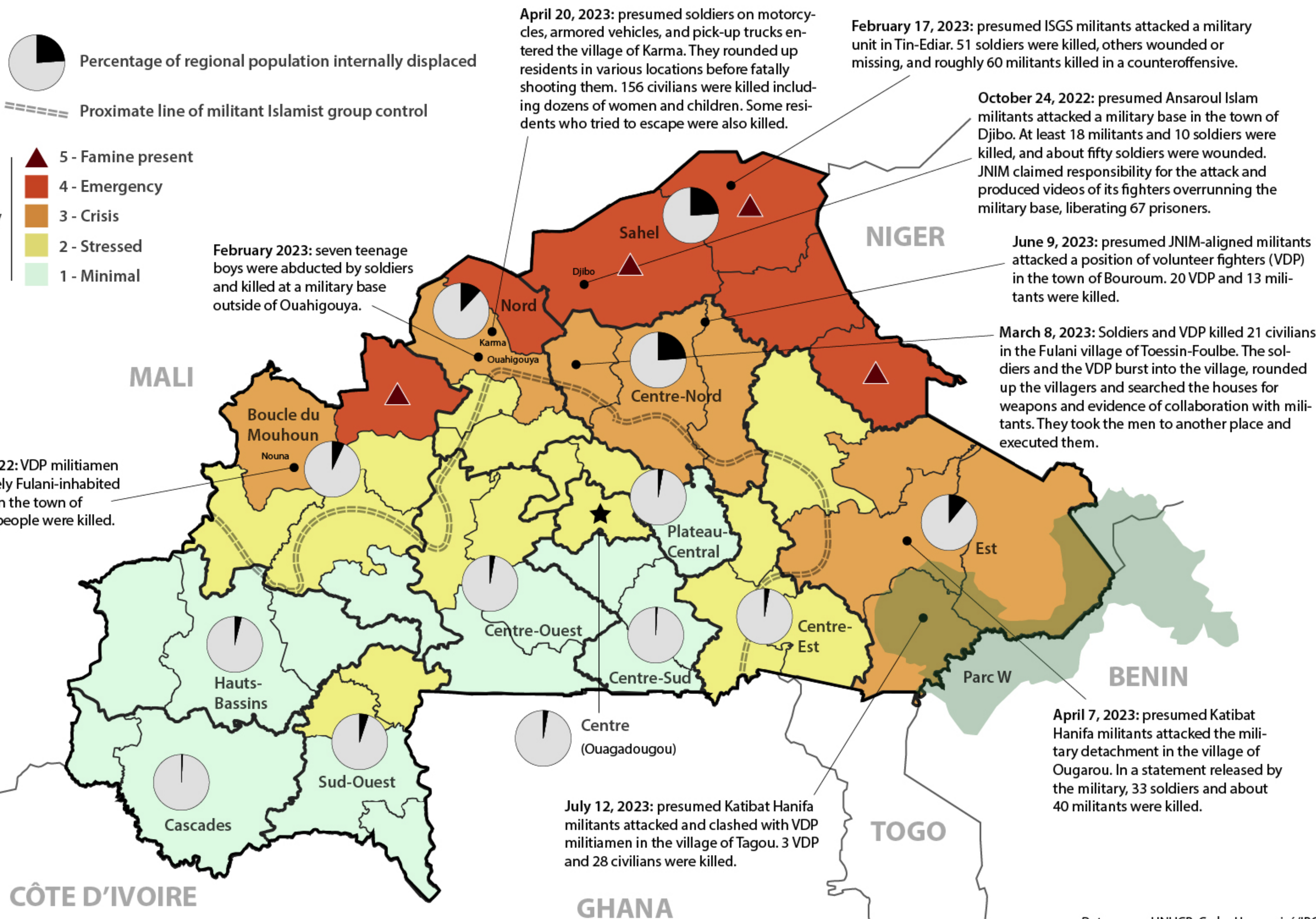
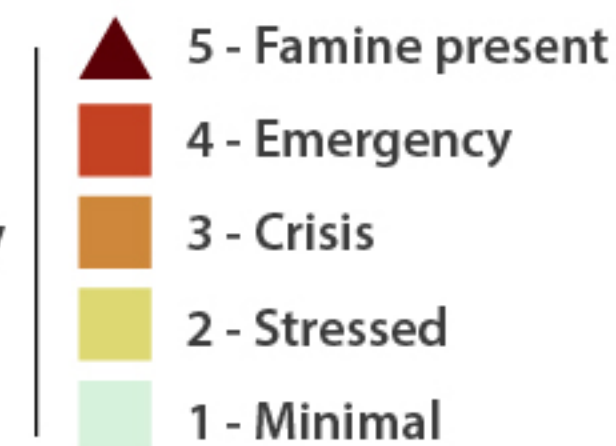
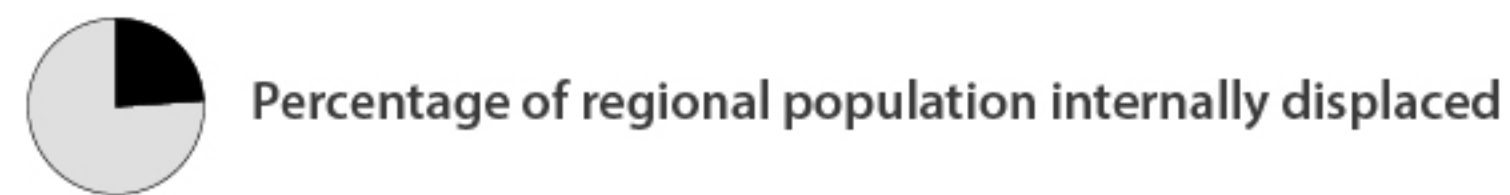


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April 20, 2023: presumed soldiers on motorcycles, armored vehicles, and pick-up trucks entered the village of Karma. They rounded up residents in various locations before fatally shooting them. 156 civilians were killed including dozens of women and children. Some residents who tried to escape were also killed.

February 17, 2023: presumed ISGS militants attacked a military unit in Tin-Ediar. 51 soldiers were killed, others wounded or missing, and roughly 60 militants killed in a counteroffensive.

October 24, 2022: presumed Ansaroul Islam militants attacked a military base in the town of Djibo. At least 18 militants and 10 soldiers were killed, and about fifty soldiers were wounded. JNIM claimed responsibility for the attack and produced videos of its fighters overrunning the military base, liberating 67 prisoners.

June 9, 2023: presumed JNIM-aligned militants attacked a position of volunteer fighters (VDP) in the town of Bouroum. 20 VDP and 13 militants were killed.

March 8, 2023: Soldiers and VDP killed 21 civilians in the Fulani village of Toessin-Foulbe. The soldiers and the VDP burst into the village, rounded up the villagers and searched the houses for weapons and evidence of collaboration with militants. They took the men to another place and executed them.

February 2023: seven teenage boys were abducted by soldiers and killed at a military base outside of Ouahigouya.

December 30, 2022: VDP militiamen attacked the largely Fulani-inhabited quarters 4 and 6 in the town of Nouna. Some 80 people were killed.

July 12, 2023: presumed Katibat Hanifa militants attacked and clashed with VDP militiamen in the village of Tagou. 3 VDP and 28 civilians were killed.

April 7, 2023: presumed Katibat Hanifa militants attacked the military detachment in the village of Ougarou. In a statement released by the military, 33 soldiers and about 40 militants were killed.