

**Annex 2b. Coups d'Etat in Africa, 1946-2004:
Successful (1), Attempted (2), Plotted (3), and Alleged (4)**

Country	Month	Day	Year	Success	Leaders	Deaths
Angola	10	27	1974	2	Antonio Navarro (inter alia)	0
Angola	5	27	1977	2	Cdr. Nito Alves, Jose van Dunen	200
Benin	10	28	1963	1	Gen. Christophe Soglo	999
Benin	11	29	1965	1	Congacou	0
Benin	12	17	1967	1	Alley	998
Benin	12	13	1969	1	de Souza	998
Benin	10	26	1972	1	Maj. Mathieu Kerekou	0
Benin	10	18	1975	2	Urbain Nicoue	0
Benin	1	16	1977	2	unspecified	8
Benin	3	26	1988	2	Capt. Hountoundji	0
Benin	5		1992	2	Pascal Tawes	0
Benin	11	15	1995	2	Col. Dankoro, Mr. Chidiac	1
Burkina Faso	1	3	1966	1	Lt. Col. Sangoule Lamizana	0
Burkina Faso	11	25	1980	1	Col. Saye Zerbo	0
Burkina Faso	11	7	1982	1	Maj. Jean-Baptiste Ouedraogo	20
Burkina Faso	8	4	1983	1	Capt. Thomas Sankara	13
Burkina Faso	10	15	1987	1	Capt. Blaise Campaore	100
Burkina Faso	10	20	2003	4	Norbert Tiendrebeogo, Capt. Wally Diapagri	0
Burundi	10	18	1965	2	unspecified	500
Burundi	11	29	1966	1	Capt. Micombero	999
Burundi	5		1972	4	unspecified	100000
Burundi	11	1	1976	1	Lt. Col. Jean-Baptiste Bagaza	0
Burundi	9	3	1987	1	Maj. Pierre Buyoya	0
Burundi	3	4	1992	2	Bagaza?	0
Burundi	7	3	1993	2	officers loyal to Buyoya	0
Burundi	10	21	1993	2	Gen. Bikomagu, Francois Ngeze	150000
Burundi	4	25	1994	2	Tutsi paratroopers	999
Burundi	7	25	1996	1	army	6000
Burundi	4	18	2001	2	Lt. Passeur Ntarutimana	0
Burundi	7	22	2001	2	unspecified	3
Cameroon	4	6	1984	2	Col. Ibrahim Saleh	750
Cameroon	8		1993	3	Maj. Oumharou, Capt. Salaton	0
Cameroon	5		1994	3	Cdr. Mbia Meka	0
Cen. African Rep.	12	22	1965	1	Gen. Soglo	0
Cen. African Rep.	1	1	1966	1	Col. Jean Bedel Bokassa	8
Cen. African Rep.	4	10	1969	2	Lt. Col. Banza	0
Cen. African Rep.	11		1974	2	incl. Gen. Lingoupon	0
Cen. African Rep.	9	20	1979	1	David Dacko	999
Cen. African Rep.	9	1	1981	1	Gen. Andre Kolingba	0
Cen. African Rep.	3	3	1982	2	Ange Patasse, Gen. Alphonse Mbaikoua, and Gen. Francois Bozize	5
Cen. African Rep.	11	15	1996	2	unspecified (army mutiny)	999
Cen. African Rep.	5	28	2001	2	Andre Kolingba (alleged)	300
Cen. African Rep.	3	15	2003	1	Gen. Francois Bozize	15
Chad	8	26	1971	2	Ahmed Abdallah	0
Chad	4	18	1975	1	Gen. Noel Odingar, Lt. Dimtoloum	999

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Chad	3	31	1977	2	Sub-Lt. Brahim Abakar Koumba	8
Chad	6	7	1982	1	Hissene Habre	999
Chad	4	1	1989	2	Brahim Itno, Hassan Djamoussi, Idriss Deby	999
Chad	12	1	1990	1	Idriss Deby	5000
Chad	10	13	1991	2	Maldom Bada Abbas	4
Chad	2	21	1992	2	unspecified	13
Chad	6	18	1992	2	Col. Abbas Koty	0
Chad	1	27	1993	2	Col. Toke	0
Comoros	8	3	1975	1	Ali Soilih	999
Comoros	6	4	1977	2	unspecified	999
Comoros	1	14	1978	3	Ali Mohamed	0
Comoros	5	12	1978	1	Said Atthoumani	999
Comoros	2	14	1981	4	various	0
Comoros	3	8	1985	4	Mustapha Said Cheikh	3
Comoros	11	30	1987	2	Members of Presidential Guard	998
Comoros	8	3	1991	2	Ibrahim Ahmed Halidi	0
Comoros	9	26	1992	2	Lt. Abderamane Abdallah, Lt. Cheikh Abdallah	0
Comoros	9	27	1995	2	Bob Denard (mercenary)	3
Comoros	4	30	1999	1	Col. Azali Assoumani	0
Comoros	3	21	2000	2	Capt. Abderame Ahmed Abdallah	0
Congo-Brazzaville	8	15	1963	1	Debat	0
Congo-Brazzaville	2	26	1967	3	Defense civile	0
Congo-Brazzaville	1	17	1968	2	unknown	998
Congo-Brazzaville	5	13	1968	2	commando group	0
Congo-Brazzaville	8	1	1968	1	Capt. Marien Ngouabi	0
Congo-Brazzaville	11	8	1969	2	Maj. Bernard Kolela	0
Congo-Brazzaville	3	23	1970	2	Lt. Pierre Kikanga	32
Congo-Brazzaville	2	22	1972	2	Maj. Ambroise Noumazalay	1
Congo-Brazzaville	3	18	1977	2	Capt. K. Kadidi, Massemba-Debat	1
Congo-Brazzaville	8	14	1978	3	Mssrs. Miakassissa, Kolela, Finamantsiona, Mouzabakani	0
Congo-Brazzaville	10	15	1997	1	former Pres. Sassou-Nguesso	999
Congo-Brazzaville	4	11	2005	3	Capt. Pandi Ngouari, Nguila Mougounga Nkombo	0
Djibouti	1	8	1991	2	Ali Aref Bourhan	1
Djibouti	12	7	2000	2	Gen. Yasin Yabeh	2
DR Congo	11	25	1965	1	Gen. Mobutu	999
DR Congo	3	28	2004	2	unspecified	998
DR Congo	6	11	2004	2	Maj. Eric Lenge and members of Presidential Guard	998
Equatorial Guinea	3	5	1969	2	Sr. Ndongo	0
Equatorial Guinea	8	3	1979	1	Col. Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo	250
Equatorial Guinea	4	10	1981	2	Pedro Ekong, Angel Masie Ntutumu, Andres Moises Mba	17
Equatorial Guinea	5	11	1983	2	Sgt. Venancio Miko Obiang	0
Equatorial Guinea	7	19	1986	2	Eugenio Abeso Mondu	999
Equatorial Guinea	8		1988	4	several	0
Equatorial Guinea	3	7	2004	2	Severo Moto, Simon Mann, Nick du Toit	0

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Ethiopia	12	14	1960	2	Gen. Mengistu Newaye, Germain Newaye, Col. Workneh Gebeheyu, Getachew Bekele	999
Ethiopia	9	12	1974	1	Derg; Andom Banti	998
Ethiopia	11	23	1974	1	Derg: Gen. Tafari Banti, Major Mengistu	60
Ethiopia	2	3	1977	1	Lt. Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam	999
Ethiopia	2	3	1977	2	unspecified	10
Ethiopia	5	16	1989	2	Gen. Merid Negusie, GEN. Amha Desta	400
Gabon	2	18	1964	2	Jean-Hilaire Aubame	998
Gambia	7	29	1981	2	Kukli Samba Sanyang	650
Gambia	7	23	1994	1	Lt. Yahya Jammeh	0
Gambia	11	10	1994	2	Lt. Basiru Borrow	3
Gambia	1	27	1995	2	Lts. Sana Sabally & Sadibu Hydara	999
Ghana	2	24	1966	1	Gen. Joseph Ankrah	27
Ghana	4	17	1967	2	Lt. Samuel Benjamin Arthur	4
Ghana	1	13	1972	1	Lt. Col. Ignatius Kutu Acheampong	0
Ghana	5		1977	2	Lt. Col. George Minyila, Attoh Quarshie	0
Ghana	7	5	1978	1	Gen. F.W.K. Akuffo	0
Ghana	5	15	1979	2	Flt. Lt. Jerry Rawlings	1
Ghana	6	4	1979	1	Jerry Rawlings	13
Ghana	12	31	1981	1	supporters of Rawlings	50
Ghana	11	23	1982	2	followers of Sgt. Alolga Akata-Pore	0
Ghana	6	19	1983	2	Lt. Col. Ekow Dennis, Capt. Edward Adjei-Ampofo	26
Ghana	3	23	1984	4	unspecified	5
Ghana	11	6	2004	3	Members of disbanded 64 Infantry Regiment	0
Guinea	11	9	1965	4	unspecified	0
Guinea	2	16	1968	3	National Liberation Front of Guinea	998
Guinea	3	10	1969	3	M. Foderba Keita and Col. Kaman Diaby	999
Guinea	11	22	1970	2	Guinea exiles in Guinea-Bissau	998
Guinea	1	15	1984	4	incl. Maj. Fedeba Keita, Col. Kaman Diaby	0
Guinea	4	3	1984	1	incl. Col. Lansana Conte	0
Guinea	7	4	1985	2	Col. Traore	18
Guinea	2	2	1996	2	unspecified	0
Guinea	3	17	1997	4	unspecified	0
Guinea	11	30	2003	4	unspecified	0
Guinea-Bissau	11	14	1980	1	Maj. Joao Bernardo Vieira	999
Guinea-Bissau	11		1985	4	Col. Paulo Correia (1st VP)	1
Guinea-Bissau	3		1993	4	unspecified	0
Guinea-Bissau	6	7	1998	2	Gen. Ansumane Mane	2
Guinea-Bissau	5	7	1999	1	Gen. Mane	300
Guinea-Bissau	11		2000	2	Gen. Mane	10
Guinea-Bissau	12	2	2001	4	Almane Alam Camara, Lamine Sanha	0
Guinea-Bissau	9	14	2003	1	Gen. Verissimo Correia Seabre	0
Guinea-Bissau	10	6	2004	2	Army mutiny	998
Guinea-Bissau	5	25	2005	2	Deposed President Kumba Yalla	0
Ivory Coast			1980	2	unspecified	999
Ivory Coast	7	23	1991	2	junior soldiers	17
Ivory Coast	10		1995	2	Unspecified (Gen. Robert Guei implicated)	998
Ivory Coast	12	24	1999	1	Gen. Robert Guei	999

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Ivory Coast	1		2001	2	unspecified	0
Ivory Coast	9		2002	4	1st Gen. Guei accused; then Ouattara was accused	1
Kenya	4	8	1970	4	Daniel Owino	0
Kenya	8	1	1982	2	unspecified	159
Lesotho	1	30	1970	1	Chief Jonathan	999
Lesotho	12	19	1983	4	Charles Molap	999
Lesotho	1	20	1986	1	Gen. Lekhanya	0
Lesotho	2		1990	4	Lt. Col. Sekhobe Letsie	0
Lesotho	2	21	1990	1	Gen. Lekhanya	0
Lesotho	4	30	1991	1	Col. Elias Tutsoane Ramaema	0
Lesotho	8	17	1994	2	King Letsie III	5
Lesotho	2		1996	4	Makara Sekautu, Matsoso Bolofo, Lepoko Molapo, David Jonathan	998
Liberia	3	7	1980	4	Gabriel Matthews	0
Liberia	4	12	1980	1	M. Sgt. Samuel Kanyon Doe	1
Liberia	4	14	1980	2	Maj. William Jerbo	1
Liberia	5	18	1980	2	Bernie Warner	0
Liberia	5		1981	4	unspecified NCOs & soldiers	0
Liberia	11	21	1983	4	Gen. Thomas Quiwonkpa	4
Liberia	8		1984	4	Dr. Sawyer, Col. Borteh, Col. Jorwley, Mr. Kieh	0
Liberia	11	3	1984	4	unspecified	0
Liberia	11	12	1985	2	Gen. Quiwonkpa	800
Liberia	3	22	1988	4	William Kpolleh	0
Liberia	9	7	1994	1	Tom Woewieyu	999
Liberia	9	15	1994	2	Charles Julue	999
Liberia	5		2003	4	VP Moses Blah	0
Madagascar	12	31	1974	2	Col. Brechard Rajaonarison	0
Madagascar	1	24	1982	4	Col. Rasolofo, Fr. J. Randrianoelisoa, A. Rakotozafy	0
Madagascar	7		1989	2	unspecified	0
Madagascar	5	13	1990	2	Joma Ernest, Jean-Jacques Rafalimanana	35
Madagascar	7	29	1992	2	unspecified	0
Malawi	3	26	2001	4	unspecified	0
Mali	11	19	1968	1	Lt. Moussa Traore	999
Mali	8	12	1969	4	unspecified	0
Mali	2		1978	4	Col. Kissima Doudkara, Tiecoro Bagayoko	0
Mali	12	30	1980	3	Karim Sissoko	0
Mali	3	26	1991	1	Lt. Col. Amadou Toumani Toure	999
Mali	7	14	1991	2	Maj. Lamine Diabira	0
Mali	12	9	1993	3	Lt. Col. Oumar Diallo	0
Mali	10	27	1996	3	Mady Diallo	0
Mauritania	7	10	1978	1	Lt. Col. Ould Salek	0
Mauritania	1	4	1980	1	Lt. Col. Mohamed Khouna Ould Heydalla	999
Mauritania	3	16	1981	2	Lt. Col. Ould Sidi, Lt. Col. Abdelkader	28
Mauritania	2	6	1982	2	Col. Ould Salek, et al	0
Mauritania	12	12	1984	1	Col. Moaouia Taya	0
Mauritania	10	22	1987	3	Lt. Ba Seydi, Lt. Sarr Amadou, Lt. Sy Saidou	0
Mauritania	11		1990	2	unspecified	0
Mauritania	10		1995	4	unspecified	0

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Mauritania	6	8	2003	2	Maj. Salah Ould Henena, Abderrahmane Ould Mini, Mohammed Ould Cheikhna, Mohammed Ould Salek	15
Mauritania	8	10	2004	3	"Knights of Change"	0
Mauritania	8	3	2005	1	Col. Ely Ould Mohamed Vall; Military Council for Justice and Democracy	0
Mozambique	6	24	1991	3	Col. Antonio, Gen. Mabote	0
Niger	4	15	1974	1	Lt. Col. Seymi Kountche	20
Niger	8		1975	4	Maj. Souna Sido, Maj. Dilbo Bakary, Maj. Maitourane Gadjio	0
Niger	3	15	1976	4	Maj. Basere Moussa, Capt. Sidi Mohamed, Ahmed Mouddour	0
Niger	10	5	1983	2	Mahamane Sidikou, Lt. Amadou Dumarou	0
Niger	1	27	1996	1	Col. Ibrahim Barre Mainassara	2
Niger	1		1998	3	Hama Amadou	0
Niger	4	9	1999	1	Maj. Dauda Malam Wanke	5
Nigeria	10	1	1962	3	Chief Enahoro, Samuel Ikoka, Aye Adabaujo	0
Nigeria	1	15	1966	1	Maj. Nzeogwu	10
Nigeria	7	29	1966	1	Hausa army officers	998
Nigeria	7	29	1975	1	Gen. Murtala Ramat Mohammed	0
Nigeria	2	13	1976	2	Lt. Col. Bukar Dimka	6
Nigeria	12	31	1983	1	Gen. Mohammed Buhari	25
Nigeria	10		1984	3	unspecified	0
Nigeria	8	27	1985	1	Gen. Ibrahim Babangida	1
Nigeria	12		1985	3	Gen. Vatsa	0
Nigeria	4	22	1990	2	Maj. Gideon Okar	10
Nigeria	11	17	1993	1	Gen. Sanni Abacha	0
Nigeria	3		1995	3	Gen. Obasanjo	0
Nigeria	12		1997	3	Gen. Diya, Gen. Adisa, Gen. Olarenwaju	0
Nigeria	4	8	2004	3	Maj. Hamza al-Mustapha	0
Nigeria	10	31	2004	3	Maj. Hamza al-Mustapha, Lt.Col. Mohammed ibn Umar Adeka, Onwuchekwa Okorie, Cmd. Yakubu Kudambo	0
Rwanda	7	5	1973	1	Gen. Juvenal Habyalimana	0
Rwanda	5		1980	4	Maj. Theonaste Lizinde	0
Senegal	12	17	1962	2	PM M. Mamadou Dia	0
Sierra Leone	2		1967	2	Siaka Stevens?	0
Sierra Leone	3	23	1967	1	NRC (army officers): Genda, Juxon-Smith	999
Sierra Leone	4	18	1968	1	Stevens	999
Sierra Leone	10		1970	4	unspecified	0
Sierra Leone	3	23	1971	2	Gen. John Bangura	2
Sierra Leone	3		1986	3	Edison Gorvie, Capt. Abdul Kamara	0
Sierra Leone	3	23	1987	2	Mr. Minah (1st VP)	1
Sierra Leone	4	30	1992	1	Capt. Valentine Strasser	999
Sierra Leone	12	28	1992	2	unspecified	26
Sierra Leone	10		1993	3	unspecified	0
Sierra Leone	10	2	1995	2	unspecified	999
Sierra Leone	1	16	1996	1	Gen. Julius Maada Bio	0
Sierra Leone	9	8	1996	2	unnamed sergeant	0
Sierra Leone	5	25	1997	1	Maj. Johnny Paul Koroma	999
Somalia	12	10	1961	2	Hassan Kayd	998

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Somalia	10	21	1969	1	Gen. Mohammed Siad Barre, Revolutionary Council	0
Somalia	4	27	1970	3	Gens. Korshel, Guled, Kedie and others	29
Somalia	4	9	1978	2	unspecified	20
Somalia	6	23	1988	2	Gen. Mohammed Ali Samater	0
South Africa	7		1983	3	Gen. Charles Sebe	0
Sudan	3	4	1959	2	Dissident military	998
Sudan	4	21	1959	2	Dissident military	998
Sudan	11	9	1959	2	Dissident military	998
Sudan	12	28	1966	2	Lt. Khalid Hussein Osman	0
Sudan	5	25	1969	1	Col. Jaafar Mohammed al Nemery	0
Sudan	7	20	1969	3	Dr. Sadiq el Mahdi?	0
Sudan	7	26	1969	3	unspecified	0
Sudan	8	17	1969	3	Abdalla Abderrahman Nigdalla	0
Sudan	7	19	1971	2	Maj. Hashem el Atta	38
Sudan	9	5	1975	2	Military; joined by communist and religious groups	998
Sudan	7	2	1976	2	Capt. Bushra Abdullah, Gen. Mohammed Nur Saad	1000
Sudan	2	3	1977	2	Philip Abbas Gaboush	9
Sudan	3		1981	3	Gen. Saad Buhar	0
Sudan	7		1984	3	Mohammed Kati Gibriel	0
Sudan	4	6	1985	1	Gen. Abdel Rahman Swar el Dahab	999
Sudan	9	25	1985	2	Col. Garang, Yacoub Ismail, Youssef Kewa	2
Sudan	6	30	1989	1	Gen. Omar Hassan Ahmad al-Bashir	0
Sudan	4	23	1990	4	Gen. Khalid al Zayn Ali, Gen. Abdul Kader, Gen. Mohammed Osman Hamed Kavar	0
Sudan	9	12	1990	2	unspecified	0
Sudan	8	23	1991	4	unspecified	0
Sudan	2	2	1992	4	unspecified	0
Sudan	4	15	1992	4	unspecified	0
Sudan	3	7	1996	4	unspecified	0
Sudan	3	31	2004	3	Hasan Abdullah Al-Turabi	0
Sudan	9	25	2004	3	Hasan Abdullah Al-Turabi	0
Swaziland	2		1983	4	unspecified	0
Swaziland	12		1983	4	Prince Matatazela, Princess Neane, Princess Buyisile, Royal Wife Lamndzebele	0
Swaziland	3	20	1984	2	unnamed	0
Swaziland	6		1984	4	Prince Sozisa	0
Tanzania	1	19	1964	2	unknown	999
Tanzania	6	26	1980	2	unspecified	0
Tanzania	1		1983	4	unspecified	0
Tanzania	1		1988	4	unspecified	0
Togo	1	13	1963	1	Sgt. Maj. Emmanuel Bodjolle	1
Togo	7	4	1964	2	Maj. Bodjolle	0
Togo	11	20	1966	2	Maj. Kutuklui	0
Togo	1	13	1967	1	Lt. Col. Etienne Eyadema	0
Togo	8	8	1970	2	Maj. Noe Kutuklui	2
Togo	10		1977	3	unspecified	0

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Togo	1		1983	3	Gilchrist Olympio?	
Togo	9	23	1986	2	Gilchrist Olumpio, Capt. Francisco Lawson	26
Togo	8	26	1991	2	Supporters of Pres. Eyadema	0
Togo	10	1	1991	2	Lt. Gnassingbe Ta, Maj. Marusse Djoua	0
Togo	11	28	1991	2	Troops loyal to Eyadema	0
Togo	12	3	1991	2	Rebel soldiers	17
Togo	2	6	2005	1	Military; Faure Gnassingbe	0
Uganda	1	25	1971	1	Gen. Idi Amin	75
Uganda	3	23	1974	2	Gen. Charles Arupe (in question)	50
Uganda	9	9	1975	2	Lt. Col. Gori	998
Uganda	5	12	1980	1	Gen. David Dyite0Ojok, Mr. Muwanga	0
Uganda	7	27	1985	1	Gen. Bazilio Olara Okello	0
Uganda	3		1986	4	unspecified	0
Uganda	9	2	1986	4	unspecified	0
Uganda	10		1986	4	Panlo Muwanga, Dr. Kayiira, M. Lwanga, Mr. Nyanzi	0
Uganda	1	6	1987	4	unspecified	0
Zambia	10	16	1980	2	Gen. Kabwe, Mr. Musakanya, Mr. Shamwara, Gen. Miyanda	2
Zambia	6	14	1981	3	unspecified	0
Zambia	10	7	1988	4	Gen. Christon Tembo	998
Zambia	6	25	1990	2	unspecified	26
Zambia	3		1993	4	Maj. Wezi Kuanda, Tilyenji Kuanda, Panji Kuanda	0
Zambia	10	28	1997	2	Capt. Stephen Lungu	1
Zimbabwe	10		1995	4	Rev. Ndabonengi Sithole	0
Zimbabwe	12		1998	4	unspecified	0
Zimbabwe	5		2001	4	Air Marshal Perence Shiri	0

Notes: Coup leaders must seize and hold central authority for at least one week to be considered a “successful” coup d’etat. The names of coup “leaders” listed are those named in reports, accusations, and/or subsequent trials.

The date of the coup event is the beginning date for successful or attempted coups and the date of announcement for discovered coup plots and coup allegations.

An extralegal or legal seizure of central authority that results in an imposition of greater autocratic governance, measured as a 6-point or greater decrease in Polity score, or leads to a collapse of central authority is considered an “adverse regime change” and is listed as an event in Annex 2a.

An entry of “999” under “Deaths” indicates that no casualty figures were given and there may have been no deaths associated with this event. An entry of “998” indicates that no casualty figures were given but there was some indication in the report that casualties did occur during or in the immediate aftermath of the event.