane village near Talataye, Gao Region. 3 people killed and 2 others taken while house of local traditional judge was set on fire.
- 03 FEB 18: MSA reported to have clashed with armed bandits at Intikoufa (70km from Talataye), Gao Region. MSA recovered body of local notable, Tidjit Ag Arahmat, kidnapped day before (02 FEB) at Inwelane.
- 03 FEB 18: MSA stated to have clashed with unidentified armed bandits at Inkinkarane (south of Intikoufa), Gao Region. Group claimed 1 MSA fighter and 3 armed bandits killed while motorcycles, weapons and ammunition seized.
- 03 FEB 18: Unidentified armed bandits attacked gendarmerie checkpoint of Mandiakoy, Ségou Region.
- 03 FEB 18: Three armed bandits attacked and robbed Orange Money store of Dioulabougou district in Gao, Gao Region. Important cash amount taken.
- 07 FEB 18: Two armed bandits attacked and robbed civilian woman while traveling on her motorcycle in Gao, Gao Region. Bandits fired their guns at the victim and seized 200,000 CFA (~\$376) from her.
- 07 FEB 18: Three armed bandits attacked, robbed, and seized vehicle from local civilians at M'Balde, Sonni Ali commune, Gao Region.
- 07 FEB 18: Unidentified armed bandits attacked and robbed traveling merchant at Tondibi, near Bourem, Gao Region. Bandits seized the vehicle and all the belongings of the merchant.



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- 08 FEB 18: Unidentified gunmen on 4 motorcycles attacked and burned rental vehicle belonging to National Caid-Mali NGO at Madiakoye, Timbuktu Region. Employees were not harmed.
- 08 FEB 18: Three armed bandits arrested by Malian Army patrol between Gossi and Gao, Gao Region. Suspects were reportedly responsible for series of armed robberies in the area against civilians.
- 10 FEB 18: Inter-community clashes between Fulani and Dogon communities reported near Dioungani (Tonou), Mopti Region. Number of casualties unknown.
- 12 FEB 18: Unidentified gunmen, allegedly Fulani, carried an assault against Dogon community members at Niangassidou, Mopti Region.
- 13 FEB 18: Unidentified gunmen allegedly killed members from Dogon community at Aldiambere, Mopti Region. 4 civilians killed.
- 15 FEB 18: Armed bandits fired at civilians truck transporting market attendees at Tassiga, Gao Region. Vehicle was transporting merchants from Labbezanga market. 1 (driver) injured.
- 15 FEB 18: Unidentified gunmen attacked and set on fire the house of local Imam near Inwelane, Gao Region.
- 15 FEB 18: MAA fighters reportedly clashed with suspected unidentified militants near Didi, 7km from Ber, Timbuktu Region. Clashes supposedly took place after vehicle of Oulad Oumran Arab tribe chief seized earlier. At least 2 civilians killed and others injured.
- 16 FEB 18: Unknown armed bandits attacked and robbed 6 civilian vehicles 85km from Ansongo, Gao Region. Passengers stripped of their belongings.



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17 FEB 18: Vehicle belonging to general manager of Company for the Development of Ghourma (EDG in French) was set on fire along with an amount of 15M CFA (~26,386.00 USD) seized in Timbuktu by unidentified gunmen.

- 19 FEB 18: Malian Army arrested armed member of self-defense group Ganda-Izo at Fafa market, Ouatagouna Commune, Gao Region.
- 19 FEB 18: Five civilians injured when armed bandits attacked and robbed gas station at Bougouni, Sikasso Region.
- <u>21 FEB 18</u>: Reportedly Malian Army was responsible for the death of 7 civilians at Sokolo, Ségou Region. The incident occurred during DAMBE operation that aimed at insuring normal activities in the area.
- <u>21 FEB 18</u>: Two local Arab youth (traders) taken by unknown gunmen at Taboye, Gao Region while traveling to Bamba. Platform-MAA released statement on Feb 25<sup>th</sup> indicating one of the men taken found dead nearby kidnapping location.
- 23 FEB 18: Armed bandits on 4x4 vehicle attacked and robbed three transportation buses 75km from Ansongo toward Gao, Gao Region. Passengers were robbed of a total of 6M CFA (~11,300.00 USD), reportedly.
- 27 FEB 18: Unknown gunmen killed a Malian National Guard in Gao, Gao Region. The incident instigated communal tensions between the Songhai and Arab communities in the area.
- 27 FEB 18: Unknown armed bandits attacked and robbed a civilian in his house at Ouatagouna, Gao Region. Victim was severely injured after being beaten by the assailants.
- 28 FEB 18: Unidentified gunmen attacked the village of Barisadji near Gao, Souni Ali Ber Commune, Gao Region. 4 civilians wounded in the attack that appears to be a result of inter-communal tensions, likely in response to a recent kidnapping/killing of 2 Arab traders in neighboring commune of Taboye on Feb 21<sup>st</sup>.



Mali – Sahel: March 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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04 MAR 18: Two suspected members of JNIM killed while trying to plant an IED in Dogofry, Segou Region. Another IED was discovered and dismantled in the area.

04 MAR 18: Malian Army convoy struck an IED then ambushed using gunfire by suspected JNIM militants between Konna and Bore, Mopti Region. 4 soldiers wounded. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right bottom: JNIM statement #77)

06 MAR 18: Barkhane forces with MSA/GATIA fighters clashed with suspected ISGS militants south of In-Delimane, Gao Region. 3 militants killed.

06-07 MAR 18: Barkhane & MSA/GATIA clashed with ISGS militants at a discovered camp near Akabar, Gao Region. 5 militants killed, including a leader Djibo Hamma aka Abou Razak, and 10 arrested while arms seized. (Right: statement)



<u>06 MAR 18</u>: Unidentified gunmen attacked and destroyed heavy construction equipment at Dam project in Djenne, Mopti Region. Militants gathered and demanded the workers to leave the construction site.

<u>06 MAR 18</u>: MINUSMA's armored vehicle struck an IED 3.5km from the camp in Kidal, Kidal Region. No human casualties and vehicle damaged.

<u>07 MAR 18</u>: Malian Army fired at two militants while trying to plant an IED between Nampala and Dioura (12km from Dioura), Mopti Region. MINUSMA destroyed the IED while the 2 militants managed to escape.

<u>08 MAR 18</u>: Malian Army vehicle struck an IED near Nantaka, Mopti-Dialloubé route, Mopti Region. 4 Malian soldiers killed and 2 others injured. Reportedly, the convoy was heading to Dialloubé to provide support to ongoing counter-terrorism operation. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #77)

تفجير لغمين متفرّقين على الجيش المالي تدمير سيُرلين وجرج (4) جاود ملين وقليمة 8) سلاح كلاشليكوف



#### يوم الإثنين | 24 حمادي الأجرة 1430 هـ | 10 مارس 2010 هـ |

يفضل الله وقوته، تمكنت سرية من مجاهدي «جماعة نصرة الإسلام والمسلمين» من تفجير لغم على سيارة للجيش المالي بين «جالوبي» و «مويتي» فتم تدميرها بالكامل وغنيمة (1) بندقيّة كلاشنيكوف، وذلك مساء يوم الخميس 20 جمادى الآخرة 1439 هـ الموافق لـ 8 مارس 2018 مـ

كما تمّ في صباح يوم الأحد 16 جمادى الآخرة (439هـ/ 4 مارس 2018 م. تفجير لغم على سيارة للجيش المالتي بين «كون» و «دوري» وأنباء عن جرح (4) جنود مالين ثمّ شعد المكان تدخّلا لطائرة مروحيّة لم تغني عنهم شيئاً، وانسحب المجاهدون يغض الله لتواعدهم سالمين والحمد لله ربّ العالمين.



09 MAR 18: GATIA and MSA forces clashed with suspected ISGS militants in a camp located between Taghaterte and Aghazarane Nakhe, SW of Ménaka, Ménaka Region. 6 militants and 1 GATIA/MSA fighter killed.

11 MAR 18: Gendarme of territorial brigade assassinated by Macina brigade of JNIM militants at Boni, Douentza Circle, Mopti Region. Another civilian was assassinated at Boni Feb 18<sup>th</sup> who was suspected of working with the Malian Army. Two suspects arrested on the 13<sup>th</sup> while 3<sup>rd</sup> suspect remains at large.

11-12 MAR 18: Reportedly, Barkhane, GATIA, MSA, Malian, and Nigerien forces conducted operations against ISGS and "armed bandits" on the Malian-Nigerien borders near Akabar, Ménaka Region. MSA <u>stated</u> to have recovered arms and equipment, including vehicle and arms (see images) captured from U.S. and Nigerien forces in Oct 4th by ISGS militants in Tongo Tongo, Niger. Also, 7 militants killed, 3 arrested, vehicles, motorbikes, arms, rockets, and ammunition seized. 1 MSA/GATIA fighter killed and 3 wounded. (See GATIA/MSA statement on the right)

US – Nigerien forces vehicle taken by ISGS recovered by GATIA-MSA forces.







communiqué Conjoint GATIA-MSA suite aux affrontements de Tabardé

Le MSA et le GATIA informent l'opinion nationale et internationale qu'ils ont participé du 11 au 12 mars 2018 à la neutralisation de bandes armées hostiles au processus de paix et de réconciliation nationale.

Pendant ces deux jours des affrontements ont opposés la coalition MSA-GATIA à ces bandes armées à 45 kilomètres au sud-ouest de Ménaka dans la zone de Tabardé.

A l'issu des affrontements le bilan suivant a été étab

- Almahmoud Ag Iddar Alias Mokossi le numéro trois (3) de l'organisation criminelle sévissant dans la zone, ainsi que six (6) autres bandits ont été neutralisés
- Trois (3) bandits immobilisés en instance d'être remis aux autorités Quatre (4) véhicules récupérés ainsi que treize (13) motos
- Un important matériel de guerre saisie dont des roquettes
- e MSA et le GATIA ont perdu un (1) combattant et trois (3) autres sont légérement blessés

Le MSA et le GATIA présentent leurs condoléances les plus attristés à la famille du défunt et souhaits un commet rétablissement aux biassés.

Le MSA et le GATIA soucieux d'un retour rapide à la paix et à la tranquillité ne ménageront aucur effort dans le strict respect des textes nationaux et internationaux pour y parvenir.

Le MSA et le GATIA souhaitent renforcer leur action en étroite liaison avec les gouvernemen malien et nigérien afin de rétablir la paix et la quiétude.

Ménaka, le 12 mars 2018

Pour le GATIA

Pour le MSA

Amara Ag Hamdouna

Mohamed Ag Albachar





- 14 MAR 18: Two rockets fired by suspected JNIM militants on Gao, Gao Region but there are no reported victims. One rocket fell 700m from MINUSMA camp while second near a local school about 3km NW of the camp and did not detonate.
- 15 MAR 18: Civilian cart struck by an IED 3km North of Togueré-Coumbé, Mopti Region. 1 civilian killed and 1wounded.
- 18 MAR 18: Malian Army reportedly clashed with Macina brigade members of JNIM near Djenne, Mopti Region. 1 militant killed and 7 arrested.
- 18 MAR 18: Dutch contingent of MINUSMA destroyed an IED discovered by local population between Gao and Tabankort, Gao Region.
- 19 MAR 18: Civilian vehicle struck an IED near Niangassadiou, Mopti Region. 3 civilians killed.
- 19 MAR 18: Suspected Macina brigade members of JNIM attacked Malian Army post of Somadougou, Mopti Region. No casualties while the post was burned.
- 19 MAR 18: Malian Army discovered and destroyed 2 IEDs near Hombori, Mopti Region. 1 IED discovered on Douentza-Hombori route and the other on Hombori and Gossi route.
- 22 MAR 18: Malian Army vehicle struck an IED at Ndoukala, Ségou Region. 2 Malian soldiers injured.
- 22 MAR 18: Four AMRAD NGO agents taken by unidentified gunmen at Dialloubé, Youwarou Circle, Mopti Region. Driver and other passengers were let go. The 4 agents were <u>released</u> on April 13<sup>th</sup> and arrived to Mopti in decent health. Though Macina brigade of JNIM operates in the area, the group did not confirm responsibility.
- 22 MAR 18: Vehicle belonging to Chinese company in charge of paving the road of Diafarabé, Mopti Region struck an IED between Ke-Macina and Diafarabé, Ségou Region. 1 killed and 5 wounded.



22 MAR 18: Rockets fired by suspected JNIM militants on MINUSMA and Barkhane base in Kidal, Kidal Region. 7 members from international community, including 5 French soldiers injured and equipment damaged. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #78)

22 MAR 18: Six suspected JNIM militants arrested by the Malian Army at Dogo village. Allegedly, the 3 suspects were found dead in a mass grave three days later.

24 MAR 18: Suspected Macina brigade members of JNIM attacked Parandala village, Mopti Region. No casualties reported.

24 MAR 18: Barkhane forces conducted an airstrike on members of Ansar al-Din militants of JNIM near Boughessa, Kidal Region. 4 militants killed. استهداف معسكر للفرنسيِّين والمينوسما في كيدال اعتراف العدو برصابة (05) جنود فرنسيِّين صليبيّن وآذرين كمبوديّين



#### يوم الجمعة | 06 رجب 1439 هـ | 23 مارس 2018 م. |

استمرارا لمسيرة العمل الجهادي الذي حملنا أمانته على أعناقنا وانتصارا لأمّتنا المكلومة، وبالرّغم من استعدادات العدو الأمنيّة المشدّدة لاستقبال الوزير الأوّل لحكومة العمالة الماليّة في مدينة «كيدال» تمكّنت بفضل اللّه وقوّته مفرزة من مجهادي جماعة «نصرة الإسلام والمسلمين» صباح أمس الخميس 5 رجب 1439 هـ الموافق لـ 22 مارس 2018 م من استهداف معسكر الصليبتين الفرنسيّين المحتلّين وأعوانهم من «المينوسما» في «كيدال» بمجموعة من الصّواريخ أدّت بحمد اللّه تعالى إلى إصابات مباشرة في جنود الصّليب وأعوانهم من «المينوسما» وإلى خسائر مادّية كبيرة، كما اعترف العدوّ بإصابة (05) من جنود الإحتلال الفرنسي وعدد من الجنود الاكمبوديّين، والحمد للّه ربّ العالمين.

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27 MAR 18: Civilian vehicle struck an IED on Nouhoun-Parandala axis route, Mopti Region. 2 civilians killed.

28 MAR 18: Reportedly 5 JNIM militants carried an armed assault against La Falaise hotel in Bandiagara, Mopti Region. The attack was repelled by hotel and nearby bank guards. 1 National guard and 2 assailants killed while at least 1 hotel employee injured.

28 MAR 18: MINUSMA convoy attacked by unidentified gunmen between Boni and Douentza, Mopti Region. The attack was repelled while 1 assailant killed and another managed to escape. An IED was also discovered and dismantled in the area.

<u>28 MAR 18</u>: MINUSMA patrols arrested 5 militants at Diougani, Koro Circle, Mopti Region. Suspects were handed to Malian gendarmerie in Sévaré.



28 MAR 18: Civilian vehicle struck an IED between Dia and Diafarabé, Mopti Region. 2 civilians killed and 3 others injured.

29 MAR 18: Barkhane forces clashed with AQIM members of JNIM north of Timbuktu, near N'bakt Tagrouma village, Timbuktu Region. 2 militants killed while 1 militant identified as Said al-Maghribi (aka Said Dakdak) was arrested.

29 MAR 18: Suspected members of JNIM assassinated deputy chief of Sévaré brigade in his house at Diondiori, Ténénkou, Mopti Region.

30 MAR 18: GATIA and MSA patrols ambushed by suspected members of ISGS near Amalaoulaou, Gao Region. 2 GATIA-MSA members injured.

31 MAR 18: Construction truck struck an IED between Gao and Gossi, Gao Region. 2 civilians injured.

Right: Statement released by JNIM warning against fake claims released by fake accounts. Fake statements indicated claims specific against civilians, which the militant group has never claimed though sometimes is responsible.





#### يوم الإثنين | 24 جمادي الآخرة 1439 هـ | 12 مارس 2018 م. |

انتشرت في الآونة الأخيرة عدد من البيانات المزوّرة لفّقت فيها عمليّات نسبت زورا وبهتانا لجماعة نصرة الإسلام والمسلمين، منها استهداف "قوافل إغاثيّة" وعربات لعملة واستهداف الدكاكين الناس وتجاراتهم. وإننا ورغم وضوح هذا الكذب علينا ووضوح كون هذه البيانات مزوّرة، نعيد ونؤكّد براءتنا ممّا نسب إلينا، فنحن ما حملنا السلاح إلا لإخراج المحتلّ الصليبي وافشال مشاريع وكلائه على أرض مالي المسلمة وذودا عن كرامة المسلمين وسعيا لتحكيم شرع الله فيهم. ومع أنه قد سبق نَشرُ تكذيب مكتوب بخصوص نسبة هذه العمليّات إلينا فقد إرتأينا إعادة التنبيه، وننوّه أنه قد تم اعتماد تصميم جديد لبياناتنا وإلغاء العمل بالتصميم القديم قطعا للطريق على من يريد تشويه صورة المجاهدين.

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## March 2018 attacks claimed by or attributed to JNIM, Ansaroul Islam, or ISGS operating in Burkina Faso

02 MAR 18: JNIM militants conducted simultaneous assaults against French Embassy and Chief of Staff Army headquarters in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. The assault was initiated by the use of a vehicle-borne IED (VBIED) at the Army headquarters followed by gunfire. At least 8 military members killed and 90 injured, while also 8 militants killed. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Below: JNIM statement)







JNIM released an image of its militant, Yunis al-Fulani likely behind the VBIED during Ouagadougou attack.

JNIM statement claiming Ouagadougou attack.



#### March 2018 attacks claimed by or attributed to JNIM, Ansaroul Islam, or ISGS operating in Burkina Faso

- <u>03-04 MAR 18</u>: Three unidentified gunmen attempted to force their way through security checkpoint of Ouaga 2000 near Presidential Palace, Burkina Faso. 1 assailant killed and 2 others managed to escape.
- <u>07 MAR 18</u>: Unidentified gunmen exchanged fire with forest rangers near Tanwalbougou, 45km of Fada N'Gourma, East Region, Burkina Faso. Reportedly, these gunmen have been present and attempting to establish themselves in the area in recent months. 1 policeman was killed in the area in February 2018 while gunmen were also arrested.
- <u>09 MAR 18</u>: Unidentified gunmen attacked water and forest post in Nassougou, Gourma Province, Burkina Faso. No casualties but motorcycles seized by assailants.
- <u>10 MAR 18</u>: Civilian vehicle struck an IED at a camp near Singou, Gourma Province, Burkina Faso. No casualties but vehicle damaged.
- <u>12 MAR 18</u>: Unidentified gunmen attacked gendarmerie checkpoint of Goubé, village located between Niamey and Ouallam, Tillabéry Region, Niger. 3 gendarmes killed.
- <u>15 MAR 18</u>: Unidentified gunmen attacked water and forest post in Nassougou, Gourma Province, Burkina Faso around 4am. 1 agent killed, arms seized, and vehicle burned.
- <u>17 MAR 18</u>: Unidentified gunman allegedly attacked customs officers checkpoint of Di, Sourou Province, Burkina Faso on the borders with Mali. Suspect was shot dead by security forces under unclear circumstances and 1 customs officer injured.
- <u>21 MAR 18</u>: Suspected Ansaroul Islam militants kidnapped a former councilman in Lassa village, Soum Province, Burkina Faso.
- <u>27 MAR 18</u>: Burkinabé forces reportedly raided suspected unknown militants camp at Bakani village, Komondjari Province, Burkina Faso. 2 assailants injured while arms and ammunitions seized.



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- 01 MAR 18: MSA officer killed by unidentified gunmen at the local market of Talatayt, Gao Region. However CMA released a statement indicating this was a result of repelled attack against one of its checkpoints.
- 02 MAR 18: Assailants on motorcycles entered and fired their weapons at three villages near Bourem, Gao Region. These villages include Moudakane, Bia, and Baria. However no one was killed or injured.
- 04 MAR 18: Four armed bandits attacked passengers traveling on a State vehicle in Dialloubé, Mopti Region. Gunmen forced the vehicle to stop before interrogating the passengers and releasing a warning to the driver not to transport State employees. Passengers freed without any incident.
- 06 MAR 18: Vehicle transporting civilians between Timbuktu and Mopti disappeared under unclear circumstances. However on 11 March six out of thirteen passengers returned to Timbuktu with the vehicle while other passengers remain missing, and there are no information on what happened.
- 08 MAR 18: Two armed bandits on motorcycle seized vehicle belonging to regional office of agriculture at Abaradjou, Timbuktu Region. Driver and the office director left unharmed.
- 08 MAR 18: Suspected Fulani gunmen attacked Sabérré, Darrah, and Diankoubou villages, between Koro and Dioungani, Mopti Region. Supposedly the assault was against Dogon community. Though unclear, at least 4 individuals reported killed while houses, reserves of crops and sheds set on fire.
- 08 MAR 18: Six gunmen on three motorcycles attacked a Fulani camp of Madougou, Koro Circle, Mopti Region. Number of casualties is unclear and appeared to be result of inter-community tensions.
- 10-11 MAR 18: Unidentified gunmen intercepted a canoe and held hostage 15 passengers leaving Kouakourou to Mopti, Mopti Region. 5 women released and 10 men kept hostage under unclear circumstances.



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AR 18: Unidentified gunmen attacked and seized vehicle belonging to social development and economic solidarity of Kidal in Gao Region. Driver was severely injured.

AR 18: Three suspected militants arrested at Matomo market, Macina area, Ségou Region. A local notable also arrested under sation of collaborating with jihadist groups.

AR 18: Unidentified armed bandits attacked and seized a vehicle belonging to *première urgence* NGO at Hourrara, Ouatagouna nune, Gao Region. Passengers abandoned unharmed.

AR 18: Unidentified gunmen kidnapped under unclear circumstances a member from Arab community of Ahel Taleb at Tamkou Region.

AR 18: Unidentified nine gunmen attacked set on fire canteen of a school at Walo village, Douentza Commune, Mopti Region. ilants also seized the food stock before leaving the scene.

AR 18: Altercation reported between hunters and Fulani herders at Kolongo, Mopti Region. This was a result of a Fulani livestobying onion field of a hunter at Loutan Coura village.

AR 18: Six gunmen on motorcycles attacked and set on fire school and city hall of Dionna, Douentza Commune, Mopti Region. ilants also seized all administrative papers from the city hall before leaving the scene.

AR 18: Unidentified gunmen attempted assassination of Ousmane Ould Soued, a member of CMA, in Bamako.

AR 18: Two members from Ahel Taleb Arab community abducted by suspected GATIA-MSA members under unclear mstances at Tamkoutat, Gao Region.



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- 30 MAR 18: Allegedly GATIA members assaulted members from the Arab community of Tikirkiwit village, 30km east of Tamkoutat, Gao Region. Tensions between both communities been observed in recent weeks in the same area.
- 30 MAR 18: Platform members circulating on motorcycles attacked by unidentified gunmen at Amalawlaw, near Talatayt, Gao Region. 2 lightly injured.
- 30 MAR 18: Mayor of Marikon Commune, Ségou Region escaped a kidnapping attempt by unidentified gunmen at Pocodi villa Ségou Region. 4 gunmen on motorcycles attempted to take him by force from his home.
- 31 MAR 18: Allegedly, MSA members killed under unclear circumstances two Fulani herders while also seized their belonging near Inekar, Gao Region. MSA-GATIA forces been involved in military operations against ISGS in the area since early March.





#### March 2018 chronology of violent clashes related to intercommunity tensions in Central Mali

- 13 MAR 18: Reportedly, Bozo hunters clashed with Fulani community members at Nou Bozo village, 30km from Kouakourou, Mopti Region. Number of casualties is unclear but there appears to be victims from both sides as a result.
- 07 MAR 18: Presumed Fulani gunmen attacked the village of Sabere Darah, between Koro and Dioungani, Mopti Region. Attack targeted Dogon community, at least four individuals killed, houses, reserves of crops and sheds burned, and boreholes destroyed.
- 09 MAR 18: Dogon dozos (traditional hunters) attacked and burned the small village or settlement of Bodewal, near M'Bana, Mopti Region. 1 individual was killed in the attack.
- 10 MAR 18: Presumed Dogon militiamen killed 2 civilians (Fulani) of the Fulani near Omo camp, near Dioungani, Mopti Region.
- 11 MAR 18: Presumed Dogon militiamen burned three home shelters and in the village of Madougou, Mopti Region.
- 11 MAR 18: Presumed Dozo militiamen killed 10 civilians from Fulani community at Diaou settlement, near ethnic Diafarabé, Mopti Region.
- 11 MAR 18: Presumed Dogon militiamen killed 2 Fulani men at Douna-Pen, near Dioungani, Mopti Region.
- 12 MAR 18: Allegedly Macina brigade of JNIM clashed with Dozo militiamen between Nouhoun-Bozo and Koa, Cercle of Djenné, Mopti Region. 11 Dozos killed and unknown number wounded, 1 militant wounded.
- 15 MAR 18: Macina brigade militants assassinated a Dozo militia leader in Nouhoun-Bozo, Cercle of Djenné, Mopti Region.
- 20 MAR 18: Presumed Fulani militiamen opened fire on a Malian Army patrol near Gourti, Mopti Region. Malian Army repelled the attack and killed one of the militiamen and arrested another. The camp harboring the militiamen was also destroyed in response.
- 24 MAR 18: Fulani militiamen killed a civilian near the village of Yorou, Mopti Region who was accused of cattle armed banditry by Dozo militiamen.



Mali – Sahel: April 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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01 APR 18: Reportedly, coalition of French Barkhane forces and the Malian army clashed with ISGS militants near Akabar, Ménaka Region, about 3km from Nigerien borders. Around 30 militants reported killed in addition to 3 Malian soldiers also dead while 5 injured. Simultaneously and coincidently MSA reported to have clashed with militants in the same area and reported same casualties, 3 killed and 5 wounded among its ranks while more than 20 militants killed. This came as France continues to deny to carry joint operations against ISGS with GATIA-MSA militias.

02 APR 18: Suspected Macina brigade militants of JNIM entered Daga village, Mopti Region on motorbikes and abducted the village chief and other notables.

02 APR 18: Suspected Macina brigade militants of JNIM on motorbikes attacked the gendarmerie post of Zambougou, Ségou Region around 9pm. At least 1 gendarme killed and another wounded, while motorbikes were burned and a vehicle damaged by the assailants.

02 APR 18: Unidentified gunmen killed a Malian soldier at Abaradjou district in Timbuktu, Timbuktu Region.

05 APR 18: Suspected Ansar al-Din militants of JNIM launched mortars attack on MINUSMA camp in Aguelhoc, Kidal Region. 2 peacekeepers killed and 10 injured.

05 APR 18: Two IEDs discovered and 2 militants arrested by the Malian Army near Diabaly, Ségou Region.

06 APR 18: Allegedly, group of militants prisoners attempted to escape from detention center in Dioura, Mopti Region. Malian Army shot and killed 14 militants during the attempt.



#### April 2018 attacks claim VEOs operating in Mali April 2018 attacks claimed by or attributed to JNIM or other

06 APR 18: Two unidentified gunmen opened fire on MINUSMA vehicle in Gao, Gao Region. 1 Nigerien peacekeeper killed. See images of the vehicle to the right.

06 APR 18: Barkhane forces carried an operation against al-Furgan brigade of JNIM 150km north of Timbuktu, towards Araouane, Timbuktu Region. 5 militants reportedly killed. Certain Said al-Maghrebi (see image 1 to the right), was among those killed. Key Mauritanian religious teacher identified as Ayman Abu Abdallah Ahmed al-Chinquiti (aka Mohamed Ould Nana, see image2 to the right) was also among those killed.

06 - 07 APR 18: MSA – GATIA militias claimed to have arrested at least 15 militants during recent patrols along Malian – Nigerien borders in Ménak Region. Patrols took place near Akabar and Andéramboukane.









Image 1

Image 2

08 APR 18: Malian National Guard vehicle struck an IED near Léré, Timbuktu Region. 4 soldiers injured. See images of the vehicle on the next slide.

08 APR 18: Barkhane vehicle struck an IED south of Tessalit, Kidal Region. 2 French soldiers injured.

08 APR 18: Suspected Macina brigade militants of JNIM attacked and ransacked local school of Saba village, Mopti Region.

09 APR 18: MSA – GATIA reported to have been targeted by ISFS militants at Akabar, Ménaka Region. Militias statement indicated that 9 militants killed while vehicle and arms also seized. 1 GATIA-MSA member killed and another wounded.



<u>09 APR 18</u>: MINUSMA vehicle belonging to logistical convoy struck an IED between Gao and Kidal near Tabankort, Gao Region. 1 peacekeeper injured while vehicle seriously damaged. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #80)

10 APR 18: JNIM claimed to have set on fire at least six MINUSMA fuel trucks near Tarkint, Gao Region. 6 civilians (contractors) were killed, one gone missing, 4 injured wounded. Attack claimed by JNIM (Right: JNIM statement #80). However, MINUSMA representative denied that the convoy belongs to the peacekeeping mission.

10 APR 18: Suspected Macina brigade militants of JNIM abducted four civilians including two health center employees of Youwarou and Guido Sarre at Mbouna, Mopti Region. The two abductees are the accountant of Health Center Reference (CSRef in French) and director of Community Health Center (CSCOM in French) in addition to vehicle and boat drivers. They were released in Youwarou April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Images of FAMA vehicle after IED attack near Léré on 06 APR.









Image of trucks on fire during April 10 attack released by JNIM.



14 APR 18: JNIM militants carried complex attack against MINUSMA and French Barkhane forces based in Timbuktu Airport, Timbuktu Region. The assault included launch of mortars barrage, two suicide vehicle-born IED (SVBIED), and at least two militants equipped with explosive belts. One of the two SVBIEDs was detonated and one immobilized. At least 15 militants killed. 1 Burkinabe peacekeeper killed and 7 others with 2 civilians injured in addition to 7 Barkhane soldiers also wounded, some severely. SVBIED vehicles were disguised as UN vehicles (see image) and Timbuktu airport was severely damaged (see images). JNIM claimed responsibility and denied the use of female suicide bomber as was reported by the media. JNIM also pointed out that Timbuktu airport assault was in response to recent French killing of Said Haydara al-Maghrebi, Ayman Abu Abdallah Ahmad al-Shinquiti, Qutayba al-Ansari, and group of students. (Below: JNIM statements #UKN)





Images of Timbuktu airport damages after the attack.





Disguised UN SVBIED that was immobilized.



JNIM claim statement.



JNIM statement denying the use of female suicide bomber.





Abdulwadoud al-Muhajir.



Abd al-Hamid al-Ansari.



Abu Muhammad al-Muhajir.



Sulayman al-Muhajir.

Images of suicide bombers carried the April 14<sup>th</sup> attack against Barkhane and MINUSMA camp based in Timbuktu airport.



14 APR 18: Suspected Macina brigade militants of JNIM abducted two civilians under unclear circumstances at Koffel market near Youwarou, Mopti Region.

14 APR 18: Malian gendarmerie convoy attacked by suspected Macina brigade militants of JNIM near Poromani village, Mopti Region. No casualties and assailants managed to escape.

15 APR 18: GATIA commander Youssef Ag Nouh (aka Akhelchouch, image to the right) assassinated by suspected ISGS militants, though unconfirmed, in Gossi, Gourma-Rharouss Commune, Timbuktu Region.

<u>15 APR 18</u>: MSA officer identified as Mohamed Ag Baka (image to the right) assassinated by suspected ISGS militants near Ménaka, Ménaka Region.

16 APR 18: Local Tuareg man abducted under unclear circumstances by unidentified gunmen in Tessit, Gao Region.

<u>16 APR 18</u>: Malian Army vehicle struck an IED near Sokolo, Ségou Region. At least 8 soldiers injured.





Left: Mohamed Ag Baka. Right: Youssef Ag Nouh.

18 APR 18: Suspected JNIM militants attacked and seized vehicle from two Malian soldiers in Gao, Gao Region.

20 APR 18: Malian Army stated to have killed 15 militants and seized weapons and motorbikes following operation in Tina forest in Ténénkou, Mopti Region. 1 Malian soldier killed and 1 injured during the operation according to FAMA statement.

21 APR 18: Barkhane forces clashed with members of al-Furqan brigade of JNIM/AQIM near Tin Aicha and Goundam, Timbuktu Region. Unknown number of French soldiers injured while at least 3 militants (Hamza, Haroun, and Abdel Pahim) killed and others wounded then arrested

21 APR 18: Suspected Ansar al-Din militants of JNIM launched a rocket on Barkhane and MINUSMA base in Tessalit.



<u>21 APR 18</u>: Suspected Ansar al-Din militants of JNIM launched a rocket on Barkhane and MINUSMA base in Tessalit, Kidal Region. No casualties or damages reported as the rocket fell 1.5km from the base.

21 APR 18: Unconfirmed reports about clashes between Macina brigade militants of JNIM with Dozo members near Ké-Macina, Ségou Region. Unknown number of Dozo fighters killed.

22 APR 18: JNIM militants launched rockets and mortars against MINUMSA and Barkhane camp in Timbuktu, Timbuktu Region. No casualties or physical damages deplored. JNIM claimed responsibility. (Right: JNIM statement #79)

25 APR 18: Unidentified gunmen briefly abducted the sub-prefect of Hombori while traveling to Douentza, Mopti Region. His vehicle was seized while he was abandoned without being harmed.



<u>26 APR 18</u>: Suspected Macina brigade militants of JNIM abducted four civilians including two health center employees of Youwarou and Guido Sarre, between Dialloubé and Seweri, Mopti Region. The two abductees are the accountant of Health Center Reference (CSRef in French) and director of Community Health Center (CSCOM in French). The abductees were taken then released on April 10<sup>th</sup> under unclear circumstances.

26 APR 18: At least 12 civilians of Tuareg Doussahak background killed by suspected ISGS members [but cannot be confirmed] near Andéramboukane, Ménaka Region. This is believed to be in response to ongoing counterterrorism efforts carried by MSA-GATIA militias against ISGS backed by French Barkhane and Malian forces.



27 APR 18: MSA released statement and claimed to have clashed with ISGS members responsible for Andéramboukane massacre. MSA said 4 militants killed while arms and vehicles seized. 1 MSA fighter also killed and another injured.

27 APR 18: Suspected members of ISGS militants attacked a Doussahak camp in Awakassa, near Ménaka, Gao Region. At least 31 civilians killed.

29 APR 18: Suspected ISGS militants assassinated sub-prefect, Alassane Ag Ibrahim (aka Toubeyssie) of Ouinerden in his home in Gossi, Timbuktu Region.





# April 2018 Armed Banditry, Inter-Community Violence and Clashes Between non-Jihadist Armed Groups in Mali

- 01 APR 18: Two armed bandits attempted an armed robbery of local shop located at Hamabangou district, Timbuktu, Timbuktu Region. 1 bandit arrested and handed to local police.
- 02 APR 18: At least 7 herdsmen abducted under unclear circumstances by Dozos in Boky Wéré, Ke-Macina Commune, Ségou Region. Ransom was demanded for their release.
- 02 APR 18: Armed bandits entered and seized livestock from herders after threatening of killing them at a camp near Ouatagouna, Gao Region.
- 04 APR 18: Unidentified gunmen damaged network tower of Malitel and solar panels in Baniararnèn village, Timbuktu Region.
- 05 APR 18: Armed bandits attacked and robbed three vehicles transporting civilians from Bourem Inaly, 25km from Timbuktu, Timbuktu Region. Passengers stripped from their belongings before being released.
- 08 APR 18: Suspected Fulani militiamen kidnapped under unclear circumstances a member of the Dogon community in Mondoro, Mopti Region.
- 08 APR 18: Malian Army arrested at least 20 civilians from Fulani community in Dialoube, Mopti Region. Allegedly detainees were stripped from their belongings and beaten under unclear circumstances by the Malian Army.
- 08 APR 18: Allegedly, Fulani herder was killed by Malian soldiers under unclear circumstances near Sofara, Mopti Region.
- 12 APR 18: Armed bandits attacked and seized vehicle belonging to Action Against Hunger NGO between Tessit and Keygouroutane, Timbuktu Region. Passengers were also stripped from their belongings and abandoned unharmed.



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- 12 APR 18: Two armed bandits arrested at Gossi, Timbuktu Region. They were both accused of being part of armed bandits in charge of stealing solar panels and batteries of network towers. Both transferred to Gao and handed to Malian gendarmerie.
- 12 APR 18: Son of village chief of Banguita, Cercle of Youwarou, Mopti Region was released under unclear circumstances after was taken since October 2017. He was identified as Bina Coulibaly.
- 15 APR 18: Armed bandits attacked and robbed a vehicle belonging to Banni transport between Gao and Gossi, Gao Region. Passengers were stripped from their belongings and few passengers were also subject to physical abuse.
- 14 APR 18: Armed bandits attacked and robbed two vehicles used for public transportation near Tondibi, Gao-Bourem axis, Gao Region. Passengers of one vehicle stripped from their belongings while the second was subject to gun fire after refusing to stop. 1 passenger injured.
- 14 APR 18: Armed bandits attacked and robbed vehicle transporting near Al-Moustarat, Gao Region. Passengers were stripped from their belongings and abandoned unharmed.
- 16 APR 18: Two armed bandits attempted robbing a vehicle between Tonka and Goundam, Timbuktu Region. Malian Army managed to intervene on time. 1 armed bandit killed and the other escaped.
- 17 APR 18: Two Fulani herders killed by unidentified gunmen 45km from Koro, Mopti Region while returning from Madougou market.
- 21 APR 18: Armed bandits attacked and robbed humanitarian trucks belonging to World Vision and PAM (World Food Programme) between Seweri and Saba, Dialloubé Commune, Mopti Region.
- 22 APR 18: Armed bandits attacked and robbed truck driver between Mopti and Youwarou, Mopti Region.



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- <u>25 APR 18</u>: Gunmen with GATIA militia authorization attempted an armed robbery against civilian vehicle between Gao and Bourem, Gao Region. Reportedly 3 armed bandits were killed by the armed driver while other reports suggest were killed by Gando Izo militiamen.
- 27 APR 18: Allegedly two Dogons killed and one injured after an attack by Fulani militiamen near Amba, Cercle of Kassa, Mopti Region.
- 27 APR 18: Two civilians from Fulani community killed by unknown gunmen assassinated between Mougnoukana and Gondoware, Mopti Region.
- 27 APR 18: Dozos and Fulani militias clashed near Anakila, Mopti Region. At least 2 killed.
- 28 APR 18: Fulani camp Samani near Koro, Mopti Region attacked by Dozo militiamen. The camp was completely burned to the ground and 10 civilians killed. Following the attack Malian Army carried airstrike against Dozos gunmen near Koro. 1 Dozo militiaman killed and others injured.
- 29 APR 18: Fulani hamlet of Arguene in Koro Commune, Mopti Region attacked by Dozo militiamen. At least 4 civilians and others injured.
- <u>29 APR 18</u>: Unidentified gunmen attacked civilian vehicle carrying market-goers near Kamgala, Gao Region. The vehicle was returning from the weekly market of Ayorou, Niger. 1 civilian killed and 1 injured.
- 30 APR 18: Three armed bandits attacked and robbed transportation bus belonging to Maiga transport between Gao and Intahaka, Gao Region. Passengers, mostly migrants, stripped from their belongings.
- 30 APR 18: Armed bandits on motorcycle seized vehicle belonging to SOTELMA at Al-Moustarat, Gao Region. Passengers were abandoned unharmed.



### April 2018 attacks claimed by or attributed to JNIM, Ansaroul Islam, or ISGS operating in Burkina Faso and Niger

05 APR 18: Suspected Ansaroul Islam militants abducted municipal counselor of Gomdé-Fulbé and village chief of Basnéré in Basnéré, Soum Province, Sahel Region, Burkina Faso.

05 APR 18: Suspected Ansaroul Islam militants entered Bélehéde village, Soum Province, Burkina Faso on motorbikes then burned classrooms of secondary school after opening fire at the school.

<u>08 APR 18</u>: Suspected ISGS militants assassinated Mayor of Koutougou, Soum Province, Sahel Region, Burkina Faso. ISGS <u>claimed</u> responsibility.

<u>09 APR 18</u>: Burkinabé Army vehicle struck an IED in Koutougou, Soum Province, Sahel Region, Burkina Faso. 7 soldiers injured. Supposedly the vehicle was part of a delegation traveled to the location after the assassination of Koutougou Mayor a day earlier.

<u>10 APR 18</u>: Ansaroul Islam militants attacked Taouremba and Tondiata villages, Soum Province, Sahel Region, Burkina Faso. Number of casualties unknown, however; Ansaroul Islam militant appeared to be searching for local councilman as they made multiple stops at nearby villages, including Ariel and Demba where there is no presence of security forces.

10 APR 18: Unidentified gunmen fired their weapons at civilians transport truck in Digani village, Kossi Province, Nouhoun Region, Burkina Faso on the borders with Mali.

11 APR 18: German humanitarian identified as Jörg Lange with NGO Help kidnapped by unidentified gunmen between In-Atès and Ayorou, Tillabéri Region, Niger. 5 other colleagues all locals were also briefly detained before being released. The vehicle that was carrying German humanitarian was later found burned (see image to the right).





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- <u>12 APR 18</u>: Suspected members of ISGS militants attacked Bouro school, Soum Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso. 1 student killed and others injured while a teacher was taken. ISGS <u>reportedly</u> claimed the attack and the kidnapping.
- <u>18 APR 18</u>: Presumed members of Ansaroul Islam militants kidnapped a well-know local in Kélékéné village, Soum Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso.
- 18 APR 18: Police patrol exchanged fire with suspected members of Ansaroul Islam militants at Bourou, Soum Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso.
- 19 APR 18: Gendarmerie patrol attacked by presumed ISGS near Foutouri, Komondjari Province, East Region of Burkina Faso on the borders with Niger. 2 gendarmes injured.
- <u>19 27 APR 18</u>: Reportedly, Burkinabe forces conducted operations east of the country in Nakortougou forest along the borders with Niger and Mali in East and Sahel Regions. Authorities claimed 100 of suspect were interrogated/arrested while IEDs discovered and destroyed.
- 23 APR 18: Judges and members of the court fled their posts in Djibo, Soum Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso after repeated threats from suspected Ansaroul Islam militants, and lack of sufficient security.
- 24 APR 18: Six civilians kidnapped by unidentified gunmen near Baraboulé, Soum Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso.
- 24 APR 18: Presumed Ansaroul Islam militants assassinated village chief and three Koglweogo militiamen at Niafo village, Soum Province, Sahel Region of Burkina Faso.



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<u>30 APR 18</u>: Burkinabe police released statement and claimed to have repelled an attack by unidentified militants against border police station of Madouba, Kossi Province, Mouhoun Region of Burkina Faso. No casualties but important physical damages to the station (see images).



Images of damaged border police station of Madouba on the borders with Mali, Kossi Province, Nouhoun Region.



