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December 30:

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مقتل ۷ عناصر من القوات النيجيرية وإحراق آليتين وكنيسة بهجمات شمال ووسط نيجيريا



<u>Translation</u>: Seven Nigerian army soldiers were killed, two vehicles destroyed and a church burned in attacks throughout northern and central Nigeria.

This week the soldiers of the Caliphate in Western Africa killed seven Nigerian soldiers and police officers and destroyed two of their vehicles. Two Christians were killed and a church

was burned. This happened in three separate attacks.

The murder of Christians and burning of a church

By the grace of God Almighty, the Mujahidin attacked the village of (Mosogha) in the area of (Borno) on Thursday, 28 Jumada al-Ula. Two Christians were killed, their church was burned down, the attackers safely returned to their camp.

Four police officers killed in an attack in central Nigeria.

On the same day the Mujahidin attacked a camp of the murtad Nigerian army with machine guns in the village of (Induri), in the area of (Kogi). Four individuals were killed, one vehicle destroyed. The Mujahidin returned safely to their camp.

Three soldiers killed in Northern Nigeria.

On Friday, 29 Jumada al-Ula, the soldiers of the Caliphate conducted an attack on a patrol of the murtad Nigerian army on the road between (Ghamboro) and (Lomani) in (Borno). In a fire fight with machine guns three of them were killed and a vehicle was destroyed. *Last week.*

Last week the soldiers of the Caliphate in Western Africa Province have killed four Nigerian soldiers and wounded several more, attacked a Christian village, burned its church and six houses in a number of attacks in (Borno), northern Nigeria.

• az-Zalaqa – an attack by JNIM in Burkina Faso



Translation: By the grace and power of God the Mujahidin of JNIM destroyed a vehicle of the Burkinabe army with a mine, placed on the road between (Konghosi) and (Borzangha) on Thursday 5 Jumada al-Akhira 1444 AH, 29 December 2022 AD. There are no details on the number of casualties, but a helicopter was spotted evacuating killed and wounded. [...]

• az-Zalaqa – an overview of recent operations by JNIM in Menaka against the Malian armed forces.



Translation (summarized): The month of Jumada al-'Ula 1444

December 28: 1 killed December 2: 3 killed December 4: 80 killed December 5: 8 killed December 8: 8 killed December 16: 5 killed December 19: 4 killed December 23: 3 killed

January 2:

• An attack by ISWAP on the Nigerian Army



ولاية غرب إفريقية بتوفيق الله تعالى، هاجم جنود الخلافة حاجزا للجيش النيجيري المرتد، في بلدة (آجري) بمنطقة (برنو) يوم الخميس الماضي، واشتبكوا معهم بالأسلحة المتنوعة، ما أدى لفرار هم، ولله الحمد **Translation:** *ISWAP, By the grace of God Almighty, the soldiers of the caliphate attacked the murtad Nigerian army in the village of (Agiri) in the area of (Borno) last Thursday. They attacked them with a variety of weapons and chased them of the battlefield.*



• An attempted attack on the President of Nigeria by ISWAP

ولاية غرب إفريقية جنود الخلافة يفجّرون سيارة مفخخة قرب قصر حاكم منطقة (كوجي) وسط نيجيريا

Translation: By the grace of God Almighty, soldiers of the Caliphate detonated a VBIED last Thursday close to the government building in (Kogi) province in (Okene). The aim was the murtad Nigerian dictator. 3 guards were killed, others wounded.

(NOTE: this attack was aimed directly at the president of Nigeria. More details will be included if needed)

January 3:

Attack on a church by ISWAP



ولاية غرب إفريقية بتوفيق الله تعالى، هاجم جنود الخلافة كنيسة للنصارى، في بلدة (لوكوجا) بمنطقة (كوجي) أمس، بالأسلحة الرشاشة، وقتلوا اثنين من حراسها فيما لاذ البقية بالفرار، ولله الحمد **Translation:** *ISWAP, By the grace of God Almighty, the Mujahidin attacked a Christian church with machine guns in the village of (Kogi) yesterday. Two were killed, the rest of them fled*

<u>January 4:</u>

• Attacks claimed by JNIM via az-Zalaqa in Macina, Mali



هجومين متزامنين على مركز الدفاع المدني وحاجز مرور بالقرب من العاصة

Translation: The unlawful rulers of Mali started their new Christian year by suffering two subsequent attacks by the Mujahidin of JNIM. On Monday 2 January 2023 (...) JNIM conducted two attacks. The first on a civil firefighter base in the village of (Marka Kongho). Three firefighters were killed, two vehicles burned. One ambulance was captured by the Mujahidin, who returned safely to their base. At the exact same time a patrol of JNIM attacked a convoy on the road to (Kasila), 45 kilometres from (Bamako). The attack was conducted on a centre for environmental and forestal protection. One of them was killed, the others fled the scene. The Mujahidin safely returned to their base with their spoils of war. (...)

• Attack claimed by ISWAP on a Nigerian army camp



و لاية غرب إفريقية بتوفيق الله تعالى، هاجم جنود الخلافة مقرا للمليشيات الموالية للجيش النيجيري المرتد، في (شارا) بمنطقة (يوبي) أمس، بالأسلحة الرشاشة، ما أدى لمقتل عنصرين، وأحرق المجاهدون عددا من منازلهم، واغتنموا بعض ممتلكاتهم، ولله الحمد

Translation: *ISWAP, by the grace of God Almighty, yesterday soldiers of the Caliphate, armed with machine guns, attacked headquarters of militia affiliated with the murtad Nigerian army in (Sharo) in the area of (Yobe). Two were killed, the Mujahidin destroyed some of their houses and took some of their belongings.*

• An overview of The Islamic State's operations in 2022. Infographic published via Nashir News.



A breakdown of operations throughout the Sahel:

Burkina Faso: 4 attacks, 46 victims Mali: 22 attacks, 827 victims Niger: 11 attacks, 55 victims Chad: 10 attacks, 70 victims Nigeria: 181 attacks, 1188 victims

Total: 228 attacks, 2186 victims

January 5:

• Infographic published by az-Zalaqa on recent operations



• An attack claimed by ISWAP on a Nigerian army camp



و لاية غرب إفريقية بتوفيق الله تعالى، فجّر جنود الخلافة عبوة ناسفة على دورية للجيش النيجيري المرتد، بين بلدتي (واجيروكو) و(دامبوا) أمس، ما أدى لتدمير عربة مدرّعة ومقتل وإصابة من فيها، ولله الحمد.

Translation: *ISWAP, by the glory of God Almighty, soldiers of the Caliphate detonated an explosive device on a convoy of the murtad Nigerian army yesterday, on the road between (Wajiroko) and (Damboa). An armoured vehicle was destroyed, those inside were wounded or killed.*