

Guinea coup

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In news—Recently, Aluminum prices rose to their highest level in 10 years after a **military coup in mineral-rich Guinea threatened to snarl the lightweight metal's supply chain.**

Guinea Coup & reasons for it:

- **It is a government takeover by the armed forces of Guinea that occurred on 5 September 2021.**
- It resulted in the **capture of the country's President Alpha Condé after** gunfire in the capital, Conakry.
- The unrest may have started after the dismissal of a senior commander in the special forces – provoking some of its highly trained members to rebel.
- After several decades of authoritarian rule in Guinea, **Condé was the country's first democratically elected leader.**
- **In 2020, Condé changed the constitution by referendum to allow himself to secure a third term,** despite the controversial change sparking the 2019–2020 Guinean protests.
- **Guinea's coup is the fourth time West Africa has witnessed** an attempt to undermine democracy in the region since August 2020.
- There have been **two military takeovers in Mali and a failed attempt in Niger.**

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- Guinea is a **country in West Africa, bordered on the west by the Atlantic Ocean.**
- It's known for the **Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve,** in the southeast.
- The reserve protects a forested mountain range rich in native plants and animals, including **chimpanzees** and the

viviparous toad.

- On the coast, the **capital city, Conakry**, is home to the modern Grand Mosque and the National Museum, with its regional artifacts.
- The former French colony is the **only Francophone state on the continent to have rejected in 1958 the Franco-African community proposed by then French President Charles de Gaulle**.
- Instead, the country plumped for independence and installed a socialist regime.

Guinea, which **borders Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Mali, Senegal and Guinea-Bissau**, is **80 percent Muslim** but is made up of numerous **ethnic groups**, the main two being the **Fulani and the Malinkes**.



- **It is notably one of the world's top producers of bauxite**, the chief mineral used in the production of aluminium but also a producer of iron, gold, diamonds and oil.
- Agriculture is the main source of employment.
- Guinea has **among the world's highest incidences of female genital mutilation (FGM)**.