

Recent African coups d'état

World leaders condemned an attempted coup in Niger, calling for President Mohamed Bazoum – a key Western ally – to be released. Seven coups since 2020 threaten sub-Saharan stability



1 Niger, Jul 26, 2023: Presidential guard members detain President **Mohamed Bazoum** (right) inside palace in Niamey. Elected in February 2021, President Bazoum has Western support in the fight against violent extremism, corruption and widespread poverty



2-3 Mali, Aug 2020: President **Ibrahim Boubacar Keita** ousted. Second coup by Col. **Assimi Goïta** in May 2021. French and UN peacekeepers expelled – Russian Wagner Group deployed. Reports of summary executions



4 Chad, Apr 2021: Military takes control following death of President **Idriss Deby** after 30 years of rule. Deby's son **Mahamat Idriss Deby** declared president. Deadly protests follow amid demands for civilian rule

5 Guinea, Sep 2021: **Mamady Doumbouya** ousts President **Alpha Conde**. After promising democratic reforms, Col. Doumbouya and fellow coup leaders arrest opposition leaders and restrict media freedom



6 Sudan, Oct 2021: Gen. **Abdel Fattah al-Burhan** arrests civilian prime minister **Abdalla Hamdok** and other political leaders just two years after

Sudan began transition to full civilian rule

7 Burkina Faso, Jan 2022: Army ousts President **Roch Kabore** (right). Following second putsch in September, junta leader Capt. **Ibrahim Traore** seizes power. In July 2023, U.S. sanctions Malian officials over allegations they have deployed Wagner mercenaries

