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WESTERN SAHEL SECURITY BULLETIN 2019

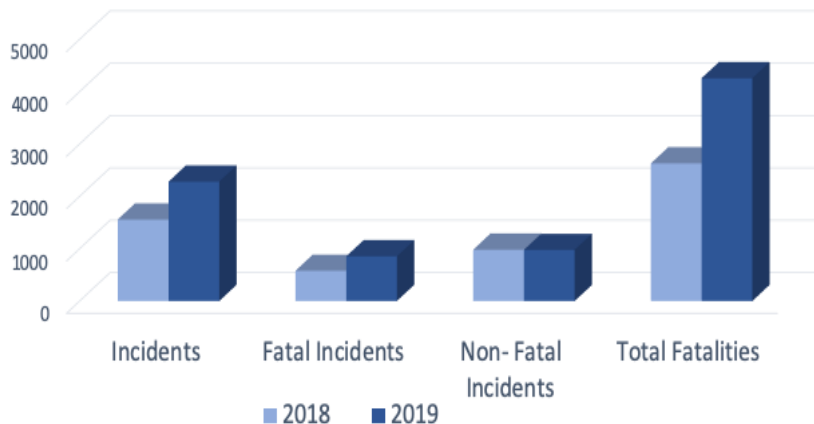


During the first week of December, “Western Africa continued to experience the highest rates of political violence recorded in the continent, as endemic instability across the Sahel and in Nigeria pushed up conflict within and across states.”

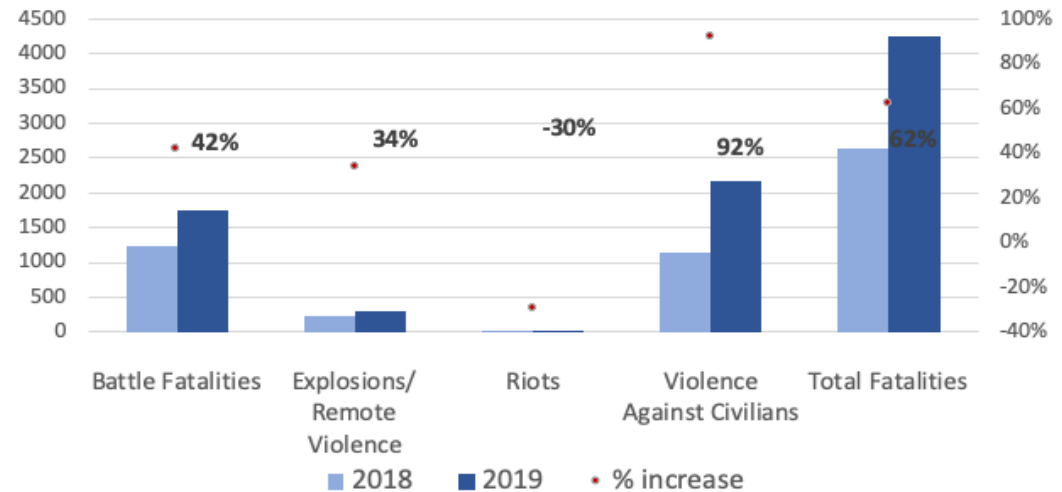
(Source - <https://www.acleddata.com/?s=sahel>)

Total incidents of recorded violence across Western Sahel, defined as Mauritania, Mali, Niger, Burkina Faso, Senegal, Cote D'Ivoire, rose by approximately 46% in 2019, with a 61% increase in fatalities.

Western Sahel Record of Violent Incidents
(data source www.acleddata.com)



Types of Violence 2018-2019
(data source www.acleddata.com)



Across the Western Sahel a toxic mix of Islamist terrorism combined with illegal mining and social unrest has led to a rise in violence against civilians, with a 92% rise in deaths in 2019.



The G5 Joint Force was set up by the Sahel countries - Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Burkina Faso and Niger - two years ago, but it's still barely operational, lacking funding and key equipment.
17th May 2019

FINANCIAL TIMES

Deadly ambush of mining convoy shocks Burkina Faso

Ruling party calls for state of emergency after 37 killed in jihadi gun attack. The attack highlights the worsening security situation in Burkina Faso and across the Sahel.
7th November 2019



UNITED NATIONS

Amid Increased Terrorist Activity in Sahel Region, Speakers Tell Security Council Greater Commitment Needed for Joint Force.
20th November 2019



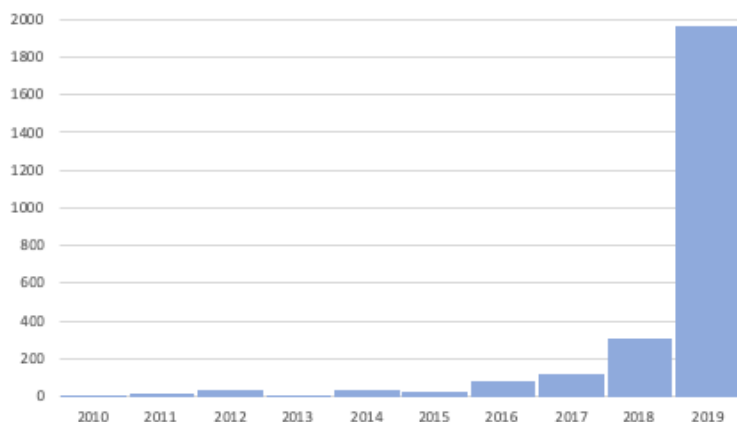
REUTERS

World losing ground against violence in Sahel, U.N. says.
24th September 2019

Most notably, Burkina Faso, which until a few years ago was considered stable, now has nearly 500,000 internally displaced people, experienced 573 incidents since January 2019, that have caused nearly 2,000 fatalities; including the massacre of at least 37 Boungou mine employees in November 2019. Moreover presidential elections are planned for 2020.

Burkina Faso Annual Fatalies due to Political Violence

(Data Source: Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED))



The surge in conflict across the region is driving investors and sub contractors to increasingly ask what mining companies are doing to protect their people and assets; and to seek **independent assurance** that risks, in particular security, are fully understood and there are comprehensive plans in place to manage them.

In addition to robust and resilient security plans, this requires an understanding of the complex relationship between security and social risk and the drivers behind the current upsurge of violence in the Sahel region. Supportive communities make it difficult for insurgents to operate and are the best 'eyes and ears' of any security plan.

Strategia understands, tests and manages interconnected risks.

Our highly experienced team on-the-ground in western Sahel uniquely includes security and sustainability professionals who work together to design and deliver strategies to manage security and social license risks for mining companies across the region, including Burkina Faso, Mali, Cote d'Ivoire, Mauritania and Nigeria.

Our connections enable us also to co-ordinate with local and foreign security forces, which is critical to any security plan.



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