PROJECTOR SLIDE

The Battle of Tinzaouaten

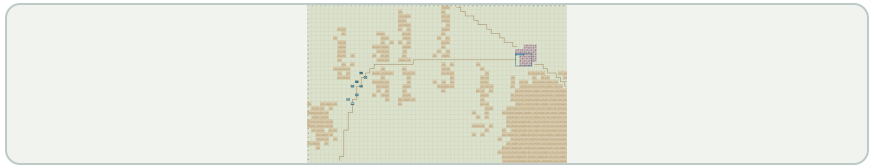
Outskirts of Tinzaouaten, Abeïbara Cercle, Kidal Region, Mali, on the Algerian border · 25 to 27 July 2024

Learning objectives

- Compare observation around the model’s convoy route with the exposure and losses shown in the review. Distinguish approximate terrain and assumed TB2 support from independently verified historical convoy positions and capabilities.
- Assess how the simulation's scripted dust storm changes drone availability, while distinguishing its weather and TB2 support assumptions from independently confirmed events in the battle.
- Evaluate disputed claims about losses, outside help and civilian harm by naming who made each claim and what was independently verified.



Scenario illustration · AI generated



Student map · own side only · Simulation situation map · reconstructed terrain and estimated deployments; not verified historical positions.

Run and debrief

5 minutes 30 seconds at 1×. Get the convoy to Tinzaouaten and clear the Malian side of the town by the end of 27 July. Your three Bayraktar TB2 drones can find the CSP fighters on the ridges above the track, but a dust storm will ground them for a day. Civilians live in Tinzaouaten and across the border in Tin Zaouatine, so choose your strike targets with care, and keep your trucks and tankers alive.

Which result differed from history, and what evidence or model assumption explains it?

Atrocity notice · 2024-12-12 · Human Rights Watch: Mali, atrocities by the army and Wagner Group

These reports describe the wider conflict. They do not establish that every crime occurred in this modeled battle.

Study is not endorsement. Never target civilians, hospitals, schools or places of worship. Report civilian harm. Terrorist forces and Wagner: computer controlled. Gaza events and civilian massacres: excluded.