

France suspends military ties with Mali

France is halting joint military operations with local troops in Mali in a bid to restore a civilian-led government following the second coup in nine months

KEY RECENT EVENTS

■ **Jun 2020:** French forces kill leader of al-Qaeda in Maghreb (**AQIM**)

■ **Aug:** Elected president **Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta** forced out of office in coup led by Colonel **Assimi Goïta**

■ **Sep:** Retired colonel **Bah Ndaw** sworn in as interim president – tasked with leading 18-month transition to new elections

■ **Nov:** French forces kill senior leader in al-Qaeda's Sahel branch **Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimin (JNIM)**

■ **May 25, 2021:** Col Goïta ousts President Ndaw and Prime Minister **Moctar Ouane** after dispute over cabinet reshuffle

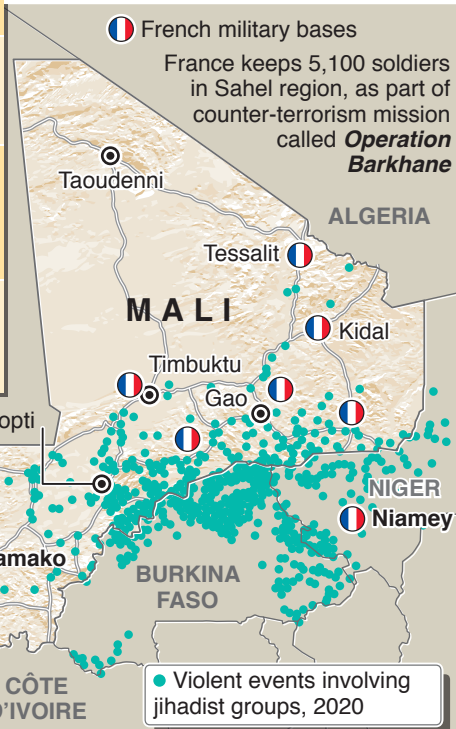
■ **May 30-Jun 2:** West African regional bloc **ECOWAS** and **African Union** suspend Mali's membership



French president
Emmanuel Macron



Colonel
Assimi Goïta



250km
150 miles

