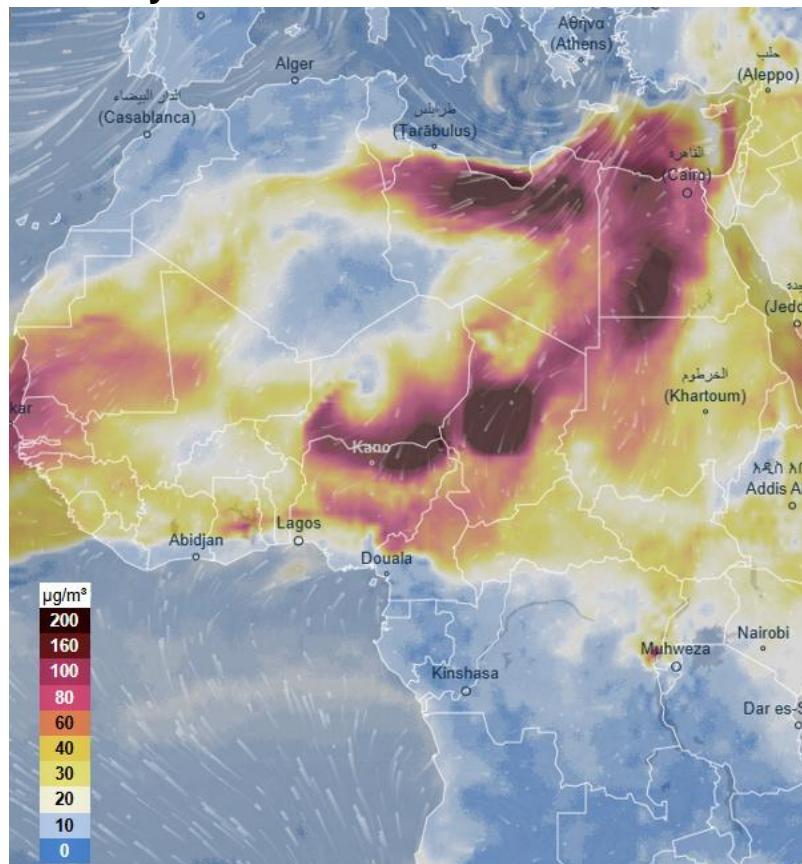




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## Hazardous Air Quality – North & Central Africa / Eastern Mediterranean



Valid: from 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026

### Affected Areas

Northern and Central Africa (including Libya, Algeria, Niger, Chad, Nigeria), extending eastward into Egypt and the Eastern Mediterranean.

### Status

Very Unhealthy to Hazardous

### Hazard Summary

A large dust plume is spreading across the region, causing extremely high concentrations of airborne particles (PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub>). Air quality levels are well above safe limits in many areas, with thick dust reducing visibility and significantly degrading breathing conditions. Residents are advised to limit outdoor activities, keep windows closed, use protective masks if outdoors, and follow local health advisories until air quality improves.