

Mali rebels take Timbuktu

Mali's Tuareg rebels have seized control of the desert town of Timbuktu as the military junta which deposed President Amadou Toumani Toure indicated it would be willing to negotiate. Over 200,000 people have been displaced by the Tuaregs' fight for independence in northern Mali

Detail map



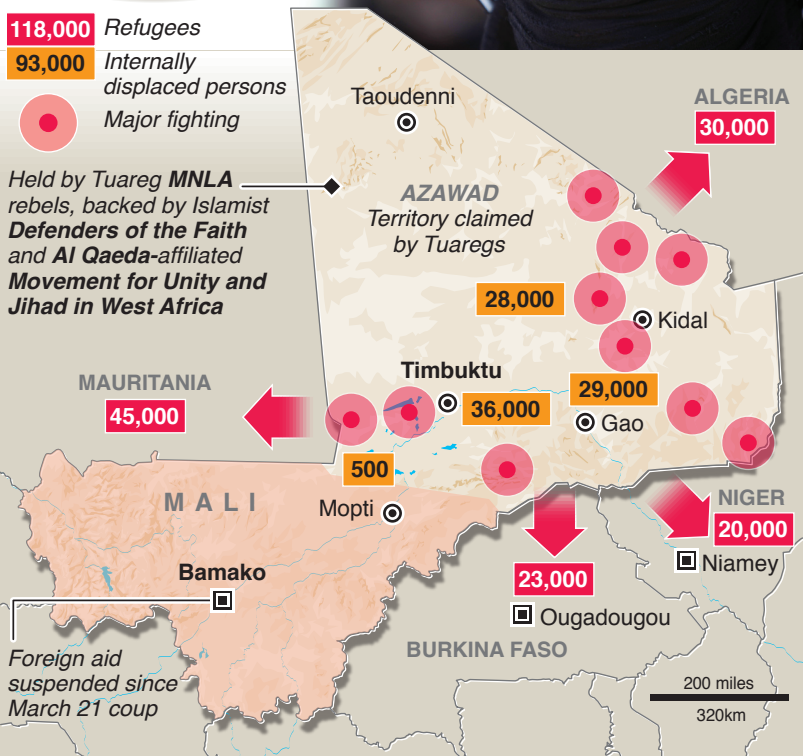
118,000 Refugees

93,000 Internally displaced persons



Major fighting

Held by Tuareg **MNLA** rebels, backed by Islamist **Defenders of the Faith** and **Al Qaeda**-affiliated **Movement for Unity and Jihad in West Africa**



Foreign aid suspended since March 21 coup