

Overview of the Security Situation in West Africa

In Zone One (Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea Bissau and Senegal), the general political and security situation during the quarter could be described as somewhat tense. Apart from Cape Verde, the remaining three countries experienced some incidents that posed challenges to the political and security order. Guinea Bissau, yet again, came close to another military take-over. On 1 April, troops under the command of the then-Deputy Chief of General Staff, Major General António Indjai, took control of the armed forces' headquarters, detaining the Chief of General Staff, Vice Admiral José Zamora Induta, and briefly holding Prime Minister Carlos Gomes Júnior. Military personnel later stormed the UN office in Bissau in search of Rear Admiral Bubo Na Tchto, who was seeking refuge in the premises. Rear Admiral Bubo Na Tchto left the UN building after signing a statement that he was leaving on his own accord.

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