

Niamey's Niger River alert: from a measured threshold to public protection

The Niger River at Niamey was measured at 538 cm at 07:00 on 6 October 2026, above the 530 cm yellow-alert threshold. Niger's public news agency reported the observation and the governor's precautionary message on 7 October. The alert establishes an immediate duty to communicate risk and follow changing river levels. It does not establish flooding, overtopping of dikes or delivery of protection.

Record: NE-NIAMEY-2026-001

Revision: 1.0

Jurisdiction: Niger

Opened: 8 October 2026

Last reviewed: 8 October 2026

State: Yellow alert reported; operational evidence open

This record concerns Niamey in Niger. It does not classify the rest of Niger or the wider basin, attribute the rise to climate change, or transfer the Ivorian Niger Basin programme's finance into this response.

Current assessment

Latest change: A measured river threshold has brought Niamey's rescue command into view.

The observation occurred on 6 October; the authoritative account and official republication appeared on 7 October. The record opens on 8 October with one verified response entry: the governor's warning and instructions. No later station reading was verified in this file.

Decision now due: Update river vigilance and establish whether the warning has reached local protection and readiness.

The regional command needs current observations, dated operational instructions and evidence of accessible warnings, safe movement from the riverbed, dike protection and readiness of rescue services. Whether additional measures or finance are authorised remains open.

Timing: Immediate vigilance following the 6 October reading. The published code places orange at 580 cm and red at 620 cm; no date for reaching either is forecast.

Responsibility: The Niamey governor directs rescue operations; regional civil protection commands them.

The alert names the governor as Director of Rescue Operations and the Regional Director of Civil Protection as rescue commander. The regional Operations Coordination Centre advises and issues vigilance messages. National civil-protection and crisis-coordination institutions provide the wider framework; local authorities and agriculture, livestock and irrigation services are named in the precautionary chain.

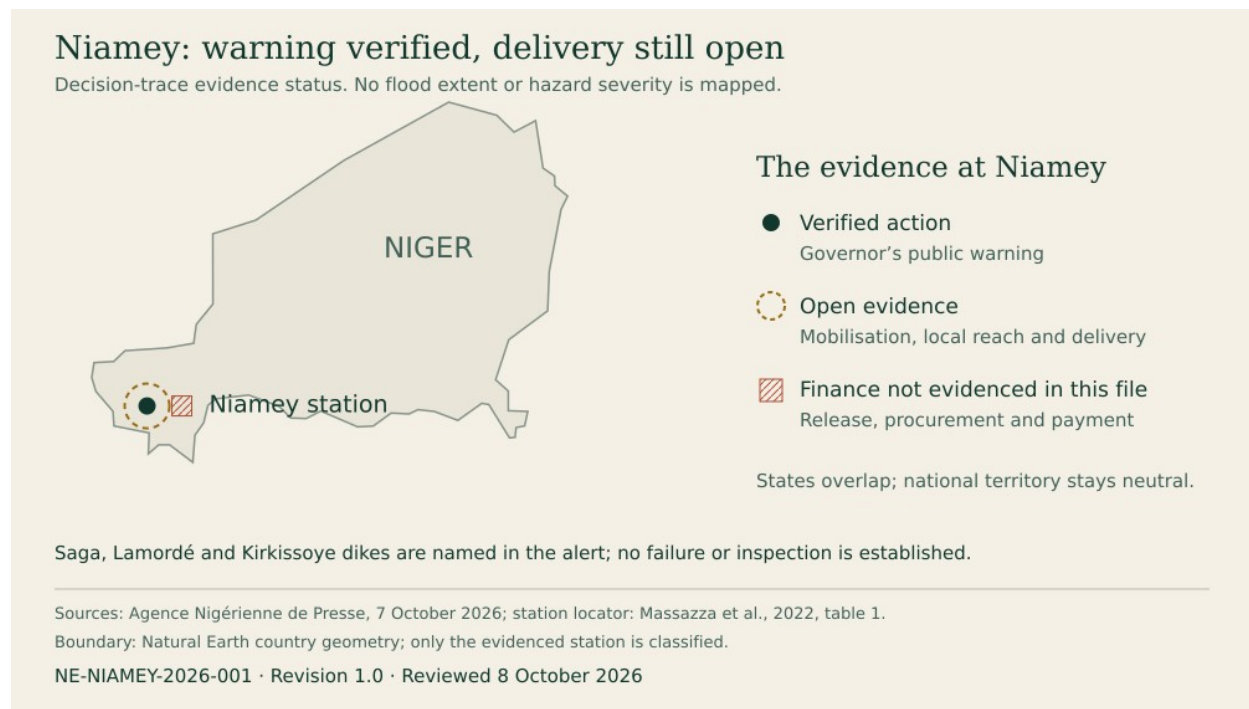
Verified action: One verified response entry: a public warning with riverbank precautions.

The governor's message asks residents to clear the riverbed and move vulnerable goods, use safe boats and experienced operators, avoid overloaded or night crossings, preserve dikes and seek technical advice for agricultural and pastoral activities. These are instructions. Compliance, evacuation completed, deployments and service outcomes are not verified.

Open evidence: Current readings, operational activation, resources, deployment and outcomes remain open.

This file has no attributable appropriation or release, procurement award, emergency-stock inventory, staffing roster, completed evacuation or verified rescue delivery for this alert. The full regional rescue plan and its adoption instrument were not retrieved. Absence from this file is not proof that authorities have taken no action.

Territorial evidence map



Niamey: one public warning verified. Mobilisation, local reach and delivery remain open. Finance releases, awards and payments are not evidenced in this file. The rest of Niger is neutral and unclassified. Saga, Lamordé and Kirkissoye dikes are named, with no inspection, failure or overtopping established.

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Decision trace

T0 · Signal · Verified

What was measured, where and when?

An official account reports 538 cm at Niamey at 07:00 on 6 October. This is a dated station observation, not today's river level or a forecast.

T1 · Trigger · Verified

Which threshold changed the decision window?

The reported reading exceeds the 530 cm yellow-alert threshold by 8 cm. Orange begins at 580 cm and red at 620 cm. The message cites 700 cm for overtopping the named dikes; that is distinct from the earlier vigilance thresholds.

T2 · Authority · Mapped

Who directs, advises and carries out the response?

The governor directs rescue operations, regional civil protection commands them and the Operations Coordination Centre advises. The alert invokes the regional rescue plan; the full plan and local task allocations remain open.

T3 · Commitment · Verified

What has been instructed or financed?

Public precautions are verified. The alert does not document a budget approval, contingency release or contract. A legal rescue framework does not establish expenditure.

T4 · Execution · Open evidence

What reached operations or residents?

The warning was published. Its local reach, accessible delivery, rescue mobilisation, stock placement and compliance have not been established in this file.

T5 · Outcome · Not assessable at this stage

What protection or disruption can be assessed?

No attributable exposure, displacement, rescue or service-continuity outcome was verified. A station threshold crossing alone cannot establish damage or the effectiveness of preparedness.

Material changes

8 October 2026 · New record admitted

Context: Niger · Niamey river vigilance; observation 6 October, publication 7 October

What changed: The Niamey reading crossed the yellow-alert threshold, and the governor issued riverbank precautions through the regional rescue command.

Decision consequence: Update river vigilance and establish whether the warning has reached local protection and readiness.

Assessment effect: New record admitted. The warning and its responsibility chain are evidenced; finance, mobilisation, delivery and outcomes remain open.

Source: Agence Nigérienne de Presse; governor's alert republished by Le Sahel

Forecasts, guidance and evidence

Station observation and public warning: Verified

Source: Agence Nigérienne de Presse · Niamey river alert

Published: 7 October 2026, 11:17; observation 6 October, 07:00

Valid for: The dated Niamey reading and resulting immediate vigilance window

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Legal and administrative framework: Mapped

Source: Le Sahel · governor's alert

Published: 7 October 2026

Valid for: Niamey regional alert and rescue responsibilities

The indexed official republication cites the civil-protection law of 31 March 2017, 2017 rescue-planning decrees, the 2018 national alert code, 2019 dissemination and colour-code instruments, the 2023 national crisis-centre order and a governor instruction dated 18 June 2026. These references identify the framework invoked; they do not establish a current appropriation or full operational activation.

Regional planning context: Under review

Source: Le Sahel · Niamey rescue-plan workshop

Published: 2 October 2026; workshop 29–30 September

Valid for: Review and validation process for Niamey’s regional rescue plan

The indexed report names the national civil-protection directorate and support from the Integrated Urban Development and Multisectoral Resilience Project. The final plan, adoption instrument and a Niamey-specific funding release were not verified.

Geographic reach and consequences

Niamey region, Niger

Horizon: Immediate river vigilance

Systems: Water, rescue operations, agriculture and livestock

Finding: One regional warning is evidenced. Saga, Lamordé and Kirkissoye dikes are named in the alert as reference structures; no inspection, failure or overtopping of any is established.

Responsibility across public institutions

Regional direction

Institutions: Governor of the Niamey region

Role: Direct rescue operations; issue the public alert and instructions.

Basis: Role expressly identified in the 7 October alert account

Regional operations

Institutions: Regional Director of Civil Protection and Operations Coordination Centre

Role: Command rescue operations, advise the governor and communicate hydrological vigilance. Dated mobilisation orders and task rosters remain open.

Basis: Regional command identified in the published alert

National framework

Institutions: Directorate-General of Civil Protection and the national Operational Centre for Monitoring, Alert and Crisis Management

Role: Provide the national civil-protection and crisis-coordination framework invoked by the governor. The operational centre is known by its French initials, COVACC.

Basis: Legal references in the indexed official republication; full instruments not retrieved

Local and technical responsibility

Institutions: Local authorities; agriculture and livestock services; National Office for Hydro-Agricultural Development

Role: Receive reports, provide technical advice and support precautions around agricultural and pastoral activity. The irrigation office is identified as ONAHA in the French alert. Commune-specific assignments and local safeguard plans remain open.

Basis: Services named in the alert; allocation of local tasks still required

Response and implementation trace

Governor's warning and precautionary instructions made public

Date: Published 7 October 2026

Actor: Niamey governor, with regional civil-protection command and coordination centre

Stage: Communication and instruction

Status: Verified

Finance trace

Alert-specific appropriation and contingency release

Amount: Not evidenced in this file

Status: Open evidence

Finding: No amount, budget line, authorisation or transfer tied to this Niamey alert was verified.

Procurement, stocks and mobilisation

Amount: Not evidenced in this file

Status: Open evidence

Finding: No attributable award, contract, payment, emergency-stock inventory or staffing deployment was verified.

Rescue-planning support

Amount: No attributable release verified

Status: Under review

Finding: A 2 October report names project support for a regional plan workshop. This does not establish finance for protection following the 6 October threshold crossing.

Jurisdiction evidence

Niamey region · riverbanks · Directive or readiness process

Public warning verified; local reach and implementation remain open.

Source: Agence Nigérienne de Presse · Niamey river alert · 7 October 2026

Evidence basis: Authoritative account of governor's alert following a dated station observation

Open evidence: Commune-specific actions, accessible warning reach, rescue readiness, movement completed and service outcomes.

Finance: Alert-specific appropriation, release and expenditure not evidenced in this file.

Version history

Revision 1.0 · 8 October 2026

The Niamey reading crossed the yellow-alert threshold, and the governor issued riverbank precautions through the regional rescue command.

Availability: Current public record; outgoing immutable webpage and JSON will be preserved before a later numbered revision.

Source register

Agence Nigérienne de Presse · Niamey river alert

Published 7 October 2026 at 11:17; reports the 6 October observation, thresholds, responsibility and precautions.

Le Sahel · governor's alert

Official republication dated 7 October; indexed text supplies legal references. Full-page retrieval was unavailable during this review; the operational account is independently available from the public news agency.

Le Sahel · Niamey rescue-plan workshop

Published 2 October; describes a workshop held at Kollo on 29–30 September. This is planning context, not proof of formal adoption or activation.

Hydrological Web Services for Operational Flood Risk Monitoring and Forecasting at Local Scale in Niger
Original 2022 research, table 1: station locator only (13.51° N, 2.11° E), not current hydrological evidence.

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