Sub-Saharan African Mineral Deposits

Main mineral resources:
- Diamonds
- Tin
- Cobalt
- Iron
- Copper
- Magnesium
- Chrome
- Nickel
- Gold
- Platinum
- Lead and zinc
- Bauxite

Sub-Saharan zones with concentrations of foreign investment:
- Oil
- Minerals
- Capital

Strategic routes for exporting resources:
- Oil pipelines
- Railway
- Closed

Unstable sub-Saharan zones:
- War — severe tension
- Political instability and occasional internal clashes
- Active zones for the Salafist group
- Stable politically

French - African military agreements:
- Defence accords
- Military cooperation in training and supplies
- French base

US military presence:
- US military aid (training special forces)
- Base
- Proposed base

Salafist group active zone:
- Armed attacks and possible al-Qaida warnings
- Ports & sea routes for oil and minerals

Map: Sub-Saharan African Mineral Deposits