

# The militarisation of Africa

Drone bases

## 1 MAURITANIA:

U.S. special forces training local counterterrorism unit to fight AQIM

## 2 MALI:

Operation Serval – 4,000 French troops in operations against Tuareg rebels and AQIM. Air support from Canada and seven EU countries. Also 12,600 UN peacekeepers including 395 Chinese combat troops

## 3 BURKINA FASO, Ouagadougou:

U.S. flying Pilatus U-28As as part of ISR mission against AQIM

## 4 NIGER, Niamey:

U.S. Reaper and Global Hawk drones in operations against Boko Haram, also French Reapers

## 5 LIBYA, Base 27:

U.S. counterterrorism training mission overrun by Islamic militant militias in 2013. Base is now Al Qaeda operating centre

## 6 CHAD:

80 U.S. personnel and Predator drone to help locate Nigerian schoolgirls kidnapped by Boko Haram

## 7 CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC:

Operation Sangaris – 2,000 French soldiers, 1,000-strong European Union EUFOR rapid reaction force, and 6,000 African Union troops deployed to counter Muslim Seleka rebels. UN warns of potential genocide

## 8 SOUTH SUDAN:

Planned ISR base for operations against Lord's Resistance Army. 12,500-strong UN mission

## 9 D. R. CONGO:

UN-backed government forces fighting 1,400 members of Ugandan Islamist rebel group – ADF-NALU – in eastern mountains

## 10 UGANDA:

American U-28A flights searching for Joseph Kony – leader of Lord's Resistance Army

## 11 KENYA:

U.S. military, including Navy SEALs, conducting strikes against Al-Shabab and Somali pirates. Training for British Army rapid response force. HQ of 3,500-strong Eastern African Standby Force

## 12 ETHIOPIA:

Reaper missile strikes against Al-Shabab

## 13 DJIBOUTI:

Camp Lemonnier launches 250 drone strikes a month against AQAP and Al-Shabab targets. Some 3,200 U.S. and 2,000 French personnel, plus German, Italian and Japanese troops

Pilatus U-28A: Provides intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) for U.S. special forces

UAE Al Dhafra drone base

Al Mussanah ISR base

AQAP Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula

Rub al Khali

SOMALIA 22,000 African Union troops

Al-Shabab

SEYCHELLES: U.S. Reaper base

