

Madagascar's military takes power

An elite military unit has seized power in Madagascar from President Andry Rajoelina, who was impeached by lawmakers and forced to flee the country following weeks of youth-led protests



◀ **Col Michael Randrianirina**
Chief of **CAPSAT** army unit, has suspended key democratic institutions, pledging to hold elections within two years



▶ **President Andry Rajoelina**
Says he has been forced to move to safe place amid death threats. Reports claim he fled on French military plane



◀ **Gen Z protests:** Youth-led demonstrations erupted on Sep 25 over water and power cuts, escalated into uprising over unemployment, corruption, and cost-of-living crisis

▶ **MADAGASCAR**
Three-quarters of country's 30 million people live in poverty



AFRICA'S RECENT COUPS

1 Aug 2020, Mali: President **Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta** ousted. Second coup one year later overthrows interim president

2 Sep 2021, Guinea: Military overthrows President **Alpha Condé**

3 Oct 2021, Sudan: Military seizes control of country

4 Jan 2022, Burkina Faso: President **Roch Kaboré** toppled. Second coup seven months later overthrows initial junta

5 Jul 2023, Niger: President **Mohamed Bazoum** deposed

6 Aug 2023, Gabon: President **Ali Bongo Ondimba** ousted by **Gen Brice Oligui**, who is elected president in April this year

