

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

ATTACK RAISES INSECURITY IN PAOUA TOWN

Armed assailants on 27 March raided a village north of Paoua town, where 65,000 civilians have sought refuge from clashes in recent months, and reportedly killed and wounded several civilians and burned down 16 houses. Separately, seven civilians were also abducted in two villages around Paoua, the main town in the northern Ouham Pende prefecture. In Markounda town near the border with Chad, armed elements reportedly forced around 2,000 to flee their homes. Humanitarian operations were suspended in Markounda in February due to insecurity.

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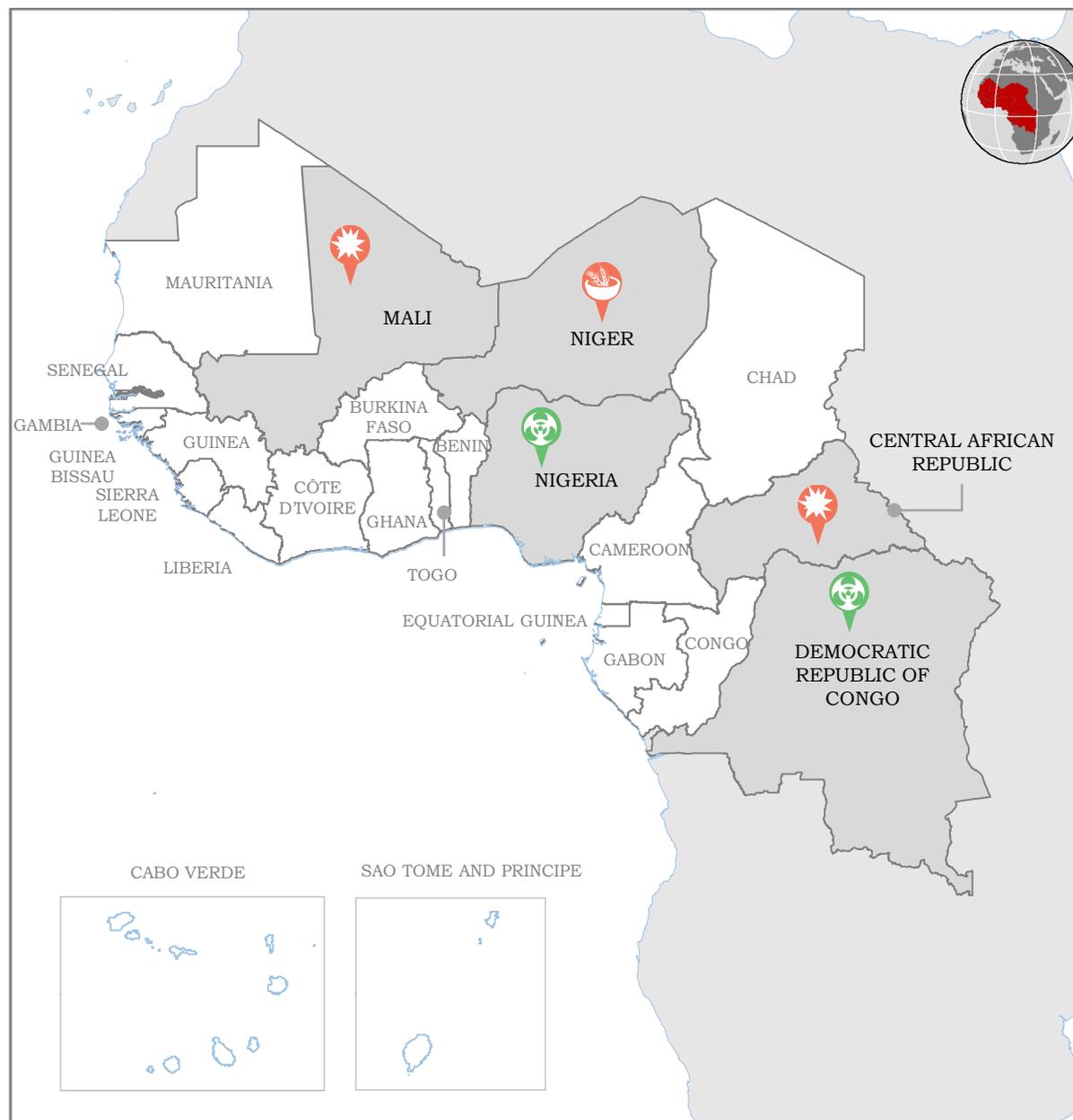
MEASLES VACCINATION DRIVE IN HAUT-KATANGA

Health authorities on 31 March concluded a four-day measles vaccination in the southern Haut Katanga province. The immunization drive targeted children under 5 in seven health zones where the outbreak has been confirmed. A total of 490 cases of measles were registered between January and 25 March. Health authorities have attributed the outbreak to low vaccination coverage.

MALI

ROBBERY HITS AID GROUP'S OPERATIONS

An aid organisation on 3 April temporarily shut operations in the northern Gao town following the robbery of its two vehicles. The organisation will, however, continue to remotely support health structures in the region. In Menaka, in the east, armed individuals on 2 April robbed personal effects and work equipment at the residence of three aid workers. No physical violence was reported. Around 50 incidents of insecurity against humanitarians have been recorded in Mali since the start of the year.



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FOOD INSECURITY TO DEEPEN IN DIFFA, TILLABÉRI

Food insecurity is projected to worsen in 12 departments in Diffa and Tillabéri regions due to persistent insecurity, according to food security experts. Across the country, around 700,000 people are currently food insecure. The figure is expected to rise to 800,000 by the June – August lean season.

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CHOLERA ERUPTS IN YOBE STATE

Health authorities in the north-eastern Yobe state on 6 April declared a cholera outbreak in Bade locality. A total of 220 cases and 12 deaths have been recorded in four localities in the state since cases of acute watery diarrhoea erupted on 28 March. On 7 April, 29 suspected cholera cases were reported in Yobe state, a 37 per-cent increase over the previous day. Aid organisations, especially Health and WASH actors, are scaling up the response, including deployment of personnel, establishment of treatment centres, water chlorination and promotion of hygiene messages across affected areas.

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