

# The “War On Terror” Spreads to Africa: U.S. Sending Troops to 35 African Nations

America Sets Its Sights On Controlling African Resources and Reducing Chinese Influence

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The U.S. is sending troops to 35 African nations under the guise of fighting Al Qaeda and related terrorists.

Democracy Now [notes](#):

U.S. Army teams will be deploying to as many as 35 African countries early next year for training programs and other operations as part of an increased Pentagon role in Africa. The move would see small teams of U.S. troops dispatched to countries with groups allegedly linked to al-Qaeda, such as Libya, Sudan, Algeria and Niger. The teams are from a U.S. brigade that has the capability to use drones for military operations in Africa if granted permission. The deployment could also potentially lay the groundwork for future U.S. military intervention in Africa.

NPR [reports](#):

[A special American brigade] will be able to take part in nearly 100 separate training and military exercises next year, in nearly three dozen African countries

Glenn Ford [writes](#):

The 2nd Brigade is scheduled to hold more than 100 military exercises in 35 countries, **most of which have no al-Qaida presence**. So, although there is no doubt that the U.S. will be deeply involved in the impending military operation in Mali, the 2nd Brigade's deployment is a much larger assignment, **aimed at making all of Africa a theater of U.S. military operations**. The situation in Mali is simply a convenient, after-the-fact rationale for a long-planned expansion of the U.S. military footprint in Africa.

Timothy Alexander Guzman [argues](#):

AFRICOM's [the U.S. military's Africa command] goal is to eliminate China and other countries influence in the region. Africa's natural resources is another important element to consider because it includes oil, diamonds, copper, gold,

iron, cobalt, uranium, bauxite, silver, petroleum, certain woods and tropical fruits.

In a must-watch interview, Dan Collins of the China Money Report agrees that the purpose of the deployment is to challenge China's rising prominence in Africa:

In reality – as we've repeatedly noted – the U.S. sends in the military to fight "terrorists" [in any country which has resources we want](#) (and [see this](#)).

And the U.S. is not shy about [backing our "mortal enemies"](#) to topple those standing between us and resources we pine for.

Anthony Carlucci argues that the overthrow of Gaddafi (largely through American [support of terrorists](#)) was really the [opening salvo in the war for African resources](#):

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