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, 2023. 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); Centro Para Democracia e Direitos Humanos; Hiraal Institute; HumAngle; International Crisis Group; Institute for Security Studies; MENASTREAM; the Washington Institute; and the United Nations.

EYPT
- Islamic State in Sinai (a.k.a. Wilayat Sinai) (f.k.a. Ansar Beit al Maqdis (ABM))

MALI/BURKINA FASO/NGER
- Jama’at Nusrat al Islam wal Muslimin (JNIM), comprising the following AQIM affiliates:
  - Ansar Dine
  - Macina Liberation Front (FLM)
  - Al Mourabitoun
  - Sahara Emirate of AQIM
- Ansaroul Islam
- Islamic State in the Greater Sahara (ISGS)

NIGERIA/NGER/ CAMEROON/CHAD
- Islamic State in West Africa (ISWA) (a.k.a. Wilayat Gharb Afriqiyah)
- Ansaru (a.k.a. Jama’atu Ansarul Muslimina Fi Biladis Sudan)

AMIBIQIUE
- Ahlu Sunnah wa Jama’a (ASWJ) (a.k.a. “al Shabaab”)

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ATTACKS
- AQIM and affiliates
- Al Qaeda affiliates
- Al Shabaab and affiliates
- ASWJ and affiliates
- Boko Haram and affiliates
- ISIS affiliates
- ISWA and affiliates
- ISS and affiliates
- Unidentified/unaffiliated groups

“a.k.a.” = also known as
“f.k.a.” = formerly known as