

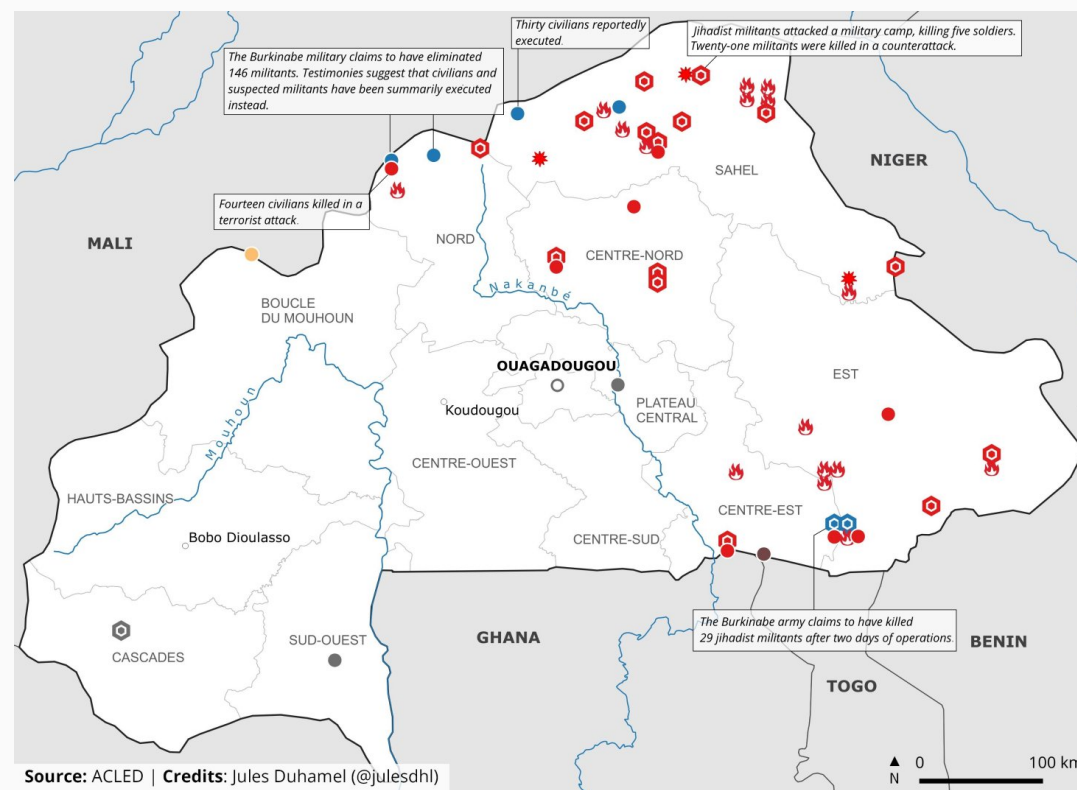
# **Burkina Faso: February 2019 SITREP and Chronology of Violent Incidents Related to Al-Qaeda affiliates Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam wal Muslimeen (JNIM) and Ansaroul Islam, and Islamic State in the Greater Sahara (ISGS)**

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- Security situation due to militant groups and inter-community tensions have led to the closure of high number of schools. Thousands of students still unable to attend school while others were forced to be displaced internally or to neighboring countries where situation is not that much better.
- Notable trend in Burkina Faso during month of February 2019 that continued to early March is violent acts against Fulani communities. Such a trend was only apparent in Mali but now is increasing in Burkina Faso as well. There was one incident where allegedly Burkinabe forces killed 30 civilians in the Sahel Region February 24th, while also accused of other executions during a military operations in Est Region on February 4th. For months now teachers abandoned their posts and schools are closed leaving young children facing an uncertain future. There are no signs of optimism or improvements in Sahel, Est, and Nord Regions while situation continues to deteriorate in other regions on the border with Cote d'Ivoire, Benin, and Ghana. Will be naïve to take the situation lightly as things developing faster than anticipated.



## Violent events in Burkina Faso

February 2019

### Jihadist activity

- Red circle with cross: Attacks on armed forces (military, police or militias)
- Red dot: Violence against civilians
- Red star: Improvised Explosive Devices
- Red flame: Other terrorist events (villages being torched, abductions, threats, etc.)

### Military activity

- Blue circle with cross: Operations against jihadist militants
- Blue dot: Killings of civilians and executions of suspected militants

### Other actors

- Orange dot: Violence against civilians by the Dozo militia
- Brown dot: Violence against civilians by rioters
- Grey dot: Violence against civilians by unidentified actors
- Grey hexagon: Attacks on armed forces by unidentified actors



Great map by Jules Duhamel (@julesdhl) highlighting where most violence occurred. JNIM, ISGS, and Ansaroul Islam made no official claims in February but they are all suspected to be behind most of the violence against security forces and state infrastructures (e.g. schools).

[01 FEB 19](#): Suspected JNIM or ISGS militants burned local school of Kabonga, Kompienga Province, Est Region.

02 FEB 19: Suspected JNIM or ISGS militants entered the village of Yalanga, Soum Province, Sahel Region and looted cash and supplies.

[02 FEB 19](#): Suspected Ansaroul Islam or JNIM militants attacked and seized a vehicle belonging to Burkina Faso Red Cross on Kaya – Djibo axis, Bam Province, Centre-Nord Region. Four passengers in total taken, including director of studies and planning and the driver.

[03 FEB 19](#): Suspected JNIM or ISGS attacked Intissalatene village, Oudalan Province, Sahel Region. Militants burned local school and entertainment venues, and seized motorcycles belonging to teachers.

[03 FEB 19](#): Kisal reported that Dogon Dozos allegedly clashed Fulani militiamen at Torokoto, Kossi Province, Boucle du Mouhoun Region. Two Fulani members managed to escape, one was shot and got his arm decapitated, while another went missing.

[03 FEB 19](#): Suspected JNIM or ISGS militants entered and attacked the village of Salmossi, Oudalan Province, Sahel Region. Militants burned local school and teachers' housing in addition to their motorcycles. Cash and motorcycle [seized](#).

[03 FEB 19](#): Unidentified gunmen carried an attack against gendarmerie post in Siniena, Comoe Province, Cascades Region. No casualties recorded but the post was severely damaged, and schools closed for safety reasons.

[03 FEB 19](#): Suspected Macina brigade of JNIM or Ansaroul Islam allegedly killed 14 civilians at Kain-Ouro village, Yatenga Province, Nord Region.

**04 FEB 19:** Suspected JNIM or ISGS militants entered the village of Mansila, Yagha Province, Sahel Region and destroyed different state offices, including mayor, prefecture, and environmental service offices. Reportedly militants also held preaching sessions overnight at the local mosque.

**04 FEB 19:** Suspected JNIM or ISGS militants entered Natiaboani village, Gourma Province, Est Region and burned store selling alcohol and a school while announced prohibition of brewing local beer. Militants also held preaching session and warned local municipal councilor against collaborating with the state and security forces.

**04 FEB 19:** Burkinabe Army reported to have carried air and ground operation against militant groups near Kain, Yatenga Province, Nord Region. According to security forces 146 militants killed.

**04 FEB 19:** Reportedly, Burkinabe forces executed 57 civilians in multiple villages (Missi, Banh, Tadawal, and Soummana), Loroum Province, Nord Region. Local witnesses accused the Army of acts of atrocities during operation mentioned above.

**04 FEB 19:** Pinal stated that allegedly Burkinabe forces arrested and executed miners near Souma, Soum Province, Sahel Region. Number of casualties unclear.

**05 FEB 19:** Suspected JNIM or ISGS militants entered Oursi village, Oudalan Province, Sahel Region and attacked security forces camp. 5 soldiers killed and 3 injured, while army said 21 militants also killed.

**05 FEB 19:** Suspected JNIM or ISGS militants ambushed gendarmerie unit near Inata, Soum Province, Sahel Region. 2 gendarmes injured.

**06 FEB 19:** Suspected JNIM or ISGS militants attacked gendarmerie post in Kongoussi, Bam Province, Centre-Nord Region. 2 civilians killed, gendarmerie post and motorcycles destroyed by militants.

**06 FEB 19:** Suspected Ansaroul Islam or JNIM militants attacked police station in Solle, Loroum Province, Nord Region. No casualties reported while militants destroyed a building using explosives.

**08 FEB 19:** Army vehicle struck an IED on Sebba – Mansila road, Yagha Province, Sahel Region. Most likely the IED planted by JNIM militants, and 3 soldiers injured.

**08 FEB 19:** Army vehicle struck an IED on Tin Edia – Tayarat while traveling from Oursi to Deou, Oudalan Province, Sahel Region. Most likely the IED planted by JNIM militants, and 1 soldier injured.

**08 FEB 19:** Suspected members of JNIM or ISGS entered Gomde village, Soum Province, Sahel Region and threatened health workers while also ransacking pharmacy storage. Cash and supplies also taken.

**09 FEB 19:** Suspected members of JNIM or ISGS attacked Gnaname mining site near Arbinda, Soum Province, Sahel Region.

**09 FEB 19:** Suspected JNIM or ISGS militants carried an attack against Koglweogo chief house in Wondo, Soum Province, Sahel Region. 1 Koglweogo and 3 assailants injured.

**10 FEB 19:** Suspected JNIM or ISGS militants attacked and burned ranger station of Natiaboani, Gourma Province, Est Region. Medical supplies also taken by militants during the attack.

**13 FEB 19:** Suspected members from Macina brigade of JNIM entered Momo village, Yatenga Province, Sahel Region and ransacked local school food storage.

**13 FEB 19:** Ambulance transporting patient attacked by suspected JNIM or ISGS near Ougarou, Gourma Province, Est Region. 1 civilian injured while the driver managed to escape with the vehicle (ambulance).

**14 FEB 19:** Two soldiers killed and six injured after the explosion of explosion of an IED trapped in a dead body 4km south of Djibo, Soum Province, Sahel Region. Security forces received a tip of a dead body which turned to be a booby-trapped. JNIM or Ansaroul Islam the most likely responsible.

**15 FEB 19:** Suspected JNIM or ISGS assassinated Spanish priest after intercepting his vehicle in Nohao, Boulgou Province, Centre-Est Region on the borders with Ghana.

**15 FEB 19:** Suspected JNIM or ISGS attacked customs checkpoint in Nohao, Boulgou Province, Centre-Est Region. 4 customs officers killed, vehicles burned (see images), and equipment also seized by assailants.



**15 FEB 19:** Suspected JNIM or ISGS attacked gendarmerie post of Tangangari, Yagha Province, Sahel Region. No casualties reported, however two vehicles destroyed and four motorcycles seized.

**16 FEB 19:** Suspected JNIM or ISGS attacked mining site between Bamguel and Dampela, Soum Province, Sahel Region. 1 merchant killed.

**16 FEB 19:** Suspected JNIM or ISGS attacked mining site of Iklan-Oudalan, Oudalan Province, Sahel Region. No casualties but shops, motorcycles, and entertainment venues burned.

**16 FEB 19:** Local school and police station burned by suspected JNIM or ISGS militants at Namounou, Tapoa Province, Est Region.



**17 FEB 19:** Suspected JNIM or ISGS militants made appearance at local mosque of Moaga, Boulgou Province, Centre-Est Region. Militants held preaching sermons and said they are after civil servants and teachers.

**18 FEB 19:** Suspected JNIM or ISGS militants carried an attack against Kompienbiga, Kompienga Province, Est Region. 5 civilians killed, locally made beer stock destroyed and medical supplies taken.

**18 FEB 19:** Koglweogo member killed by suspected JNIM or ISGS militants at Petabouli, Oudalan Province, Sahel Region.

**18 FEB 19:** Suspected JNIM or ISGS militants seized ambulance at Kichi village, Oudalan Province, Sahel Region.

**19 - 20 FEB 19:** Reportedly, Burkinabe Army carried an air-ground operation in Kompienbiga and Kabonga, Kompienbiga Province, Est Region. Army claimed to have killed 29 militants and arms seized (see image. Source: LeFaso).

**20 FEB 19:** Suspected JNIM or ISGS militants kidnapped then killed 3 civilians near Pama, Kompienga Province, Est Region. Municipal council among the victims.

**20 FEB 19:** Suspected JNIM or ISGS militants attacked Boukouma village, Soum Province, Sahel Region and killed 4 Koglweogo militiamen.



**21 FEB 19:** Suspected JNIM or ISGS militants attacked Toudenii village, Gourma Province, Est Region and ransacked foodstuff storage.

**21 FEB 19:** Suspected JNIM or ISGS militants intercepted and killed a gendarme near Majoari while traveling by night from Pama to Fada route, Kompienga Province, Est Region.

**24 FEB 19:** Suspected JNIM or Ansaroul Islam attacked gendarmerie post of Ouanobian, Sanmatenga Province, Centre-Nord Region. The attack was repelled and no casualties recorded.

**28 FEB 19:** Security forces claimed to have repelled an attack by suspected JNIM or ISGS militants near Kyèkelnoda, Soum Province, Sahel Region. Statement said 8 militants killed, while equipment and materials to make IED seized.

**24 FEB 19:** Allegedly security forces executed 30 members from Fulani community in Lassa mosque, Soum Province, Sahel Region. The incident supposedly occurred during prayers at local mosque.

**24 FEB 19:** Reportedly security forces repelled an attack by unidentified gunmen on police station in Pissila, Sanmatenga Province, Centre-Nord Region.

**19-20 FEB 19:** Security forces claimed to have carried a raid against militant group camps in Kompienga and Kaponga, Est Region. Statement said 29 militants killed while number of motorcycles destroyed, arms and ammunition seized.



Arms and equipment seized by Burkinabe forces. Source: [Facebook](#).