



## **Rule of Law and Security Sector Governance: What Emerging Security Sector Leaders Should Consider**

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# What is the rule of law?

## As a principle:

The law applies to all, including those who govern

AND

The substance of the law affirms principles related to constitutionalism, civil liberties, human rights, fundamental freedoms.

## As a process:

Everyday interactions between residents and state security/justice actors



Mutual respect, accountability, transparency

Popular trust in state security and justice institutions, institutional legitimacy



More sustainable and effective prevention and response to conflict, violence, crises

# Examples from Core Sources



- Institutional checks & balances
- Consistent and clear laws
- Equal protection of freedoms/liberties
- Access to fair, affordable justice



Laws apply to “all persons, institutions and entities, public and private, including the State itself:

Laws are :

- Publicly promulgated
- equally enforced and independently adjudicated
- constituent with international human rights norms and standards.

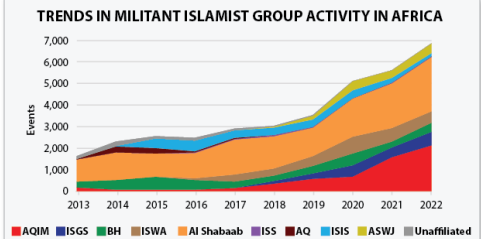
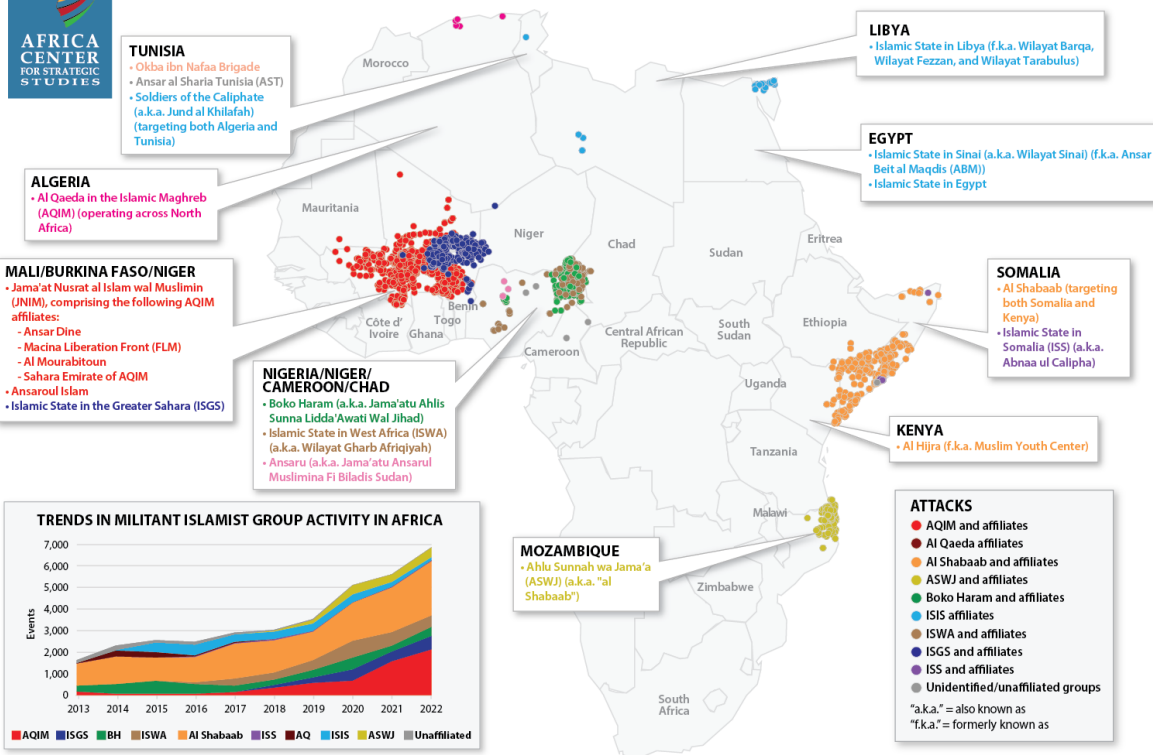


- Executive compliance with law
- Impartiality of Justice System
- Transparent judicial processes
- Equality before the law
- Law enforcement
- Property rights

# How does rule of law relate to security challenges?



## AFRICA'S ACTIVE MILITANT ISLAMIST GROUPS



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**Note:** Compiled by the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, this graphic shows violent events involving the listed groups over the 12-month period ending December 31, 2022. Data on attacks or fatalities does not attempt to distinguish the perpetrators of the events. Group listings are intended for informational purposes only and should not be considered official designations. Due to the fluid nature of many groups, the listed affiliations may change.

**Sources:** Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED); Daniel Bynan; HumAngle; International Crisis Group; SITE Intelligence Group; The Soufan Group; Stanford University's Mapping Militants Project; Stratfor; Terrorism Research & Analysis Consortium (TRAC); and Aaron Y. Zein.

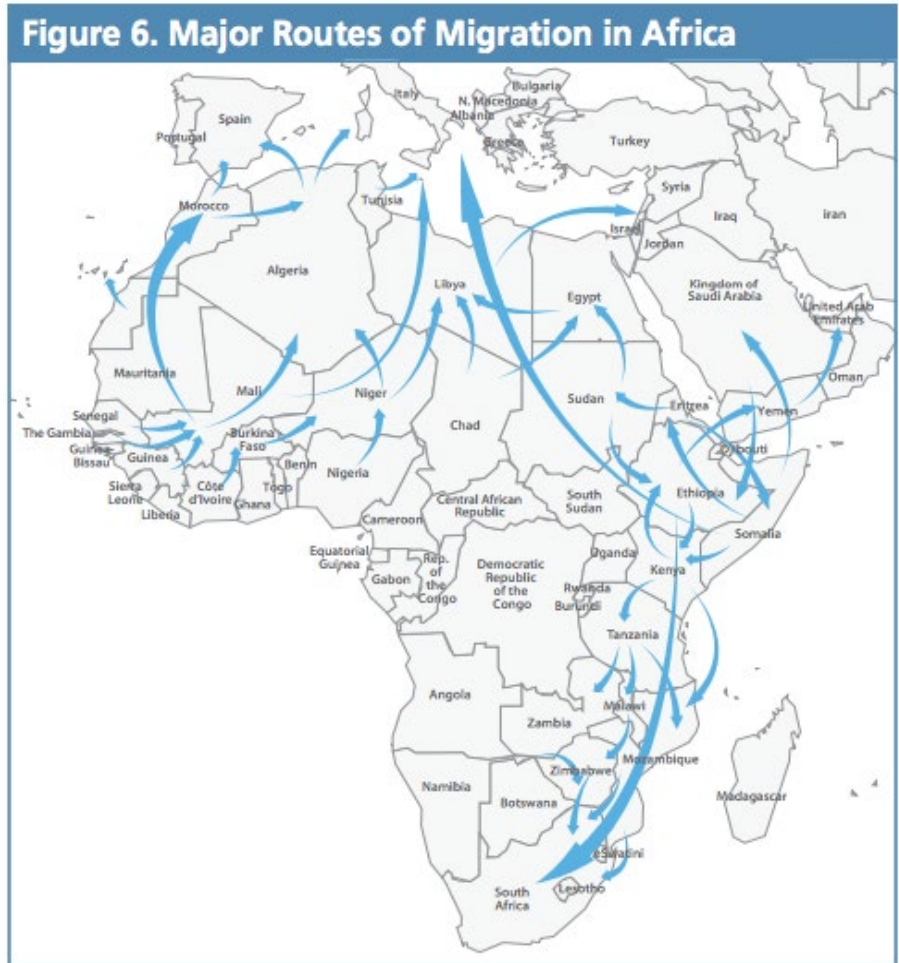


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# How does rule of law relate to megatrends?



Youth from Gao, Mali, at a communal theatre project to promote peace and r



Sources: UNHCR, IOM, MMC



# Linking Rule of Law and Security Sector Governance

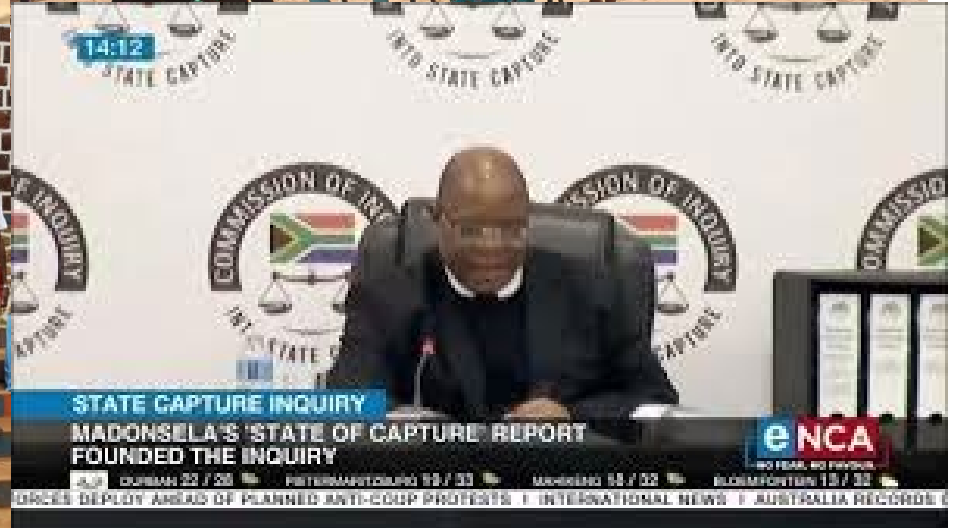
Security sector held to high standards of public service provision

Range of formal and informal institutions involved

Inspectorates – Parliaments – Courts – National Independent Commissions – Civil Society – Media

Seven principles (DCAF): **accountability**, **transparency**, **rule of law**, **participation**, **responsiveness**, **effectiveness**, and **efficiency**

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