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WORD LIST-2 (JAN 26, 2022)

1. Burkina Faso (proper noun) – a landlocked country in West Africa. A former French colony, it gained independence as Upper Volta in 1960. Burkina Faso, means "land of honest men".
2. coup (noun) – a sudden and violent regime change, seizure of power, (illegal) takeover of power.
3. junta (noun) – a military group that takes over the government by force.
4. legitimacy (noun) – legality, validity, lawfulness.
5. worsen (verb) - aggravate, exacerbate, make worse, compound, add to, intensify.
6. mire in (verb) – entangle, catch up, involve, mix up (a difficult situation).
7. deadly (adjective) – destructive, ruinous, relentless, unrelenting.
8. cycle (noun) – series, sequence, succession.
9. jihadist (noun) – an Islamic extremist.
10. mutinous (adjective) - rebellious, seditious, subversive.
11. overthrow (verb) - remove, topple, oust, unseat, bring down.
12. growing (adjective) - increasing.
13. instability (noun) – uncertainty, unpredictability, precariousness.
14. miserably (adverb) – terribly.
15. tackle (verb) - deal with, attend to, try to sort out.
16. belong to (verb) – be a member of, be affiliated to, be associated with, be connected to, be linked to.
17. Sahel (noun) – it is the vast semi-arid region of Africa separating the Sahara Desert to the north and tropical savannas to the south. The 10 countries in the Sahel (North Africa) region are; Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, The Gambia, Guinea Mauritania, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, and Senegal.
18. landlocked (adjective) – (of a country) surrounded by land on all sides.
19. bound (verb) - enclose, surround, border.

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20. rock (verb) - shake up, stun, shock.
21. ungovernable (adjective) - uncontrollable, unmanageable.
22. displace (verb) - relocate.
23. civilian (noun) – non-military person, ordinary citizen.
24. out of touch (phrase) – lacking of up-to-date knowledge; lack of current information; lack of awareness.
25. ground reality (noun) – practical condition/situation.
26. novel coronavirus (nCoV) (SARS-CoV-2) (noun) – a new strain (type/variety) coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans. (Courtesy: WHO)
27. pandemic (noun) – the worldwide spread of a new disease; The illness spreads around the world and typically affects a large number of people across a wide area.
28. associated (adjective) - related, connected, linked, correlated; attendant, accompanying.
29. woes (noun) – trouble, difficulty, problem.
30. misery (noun) – pain, distress, suffering.
31. uprising (noun) – insurgency, revolution, rebellion.
32. touch off something (phrasal verb) - start/begin, instigate, ignite, trigger, stir up, foment, cause, set off, explode, spark off.
33. mutiny (noun) – insurrection, rebellion, revolt, revolution, uprising.
34. oust (verb) - overthrow, topple, unseat, overturn.
35. conflict (noun) – armed conflict, clash, battle, fighting, confrontation.
36. throw out (phrasal verb) - reject, dismiss, turn down, say 'no' to, refuse.
37. revolutionary (noun) - rebel, insurgent, mutineer, insurrectionary, agitator.
38. lever (noun) - control, handle, grip; a ways of forcing someone into doing something.
39. take (something) into one's (own) hands (phrase) – to take control of something.

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40. ease (noun) - effortlessness.
41. tighten (verb) – make stricter, make more rigorous, make more stringent, stiffen, toughen.
42. grip (noun) – control, stranglehold, domination (over something).
43. tighten your grip on something (phrase) – start to control something more strictly.
44. rather than (phrase) – instead of.
45. power grab (noun) – an attempt to get control over something opportunistically/unethically.
46. transition (noun) – change, transformation.
47. reportedly (adverb) – supposedly, seemingly, apparently, professedly, ostensibly, purportedly.
48. fed up (adjective) - annoyed, irritated, angry, furious.
49. the state (noun) – the government.
50. inability (noun) – incapability, incapacity, helplessness.
51. men in uniform (phrase) – military leaders; personnel in armed forces.
52. short-lived (adjective) – brief, short, short-term, temporary, transitory.
53. power hungry (adjective) – selfish, egoistic, megalomaniac, aggressive, forceful.
54. machinery (noun) – system, apparatus, structure.
55. at home (phrase) – in one's own country.
56. hardly (adverb) – almost not.
57. lack (verb) – be without, not have enough of.
58. end up (phrasal verb) – finish up, turn up, come/appear, find oneself (to a particular course of action in the end).

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