




**JUNTA'S CLAIM**

The security situation is improving under the junta.

**MOVES  
BACKWARD**

**THE RECORD**

- Violence by militant Islamist groups in Mali is on track to increase by 70 percent in 2022.
- Fatalities from militant Islamist violence against civilians in the first quarter of 2022 were greater than in any previous calendar year.



**JUNTA'S CLAIM**

The junta enjoys the popular support of Malian citizens.

**THE RECORD**

- Political [parties reject further delays in elections](#) and do not recognize the junta.
- Pro-junta youth militias have been [intimidating dissenters in Bamako](#).



**JUNTA'S CLAIM**

The junta represents Mali's sovereign interests.

**THE RECORD**

- The junta has allowed [1,000 Russian Wagner Group mercenaries](#) into Mali, [increasing the country's reliance on Moscow](#).




**JUNTA'S CLAIM**

The junta respects human rights.

**THE RECORD**

- Malian soldiers and Russian mercenaries stand accused of human rights abuses, including [killing 300 civilians](#) in the town of Moura.




**JUNTA'S CLAIM**

The junta is committed to a democratic transition.

**MOVES  
BACKWARD**

**THE RECORD**

- Despite agreeing to an 18 month transition after the August 2020 coup, the junta has [refused to give up power](#) and made [no effort to organize elections](#).



**JUNTA'S CLAIM**

The junta is protecting citizens' interests.

**THE RECORD**

- The junta has [forced troop contributing countries to leave](#) Mali and [refused 2,000 additional peacekeeping forces](#) while [extremist violence has surged](#).




**JUNTA'S CLAIM**

The junta supports a national dialogue.

**THE RECORD**

- A [climate of fear](#) and terror pervades in Mali as [opposition leaders](#), [journalists](#), [academics](#), and civil society leaders who [voice dissent face arrest](#).



**JUNTA'S CLAIM**

The junta is upholding justice.

**THE RECORD**

- [Courts ended proceedings](#) against General Amadou Sanogo and 15 others, who stood accused of killing 21 soldiers following the 2012 coup d'état.
- Former prime minister, Soumeylou Maiga, was [arrested and died under detention](#).