

CEP – KAS - Monitoring Sahel

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Report XI – (February 9, 2023 – February 16, 2023)

February 8:

- **JNIM Emir Exploits Anti-Islamic State Sentiments in Northern Mali**
(source: <https://www.militantwire.com/p/jnim-emir-exploits-anti-islamic-state>)

France24 journalist, Wassim Nasr, told Militant Wire that Ag Ghaly's visit to northern Mali was a "political visit"; he clarified that "Ag Ghaly is doing what he always did, which is winning the hearts and minds of the local population and decision-makers at various levels". Nasr said that "Ag Ghaly was following Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) policy in warming up to the locals". He clarified that the deceased AQIM leader Abdelmalek Droukdel and his successor Abu Ubaydah Yusuf al-Annabi have consistently lobbied for closeness with the locals. When JNIM was created in 2017, the policy was more visible in the group's governance.

February 9:

- **an-Naba' 376**

For the first week since we started the monitoring project, an-Naba' makes no mention of any attacks throughout the Sahel.

- **HumAngle**

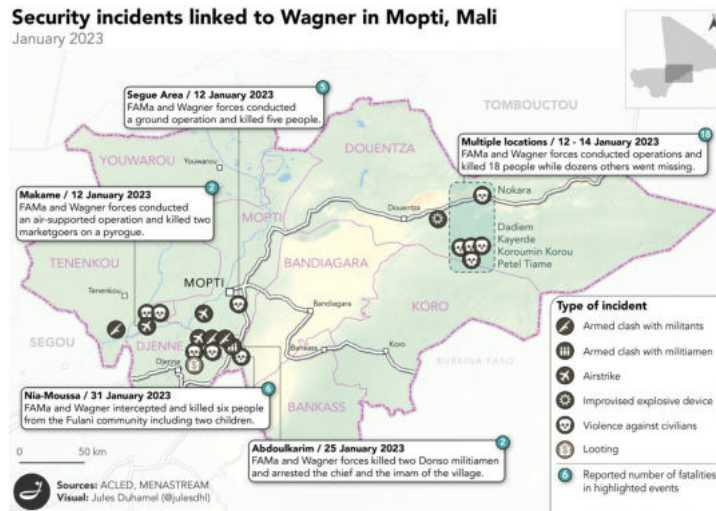
Suspected members of Boko Haram are waging a new and sickening campaign of violence in a community in the Mandara mountains of Borno, northeast Nigeria, local sources say.

In the past three months, hundreds of people have been killed in the most brutal way, relatives of those murdered and people collecting their stories in Gwoza, the main town of the local government area, have told HumAngle.

(source: <https://humanglemedia.com/boko-haram-slaughtering-people-every-friday-in-remote-borno-community/>)

February 11:

- **Jules Duhamel via alleyesonwagner (Twitter)**
(source: <https://twitter.com/alleyesonwagner/status/1624335258224033792?s=20>)

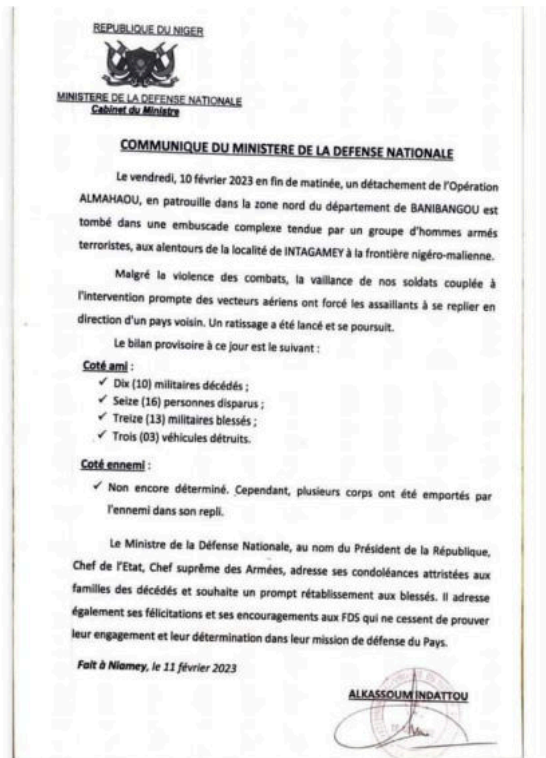


- **defenceWeb (Twitter) ACLED Data**

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Nigeria are, along with Ukraine, the Sahel, Mozambique and Ethiopia, some of the conflict regions that have been flagged as likely to evolve for better or worse in the coming year, according to the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED).

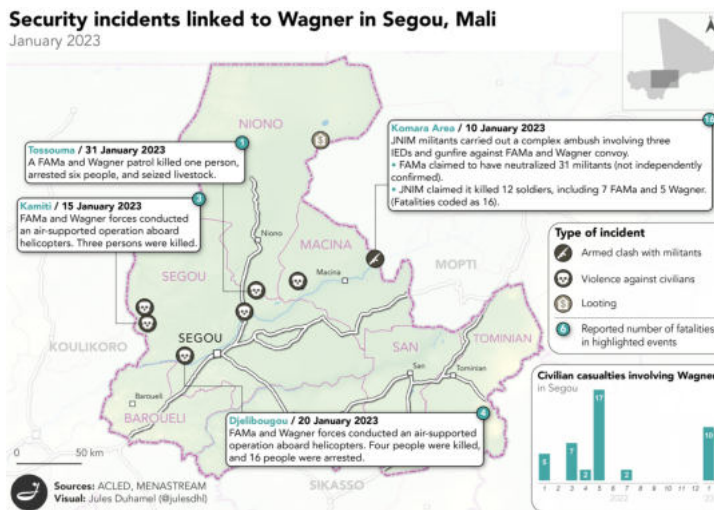
(source: <https://www.defencweb.co.za/joint/diplomacy-a-peace/nigeria-and-drc-among-conflict-areas-to-watch-in-2023-acled/>)

- **Forces Armées Nigériennes (Twitter)**



February 12:

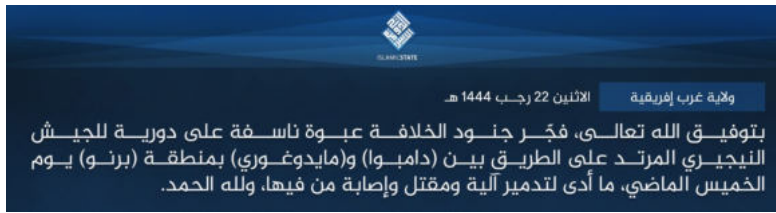
- **Jules Duhamel (Twitter)**



(source: <https://twitter.com/julesdhl/status/1624747749425004544?s=20>)

February 13:

- **Statement by ISWAP**



ولاية غرب إفريقية بتوفيق الله تعالى، فجر جنود الخلافة عبوة ناسفة على دورية للجيش النيجيري المرتد على الطريق بين (دامبوا) و(مايدوغوري) بمنطقة (برنو) يوم الخميس الماضي، ما أدى لتدمير آلية ومقتل وإصابة من فيها، ولله الحمد.

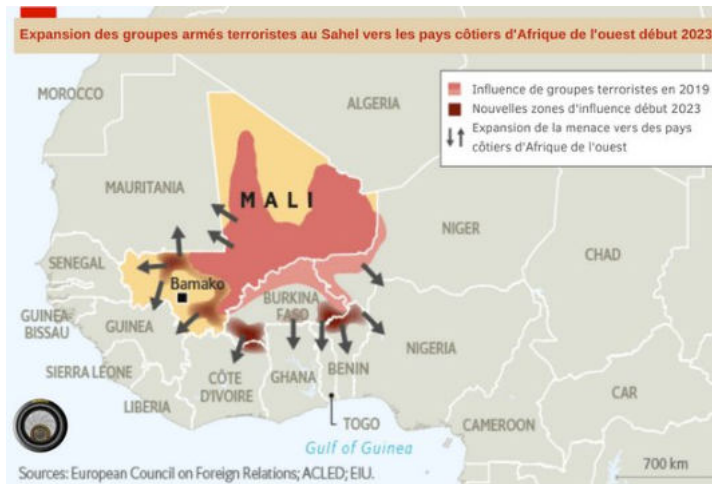
Translation: ISWAP, by the grace of God Almighty, last Friday, soldiers of the Caliphate detonated an IED on a patrol of the murtad Nigerian army on the road between (Damboa) and (Maiduguri) in the area of (Borno). One of their vehicles was destroyed, all crew members were injured or killed. Praise be God.

February 14:

- **Wamaps (Twitter)**

Expansion of armed terrorist groups from the Sahel to countries on Africa's West Coast

(source: https://twitter.com/Wamaps_news/status/1625427252681875456?s=20)



February 15:

- **RFI - Opération meurtrière de l'armée malienne et de ses supplétifs russes à Soumouni**

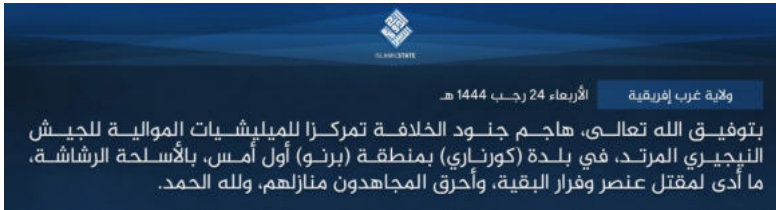
(source: <https://www.rfi.fr/fr/afrique/20230214-op%C3%A9ration-meurtri%C3%A8re-de-l-arm%C3%A9e-malienne-et-de-ses-suppl%C3%A9tifs-russes->)

[%C3%A0-soumouni\)](#)

Selon les informations de RFI, cinq civils ont été tués, lundi 13 février au matin, et d'autres gravement blessés dans ce village du cercle de Macina, région de Ségou, dans le centre du pays.

Les soldats maliens et leurs supplétifs russes se positionnent dès dimanche soir près du village de Soumouni. Ils soupçonnent la présence de jihadistes de la katiba Macina du Jnim (Groupe de soutien à l'islam et aux musulmans), liés à al-Qaïda.

- **ISWAP – attack on auxiliary forces of the Nigerian army**

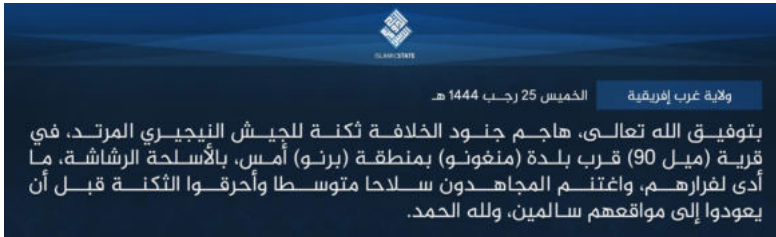


ولاية غرب إفريقية بتوفيق الله تعالى، هاجم جنود الخلافة تمركزا للميليشيات الموالية للجيش النيجيري المرتد، في بلدة (كورناري) بمنطقة (برنو) أول أمس، بالأسلحة الرشاشة، ما أدى لمقتل عنصر وفرار البقية، وأحرق المجاهدون منازلهم، والله الحمد.

Translation: ISWAP, by the grace of God Almighty, two days ago, the soldiers of the Caliphate attacked a camp of militia affiliated with the murtad Nigerian army in the village of (Kornari) in the area of (Borno). They attacked them with machine guns and killed one, the rest fled. The Mujahidin burned down one of their buildings. Praise be God.

February 16:

- **ISWAP – attack on a Nigerian army camp**



ولاية غرب إفريقية بتوفيق الله تعالى، هاجم جنود الخلافة ثكنة للجيش النيجيري المرتد، في قرية (ميل 90) قرب بلدة (منغونو) بمنطقة (برنو) أمس، بالأسلحة الرشاشة، ما أدى لفرارهم، واغتنام المجاهدون سلاحا متوسطا وأحرقوا الثكنة قبل أن يعودوا إلى مواقعهم سالمين، والله الحمد.

Translation: ISWAP, by the grace of God Almighty, yesterday, the soldiers of the Caliphate attacked a base of the murtad Nigerian army in (Mile 90) in the village of (Mongono) in the area of (Borno), with machine rifles. They fled, the Mujahidin captured different weapons and burned the base before safely returning to their camp. Praise be God.