Militant Islamist Threats Engulf Mali under Military Junta

**Militant attacks in central Mali are becoming more complex.**

- On April 22, 2023, FLM militants executed a complex attack involving three suicide car bombs, targeting Malian Army (FAMA) and Wagner positions at the airport in the town of Sevare (Mopti Region). The explosions caused extensive damage to an IDP camp and civilian homes. Senegalese MINUSMA peacekeepers repelled attackers who had encircled the airport.

- On April 18, 2023, JNIM-aligned militants ambushed a presidential delegation on a mission in Nara. The attack resulted in four killed including two military officers, among them the head of the presidential cabinet.

- On May 8, 2023, presumed JNIM-aligned militants ambushed a FAMA convoy returning from Kita near Kourouninkoto (Kayes Region).

- On February 3, 2023, a FAMA and Wagner patrol arrested thirteen Fulani people at a market in the village of Sagala. The arrested were subsequently summarily executed near the village of Doura (Segou Region). The decomposed bodies of the victims were discovered on 20 February.

- On May 21, 2023, FAMA and Wagner conducted an operation in the village of Mamba (Mopti Region). Two Fulani were killed, two wounded, and 20 others arrested. Twelve of the others were summarily executed and their corpses discovered on June 1.

- On May 4, 2023, Wagner forces killed 13 people and abducted 4 others in the village of Gogoro (Mopti Region). Three of the victims had their throats slit.

- On March 1, 2023, JNIM groups and ISGS militants clashed in the area between Agare Mbaou (Menaka Region) and Eshel (Gao Region). JNIM groups used four suicide car bombs.

- On March 23, 2023, ISGS militants assaulted merchants, burned bicycles and merchandise, and seized transport vehicles at the market in the village of NDak (Tombouctou Region). ISGS had previously ordered the closure of the market while JNIM-linked militants demanded it remain open.

- On June 4, 2023, ISGS militants amputated a hand and foot of two alleged cattle thieves at the weekly market in the village of Inkadewane (Menaka Region). The militants also threatened that this form of sentence will be applied throughout the region.

**ISGS militants have re-introduced harsh rules and punishments in northern Mali.**

**JNIM groups and ISGS clash as they seek to fill the vacuum in northern Mali.**

- On September 6, 2022, ISGS militants attacked JNIM groups and Tuareg positions in the village of Talataye (Gao Region).

- On December 7, 2022, JNIM groups and ISGS militants clashed between Haroun and Tadjalalt (Gao Region).

**1,024 violent events linked to militant Islamist groups (mid-2022 and mid-2023)**