

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 (Mantiqua) and oversees cross-border expansion.

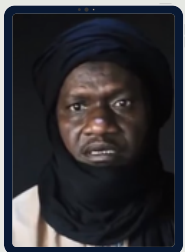
Composition : 9 members, including several historic figures of Sahelian Islamism.



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.

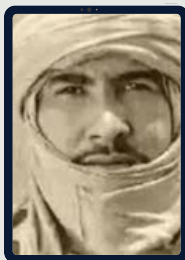
Fulani preacher from central Mali and a major jihadist figure in the Macina region, particularly around Mopti. He mobilizes supporters through an ethno-religious discourse rooted in the frustrations of marginalized Fulani communities



Mahmoud Barry

LIEUTENANT OF AMADOU KOUFFA

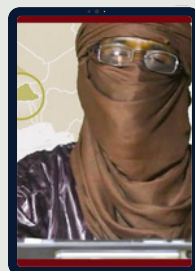
Fighter released during a 2020 hostage exchange (Sophie Pétronin and Soumaïla Cissé, see above). His inclusion in the Council indicates his strategic closeness to Kouffa and the importance of the Macina region within JNIM



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



MANTIQA TIMBUKTU

EMIR : ABOU ABDERRAHMANE AL-JAZAIRI

Sector leaders:

- Salick Lasmar (Timbuktu-Taoudeni)
- Abou Oumar Al-Shinqiti (Ber-Timbuktu)
- Ghoumeyra Ould (Soumpi-Lernab)

- Cadi : Houka Houka Ag Alhousseini
- Chef des opérations : Abou Qatada

MANTIQA KIDAL-MENAKA



EMIR : SEDAN AG HITTA

- **Operations leader :** Abderrahmane Zaza
- **Qadi** (Islamic religious and legal official) : Zineidine Ag Bigga



MANTIQA SIKASSO

EMIR : WALLEIDINE SACKO

Operations leaders :

- Abou Moujahid (Koutiala-Karangasso)
- Oumar Barry dit Farouk (Kimparana-Bourra)
- Adama Konaté also known as Zoubeirou (Koury-Sikasso-Burkina)

MANTIQA GAO



EMIR : HAMZA AL-TABANKORTI

Operations leaders:

- Housseini Ould Hamada (Tilemsi-Tabankort)
- Hicham Ag Yehia (Talataye-Gao)
- Aliou Touré (Bourem-Bamba)
- Cadi : Non identifié

MANTIQA MACINA

EMIR : AMADOU KOUFFA



Chief Qadi : Kola Mobbo

Operations leader : Jouleybib Nampala

Heads of the main zones:

- Abdoul Hamid (East-South)
- Cheickou Oumar (West-South - responsible for expansion toward Senegal and Guinea.)
- Bobala (Tenenkou)
- Abou Abderrahmane (Nampala-Sokolo)
- Abderrahmane Dabel (Kounari)
- Abou Tourabi (Konna)
- Tirmizi (Guimbala)
- Imrana Cissé (Nara-Nioro)
- Miqdadi (Diéma - forêt du Baoulé)
- Abou Houzeifa Al-Bambari (Belédougou)
- Oumar Diop (Yelimane - Sénégal)
- Cadi : Abou Yousseuf

MANTIQA ARIBANDA / GOURMA

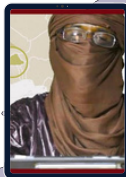


**COORDINATING EMIR
ABOU HAMZA AL-SHINGUITI**

**Emir of Gourma: Abou Soufiane
Emir of Serma: Miqdadi**

Sector leaders :

- Abou Ichaka (In-Tillit)
- Gossi (Oussa Soumi)
- Hamahama Ould Moulaye (Inadjatafane)
- Ousmane Al-Fulani (N'Daki)
- Cadi principal : Jouleybib Al-Mauritani



MANTIQA BURKINA

EMIR : JAFAR DICKO

Qadi: Unidentified

Eastern Coordinator: Sekou Mouslimou (responsible for Benin and Togo)

Operations leaders :

- Abou Aïcha (Boucle du Mouhoun)
- Abou Adama (Nassoumbou)
- Ismail (Ouahigouya)
- Housseini (Bama)
- Nouroudine (Pama)
- Abou Houreira (Gayeri)
- Zoubeirou (Kantchari)
- Abou Daouda (Diapaga)



MANTIQA NIGER

EMIR : ABOU ANIFA

Qadi : Non identifié

Operations leaders :

- Souabou (Gotheye)
- Touriste (Tassia-Torodi)
- Moussaré (Bossey-Bangou-Tera)
- Abou Aïssa (Makalondi-Saye)