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Burkina Faso: Reporting on Major News Developments 3 Feb 2022

The following report highlights an extraordinary summit by the ECOWAS on Burkina Faso, the appointment of new military chiefs, a terrorist attack against a school in the northwest, and trends on social media. The report includes background information to add context to the news items.

POLITICS

West African Regional Bloc Holds Summit in Ghana To Discuss Burkinabe Coup

Several media outlets reported that the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) is holding a summit in Accra, Ghana, this 3 February. The recent military takeover in Burkina Faso tops the agenda.

Background: ECOWAS suspended Burkina Faso after mutinous soldiers on 24 January arrested President Roch Marc Christian Kabore amid public anger at his handling of a jihadist insurgency.

Junta Leader Reshuffles Military Leadership

Lefaso.net, privately owned website, reported that junta leader Paul-Henri Sandaogo Damiba appointed new military heads on 2 February. Colonel Major David Kabre, former Minister of Sports under the Transition, previously Commander of the Central Group of the Armed Forces, was appointed Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces; he replaces General Gilbert Ouedraogo who was dismissed after the MPSR took over power. Colonel Major Celestin Simpore, previously Central Director of Military Engineering, is appointed Deputy Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces, replacing Colonel Major Vinta Some. Colonel Major Adam Nere, previously Chief of the Operations Division of the General Staff of the Armed Forces, was appointed Chief of Staff of the Army. Lieutenant-Colonel Evrad Somda, previously Commander of the Special Legion of the Gendarmerie, was appointed Chief of Staff of the National Gendarmerie. Lieutenant-Colonel Daba Naon, previously Chief of Operations of the National Fire Brigade, was appointed Commander of the National Fire Brigade.¹



Paul Henri Sandaogo Damiba
(Minute.bf)

Background: Sandaogo's decision to reshuffle Burkina Faso's military leadership was sought by soldiers in the 23-24 January mutiny that toppled President Roch Marc Christian Kabore.

¹ <https://lefaso.net/spip.php?article110972>





SECURITY

Report Says Terrorists Attack School Teachers in Northwest Nayala Province

According to a 2 January report on private website Minute.bf, eight terrorists came from Niare and broke into the junior high school of Nimina. They attacked the teachers before taking away two motorcycles and mobile phones.²

Background: The province of Nayala in the Boucle du Mouhoun, like other provinces in the north and east of Burkina Faso, is increasingly prey to terrorist attacks, according to media reports.

TRENDING ON SOCIAL MEDIA

<p> Titrespresse.com @titrespresse</p> <p>(Le monde.fr): #Burkina #Faso : la junta lève le couvre-feu en vigueur depuis le coup d'Etat : Les restrictions étaient en place depuis le 24 janvier, lorsque l'ancien président Roch Marc Christian Kaboré avait été renversé par.. titrespresse.com/85792202/burki...</p>  <p>1:50am · 3 Feb 2022 · Titrespresse.com to Twitter</p> <p>Tweet translation: (Le monde.fr): #Burkina #Faso: junta lifts curfew in place since coup: The restrictions had been in place since 24 January, when former President Roch Marc Christian Kabore was overthrown ... titrespresse.com/85792202/burki...</p>	<p> Hubert MESSMER 🇫🇷 🇸🇩 🇵🇸 @Zehub</p> <p>#BurkinaFaso : malgré le danger et les conditions de travail extrêmes, la #mine de #Pissy tourne toujours à plein régime francetvinfo.fr/monde/afrique/...</p>  <p>8:32am · 3 Feb 2022 · Scoop.it</p> <p>Tweet translation: #BurkinaFaso: despite the danger and extreme working conditions, the #Pissy #mine is still running at full capacity francetvinfo.fr/monde/afrique/...</p>
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² <https://minute.bf/nayala-des-hommes-armes-frappent-des-enseignants/>

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[#Burkina](#) | Paul-Henri Damiba "a fait bonne impression" aux émissaires de la [@ecowas_cedeao](#) qui l'ont rencontré en début de semaine. A Accra, s'ouvre ce jeudi, un sommet extraordinaire des chefs d'État sur le [#Burkina](#). "Tout va se jouer sur la durée de la Transition", [@RFI](#).



8:40am · 3 Feb 2022 · Twitter for Android

Tweet translation: [#Burkina](#) | Paul-Henri Damiba "made a good impression" to emissaries of the [@ecowas_cedeao](#) who met with him earlier this week. Heads of state open, in Accra, this Thursday, an extraordinary summit on [#Burkina](#). "Everything will whirl around the duration of the Transition", [@RFI](#).

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China and Russia seek bigger security role in post-coup Burkina Faso

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Insécurité : Djibo dans une situation humanitaire « assez catastrophique » actualite.bf/insecurite-dji... via [@ActualiteBf](#) [#lwili](#) [#Burkina](#) [#BurkinaFaso](#) [#Sahel](#)



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Tweet translation: Insecurity: Djibo's humanitarian situation is "quite catastrophic" actualite.bf/insecurite-dji... via [@ActualiteBf](#) [#lwili](#) [#Burkina](#) [#BurkinaFaso](#) [#Sahel](#)

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[#Burkina](#) : Les frontières terrestres fermées depuis le coup d'état du [#MPSR](#), puis ouvertes partiellement, sont rouvertes entièrement à partir de ce 2 février (Communiqué).

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[#AFT](#)



10:46pm · 2 Feb 2022 · Twitter for Android

Tweet translation: [#Burkina](#): Land borders closed since the coup staged by the [#MPSR](#), then partially opened, are fully reopened as of this 2 February (Press release).