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Protesters had long denounced a 2018 military accord that allowed French soldiers to fight armed groups in Burkina Faso, saying France's Army had done little to actually tackle violence that's engulfed the country in recent years.

One official from Burkina Faso said: "We don't want them on our territory, because when they are here and our people die, they do nothing. If they stay beyond the exit date, authorities should expect us in their base, because we are going to go there."

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