

# Terrorist Operations In Africa



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## Maat's May 2021 Monthly Report on Terrorist Operations in Africa

### Preamble

Terrorist groups are rampant in Africa. They continue to increase alarmingly threatening the lives of African people and depriving them of all civil and political rights in addition to the rights related to good living conditions. This month, May 2021, the African continent was subjected to more than 42 bloody attacks, which caused the death of about 766 people, the injury of at least 75 others, as well as the disappearance and displacement of about 200 people else.

### Indications & Conclusions: What do the Numbers Say?

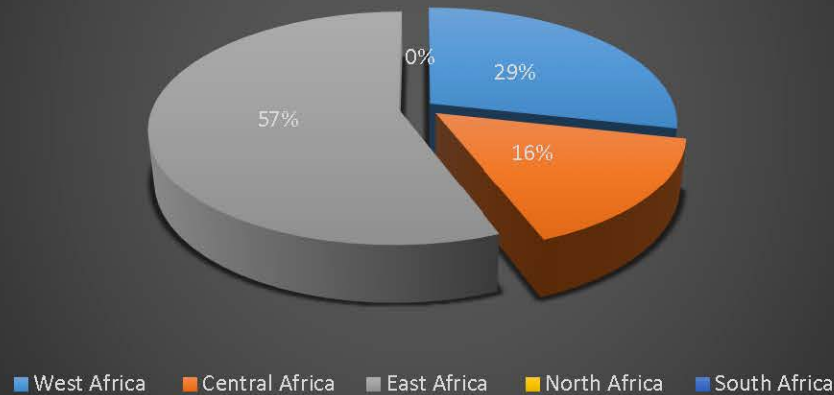
Statistical indicators show that in May 2021, Africa has been subjected to more than 42 bloody attacks and accidents, which caused the death of about 766 people, the injury of at least 75 others, as well as the disappearance and displacement of about 200 people else.

These terrorist operations are classified according to three basic criteria; which are as follows:

#### A. The classification of terrorist operations according to geographical distribution

According to late observations, **East Africa** was the worst regions affected by terrorism, with 435 victims, followed by **West Africa**, with 220 victims, as a result of the attacks of the Nigerien group, Boko Haram. **Central Africa** came third, with 111 deaths due to the rebel and separatist movements frequent attacks on the villages. **North Africa** came fourth, with at least 3 attacks, as the official number of victims is unknown, and finally, came **South Africa**, the safest region this month, with no ISIS attacks.

## Classification of terrorist operations according to geographical distribution



### B. Classification of terrorist operations according to country

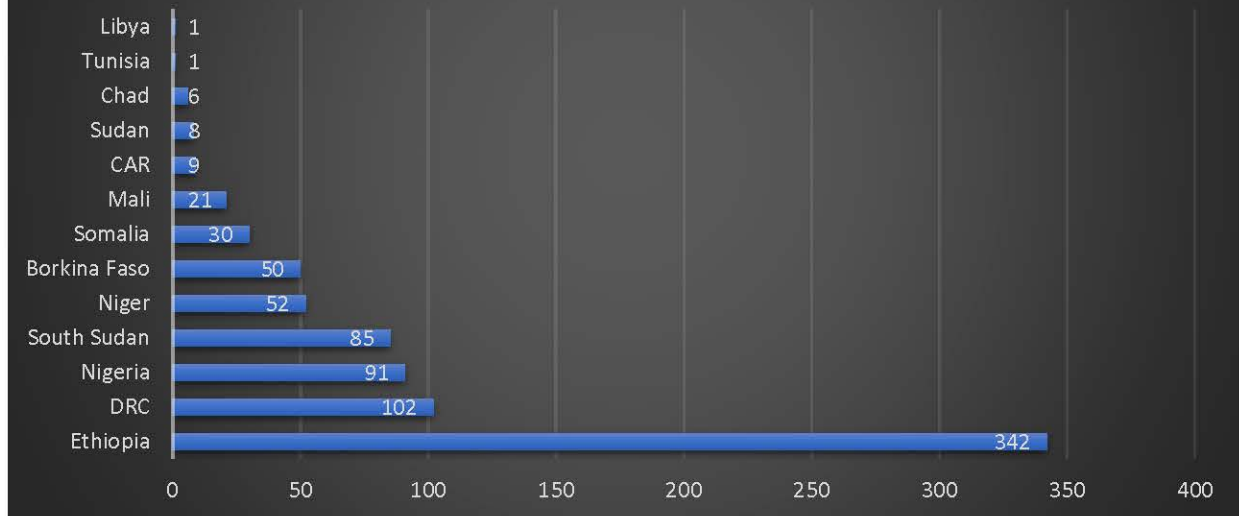
This classification focuses on the numerical distribution of the victims in the countries that incurred grave human losses as a result of terrorist operations.

Ethiopia ranked first (for the second month in a row) with 342 victims. The Democratic Republic of the Congo ranked second, with 102 deaths, followed by Nigeria, with nearly 91 victims, then South Sudan ranked fourth, with at least 85 victims due to ethnic clashes, and in the fifth place came Niger, with 52 deaths.

Burkina Faso ranked sixth, with 50 people dead, followed by Somalia, where the terrorist Al-Shabaab movement has killed at least 30 people, according to published official statistics. The Republic of Mali ranked eighth, with 21 people killed, and in ninth place came Central Africa, with 9 victims. Sudan ranked tenth, with 8 victims and 10 injured, and Chad ranked eleventh, with 6 victims and more than 22 injured. Finally, Tunisia and Libya ranked eighteenth with one terrorist attack but no casualties or injuries.



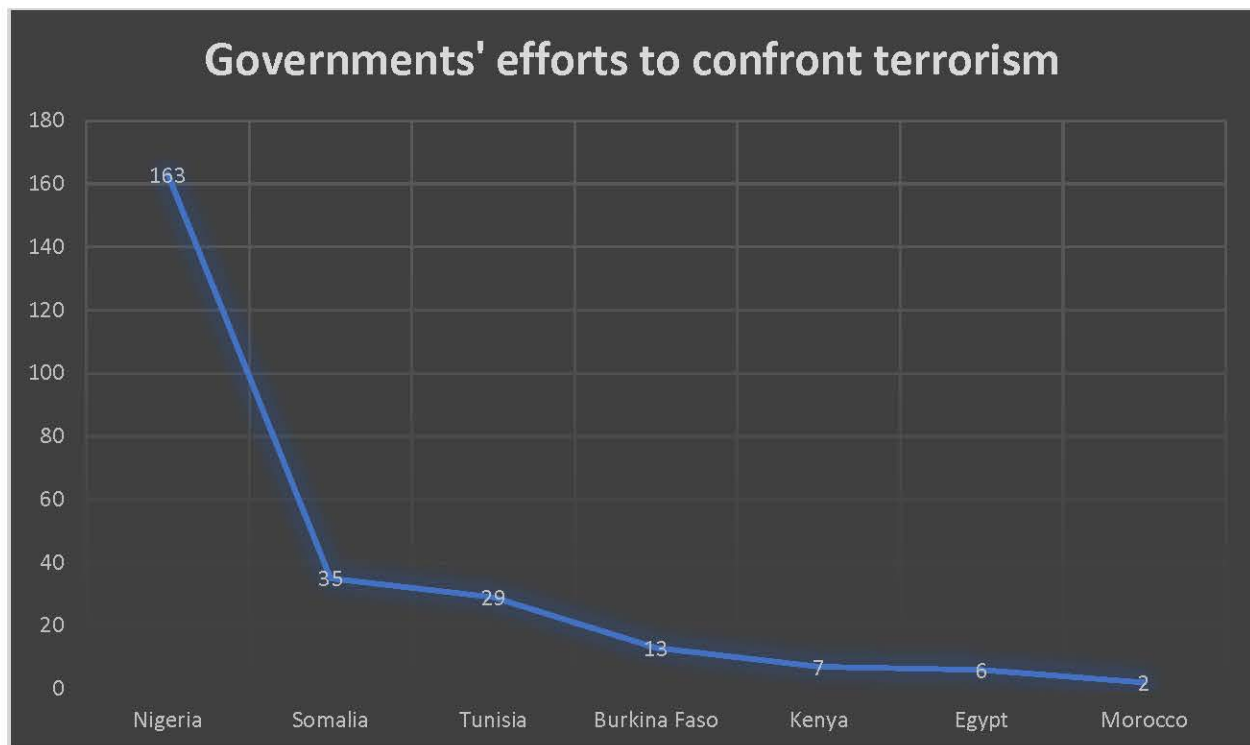
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### C. Classification of state governments' efforts to confront terrorism

This part focuses on the governments' responses to the terrorist attacks it have been subjected to throughout the month. Instead of focusing on the governments' general efforts to counter terrorism, this section highlights the number of extremist elements that have been killed by the governments, as a quantitative comparison between the human losses incurred by both the state and terrorist groups. As a result of concerted regional efforts, nearly 16 military operations have been carried out by African governments against terrorist groups and locations. These operations have resulted in the killing and arresting of 256 terrorist elements. The Nigerian government topped the list of governments' efforts this month, as it managed to kill more than 163 terrorists. Somalia came second with 35 terrorists fell down, followed by Tunisia, with 29 terrorists. Burkina Faso came fourth with 13 terrorist elements, followed by Kenya, which managed to shot down 7 terrorist elements. Egypt came sixth, with 6 elements fell down

in North Sinai, and finally, in seventh place, came Morocco, with two terrorist elements arrested.



## Recommendations

Having monitored the most prominent terrorist attacks that took place in Africa last May and having analyzed the results and extracted indicators, Maat for Peace, Development and Human Rights presents a number of recommendations in its endeavor to reduce the impact of terrorism and to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16 as well as the fourth aspiration of the African Union's Agenda 2063 on settling justice and promoting peace in Africa.

**First:** Maat follows with great concern the course of events experienced by the Republic of Ethiopia, especially the alarming developments related to the Tigray crisis. For its part,

Maat reiterates its recommendations to the Ethiopian government on the need to achieve all means of justice and equity and to avoid taking any unilateral decisions that may increase bloodshed.

**Second:** The danger of ethnic and tribal clashes has become like other forms of terrorism that the African continent suffers from, especially those concentrated in East Africa.

Maat calls on the governments of countries suffering from this scourge to develop a joint mechanism that works to create political and social conditions between tribes and clans together or between them and the Central Government.

**Third:** Maat appreciates the concerted efforts in Nigeria to cleanse the strongholds of the Boko Haram terrorist group, but it calls on all parties of the international community to participate and advocate, especially to reduce the phenomenon of child abduction, as well as to strengthen efforts in West Africa in general.

- **Fourth:** Maat would like to highlight the situation in Central Africa, where the conflict exists between Chad and Central Africa, and warns of the danger of falling into civil war and threatening the safety and peace of the region and its people. Maat recommends the need to take peaceful measures and sit at the negotiating table to prevent imminent conflicts in the region.