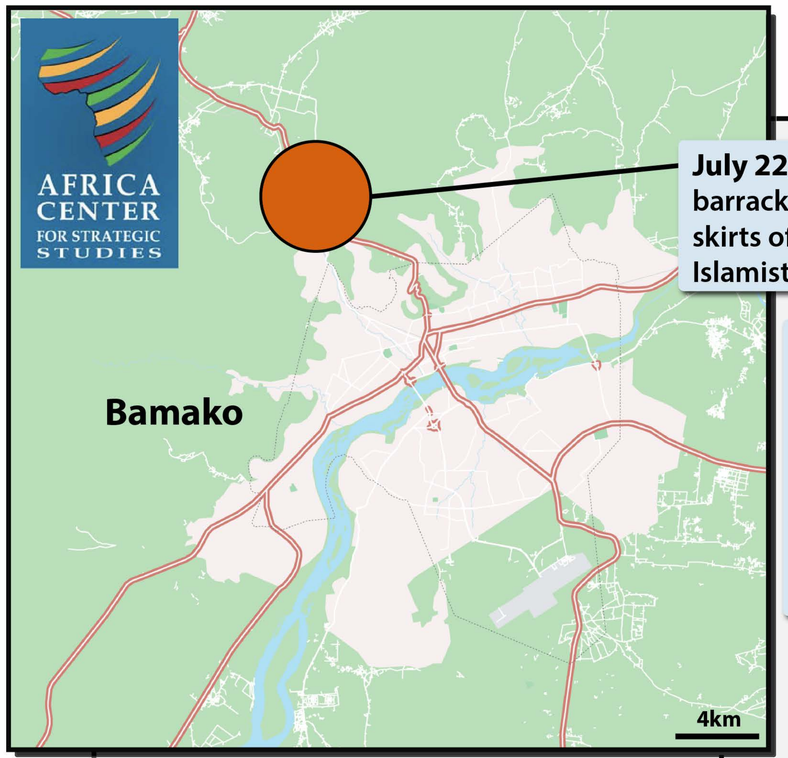
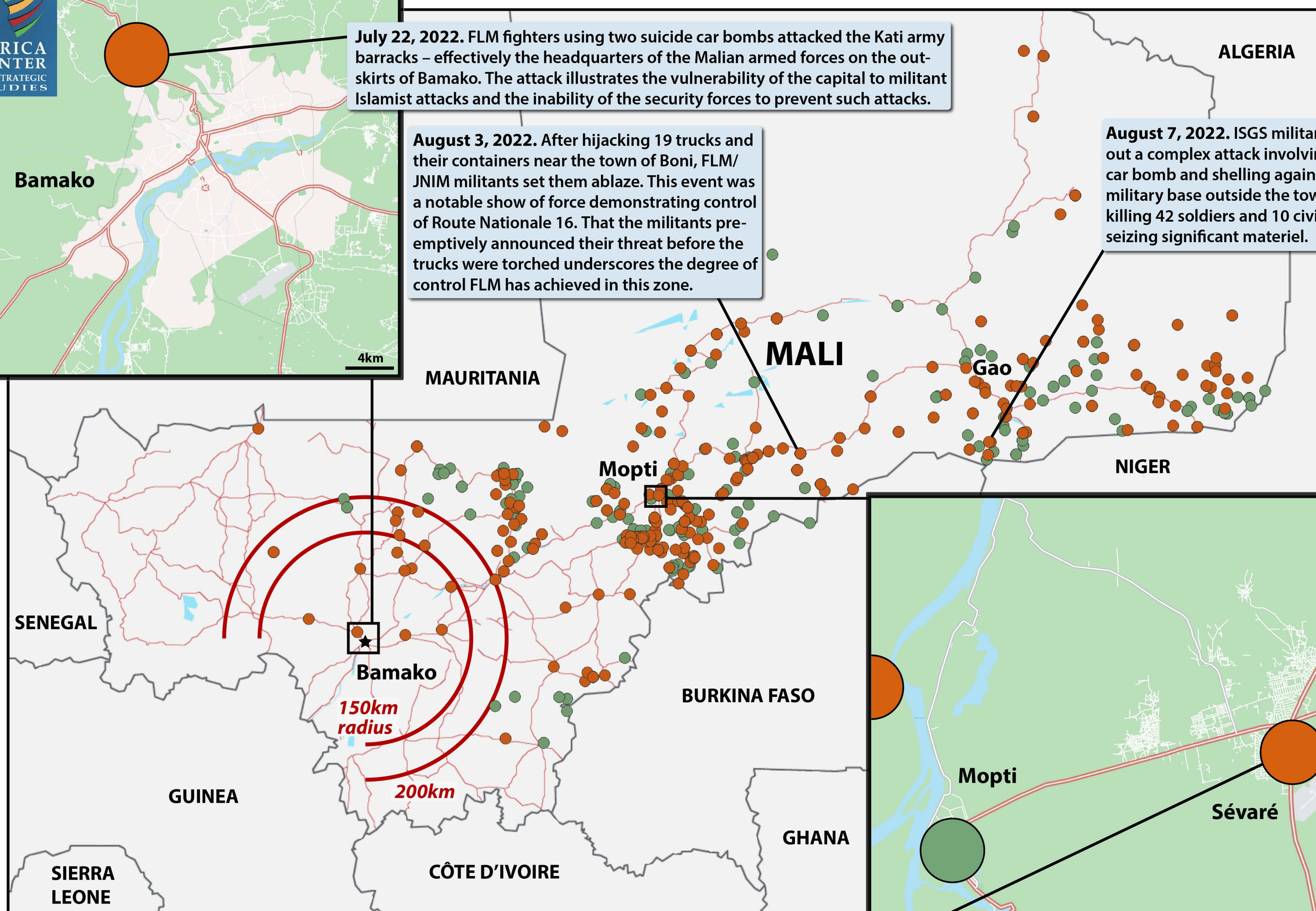
# Militant Islamist Group Attacks Surge in Mali under Junta

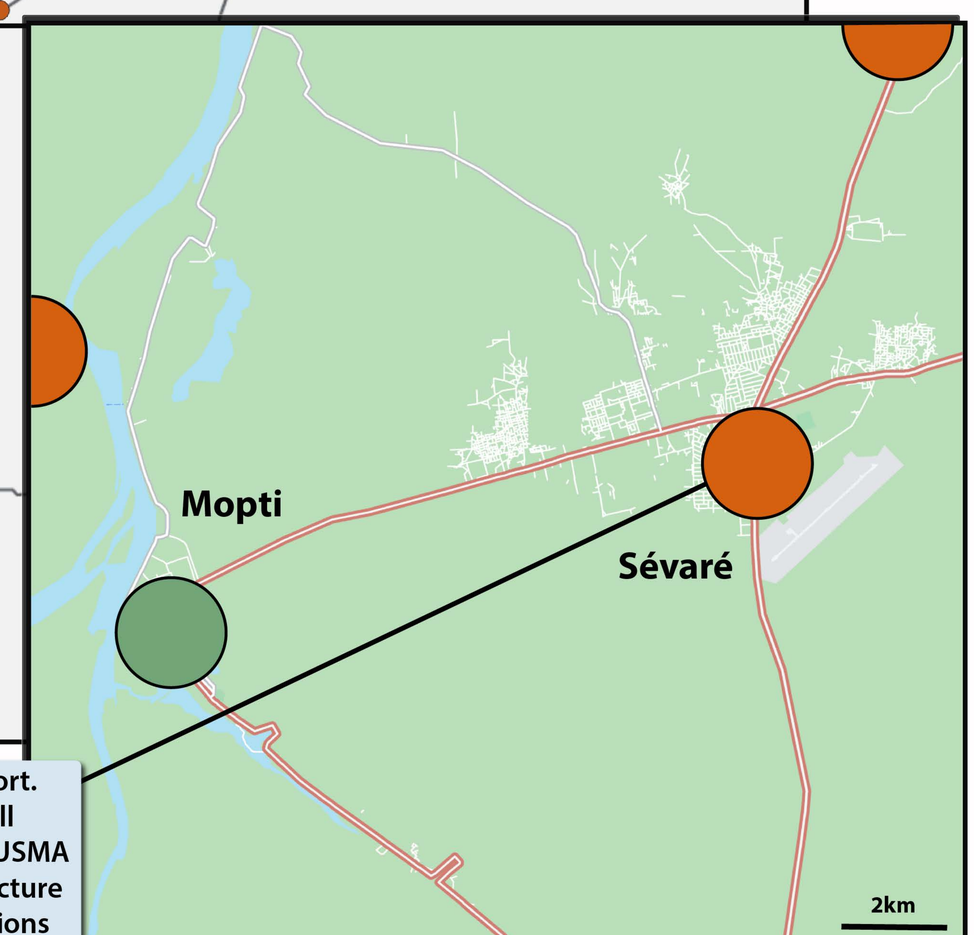



**July 22, 2022.** FLM fighters using two suicide car bombs attacked the Kati army barracks – effectively the headquarters of the Malian armed forces on the outskirts of Bamako. The attack illustrates the vulnerability of the capital to militant Islamist attacks and the inability of the security forces to prevent such attacks.

**August 3, 2022.** After hijacking 19 trucks and their containers near the town of Boni, FLM/JNIM militants set them ablaze. This event was a notable show of force demonstrating control of Route Nationale 16. That the militants pre-emptively announced their threat before the trucks were torched underscores the degree of control FLM has achieved in this zone.

**August 7, 2022.** ISGS militants carried out a complex attack involving a suicide car bomb and shelling against the Malian military base outside the town of Tessit, killing 42 soldiers and 10 civilians and seizing significant materiel.




**July 21, 2022.** FLM militants fired rockets at the Mopti-Sévaré Airport. The airfield serves as a critical logistics and transportation hub for all goods and people heading to northern Mali and is essential to MINUSMA efforts throughout the country. FLM's targeting of this key infrastructure enhances its strategic leverage to cut off the country's northern regions from supply routes, military support, and peacekeeping operations.

**Violent Events in 2022**

- January – April
- May – August

*Data Source*: Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project