

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

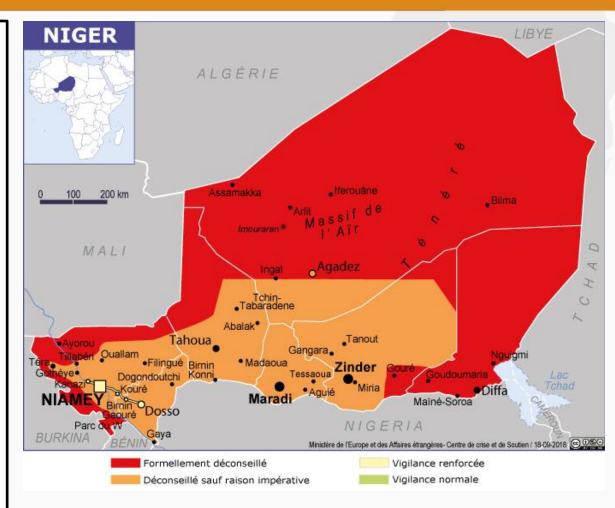
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## **Niger: NOV 2018 Security Situation**

- Nigerien security forces conducted late October and early November operations along the Burkina Faso borders near Torodi, Say Province, Tillabéri Region. Minister of interior pointed out to deteriorated security conditions in the area.
- On 30 November Nigerien government extended state of emergency to additional three communes of Tillabéri Region. These communes include Téra, Say, and Torodi. All communes located on the borders with Burkina Faso and especially close to Est Region where there is notable increase of suspected militants activities.
- Diffa Region witnessed one major incident by suspected Islamic State in West Africa Province (ISWAP).
  Additionally, at least 15 girls were taken while the outcome of more than 30 girls taken in the same area over a a year ago remains unknown.





## NOV 2018 security incidents in Niger

- 01 NOV 18: Nigerien security forces conducted operations in the area of Torodi, Say Province, Tillabéri Region. Reportedly multiple bases belonging to suspected ISGS militants have been destroyed.
- <u>02 NOV 18</u>: Unidentified gunmen kidnapped two civilians at Wandori village, about 6km south of Chetimari, Diffa Region.
- <u>02 NOV 18</u>: Unidentified gunmen attacked group of farmers heading to the fields near Chetimari, Diffa Region. 2 civilians killed and 3 others injured.
- 06 NOV 18: Unidentified gunmen assassinated tribal chief of Idarfane Tuareg at In-Ates, Tillabéri Region. In response, Toumbouga Tuareg member was also assassinated.
- 06 NOV 18: Nigerien Army vehicle struck an IED near Tombolé, Tillabéri Region. 1 Nigerien officer and the driver killed. IED most likely planted by ISGS operating in the area.
- 07 NOV 18: Unidentified gunmen killed under unclear circumstances two Fulani herders near In-Ates, Tillabéri Region. Gunmen are allegedly members of GATIA militiamen but difficult to confirm.
- 08 NOV 18: French forces carried armed assault against members of ISGS near Titahoune, Tillabéri Region. Unknown number of militants killed while others arrested.
- 08 NOV 18: Violent erupted between farmers and herders in Kaloumbouri village, Chetimari Commune, Diffa Region. At least 5 people injured.
- 14 NOV 18: Unidentified gunmen entered the village of Gagamari, Diffa Region, and ransacked local shops, including mobile phones.



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17 NOV 18: Suspected ISGS militants attacked gendarmerie checkpoint at Makalondi village, Tillabéri Region on the borders with Burkina Faso. 3 gendarmes killed, 1 injured, and 1 missing.

19 NOV 18: Unidentified gunmen attacked gendarmerie post of Makalondi, Tillabéri Region. 2 gendarmes killed and 2 others wounded. The incident occurred 50km from Bamoanga village where Italian priest was taken last September.

22 NOV 18: Suspected ISWAP militants entered carried an attack on the village of Tournour, Diffa Region. Militants killed 8 local employees and injured 5 others of French company Foraco, a well drilling company while vehicles seized.

23 NOV 18: At least 15 girls were taken by suspected ISWAP or Boko Haram militants in the villages of Bague and Toumour, Diffa Region. 2 released 2 days later.

25 NOV 18: At least 7 former members of Boko Haram escaped re-integration center of Goudoumaria, Diffa Region. However security forces arrested all the suspects.

26 NOV 18: Group of cattle struck an IED near Barouwa village, 75km east of Diffa, Diffa Region.

29 NOV 18: Unidentified gunmen abducted unknown person under unclear circumstances at Balimiri, Diffa Region.

30 NOV 18: Unidentified gunmen attacked police/customs post in Téra, Tillabéri Region. 1 customs officer killed while 1 assailant injured then arrested. The post is only 180km from the capital Niamey. Reportedly, gunmen attacked the police station to free one of their members detained at the location.



Ex-Boko Haram suspects arrested