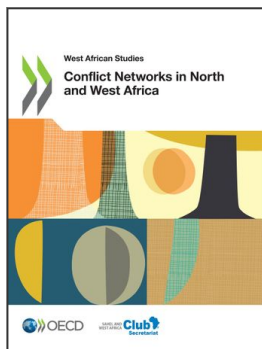


Abbreviations and acronyms

AaS	Ansar al-Sharia	GSL	Free Salafist Group
ACLED	Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project	GSPC	Salafist Group for Preaching and Combat
ADC	Democratic Alliance of 23 rd May for Change	HCUA	High Council for the Unity of Azawad
ADP	Alliance for the Defense of the Homeland	HoR	House of Representatives
AIS	Islamic Salvation Army	IEDs	Improvised Explosive Devices
AQIM	Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb	IMA	Islamic Movement of Azawad
ARLA	Revolutionary Army for the Liberation of the Azawad	IRA	Irish Republican Army
ASMA	Alliance for Solidarity in Mali	IS	Islamic State
CAN	Christian Association of Nigeria	ISGS	Islamic State in the Greater Sahara
CILSS	Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel	ISWAP	Islamic State West Africa Province
CJTF	Civilian Joint Task Force	IZALA	Society for the Removal of Innovation and Re-establishment of the Sunna
CMA	Coordination of Azawad Movements	JMC	Joint Military Commission
CNID	National Congress for Democratic Initiative	JNIM	Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam wa-l-Muslimin (Group for Supporting Islam and Muslims)
DSNA	Dynamic social network analysis	LGAs	Local government areas
ECOMOG	Economic Community of West African States Monitoring Group	LNA	Libyan National Army
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States	LURD	Liberian United for Reconciliation and Democracy
EUTM Mali	European Union Training Mission in Mali	MAA	Arab Movement of Azawad
FIS	Islamic Salvation Front	MINURSO	United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara
FPLA	Popular Liberation Front of Azawad	MINUSMA	Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali
FSA	Free Syrian Army	MNJTF	Multinational Joint Task Force
GATIA	Imghad Tuareg Self-Defense Group and Allies	MNLA	National Movement for the Liberation of Azawad
GIA	Armed Islamic Group	MODEL	Movement for Democracy in Liberia
GNA	Government of National Accord	MPLA	Peoples Movement for the Liberation of Azawad
GNC	General National Congress		

MSA	Movement for the Salvation of Azawad	SRS	Special Representative of the Secretary-General
MSF	Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders)	SWAC	Sahel and West Africa Club
MUJAO	Movement for Unity and Jihad in West Africa	UAE	United Arab Emirates
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization	UEMOA	West African Economic and Monetary Union
NLA	National Liberation Army	ULIMO	United Liberation Movement of Liberia for Democracy
NMJ	Niger Movement for Justice	UMRDA	Malian Union for the African Democratic Rally
NPDC	Nigeria Petroleum Development Company	UN	United Nations
NPFL	National Patriotic Front of Liberia	UNAMID	United Nations–African Union Mission in Darfur
NTC	National Transition Council	UNAMSIL	United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development	UNIFIL	United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon
ONUC	United Nations Operation in the Congo	UNMIL	United Nations Mission in Liberia
PII	Political Independence Index	UNOCI	United Nations Operation in Côte d’Ivoire
PN	Positive Negative	UNOMIL	United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia
RCD	Rassemblement Congolais pour la Démocratie	UNOMSIL	United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone
RUF	Revolutionary United Front	UNSC	United Nations Security Council
SCBR	Shura Council of Benghazi Revolutionaries	UNSMIL	United Nations Support Mission in Libya
SDF	Syrian Democratic Forces	VDP	Volunteers for the Defense of the Homeland
SNA	Social Network Analysis	YPG	People’s Protection Units



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