

# *Human rights organization finds U.S.-trained forces in Burkina Faso summarily executed 223 people*

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**The women's mosque in the center of Soro village, Thiou district, northern Yatenga province, Burkina Faso. March 2024 © 2024 Private**

New York, April 27 (RHC)-- Burkina Faso's U.S.-trained military forces "summarily executed" at least 223 civilians, including dozens of children, across several villages in the northern Yatenga province in late February.

According to a new report by Human Rights Watch, the extrajudicial mass killings are part of a widespread military campaign to exterminate residents accused of collaborating with Islamic militants.

Executive Director of New York-based Human Rights Watch Tirana Hassan said in a statement: "The repeated failure of the Burkinabè authorities to prevent and investigate such atrocities underlines why international assistance is critical to support a credible investigation into possible crimes against humanity."

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