

Burkina Faso: November 2018 SITREP and Chronology of Violent Incidents Related to Al-Qaeda affiliates Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam wal Muslimeen (JNIM) and Ansaroul Islam, and Islamic State in the Greater Sahara (ISGS)

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- November followed recent trend as acts of violence and intimidation by suspected militant groups Ansaroul Islam and Islamic State in the Greater Sahara (ISGS) continued, if not increased, in Est and Sahel Regions. However this is based on assumptions and modes of operations since no attacks exclusively claimed by both groups. In Fada N’Gourma, Est Region local population staged protests and expressed support and backings to security forces on 02 November. [On 08-09 November](#) General Oumarou Sadou visited Fada N’Gourma, Est Region capital and met with administrative authorities and security forces based in the area. He also visited brigades based in Foutouri, Pama, and Kompienga, towns previously been under militants threats.
- Since September 18, 2018, a curfew prohibits the movement of motorcycles from 7 pm to 5 am in the Est Region. The circulation of other vehicles is subject to strict controls.
- [On 01 November](#), prison guards on strike raided Minister of Justice residence. The government decided on November 14 the dismissal of the ranks of 10 members of the Prison Security Guard unit behind the raid, and suspended the activities of their union office.
- On 14 November teachers’ unions suspended classes across Loroum Province, Nord Region after [physical beating and abuse of teachers](#) at Toulfé two days earlier. On 19 November another school announced its closure following threats received from militant groups at Kodjena village, Gnagna Province, Est Region.
- [On 13 November](#) at least 10 bodies recovered after landslide at Basnére, Soum Province, Sahel Region. Similar tragedy occurred at Kabonga between Fada and Pama, Est Region three weeks earlier where 50 to 100 people gone missing. Security forces [reportedly](#) hesitated to assist in fear of militants attacks. Another landslide recorded on [08 November](#) at the gold mining site of Bontioli, Sud-Ouest Region where at least 10 people died.
- [On 19 November](#) Human Rights Watch (HRW) claimed to have been informed about the execution of 14 men detained at Gassel Liddji by Burkinabe Army in Soum Province, Sahel Region. Regional NGO Kisal also [claimed](#) that in the same week a total of 38 civilians have been allegedly executed in Soum Province and Burkinabe forces suspected to be behind it. On 22 November, NGO Kisal [reported](#) the execution of another 7 suspects arrested by security forces.
- Cote d’Ivoire, Ghana, and Burkina Faso [launched on November 15](#) to November 22 a joint security operation called Koudanlgou II in the southern and western areas of Burkina Faso to crackdown transnational crimes, including terrorism, smuggling, and drugs trafficking. 150 suspects arrested while vehicles, arms, ammunition, drugs, and motorcycles [seized](#).
- **Going forward:** Violence and intimidation acts highly likely to continue against mining companies escorts and personnel, and civil servants in Est and Sahel Regions. Militant groups are aware of the importance of gold mining to the state and its international partners. Civil servants, notably teachers will become further reluctant to return to their posts in regions (Est and Sahel Regions) under constant threats by militant groups. Following recent success there is strong possibility to see expansion of similar acts to other regions of the country. In addition to Est and Sahel Regions, acts of intimidation against teachers observed by Sahel MeMo at least in Nord Region.



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Top Right: Most recent map released by French Embassy in Burkina Faso on 22 November 2018 demonstrated expansion of areas to avoid due to insecurity compared to previous months.

Left: Two previous maps released by French Embassy in Burkina Faso.

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[02 NOV 18](#): Suspected Ansaroul Islam or ISGS militants attacked gendarmerie post of Soudougui, Koulpélogo Province, Centre-Est Region. No human casualties, however, militants seized motorbike and attempted to set the building on fire.

[03 NOV 18](#): Suspected Ansaroul Islam militants assassinated municipal council of Belhouro village, Arbinda Commune, Soum Province, Sahel Region.

[03 NOV 18](#): Unidentified gunmen temporarily seized ambulance and detained driver before being released near Diguel, Soum Province, Sahel Region.

[03 NOV 18](#): Unidentified gunmen assassinated under unclear circumstances manager of Orange Money store in Baraboulé, Soum Province, Sahel Region.

[04 NOV 18](#): Armed bandits robbed gold miners of Limanya goldmine site, near Diébougou, Bougouriba Province, Sud-Ouest Region.

[05 NOV 18](#): Two soldiers killed and 3 others wounded while trying to dismantle an improvised explosive device (IED) discovered near Nassoumbou, Soum Province, Sahel Region. IED most likely planted by Ansaroul Islam militants.

[05 NOV 18](#): Suspected Ansaroul Islam militants entered and ordered the closure of local school at the village of Kletafades (near Tin-Akoff), Oudalan Province, Sahel Region. Militants also seized teachers belongings.

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[08 NOV 18](#): Suspected Ansaroul Islam attacked Namssiguia gendarmerie, Bam Province, Centre-Nord Region. 1 gendarme injured, 1 motorbike seized while another destroyed.

08 NOV 18: Unidentified gunmen attacked and damaged police station of town Silly, Sissili Province, Centre-Ouest Region. Station severely damaged and offices ransacked by assailants.

11 NOV 18: Unidentified gunmen killed under unclear circumstances a local mechanic at Nadiagou (15km from Pama), Kompienga Province, Est Region.

11 NOV 18: Suspected Ansaroul Islam or ISGS attacked gendarmerie post of Partiaga, Tapoa Province, Est Region. Reportedly the attack was repelled by security forces.

12 NOV 18: Schools closed at town Gayéri, Komandjoari Province, Est Region after discovering threatening message from suspected Ansaroul Islam or ISGS militants. Message stated death threats to junior and high school teachers.

12 NOV 18: Suspected Ansaroul Islam militants assaulted teachers of Toulfé, Titao Commune, Loroum Province, Nord Region. Assailants left a message to be transmitted to the authorities and set on fire printer before leaving.

13 NOV 18: Presumed militant leader arrested by security forces at Gayéri, Komandjoari Province, Est Region. Supposedly he was tracked from Niger into Burkina where was planning to recruit.

13 NOV 18: Reportedly security forces discovered and dismantled an IED between Gayéri and Bartiébouguou, Komandjoari Province, Est Region.

15 NOV 18: Unidentified militant group members, likely Ansaroul Islam or ISGS, established and controlled checkpoint between Fada and Pama, Kompienga Province, Est Region. At least 1 passenger injured when refused to stop and gunmen fired at his vehicle. Militants stopped and checked every vehicle passing through. Their attention was not to collect money or rob travelers, but rather searching for anyone with ties to the government. They claimed government presence is something they won't allow.

[15 NOV 18](#): Suspected Ansaroul Islam or ISGS militants assassinated municipal council of village Bossey, Arbinda Commune, Soum Province, Sahel Region.

[16 NOV 18](#): Suspected Ansaroul Islam or ISGS militants attacked and destroyed multiple bars and entertainment locations at Silgadji village, Soum Province, Sahel Region.

[16 NOV 18](#): Suspected Ansaroul Islam or ISGS carried an attack against border police station near Mansila, Yagha Province, Sahel Region. Supposedly the attack was repelled while 2 assailants arrested and ammunition, motorbikes, magazines, materials to make an IED seized.

[19 NOV 18](#): School announced its closure following threats received from militant groups at Kodjena village, Gnagna Province, Est Region. Other schools are expected to follow according to teachers.

[20 NOV 18](#): Unidentified gunmen killed 1 man and kidnapped 2 others under unclear circumstances at Niafo, Soum Province, Sahel Region.

[21 NOV 18](#): Self-Defense militia Koglweogo leader assassinated by suspected Ansaroul Islam militants at Sikire, Soum Province, Sahel Region.

[21 NOV 18](#): Suspected Ansaroul Islam militants attacked police station of Tongomayel (60km from Djibo), Soum Province, Sahel Region. 1 policeman injured.

[21 NOV 18](#): Suspected Ansaroul Islam or ISGS militants set on fire local school of Kantchari, Tapao Province, Est Region.

[21 NOV 18](#): Suspected Ansaroul Islam or ISGS militants assassinated local guide to water and forest agents near Bombontangou, Kompienga Province, Est Region. He was suspected to be working for Burkinabe security forces.

[22 NOV 18](#): NGO Kisal reported that 7 suspects initially arrested by security forces were allegedly executed at Niafo village, Soum Province, Sahel Region.

[22 NOV 18](#): Suspected Ansaroul Islam or ISGS militants entered the village of Takatami, Yagha Province, Sahel Region and destroyed school supplies by setting it on fire.

[23 NOV 18](#): Unidentified gunmen attacked gendarmerie post of Satiri, Houet Province, Hauts-Bassins Region. Attack repelled by security forces and no casualties recorded.

[23 NOV 18](#): Suspected Ansaroul Islam or ISGS militants entered an area near a gold mining of Kabonga, Kompienga Province, Est Region and destroyed houses where prostitutes are present and alcohol is served.

[27-28 NOV 18](#): Unidentified gunmen attacked gendarmerie brigade of Gomboro, Sourou Province, Boucle du Mouhoun Region. Unknown number of gendarmes injured while damages of vehicle and building reported.

[27 NOV 18](#): Suspected members of Ansaroul Islam or ISGS attacked and destroyed police station and a church of Solhan village, Yagha Province, Sahel Region.

[27 NOV 18](#): Unidentified gunmen entered the village of Ira, Kossi Province, Nord-Ouest Region and abducted 9 individuals under unclear circumstances. Those abducted include an imam.

[27 NOV 18](#): Presumed Ansaroul Islam carried an IED attack followed by an ambush against police convoy near Tongomayel, Soum Province, Sahel Region.

29 NOV 18: Suspected Ansaroul Islam militants attacked gendarmerie station of Namssiguia, Bam Province, Centre-Nord Region. While there were no casualties, the station totally destroyed as images published by omegabf.info shows (see pictures). The station was also [attacked](#) earlier this month on 08 November.



30 NOV 18: Unidentified gunmen attacked Koranic school near Namoungou, between Fada and Matiacoali, Gourma Province, Est Region. 1 student killed and 1 injured.

30 NOV 18: Presumed Ansaroul Islam or ISGS carried an IED attack followed by an ambush against mining company escort near Bongou, between Pama and Fado, Tapoa Province, Est Region. At least 5 people killed, including military personnel killed. Similar attack took place back in August 2018.