

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

VIOLENCE FORCES 400 TO FLEE ACROSS BORDER

Fighting on 5 October in the south-eastern Zemio town forced 400 people to flee across the border to Democratic Republic of Congo. An unknown number of people also sought refuge in the jungle. Humanitarian operations, including emergency health services have been suspended and some aid workers have been relocated to the capital Bangui or other cities for security reasons. The town has been repeatedly hit by violence since June, driving much of the population into refuge across the border.

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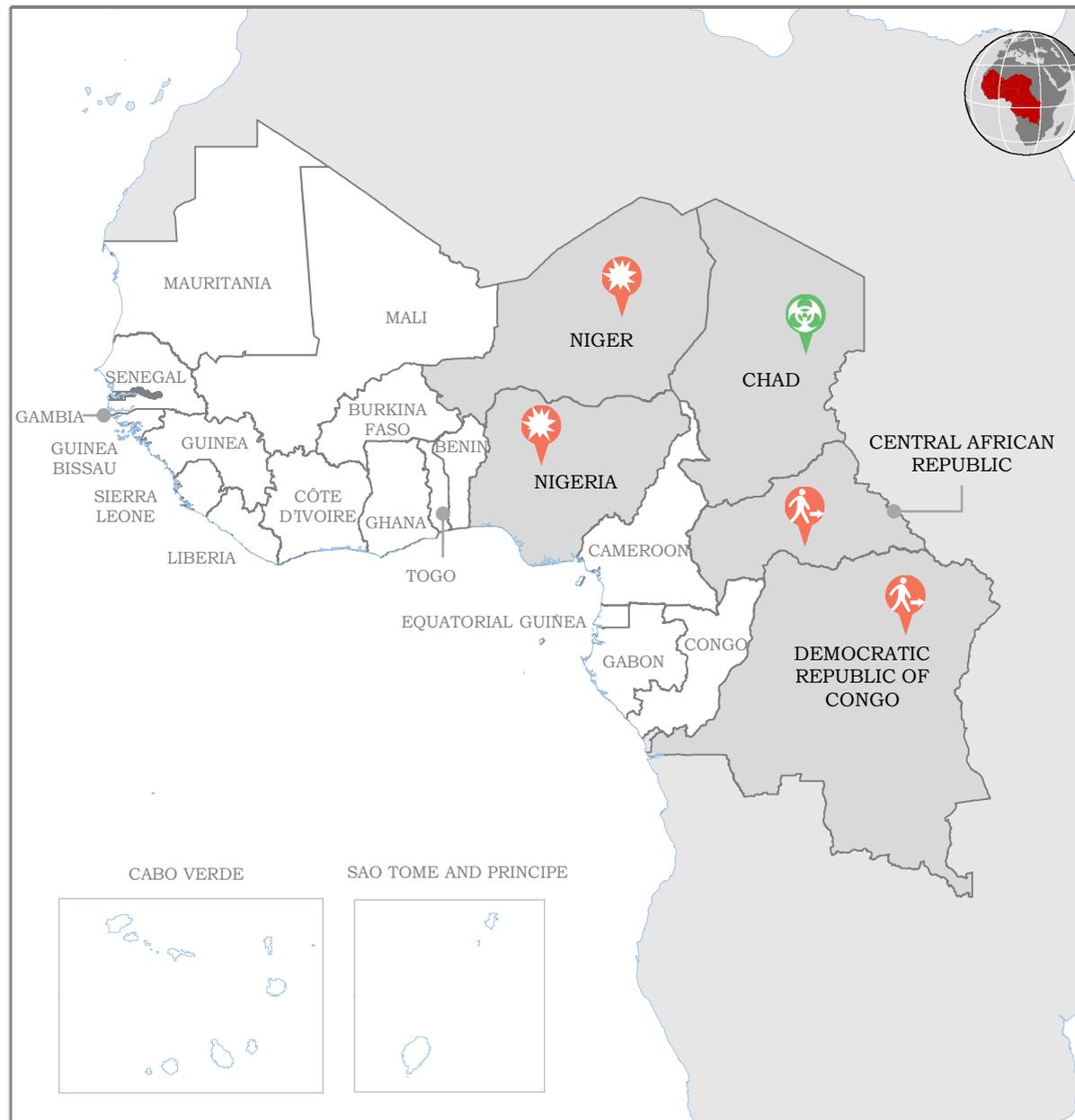
CHOLERA DEATH TOLL RISES TO 63

As of 7 October, a cholera outbreak that erupted in August in the south-eastern Salamat and Sila regions had infected 519 people and claimed 63 lives. The outbreak appears to be under control in Sila region as no further cases have been reported in the past week. The disease has spread to more villages in Salamat region, infecting 58 people and killing 11. WHO, MSF and UNICEF are providing treatment, water and raising cholera awareness.

DR CONGO

CENTRAL AFRICAN REFUGEES RECEIVE ASSISTANCE

More than 4,700 Central African Republic refugees have received relief assistance for the first time since arriving in the Democratic Republic of Congo's northern Bas Uélé Province in May. They received basic household items and tarpaulin. A local aid group is to launch health and hygiene assistance programme. As of 21 September, more than 11,000 Central African Republic refugees had been registered in the region.



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ARMED ATTACKS TAKE TOLL ON CIVILIANS

Between May and October, around 50 armed attacks were recorded in the south-eastern Diffa region and the western Tahoua and Tillabery regions. Civilians have borne the heaviest brunt, with 57 abducted, 27 wounded and 50 killed. Three soldiers have been abducted, 10 wounded and 15 killed in the attacks. Diffa region is beset by an unprecedented humanitarian emergency since Boko Haram launched cross-border attacks in 2015. Tahoua and Tillabery regions have suffered incursions by armed attackers based in Mali.

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SOLDIERS FOIL ATTACK ON IDP CAMP

Soldiers on 6 October intercepted three suspected Boko Haram members attempting to pass as internally displaced people at a checkpoint near a site hosting 15,000 displaced people in the north-eastern Bama town. They then detonated their explosive vests. No one else was killed in the incident, the latest in a rising spate of attacks targeting locations hosting displaced people.

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