

28th May – 5th June 2016 Week Report

Mali

A Malian family on the 28th blamed UN peacekeepers for the death in custody of their father after he was arrested following a deadly jihadist ambush that culminated in the death of six Chadian peacekeepers in northeast Mali. The said civilian was allegedly abused in custody. as the UN Friday promised to "shed light" on the incident. Three suspects were arrested, one of whom "died on May 19 in the hours following his apprehension" while the other two were released. The victim was an elderly Tuareg shepherd named Almoustapha Ag Intisniyiken, who was detained with his son and another relative, his family.

On the 29th, five peacekeepers were killed and one seriously injured in an ambush on MINUSMA in central Mali on International Peace Keepers Day, 30 km west of Sevare city in the Mopti region. The peacekeepers were suspected to be Togolese on a peace mission in the area. This is the first time that MINUSMA peacekeepers have been killed in central Mali. This new attack comes after five Malian soldiers were killed on Friday and one later died at the hospital on the 24th in northern Mali by a mine explosion.

On the 31st, there was report of a growing number of Islamic clergy (especially the Sufi) in Mali are organizing and actively resisting the spread of radical Islamic beliefs. In the north, Islamic terrorists destroyed numerous Sufi shrines during 2012. The Sufis (and Shia and other Islamic sects) are considered heretics and often persecuted by Sunni conservatives. And also, Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) claimed responsibility on the 26th for an attack on two United Nations' sites in northern Mali where a peacekeeper from China and three civilians were killed and over a dozen others wounded including 3 Chinese.

On the 1st of June, three people were killed in two separate attacks on UN peacekeepers in the city of Gao in Mali, the UN says. In the first incident, which occurred on Tuesday, a UN peacekeeper was killed by rocket fire at a UN security forces' base in the eastern city.

Prior to these reports, that day (1st), the United Nations mission in Mali deployed attack helicopters after two assaults on UN bases in the northern city of Gao that left at least four people dead.

That day again, Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb said on social media that they had engaged in “battle” with “crusader occupation forces” in the northern Mali city of Gao on Wednesday, according to SITE Intelligence Group, an extremist monitoring firm.

Also on that day (1st) The International Criminal Court reported plans to complete the trial of an Islamic radical accused of involvement in the destruction of historic mausoleums in the Malian desert city of Timbuktu in just a week because the suspect plans to plead guilty”.

Media reports Syrian refugees seeking refuge in Mali on the 1st that with the fear of the Mediterranean crossing.

On the 2nd, the UN Security Council worked on recommendations on capacity building for the UN peacekeeping mission in Mali as well as increasing its troop levels. Delattre, also the president of the Security Council for June, said the recent attacks in Mali have indicated that the mission, known as MINUSMA, is working in a particularly difficult context.

In a similar development (2nd), the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has asked the Security Council to add at least 2,500 peacekeepers, equipment, armor and aerial surveillance in the wake of deadly attacks by Islamic extremists to the U.N. peacekeeping mission in Mali. ‘Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) claimed responsibility for an attack a day earlier on two U.N. sites in northern Mali where a peacekeeper from China and three civilians were killed and over a dozen others wounded”.

On that same day (2nd) Aminata Traore, a former Malian minister of Culture and Tourism, criticized the current structure of the United Nations going as far as calling for a rival global governance entity to be formed. She went on the ‘rival UN’ tangent after stating that she wanted to add her voice to the news that the United Nations was aiming to get its first female Secretary General to replace outgoing Ban Ki-moon.

On the 3rd, Chinese military sent a specialist medical team to Mali on Thursday to join Chinese peacekeepers there and help deal with casualties from ongoing terrorist attacks. Led by a senior Defense Ministry official, the team will work with the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali and the Mali government to ensure the safety of the attacked peacekeepers.

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Nigeria

On the 28th of a civil society organization, Sterling Centre for Law and Development, advocated for the rehabilitation of children who have been displaced by the Boko Haram insurgency in Nigeria's northeast. Thousands children are roaming streets and camps in north east of Nigeria unaccompanied.

Same day, the Nigerian Army conducted a special training on counter-terrorism operations for officers and recruits. The exercise is part of efforts by the Nigerian military to expose the young soldiers to conventional ways of fighting terrorism in the northeast.

In the Borno State on the same day, troops of 81 Battalion and 251 Task Force Battalion Ambush Boko Haram Terrorists crossing from Sambisa To Alagarn at Nyaleri. At least two terrorists were killed, many others were wounded and their weapons were equally recovered.

On the 29th, five people were killed when a motorcycle ran over long planted mine that was undetected in the near a military checkpoint in Biu, Borno state. Five people; a woman, her baby and two men including a soldier were died.

Same day, (29th) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) expressed worries that the continued violence in the Northeast region of Nigeria, has led to the displacement of more than 1.2m children in the zone.

On that day (29th) the German Government confirmed support for 1,500 students affected by insurgency in the north east under the safe-school initiative since it was set up in 2014.

On the 30th, unconfirmed source reported no fewer than seven persons who were confirmed dead following protest by members of the **Movement for the Actualization of Sovereign State of**

Biafra (MASSOB), in Asaba on Monday in a procession to mark the anniversary of Biafra declaration. Prior to this attack the police in Owerri made the disclosure of arrests on Monday, claiming that the members of the Movement for the Actualization of the Sovereign State of Biafra (MASSOB) were disturbing the peace.

On that same day (30th) Christina Ijabla who was in Boko Haram custody for two years told DW about life in an Islamist militant prison camp and how she had seen the elusive Chibok girls, whose seizure sparked international outrage.

Another report that day (30th) was that Of the 795 BH suspects held in the Maroua prison in Cameroon alone, only 125 have been formally charged, tried and sentenced to prison terms.

On the 31st, Nigerians in Diaspora Monitoring Group, (NDMG) called upon President Muhammadu Buhari to order an investigation into the role being played by the various stakeholders in Borno State in the intractable nature of the Boko Haram insurgency.

There was a report from an online platform also on the (31st) entitled “Time is up for Muhammadu Buhari, Nigeria’s president and former army general, who promised before his inauguration on 29 May last year to stamp out Boko Haram within 12 months – and has singularly failed to do so, despite a tough military crackdown in the country’s north-east”.

There was also statistical report that day (31st) that stated “No fewer than 772,224 children registered by National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) are living in internally displaced persons (IDPs) camps in the northeast of Nigeria”.

The Cable reported on the (31st) reported that “President Muhammadu Buhari-led federal government has adopted 10 Chibok girls who survived abduction by the Boko Haram,”.

Still on that day (31st), a militant group in the Niger Delta issued a renewed threat to international oil companies as Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari reportedly plans a visit to the troubled region to launch the cleaning of Ogoni land oil pollution.

On the 1st of June, the Republic of Jordan says it will collaborate with Nigeria in a bid to end terrorism in the country. A high power delegation from His Royal Majesty King Abdullah II of Jordan met with the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Abayomi Gabriel Olonisakin at the Defence Headquarters (DHQ) in Abuja. During the meeting, both countries explored areas of collaboration on ending the threat posed by the Boko Haram terrorists.

On that (1st), there was another report expressing fears of intriguing stockpiles apart from the predictable guns, bombs, and machetes. Often these include magical amulets and trinkets, and, frequently, quantities of Viagra and similar sex-enhancing pharmaceuticals

On that day (1st) again the Niger Delta Avengers, the new militant group claimed responsibility for a string of attacks on oil and gas installations in the Niger Delta, and again, says it has destroyed more oil wells.

There was also a report that that day (1st) saying “Nigerian troops deployed to Borno State have rescued several abducted persons, arrested suspected Boko Haram terrorists, and recovered weapons and equipment,” the army said in a statement.

The Chief of Army Staff (COAS), **Lt.-Gen. Tukur Buratai**, on that day (1st), said “the Army was on the trail of Boko Haram terrorists who fled Sambisa and were hiding in Taraba.

On that same day (2nd) the Emir of Gwoza Local Government Area of Borno State, Alhaji Muhammadu Idrissa Timta “said none of his Internally Displaced Persons, IDPs, including himself and his immediate family will return to Gwoza until Boko Haram terrorist are completely wiped out”.

That same day 2nd, the Nigerian army announced that militants have attacked a boat belonging to Nigeria’s state oil firm NNPC in the Niger Delta, killing at least six people.

There was another report that same day alleging that one soldier was killed while another one was seriously injured after suspected cattle rustlers attacked a joint security patrol team at Madaci village of Faskari local government area in Katsina State on Thursday June 2nd.

On the 3rd, the Militant group Niger Delta Avengers vowed to bring Nigeria’s oil production to zero after it announced haven blown up two crude pipelines in Bayelsa state. The group said via Twitter that “at about 2:00am today, “@NDAvengers blew up the Ogboinbiri to Tebidaba and Clough Creek to Tebidaba Crude Oil pipelines in Bayelsa State.”

There was also report that (3rd) troops of 202 Battalion of 21 Brigade in Operation LAFIYA DOLE have ambushed Boko Haram elements in which they killed 3 and arrested one of the terrorists at Sabsawa-Boarding road and BOCOBS-Ngurusoye road between 1-2nd June 2016. Although they successfully cleared the ambush, one soldier died in the process, an officer and 3 soldiers sustained various degrees of injury. One of the civilian JTF accompanying the patrol team was also injured. The team killed 8 Boko Haram terrorists and recovered arms and ammunitions at the ambush site. The recovered items include, 1 Rocket Propel Grenade (RPG), AK-47 Rifles, 2 Rocket Propel Grenade bomb, 3 AK-47 Rifle Magazine and 120 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition. The troops also discovered 3 Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) concealed by the edge of the road which were safely detonated by the Explosive Ordnance Device (EOD) team.

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Niger, Senegal, and Burkina Faso

On the 30th, authorities in Niger Republic indicated that they are set to launch a major offensive against Boko Haram. According to the government of Niger, the offensive against the Islamist group will also involve military forces from neighboring countries.

On the 31st, a French military base outside Niger's capital Niamey, started an ongoing anti-insurgent operation Dubbed "operation Barkhane", French troops are now using drones to patrol the skies of northern Niger to target Islamist militants from al-Qaeda and Boko Haram who often carry out attacks in the West Africa.

Three policemen were killed on the 31st of May in a night attack on a police station on a border town of Intangom in the province of Oudalan by unidentified assailants in northern Burkina Faso, a few kilometers from the border with Mali. They took with them taking with them weapons belonging to the police.

On the 3rd of June, there was a report that said "Malnutrition in Niger has reached a critical point. The United Nations has sounded an alarm over the situation and says that malnutrition among children in the country has reached the maximum threshold".

On the 1st of June, the Senegalese court sentenced a geography teacher to a year to jail for condoning terrorism while serving as an imam in his spare time.

On the 2nd, the police in Burkina Faso said they had arrested six "foreigners" suspected of being behind jihadist attacks in January that left 30 people dead. According to a press statement

released by the police on Wednesday, the suspects arrested on Monday had sheltered the attackers, three of whom were killed during the January 15 raid, and were in contact with the mastermind of the plot.

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