

Military task forces in the Sahel

Mali's junta has dealt a severe blow to the 18,000-plus foreign troops countering jihadist insurgents in the Sahel by demanding the departure of Danish soldiers from the Takuba Task Force



■ **Takuba Task Force:** TTF has around 600 special forces – ~300 troops (France), 150 (Sweden), 95 (Estonia), 60 (Czech Republic)

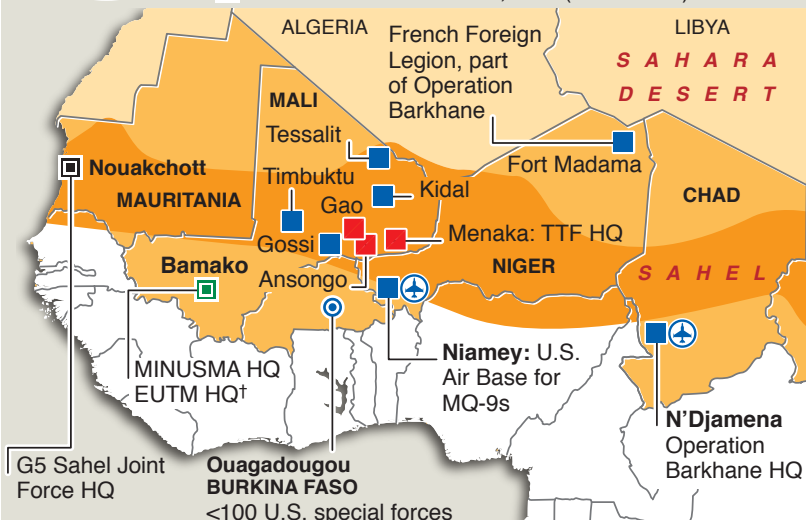
■ **Other military personnel in Sahel**

■ **Operation Barkhane:** 4,500+ (France)

● **Operation Sabre:** 350-400 (France)

■ **MINUSMA*:** 12,700+ (61 countries)

■ **G5 Sahel Joint Force:** 4,000+ (5 countries)



■ **Aug 18, 2020, coup d'état:** Malian soldiers, led by Colonel **Assimi Goita**, overthrow elected President **Ibrahim Boubacar Keita**

■ **Jun 2021:** French President **Emmanuel Macron** announces French forces will wind down combat operations in Mali

■ **Sep:** France warns Mali junta against replacing French troops with 1,000 Russian mercenaries

■ **Dec 15:** French troops – part of Barkhane – leave Timbuktu

■ **Jan 7, 2022:** Russian **Wagner** group soldiers deployed to Timbuktu

■ **Jan 14:** Sweden announces withdrawal of troops from Takuba

■ **Jan 24:** Junta demands withdrawal of 100 elite Danish soldiers

■ **Feb 17:** France announces military withdrawal from Mali

*United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali

†EU Training Mission in Mali