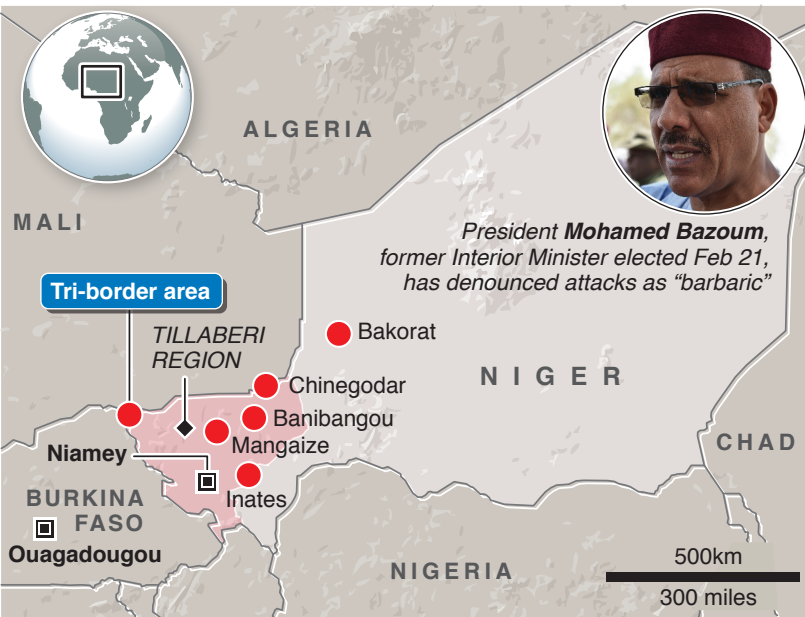


Security crisis escalating in Niger

Co-ordinated attacks have killed hundreds of civilians in southwest Niger amid increasing violence between rival ethnic groups and jihadist militants spilling over from Mali and Nigeria



President **Mohamed Bazoum**, former Interior Minister elected Feb 21, has denounced attacks as “barbaric”



- **Mar 21:** Suspected jihadists on motorbikes attack **Bakorat** and two other villages near Malian border, killing at least 137 people
- **Mar 15:** Attack on bus carrying shoppers from market town of **Banibangou** kills 66 people. Village of **Darey-Daye** raided, inhabitants killed
- **Mar 15:** Attack on Malian soldiers in Tri-border area kills 33. Islamic State militants claim responsibility
- **Jan 2:** Raids on two villages in **Mangaize** district kill at least 100 civilians
- **Jan 2020:** **Chinegodar** attack kills 89 Nigerian military personnel
- **Dec 2019:** Over 70 die in mass attacks on Niger military in **Inates**