

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



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 Islamic State in Libya (f.k.a. Wilayat Barga) **TUNISIA** Wilayat Fezzan, and Wilayat Tarabulus) Ansar al Sharia Tunisia (AST) Soldiers of the Calinhate (a.k.a. Jund al Khilafah) (targeting both Algeria and Islamic State in Sinai (a.k.a. Wilayat Sinai) (f.k.a. Ansar Beit al Magdis (ABM)) ALGERIA • Islamic State in Egypt · Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb Mauritania (AQIM) (operating across North Africa) MALI/BURKINA FASO/NIGER **SOMALIA** Jama'at Nusrat al Islam wal Muslimin (JNIM), comprising the following AQIM both Somalia and South Sudan Central African - Ansar Dine Islamic State in - Macina Liberation Front (FLM) Somalia (ISS) (a.k.a. - Al Mourabitoun Abnaa ul Calipha) NIGERIA/NIGER/ CAMEROON/CHAD - Sahara Emirate of AQIM Ansaroul Islam Boko Haram (a.k.a. Jama'atu Ahlis • Islamic State in the Greater Sahara (ISGS) Sunna Lidda'Awati Wal Jihad) Islamic State in West Africa (ISWA) Al Hijra (f.k.a. Muslim Youth Center) (a.k.a. Wilayat Gharb Afrigiyah) Tanzania Ansaru (a.k.a. Jama'atu Ansarul Muslimina Fi Biladis Sudan) **ATTACKS** TRENDS IN MILITANT ISLAMIST GROUP ACTIVITY IN AFRICA AOIM and affiliates Al Oaeda affiliates MOZAMBIQUE Al Shabaab and affiliates 6,000 Ahlu Sunnah wa Jama'a ASWJ and affiliates (ASWJ) (a.k.a. "al 5,000 7 imhahwe Shabaab") Boko Haram and affiliates 4,000 ISIS affiliates 3,000 ISWA and affiliates ISGS and affiliates DRC. (Photo: Sasha Lezhnev/Enough Project) ISS and affiliates 1.000 Unidentified/unaffiliated groups 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 "a.k.a." = also known as "f.k.a." = formerly known as ■AQIM ■ISGS ■BH ■ISWA ■AI Shabaab ■ISS ■AQ ■ISIS ■ASWJ ■Unaffiliated

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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.

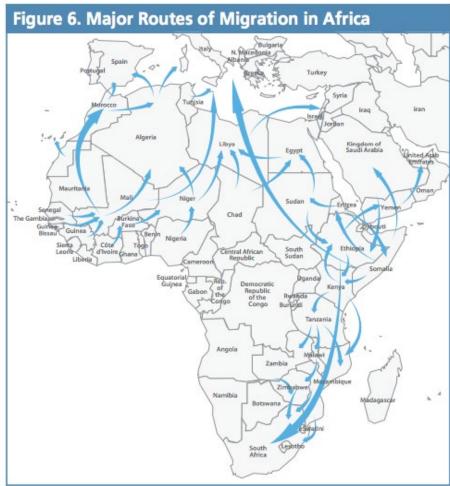
Sources: Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED); Daniel Byman; HumAngle; International Crisis Group; STE Intelligence Group; The Soufan Group; Stanford University's Mapping Militants Project; Stratfor; Terrorism Research & Analysis Consortium (TRAC); and Aaron Y. Zelin.



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



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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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