INTRODUCTION

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GLCb2026 Africas Contemporary Security Challenges

21/2/2024

Assessment and requirements

Form of assessment	Max. Points
Presentation	20
Final exam	40

Assessment and marking:
A 60 – 56 points
B 55 – 51 points
C 50 – 46 points
D 45 – 41 points
E 40 – 36 points
F 35 and below

Each student will prepare a **presentation**. The topic is chosen by the students themselves, but they should do a detailed case study of one African country (their choice) in which they will focus on one specific security problem such as terrorism, internal conflict, influx of refugees, piracy, food insecurity, violation of human rights etc. It does not have to be a security issue that was mentioned in class, an example is the violation of human rights, various non-environmental problems, etc. The presentation itself should take approximately 15-20 minutes and will take place in the last four classes of the course. Assignment of students to dates will be made at the end of March and the schedule will be uploaded to the information system. The presentation will be graded 0-20 points. Students should discuss the topic of their presentation with the teacher in advance. The topic of the presentation should be approved by the teacher. Students should not choose case studies that the teacher discussed in detail during class

The **final exam** will be in the form of a written test, which will absorb the assigned literature and lecture materials. This will also include some general information from the student presentations. The test consists of 20 closed questions (each with one correct answer). A total of 40 points can be obtained from the final exam.

Teaching Schedule

Lecture 1 (21st of February): Introduction to the course

Lecture 2 (28th of February): Conflicts in Africa

Lecture 3 (6th of March): Terrorism in Africa

Lecture 4 (13h of March): Organised Crime

Lecture 5 (20th of March): Migration, Influx of Refugees, HIV/AIDS and Female Security

Lecture 6 (27th of March): Weakening and Failing of the State

Lecture 7 (3rd of April): Urbanization and Land Issues

Lecture 8 (10th of April): Food and Water Security

Lecture 9 (17th of April): Piracy

Lecture 10 (24th of April): Students' Presentations.

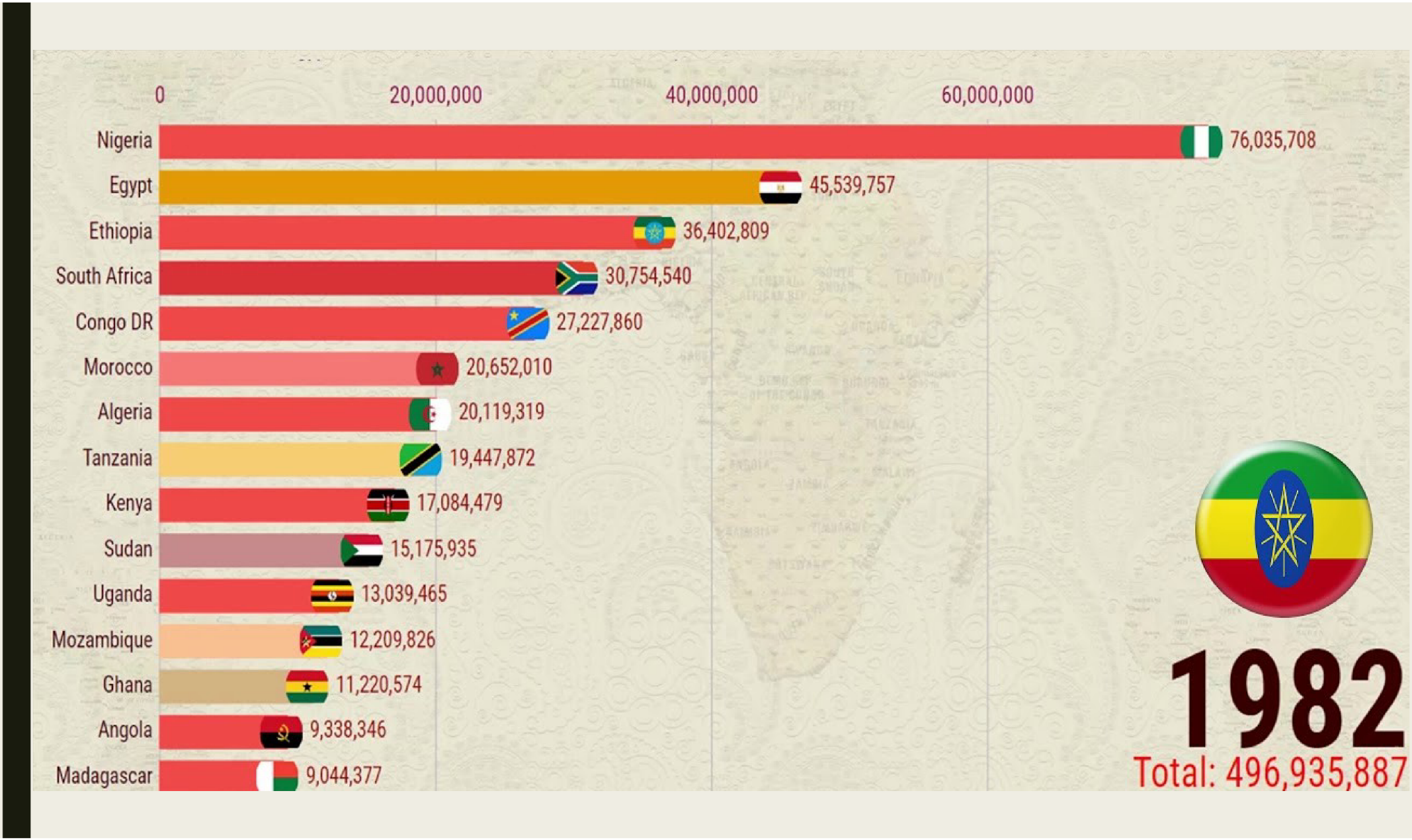
Lecture 11(1st of May): Students' Presentations.

Lecture 12 (8th of May): Students' Presentations.

Lecture 13 (15th of May): Students' Presentations/Possibility of pre-term test.

Compulsory Readings

- Schneckener, Ulrich. *Spoilers or Governance Actors? Engaging Armed Non-State Groups in Areas of Limited Statehood*. p. 3-26. (2009). https://ciaotest.cc.columbia.edu/wps/sfb/0017677/f_0017677_15156.pdf
- Williams, Phil. *Violent Non-State Actors and National and International Security*. (2008): https://www.files.ethz.ch/isn/93880/vnsas.pdf
- Rotberg, Robert. *Failed States, Collapsed States, Weak States: Causes and Indicators* (2006) https://www.brookings.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/statefailureandstateweaknessinatimeofterror_chapter.pdf
- Swain, Ashok. *Understanding Emerging Security Challenges Threats and Opportunities.* Routledge. 2013.
- Emerson, Stephen and Hussein, Solomon. *African security in the twenty-first century Challenges and opportunities*. Manchester University Press. 2018.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Tanzania
19,447,872
Kenya
17,084,479
Sudan
15,175,935
Uganda
13,039,465
Mozambique
12,209,826
Ghana
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Angola
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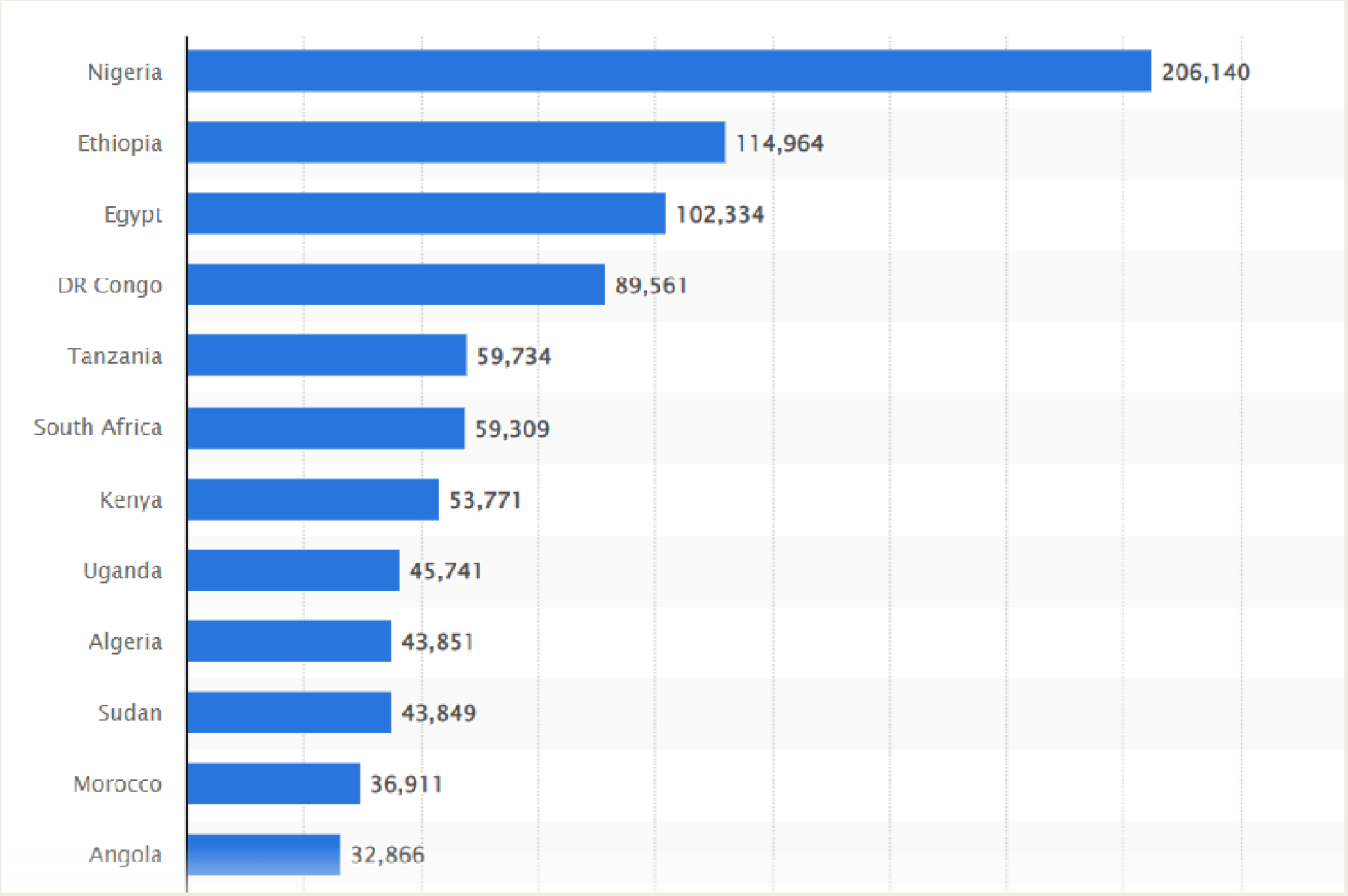
Total: 496,935,887

General Info About Africa – Population (2020)



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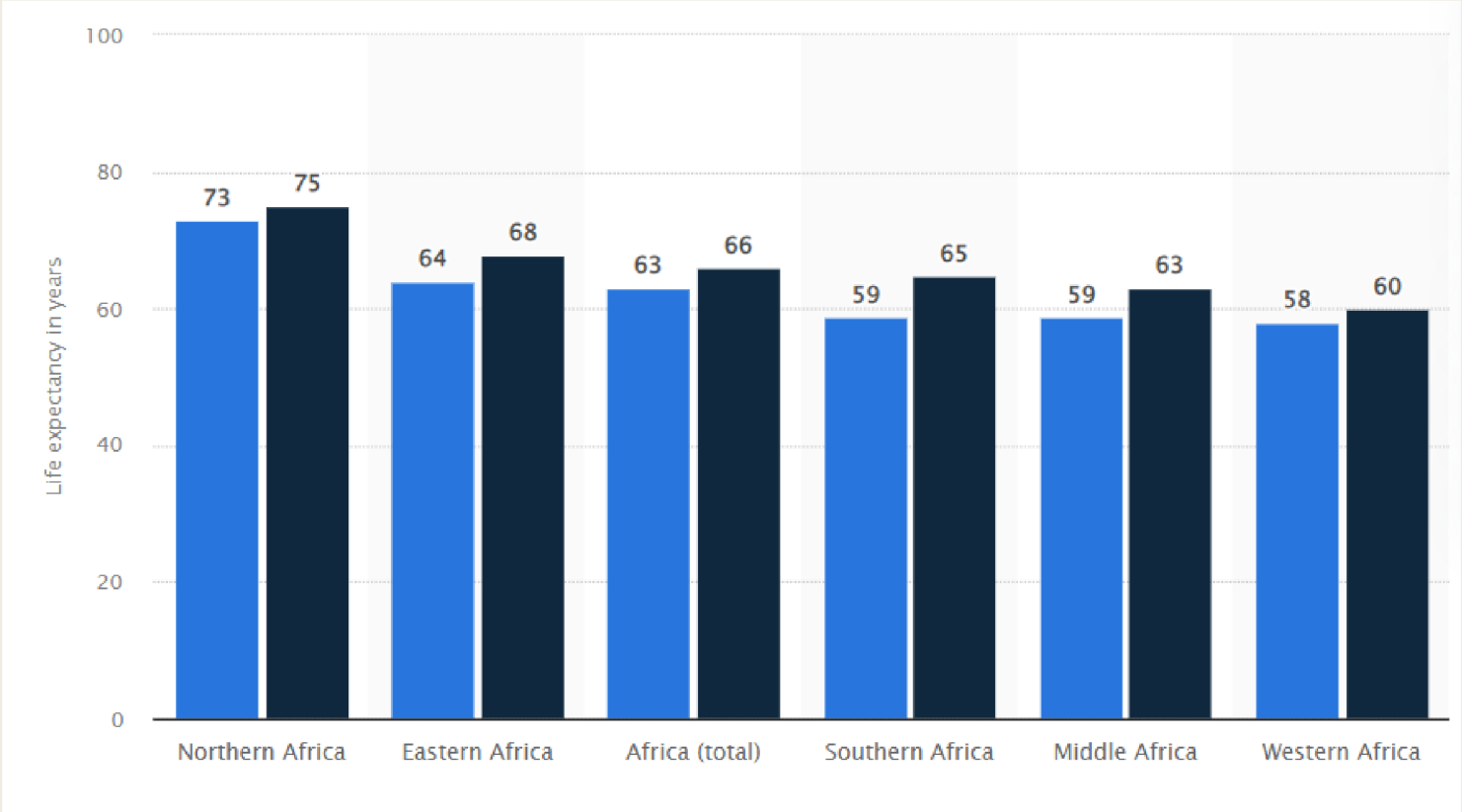
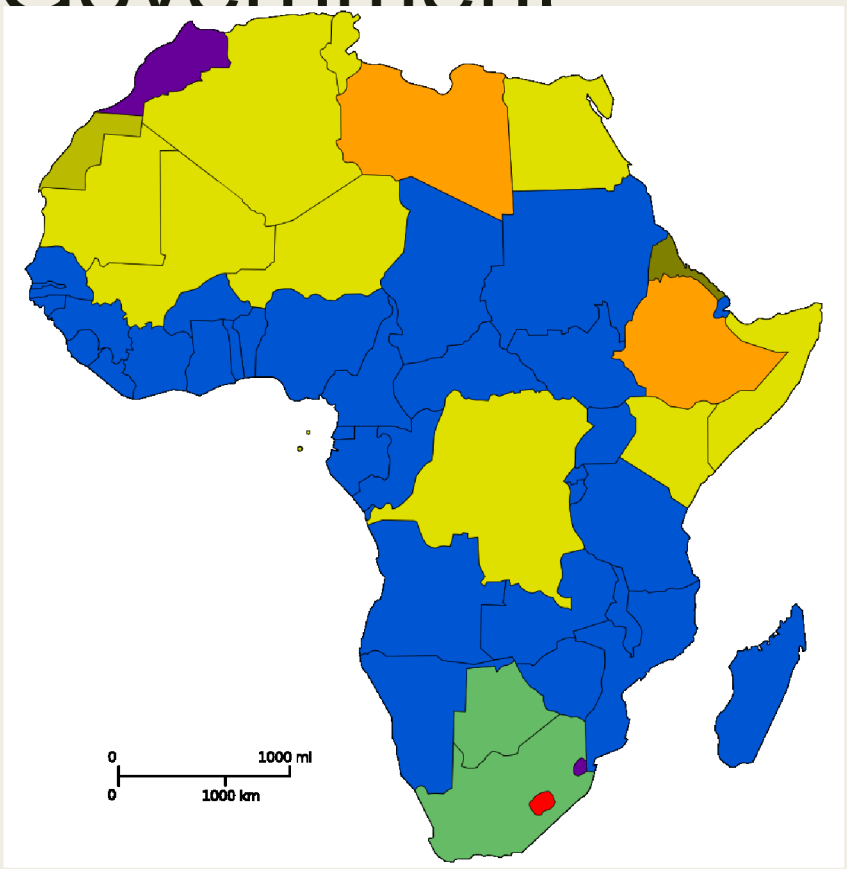


General Info about Africa – Form of Government



presidential republics, full presidential system

presidential republics, executive presidency linked to a parliament

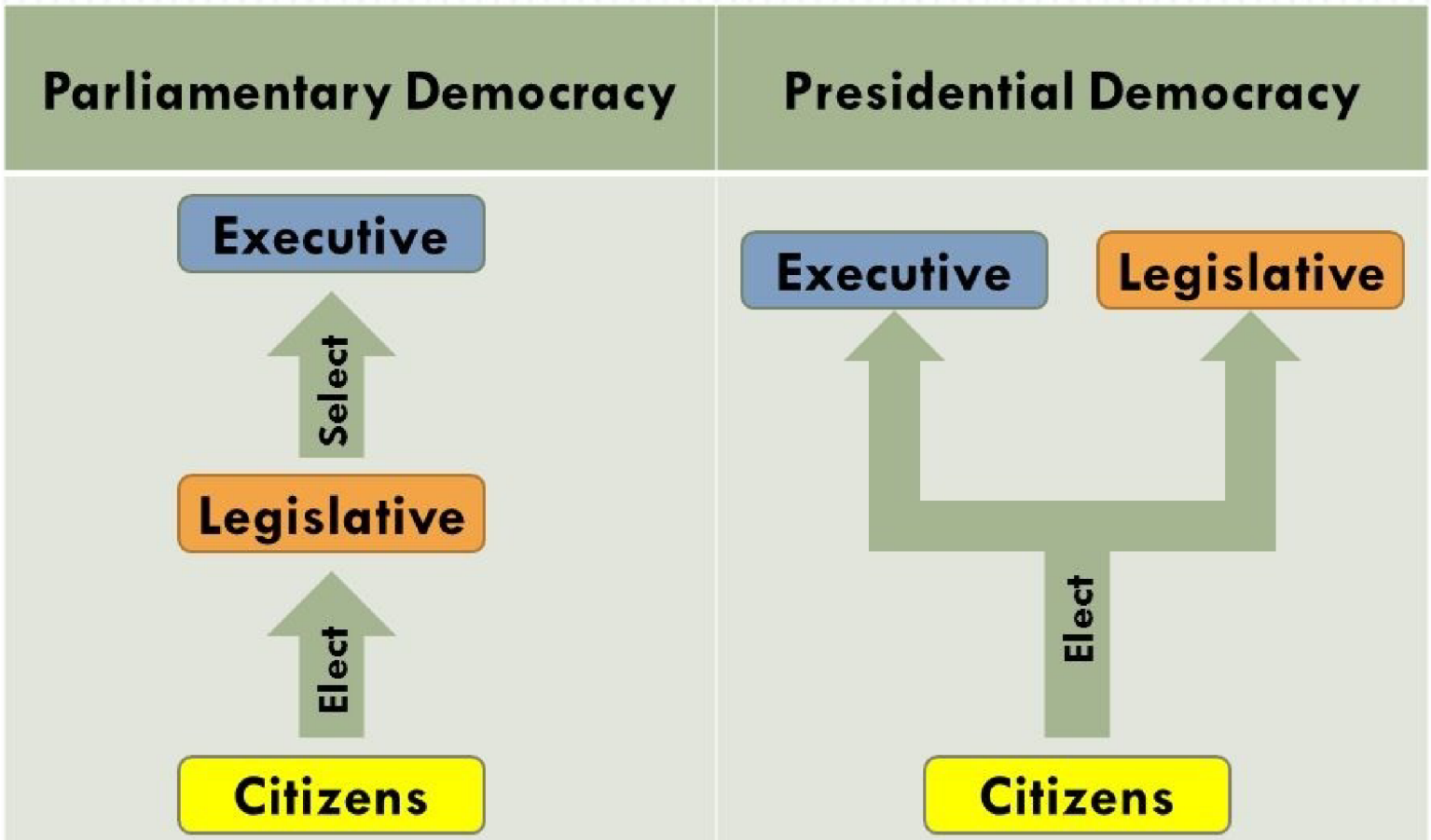
presidential republics, semi-presidential system

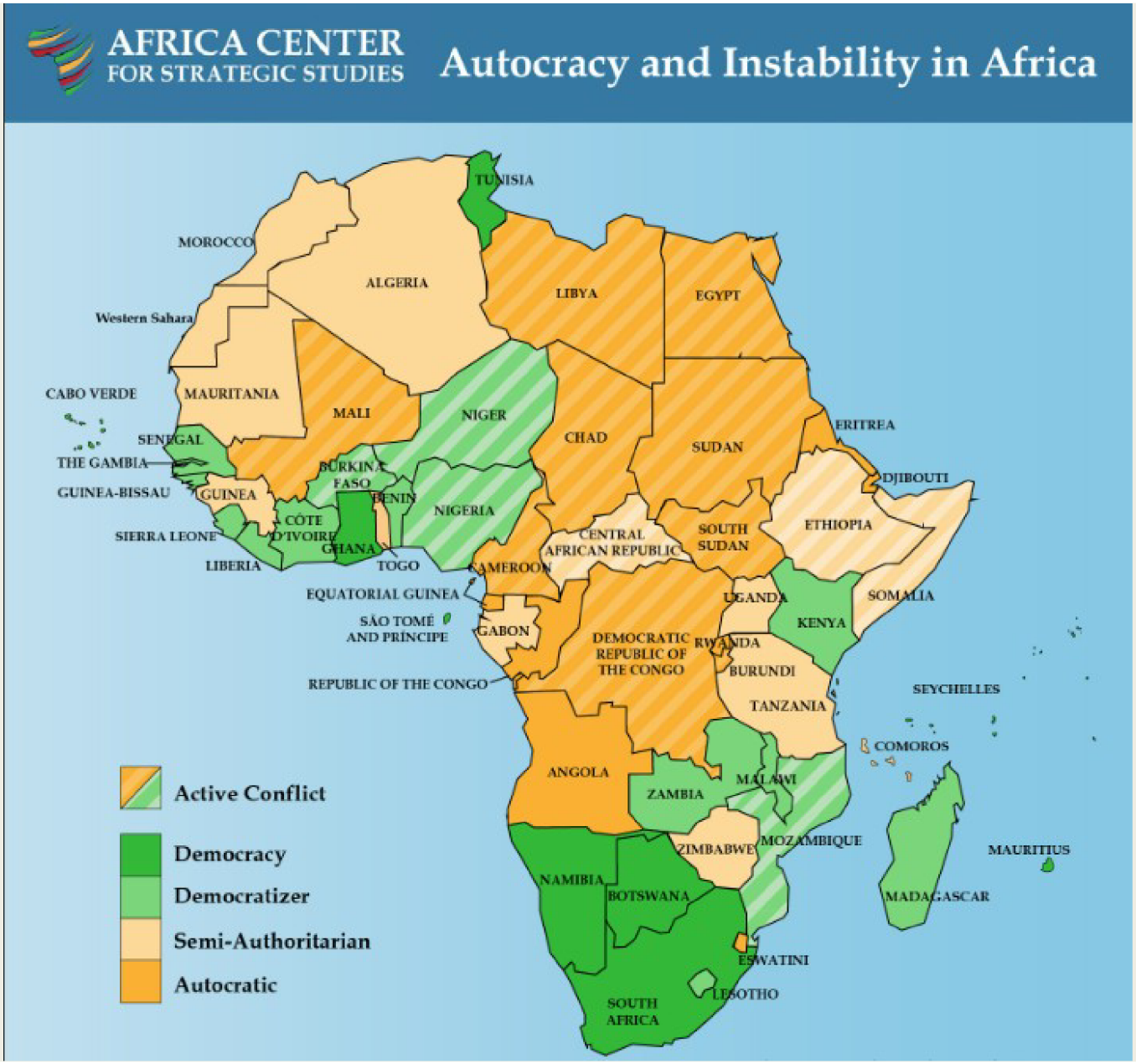
parliamentary republics

parliamentary constitutional monarchies in which the monarch d not personally exercise power

absolute monarchies

Parliamentary vs. Presidential Democracy

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Autocracy and Instability in Africa
TUNISIA
MOROCCO
ALGERIA
LIBYA
EGYPT
Western Sahara
CABO VERDE
MAURITANIA
MALI
NIGER
CHAD
SUDAN
ERITREA
SENEGAL
THE GAMBIA
BURKINA FASO
DJIBOUTI
GUINEA-BISSAU
GUINEA
BENIN
NIGERIA
ETHIOPIA
SIERRA LEONE
CÔTE D'IVOIRE
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
SOUTH SUDAN
GHANA
LIBERIA
TOGO
CAMEROON
EQUATORIAL GUINEA
UGANDA
SOMALIA
SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE
GABON
KENYA
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO
RWANDA
BURUNDI
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO
SEYCHELLES
TANZANIA
COMOROS
ANGOLA
ZAMBIA
MALAWI
ZIMBABWE
MOZAMBIQUE
MAURITIUS
NAMIBIA
BOTSWANA
MADAGASCAR
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SOUTH AFRICA
Active Conflict
Democracy
Democratizer
Semi-Authoritarian
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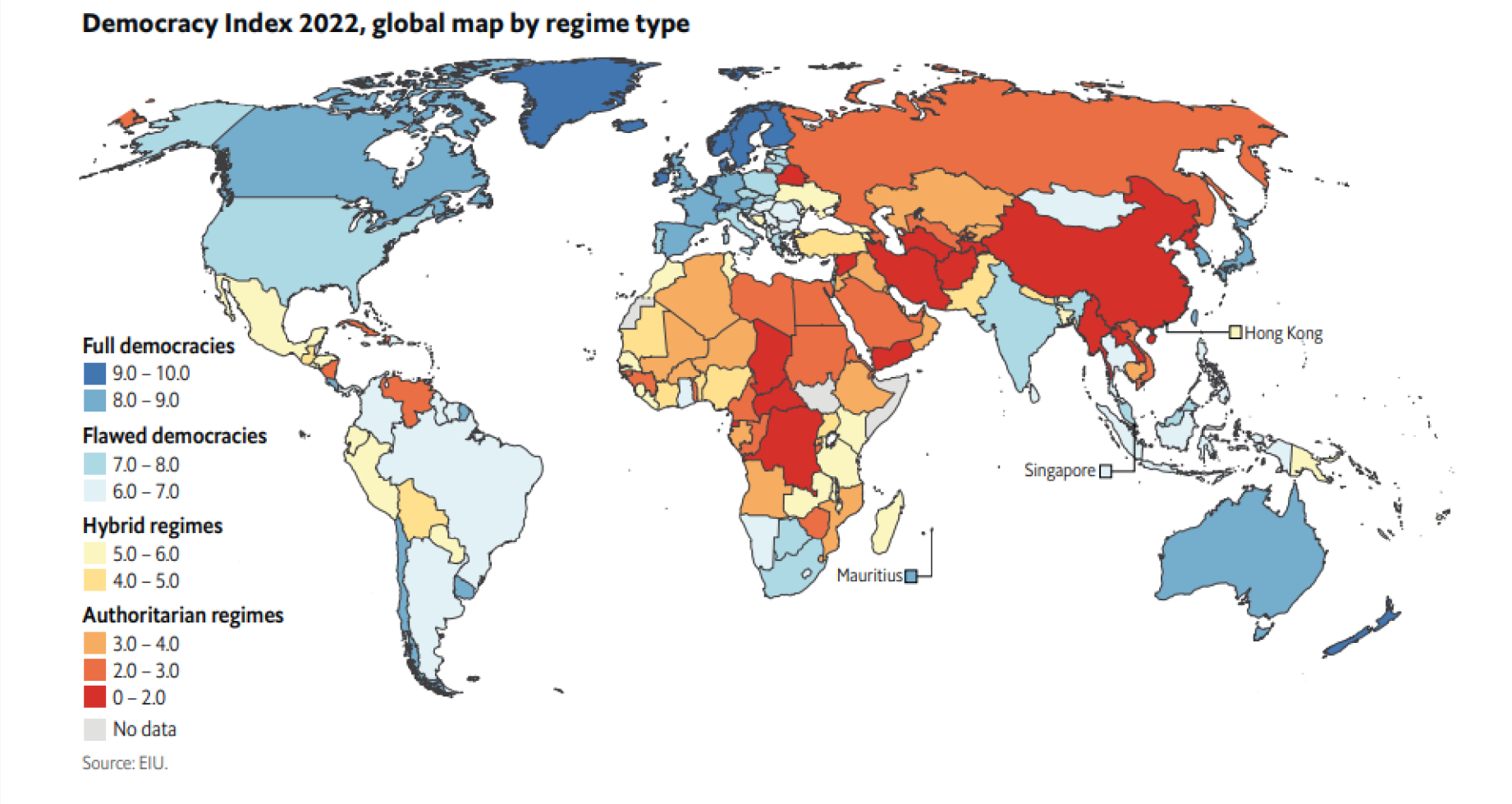
General Info about Africa – Level of Democracy



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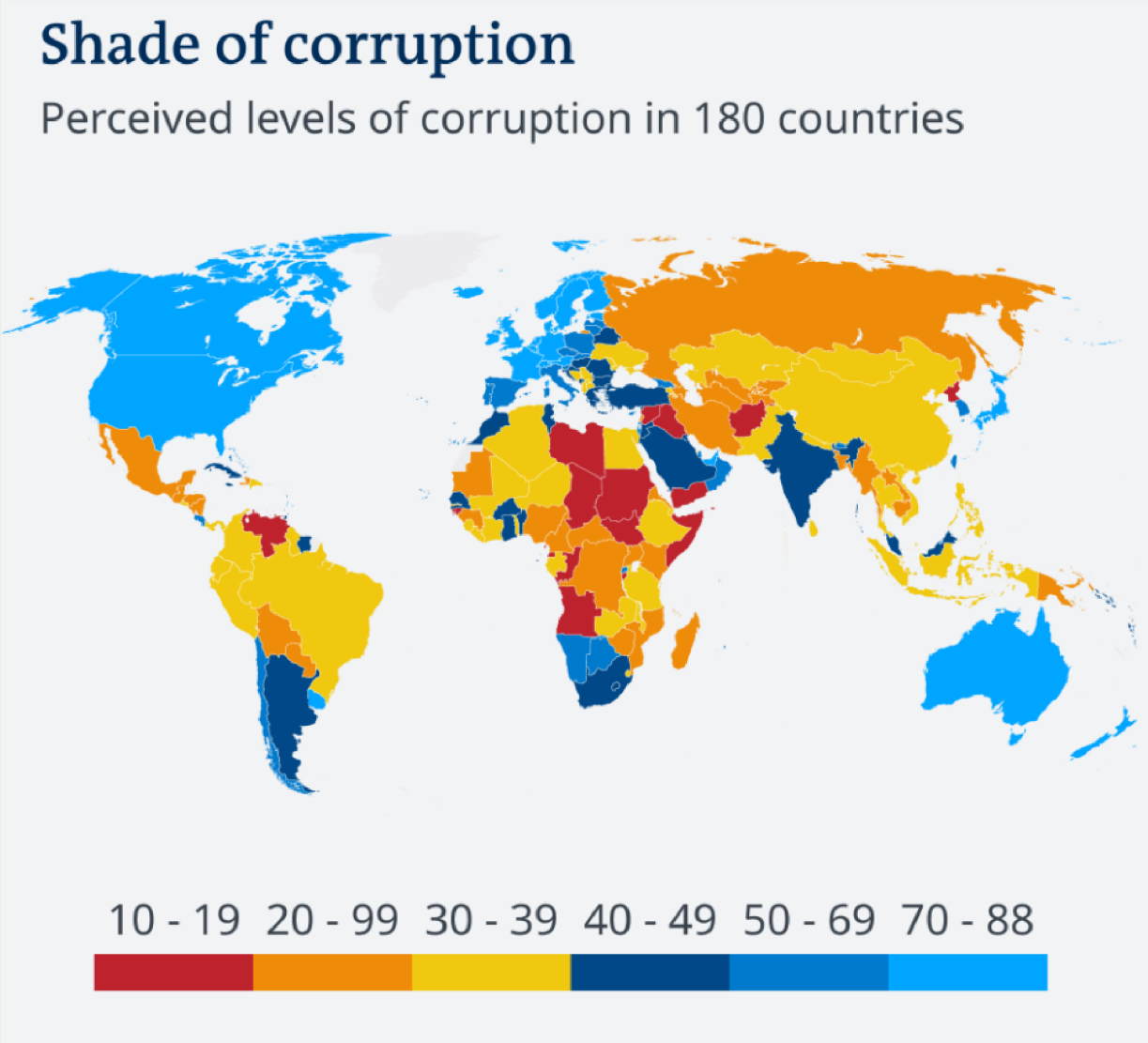
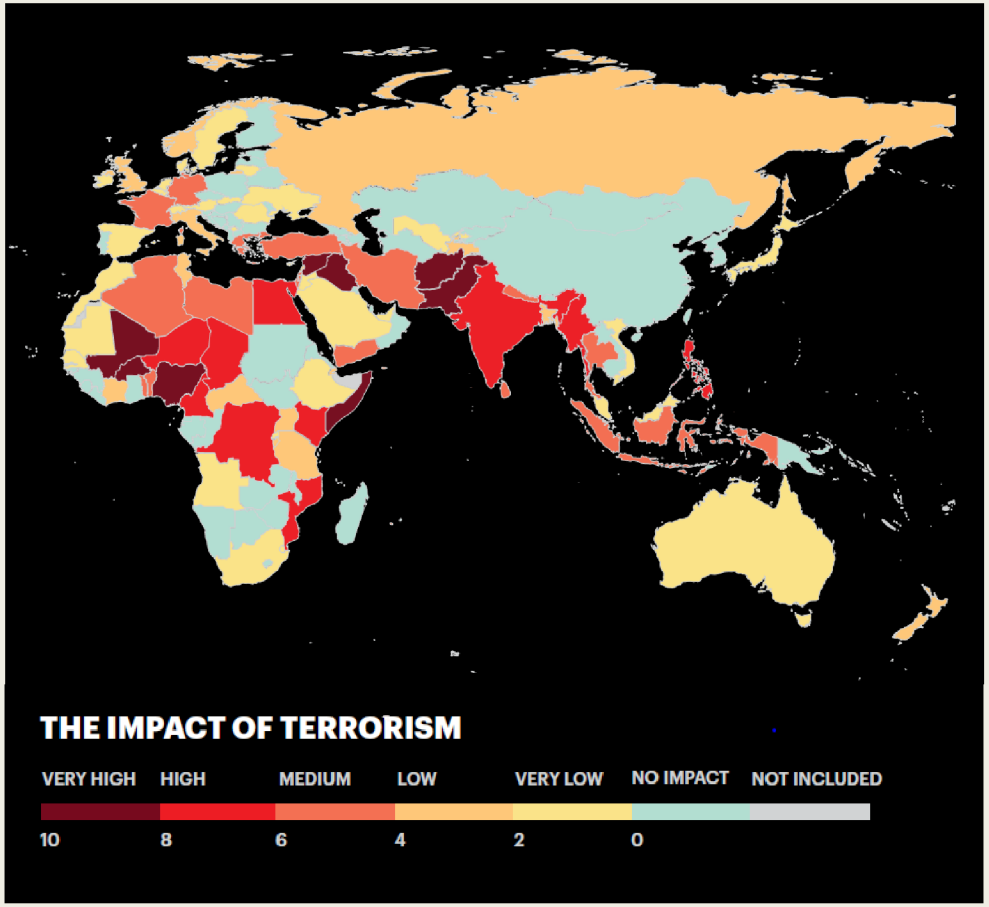
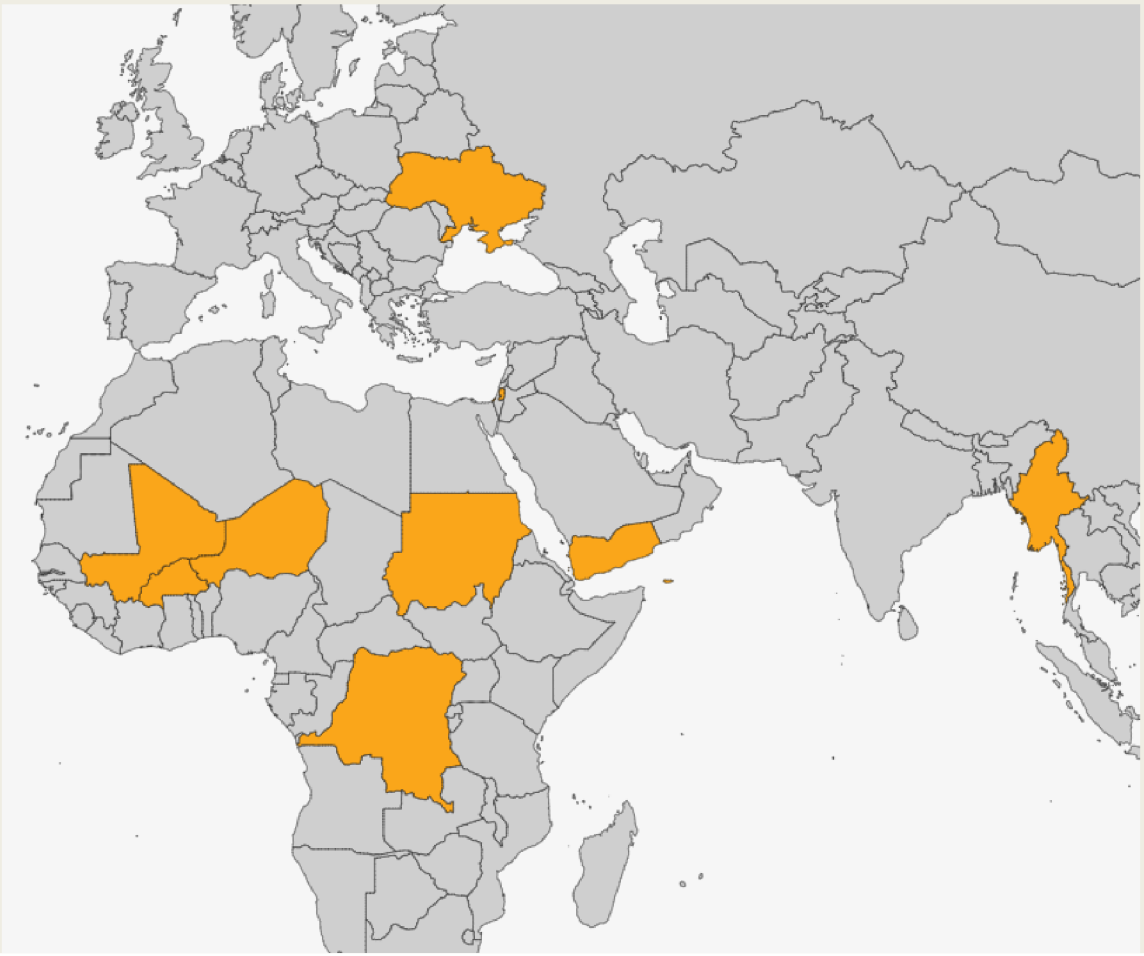


General Info about Africa - Terrorism

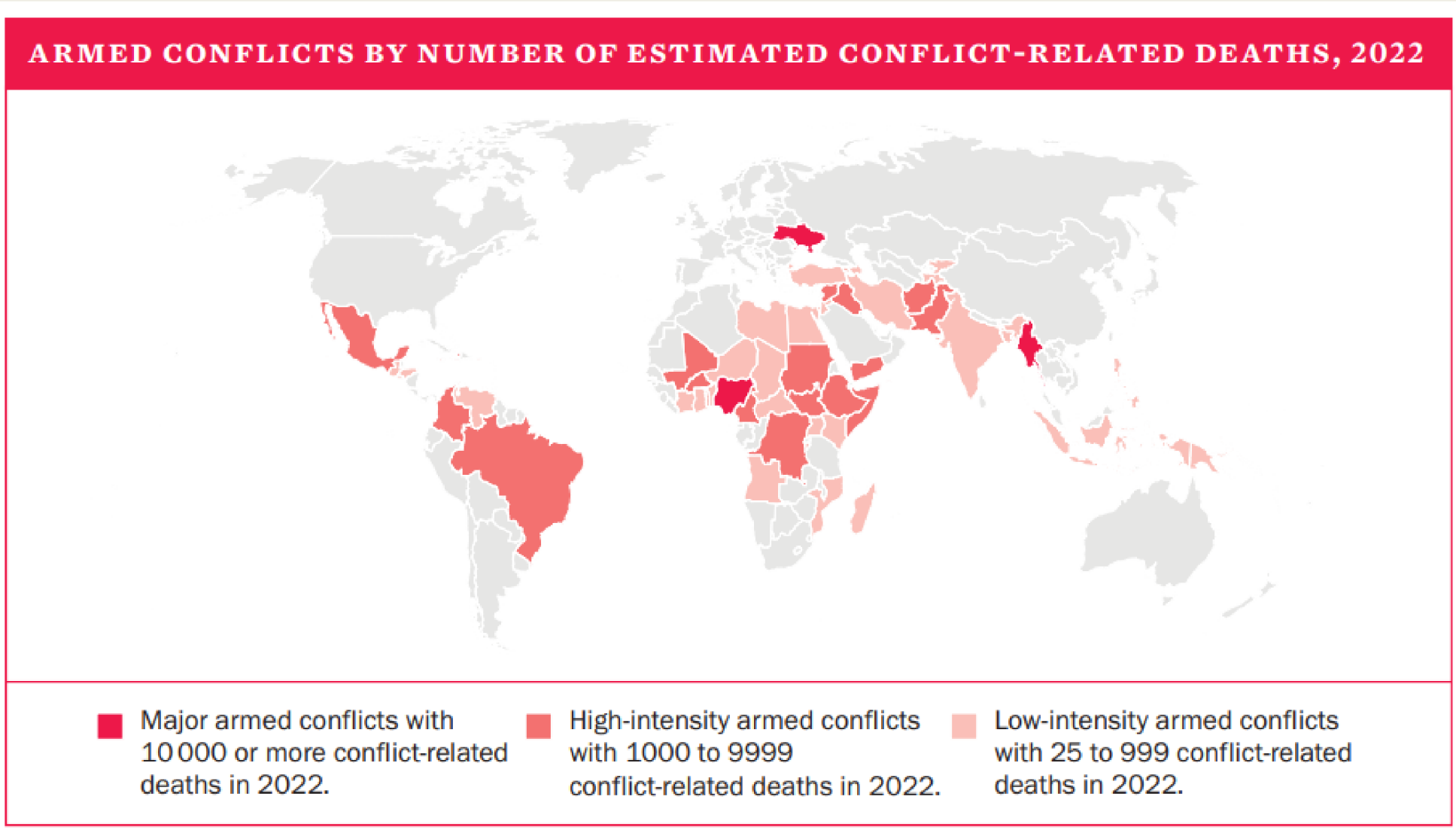


RANK	COUNTRY	SCORE	RANK CHANGE
1	Afghanistan	8.822	↔
2	Burkina Faso	8.564	↑ 2
3	Somalia	8.463	↔
4	Mali	8.412	↑ 3
5	Syria	8.161	↑ 1
6	Pakistan	8.160	↑ 3
7	Iraq	8.139	↓ 5
8	Nigeria	8.065	↓ 3
9	Myanmar (Burma)	7.977	↑ 1
10	Niger	7.616	↓ 2
11	Cameroon	7.347	↑ 1
12	Mozambique	7.330	↓ 1
13	India	7.175	↔
14	Democratic Republic of the Congo	6.872	↑ 2
15	Colombia	6.697	↓ 1
16	Egypt	6.632	↓ 1
17	Chile	6.619	↑ 1
18	Philippines	6.328	↓ 1
19	Chad	6.168	↔
20	Kenya	6.163	↔
21	Iran	5.688	↑ 5
22	Yemen	5.616	↓ 1
23	Türkiye	5.600	↔
24	Indonesia	5.502	↔
25	Israel	5.489	↑ 5
26	Thailand	5.430	↓ 4
27	Togo	4.915	↑ 49
28	Benin	4.840	↑ 23

The Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) – Conflicts to watch 2024



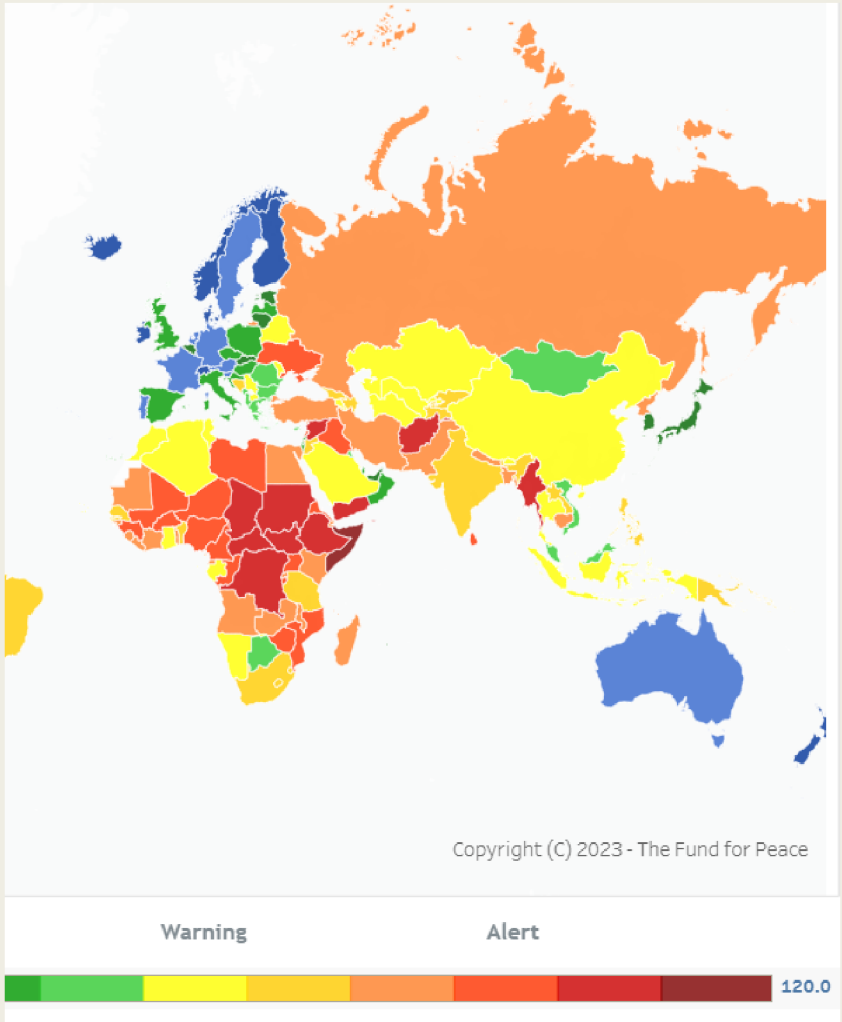
SIPRI Conflict Trends 2022

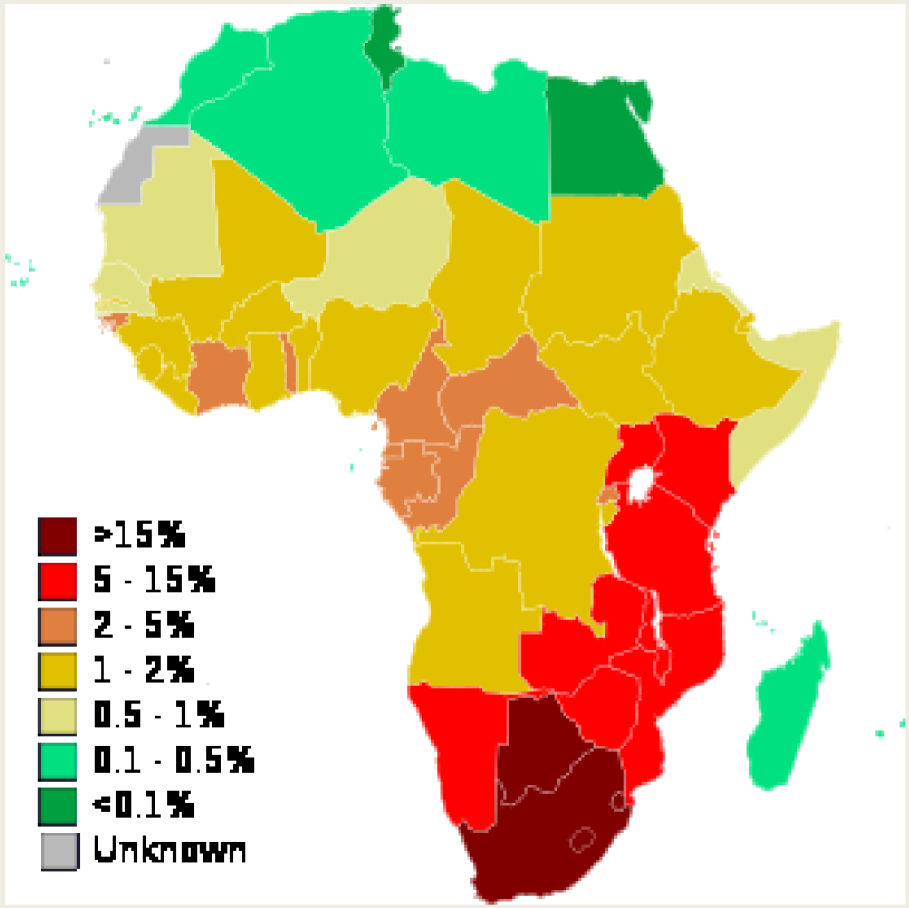


Short Quiz

- 1. Which African country currently has the highest incidence of HIV in the population (26% of the total population)?
- 2. According to the FSI, which African country has the worst performance and is often labeled a failed state?
- 3. Which two terrorist groups committed the most terrorist attacks in Africa in 2023?
- 4. Which African country hosted the largest number of refugees in 2023?
- 5. Which African country recorded the highest number of piracy attacks in 2023?
- 6. Do you know which African city is the most populous?
- 7. There are two states in which more than 90% of the urban population lives in slums. Do you know which states those are?
- 8. Which countries are currently in dispute over the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam?

General Info Africa – FSI and HIV





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