Niger, September 2026

Summary

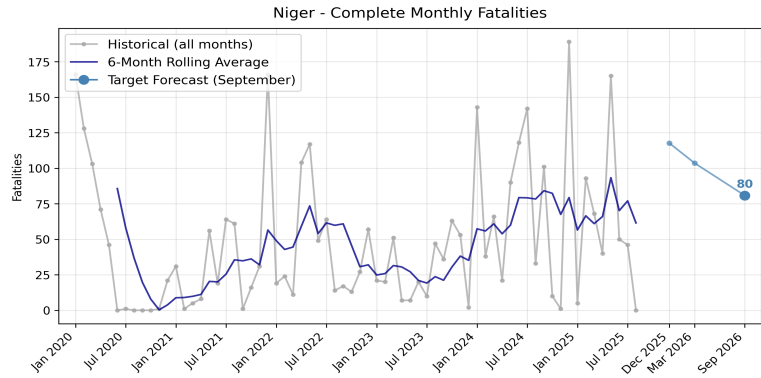**BLUF Summary for Niger, September 2026:** **BLUF Summary for Niger, September 2026:** In September 2026, Niger faces a 100.0% probability of experiencing at least 25 battle-related fatalities, with a predicted average of 80.8 fatalities. This places Niger in the category of Near-certain conflict, marking it as one of the highest-risk countries globally for that month. Comparable countries in terms of conflict risk include Ethiopia and Nigeria, which share similar dynamics of instability and violence. Historically, Niger has seen an average of 31.0 fatalities in September, with a clear increasing trend of +23.7 fatalities per year. The September 2026 forecast of 80.8 fatalities is significantly higher than this historical average, reflecting a sharp escalation in anticipated violence. This projection aligns with the upward trajectory of conflict in recent years but represents a substantial acceleration in severity. The primary drivers of this forecast are Niger's extreme positions on key risk factors. Infant mortality rates are much higher than the regional average, and military involvement in executive power is also significantly elevated. These factors, combined with the existing upward trend in violence, contribute to the near-certainty of high fatalities in September 2026. The covariate analysis underscores that structural risks are compounding the historical trend, making Niger's conflict outlook particularly dire.
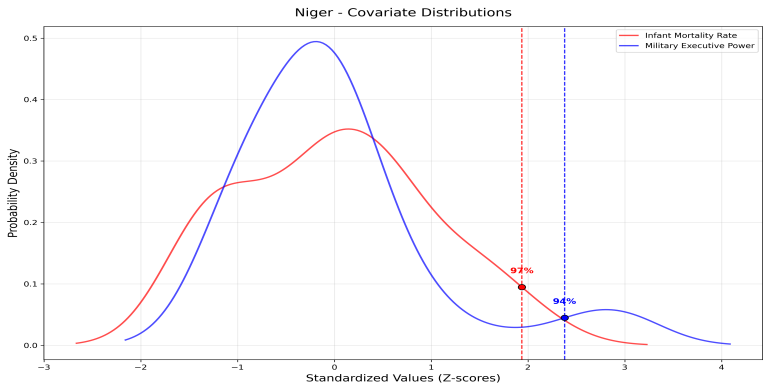
Violence trend

This figure shows the complete monthly fatalities trend over the past 5 years, with our forecast for September 2026 highlighted. All forecast months are shown for context.

Niger - Complete Monthly Fatalities

Our forecast for September 2026 (80 fatalities) is higher than the 5-year historical average (31 fatalities). The historical trend shows increasing violence (slope: +23.7 fatalities/year).
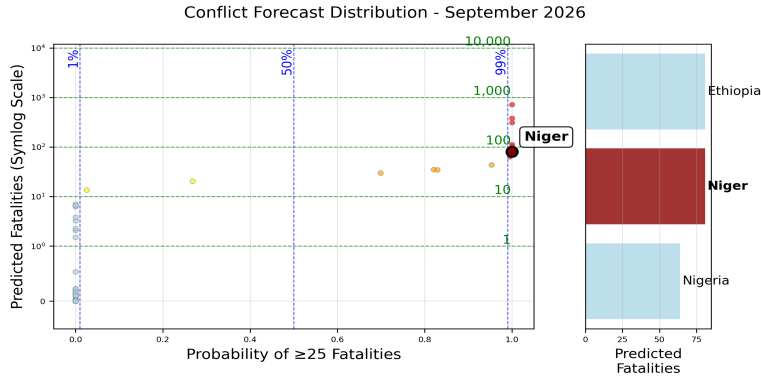
Structural risk factors

This figure shows where the target country sits within the regional distribution for key covariates. Each colored curve represents the probability density of a covariate across all countries, with the target country's position marked by a vertical line.

Niger - Covariate Distributions

Country profile: Infant Mortality Rate: very high (97th percentile); Military Executive Power: very high (94th percentile).

Comparable cases

This figure shows the regional distribution of conflict forecasts for September 2026, with countries positioned by their probability of experiencing ≥25 fatalities (x-axis) and predicted fatalities (y-axis, symlog scale). The target country is highlighted with a prominent marker.

Conflict Forecast Distribution - September 2026

For September 2026, Niger is forecasted with 1.000 probability of ≥25 fatalities (100th percentile) and 80.8 predicted fatalities (91th percentile). Risk category: Near-certain conflict; Intensity category: 11-100.