STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE DAILY

Region: Somalia-Democratic Republic of the Congo-Nigeria-Mali-Burkina Faso-Niger
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MALI

- Reuters: U.S. officials have announced that the U.S. government is nearing an agreement with the Bamako administration to resume intelligence-gathering flights by aircraft and drones over Malian airspace targeting Al-Qaeda-linked jihadist groups; officials noted that negotiations are ongoing.
- JNIM militants claim that clashes have occurred with Dozo militias in Nayo, located in the Segou region.

BURKINA FASO

- JNIM claimed to have carried out an attack on a military barrack in Fada Yamba, asserting that dozens of soldiers were killed and three military vehicles, motorcycles, rifles, and a large amount of ammunition were seized.
- JNIM claimed to have seized control of a Volunteers for the Defense of the Homeland (VDP) post in Dedougou.

NIGERIA

- The U.S. Embassy in Abuja warned U.S. citizens to take extra security precautions when traveling to the Embassy in Abuja, the Consulate General in Lagos, and U.S.-linked schools due to potential terrorist threats against U.S. facilities and schools in Nigeria.
- The Nigerian Army announced that three suspected militants linked to Lakurawa were killed and weapons were seized during an operation conducted in a forested area of Sokoto State.
- According to local sources, Lieutenant Colonel Umar Farouk and a Major were reportedly killed in an attack carried out by ISWAP militants in Kukawa, Borno State.
- The Nigerian Army announced that an early morning attack by ISWAP militants on a military base in Doron Baga, Kukawa Local Government Area of Borno State, was repelled and several militants were neutralized.
- The Nigerian Army reported that an attack by ISWAP militants on a military camp in Marte, Borno State, was repelled, with at least five militants killed.

SOMALIA

- U.S. Special Operations Command Africa Commander Major General Claude K. Tudor Jr. met with Jubbaland President Ahmed Mohamed Islam Madobe in Kismayo to discuss military operations against Al-Shabaab and the expansion of security cooperation in South Somalia.
- The Somalia Future Council warned that the upcoming national elections in Somalia should not be postponed, citing constitutional timelines and risks of political instability.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

- Clashes were reported between the Congolese Army (FARDC) and AFC/M23 around Goma in the North Kivu province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
- The Congolese Army reported that it has retaken control of several villages from AFC/M23 in the Masisi and Walikale regions of North Kivu province.

NIGER

- Military officials announced that following an attack on Air Base 401 in Tahoua, Chief of Army Staff General Maman Sani Kiaou and Chief of Air Staff General Mainassara Salifou arrived in the region, and security forces arrested approximately 20 suspected attackers.