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In the recent years Chad, Guinea, Mali and Sudan caught the international attention for which one of the following reasons common to all of them? (a) Discovery of rich deposits of rare earth elements (b) Establishment of Chinese Military bases (c) Southward expansion of Sahara Desert (d) Successful coups
Official key: D.

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Explanation

(a)

Rare earths. Not the common headline.

(b)

Chinese military bases. Not common to all four.

(c)

Sahara expanding south. A Sahel climate story, not the shared 2020s headline.

(d) Official key

Successful coups. Chad, Guinea, Mali and Sudan all saw military takeovers in the recent past.

Summary

Official key is (d). Chad, Guinea, Mali and Sudan drew global attention for successful coups (and coup attempts that seized power) in the late 2010s-2020s. Rare earths, Chinese bases and desertification are not the shared reason.

Related possible facts

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Sahel coups

Mali 2020/2021, Guinea 2021, Sudan 2021, Chad 2021 among others.

CFA / ECOWAS

Regional responses to West African takeovers.