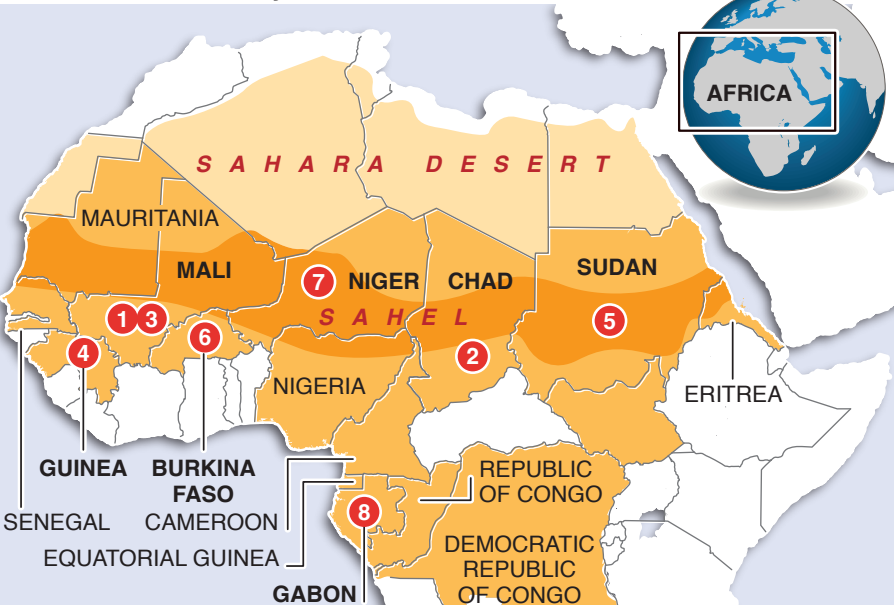


Coup contagion in West Africa

The military takeover in Gabon in August is the eighth coup d'état across sub-Saharan Africa in three years. Recent coups have raised alarms over how Western countries have backed authoritarian governments in the name of stability



RECENT COUPS

- 1 Aug 2020, Mali:** President **Ibrahim Boubacar Keita** ousted
- 2 Apr 2021, Chad:** Army takes power after death of President **Idriss Deby**
- 3 May, Mali:** Second coup overthrows interim president
- 4 Sep, Guinea:** Special forces commander Colonel **Mamady Doumbouya** ousts President **Alpha Condé**
- 5 Oct, Sudan:** Military seizes control of country
- 6 Jan 2022, Burkina Faso:** Army ousts President **Roch Kaboré**
- 7 Jul 2023, Niger:** Presidential guard detains President **Mohamed Bazoum**, military junta takes power
- 8 Aug 30, Gabon:** Hours after President **Ali Bongo Ondimba** is elected to third term, military seizes power



CAMEROON

Jan 1960: Gains independence from France

If 90-year-old

President **Paul Biya** (above) dies before he chooses successor, political crisis could ensue.

Military elites could align with ruling **Cameroon People's Democratic Movement** during succession as excuse to seize power and raid state resources



DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Jun 1960: Gains independence from Belgium

President **Felix Tshisekedi** (above), 60, remains vulnerable amid civil war in eastern provinces and elections in December that will likely suffer from fraud and violence.

Many members of military remain loyal to Tshisekedi's rival, former President **Joseph Kabila**



REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Aug 1960: Gains independence from France

Rumours of

potential military coup surface when 79-year-old President **Denis Sassou-Nguesso** (above) attends UN General Assembly in New York on September 17.

Economic discontent runs high – fuelled by exorbitant wealth of Nguesso family, allegedly embezzled from state coffers



EQUATORIAL GUINEA

Oct 1968: Gains independence from Spain

President

Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, 81, (above) has been in power for past 44 years.

Obiang's son, Vice-President **Teodoro Obiang Mangue**, convicted of corruption and embezzlement, providing military with excuse to seize power in event of succession crisis