

Coups make comeback in Africa

Five coup d'états in sub-Saharan Africa since late 2020 – more than at any time in the past two decades – constitute power grabs that threaten the fight against terrorism and extremism in the Sahel



1 Mali, Aug 2020:

Coup d'état, led by Col **Assimi Goïta**, ousts President **Ibrahim Boubacar Keita** (IBK, right).

Putsch follows

non-violent protests against decades of IBK's failed governance and instability, exploited by jihadists. Transitional government appointed with Goïta in newly created post of vice-president



3 Mali, May 2021:

Goïta (right) seizes power, detaining transitional president **Bah Ndaw** and prime minister **Moctar Ouane**



4 Guinea, Sep 2021:

Military seizes power, arresting President **Alpha Conde**. Coup follows political tension after Conde rewrites constitution to allow him to sidestep two-term limit

2 Chad, Apr 2021:

Military takes control following death of President **Idriss Deby** after 30 years of rule. Deby's son **Mahamat Idriss Deby** (inset) is declared president. Protests turn deadly as demonstrators demand civilian rule



5 Sudan, Oct 2021:

Gen **Abdel Fattah Burhan** (inset) arrests civilian prime minister **Abdalla Hamdok** and other political leaders just two years after Sudan began to transition to full civilian rule

