# **Algerian Operations Compress Islamist Insurgency**

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While all eyes are focused on Iraq and Afghanistan, the Islamist insurgency in Algeria is witnessing a period of rapid evolution caused by the increasing sophistication of government counterinsurgency (COIN) operations, and adaptation on the part of the insurgent groups. The government is steadily incorporating intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance assets and precision engagement capabilities into its COIN strategy, while the insurgent forces, hard pressed in rural and urban environments, have expanded their geographical reach to make better logistical and operational use of the country's porous borders.... **\*** 

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