

# BURKINA FASO WITNESSES SECOND COUP OF THE YEAR

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Soldiers blocked main roads and gunfire was heard in the capital of Burkina Faso on Saturday, as world powers condemned the second coup this year in the deeply poor and restive West African country.

Junior officers toppled a junta leader on Friday, saying he had failed to fight jihadist attacks in the country.

On Saturday, several witnesses said they heard gunfire in the centre of the capital Ouagadougou, after which troops once again blocked the main roads in the city, including around the presidency.

The European Union and the African Union added their voices to a chorus of global condemnation to the change in power.

“The chairperson calls upon the military to refrain from any acts of violence,” the AU said in a statement.

The European Union warned that the coup put in danger efforts undertaken to restore constitutional order by July 1, 2024.

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