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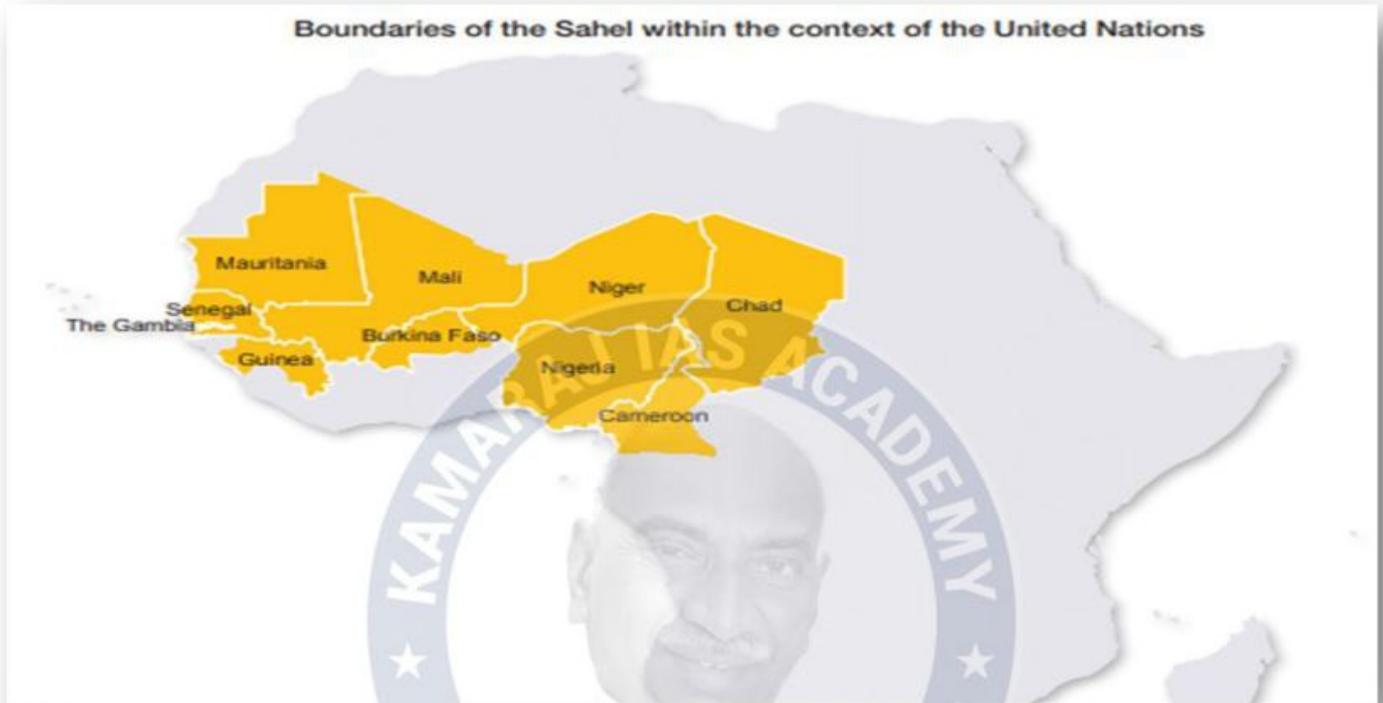
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Boundaries of the Sahel within the context of the United Nations



Sahel Region

- **Sahel** is a **semi-arid belt** in Africa lying between the Sahara Desert (north) and humid savanna (south).
- The region stretches about **5,400 km east-west** from Senegal on the Atlantic coast to Sudan near the Red Sea basin.
- Countries crossed by the Sahel include **Senegal, Mauritania, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, Nigeria, Chad and Sudan**.
- The term comes from Arabic "**Sāhil**" meaning **shore**, referring to the "shore of the desert".
- Major rivers supporting life are the **Niger River and Senegal River**, which create seasonal floodplains for grazing.
- Agriculture is limited to hardy crops such as **millet and groundnut**, suited to low rainfall conditions.
- Livestock economy depends on **camels and cattle**, along with sheep and pack oxen.
- A severe drought from **1968–1973** destroyed harvests and killed 50–70% of cattle.
- The famine of **1973** caused about **100,000 deaths** due to starvation and disease.
- Another crisis during **1983–1985 drought** again devastated crops and pastoral livelihoods.
- The Sahel forms part of the **African Great Green Wall project** aimed at halting desert spread.

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