

RADICAL ISLAMIST ARMED POLITICAL GROUPS IN THE SAHEL



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART OF JNIM

(JAMA'AT NUSRAT AL-ISLAM WAL-MUSLIMIN)

CENTRAL ADVISORY COUNCIL – MADJLISS ACH-CHOURA

Role : JNIM's supreme body. It makes all major strategic decisions and validates the group's ideological, operational, and geographic orientations. It coordinates the regional subdivisions (Mantiqa) and oversees cross-border expansion.

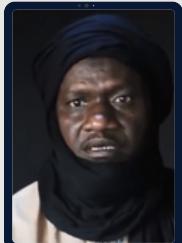
Composition : 9 members, including several historic figures of Sahelian Islamism.



Iyad Ag Ghaly

EMIR OF JNIM

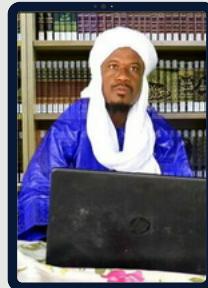
A veteran of the Tuareg autonomist conflicts, founder of the group Ansar Dine, and a Malian radical Islamist. He has been regarded as the leading figure of Sahelian jihadism since the creation of JNIM in 2017, of which he is the charismatic figurehead. He plays a central ideological and strategic role.



Amadou Barry known as Amadou Kouffa

LEADER OF THE MACINA KATIBA SINCE 2015.

Fulani preacher from central Mali and a major jihadist figure in the Macina region, particularly around Mocti. He mobilizes supporters through an ethno-religious discourse rooted in the frustrations of marginalized Fulani communities.



Mahmoud Barry

LIEUTENANT OF AMADOU KOUFFA

Fighter released during a 2020 hostage exchange (Sophie Pétronin and Soumaïla Cissé, see above). His inclusion in the Council indicates his strategic closeness to Kouffa and the importance of the Macina region within JNIM.



Sedan Ag Hitta

GOVERNOR OF THE KIDAL REGION WITHIN JNIM

From the Tuareg communities of the North, he plays a territorial leadership role in this strategically important, historically unstable border region.



Jafar Dicko

HEAD OF THE BURKINA REGION.

Younger brother of the late Malam Ibrahim Dicko, founder of the group 'Ansarul Islam.' He took over the leadership of the group after his brother's death in 2017. He embodies the link between Burkinabe jihadist networks and JNIM.



Abou Abderrahmane al-Jazairi

HEAD OF THE TIMBUKTU REGION.

Of Algerian origin, he succeeded Abou Abderrahmane Al-Libi. As AQIM's representative on the Council, he maintains political ties with the parent organization.



Hamza Al-Tabankorti

HEAD OF THE GAO REGION

Also known as Hamahama Ould Alkhaweyra. Active in the Tilemsi area.



Abou Daoud

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL.

No details provided



Abou Hamza Al-Shinguiti

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL; ALSO ACTIVE IN ARIBANDA

No details provided, but mentioned as a regional coordinator.

THE MANTIQA (REGIONAL SUBDIVISIONS) OF JNIM

