

Coup underway in Mauritania

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A coup appears to be underway in the north-west African republic of Mauritania, where the army has seized the President and the Prime Minister after the President sacked several top army officers.

A presidency source says soldiers have seized President Sidi Mohamed Ould Cheikh Abdallahi, Prime Minister Yahya Ould Ahmed Waghf and the interior minister, and taken them to an unknown destination.

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