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Last week in Africa, Al Shabaab orchestrated large attacks on Somali military bases in Lower Shabelle. Meanwhile, Boko Haram targeted civilians in the neighboring states of Yobe and Borno in Nigeria, Diffa in Niger and Cameroon's Far North. In the Sahel, ongoing militant violence was exacerbated by worsening ethnic tensions in Mali's Mopti region.

In **Egypt**, military forces conducted multiple days of airstrikes in Rafah, Sheikh Zuweid, Bir Al-Abd and the Al Arish area, amid an ongoing campaign against Islamic State's insurgency in North Sinai. In a separate incident, two children were killed by Egyptian soldiers when they were hit by stray bullets in Sheikh Zuweid.

Heightened Al Shabaab activity was reported in **Somalia**, headlined by twin attacks on Somali army bases at Ceel Salini and Qoryooley in the Lower Shabelle region, resulting in heavy fatalities. Militants also clashed with state and African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) forces in the Banadir, Gedo, Lower Juba, Middle Shabelle, Woqooyi Galbeed and Bay regions. Meanwhile, the United States military carried out multiple airstrikes on Al Shabaab targets in the Middle and Lower Juba regions.

Eastern **Kenya** was also hit by several Al Shabaab attacks, including one on a public bus in Mandera North County, which resulted in multiple civilian fatalities. Al Shabaab militants also burned down the home of a police reservist in Garissa County, the fourth attack against police reservists in recent months.

Boko Haram activity increased during the week, centered in **Cameroon's** Far-North. Militants attacked civilian targets in Mayo-Sava and Mayo-Tsanaga departments, also killing an off-duty soldier in Logone-Et-Chari department. Multiple civilian fatalities were reported during attacks in **Niger's** Diffa region.

In **Nigeria**, Boko Haram carried out attacks on civilians and clashed with state forces in Yobe and Borno states. In Borno, the Nigerian military launched multiple airstrikes against Boko Haram targets, resulting in an unknown number of fatalities. In the state of Adamawa, two Nigerian soldiers were killed during a clash in Garkida town. The militants destroyed a church and looted shops, before the Nigerian military intervened.

In **Mali**, Fulani and Dogon militiamen continued to target opposing civilian populations in the Mopti region, amid a sustained surge in intercommunal violence. Malian military forces also targeted Fulani civilians, during counter-militancy operations centred on Mondoro commune. In the deadliest such incident, soldiers are accused of killing 12 Fulani civilians.

Meanwhile, French forces of Operation Barkhane killed dozens of suspected Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimin (JNIM)/Katiba Macina militants during a raid south of Mopti. Groups believed to be the Al Qaeda-affiliated JNIM and Islamic State in the Greater Sahara (ISGS) also conducted minor attacks on Malian army and gendarmerie positions and fired a mortar barrage against the *super camp* in Menaka. The camp hosts both state and international forces.

Finally, in **Burkina Faso**, presumed ISGS militants continued to perpetrate mass-atrocities against civilians, killing at least twenty-four civilians in the village of Pansi and eleven civilians in Dyamondi. Both villages are situated in remote eastern Burkina Faso, near the border with Niger.



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