

Brigade de Recherches de Keur Massar: 12 people arrested on the 4, 5 et 6 February 2026 :

https://www.seneneews.com/actualites/affaire-des-homosexuels-pape-cheikh-diallo-djiby-drame-voici-la-liste-complete-des-12-personnes-arretees_575415.html

La Brigade de Recherches de Touba: 5 arrests on the 12 February.

https://www.seneneews.com/actualites/brigade-de-recherches-le-reseau-tombe-voici-la-nouvelle-liste-des-homosexuels-arretes_575918.html.

Brigade de Recherches de Keur Massar: 3 arrests between 14 and 16 February: https://www.seneneews.com/actualites/affaire-pape-cheikh-diallo-les-4-derniers-interpelles-sont-porteurs-du-vih_576358.html (The article states 4 arrests but one of them was already under arrest so only 3 new arrests.

Saly Criminal Investigation Brigade: 1 person arrested on 15th February:

https://seneweb.com/en/news/Societe/affaire-pape-cheikh-diallo-3-nouvelles-arrestations-par-la-br-de-keur-massar-apres-la-chute-du-13e-suspect-a-saly_n_483578.html

Brigade de Recherches Keur Massar: One person arrested on le 17th February (Journalist Pape Birame Bigué Ndiaye)

https://www.seneneews.com/premium/brigade-de-recherches-les-choses-se-comploiquent-pour-pape-birame-bigue-ndiaye_576503.html#google_vignette.

Brigade de Recherches Keur Massar: 2 more people arrested on 18th February, https://www.seneneews.com/actualites/affaire-pape-cheikh-diallo-apres-pape-birame-bigue-ndiaye-voici-deux-nouvelles-arrestations_576603.html

Commissariat urbain de Tivaouane: 1 person arrested on 18 February:

<https://sanslimitesn.com/actes-contre-nature-un-individu-arrete-a-tivaouane/>

Brigade de Recherches de Thiès: 1 personne arrested on 20 February:

https://www.seneweb.com/fr/news/Societe/affaire-pape-cheikh-diallo-et-cie-un-20e-suspect-tombe-a-thies-voici-son-identite_n_484178.html

Brigade de Recherches de Keur Massar: 1 person arrested on the evening of 20th February in the Kaolack area:

<https://lesoleil.sn/actualites/societe-fait-divers/affaire-des-presumes-homosexuels-un-celebre-tiktokeur-tombe-a-nioro/> **PLUS the first woman** arrested on the same day :

https://www.ndarinfo.com/Actes-contre-nature-et-Vih-Les-ramifications-du-reseau-demantele-entre-Dakar-Thies-et-Nioro_a43013.html

Brigade de Recherches de Saint-Louis: 1 person arrested in Saint-Louis on 20 February:

https://www.seneweb.com/fr/news/Justice/affaire-pape-cheikh-diallo-un-22e-suspect-arrete-par-la-sr-de-saint-louis_n_484259.html

Brigade de recherche de Keur Masseur - 3 people arrested on the 22, February (the 3 friends of the tiktokeur arrested previously)

<https://www.xibaaru.sn/affaire-zale-mbaye-revelations-et-arrestations-en-serie/>

Dakar: A French national arrested - 23 February

https://senego.com/teste-positif-au-vih-apres-son-arrestation-le-ressortissant-francais-oppose-un-argument-medical-aux-enqueteurs_1929095.html

Brigade de recherches de Keur Masseur - 2 people arrested and placed in temporary detention - February 24 (The article mentions other names but they were already mentioned above (the tiktokeur and the person arrested in Saint Louis).

https://www.senenews.com/actualites/derniere-minute-zale-mbaye-dabakh-et-le-tailleur-zo-places-sous-mandat-de-depot_577304.html

Brigade de Recherches de Keur Masseur - 5 more people arrested in Saint-Louis - February 25

https://senego.com/homosexualite-et-vih-5-nouvelles-arrestations-a-saint-louis-par-la-section-de-recherches_1930260.html

Brigade de recherches (BR) de Faidherbe - 2 people arrested in Dakar - February 27

<https://www.facebook.com/infosdakar12/posts/actes-contre-nature-un-nouveau-reseau-d%27un-mantel-un-c%27un-bre-journaliste-de-t%27un-c/1222196413448982/>

Brigade de Recherches de Keur Masseur - 3 people arrested, one of them is a police officer - 28 February

https://www.seneweb.com/fr/news/Societe/affaire-dhomosexualite-et-de-transmission-du-vih-trois-nouvelles-arrestations-dont-un-policier_n_484935.html

Brigade de Recherches de Thiès - 4 People arrested, article mentioned one of them is HIV+ - March 2, 2026

https://www.seneweb.com/fr/news/Justice/exclusif-affaire-pape-cheikh-diallo-nouveau-coup-de-filet-de-la-gendarmerie-4-suspects-arretes_n_485323.html

Brigade de Recherches de Thiès - 1 person arrested - March 5, 2026

https://www.senenews.com/actualites/affaire-pape-cheikh-diallo-et-cie-un-38eme-suspect-arrete_578474.html

Arrests not associated to the criminal brigades: Police is alerted by members of the public who have surprised 2 young men in a bus station (and beaten them up) - 7 March 2026

https://www.senenews.com/actualites/homosexualite-ils-etaient-en-pleine-action-ce-matin-du-ramadan-comment-b-sylla-et-m-b-cisse-sont-tombes_578723.html

Brigade de Recherches de Saint-Louis: New arrests. It's impossible to tell how many from this article. At least 12 people were arrested by the Saint-Louis Brigade but several of them are probably already counted. I will see if I can find better and more detailed information.

https://www.dakaractu.com/Saint-Louis-l-enquete-s-elargit-%E2%80%94-nouvelles-arrestations-dans-l-affaire-d-association-de-malfaiteurs-et-de_a269854.amp.html

Brigade de recherches de Faidherbe: A student is arrested - March 12 - The other 2 mentioned in the article were arrested above on February 27

(https://www.senenews.com/actualites/enquete-sur-un-reseau-lgbtq-la-gendarmerie-arrete-sandra-issu-dune-famille-religieuse_579120.html)

Brigade de Recherches de Keur Masseur: A cameroon National arrested - 12 March.

https://www.dakarposte.com/Affaire-Pape-Cheikh-et-CIE-Le-Camerounais-arrete-est-seropositif_a84632.html

Brigade de Recherches de Faidherbes: New charges for homosexuality for a man that had been arrested originally for possession of ecstasy. Following a search on his telephone, the Faidherbes brigade has been nominated to follow up so we will likely see more arrests in the near future. 16 March 2026

https://www.senenews.com/actualites/il-ma-transmis-le-virus-les-confessions-chocs-dun-detenu-poursuivi-pour-actes-contre-nature_579531.html Verdict for this affair on 19th March: HIV transmission charge dismissed, 3 years for homosexuality:

https://senego.com/accuse-de-transmission-du-vih-thierno-seydou-pam-ecope-de-trois-ans-de-prison-ferme-pour-ce-delit-distinct_1939550.html

Brigade de Recherches de Keur Masseur: 4 New arrests - 19 March

https://www.senenews.com/actualites/brigade-de-recherches-voici-les-4-dernieres-personnes-arretees-dans-laffaire-pape-cheikh-diallo_580045.html

Brigade de Recherche de Keur Masseur: One new arrest - 28 March

https://www.pressafrik.com/Affaire-des-presumes-homosexuels-un-chanteur-de-xasida-arrete-par-la-BR-de-Keur-Massar_a303192.amp.html

Gendarmerie de Yeumbeul Sud - 5 new arrests - 31st March

https://www.seneweb.com/fr/news/Societe/actes-contre-nature-et-transmission-volontaire-du-vih-a-yeumbeul-sud-un-artiste-parmi-les-6-suspects-arretes_n_488250.html - New article indicating test results of a second person is positive leading to new charges of HIV transmission:

https://www.ndarinfo.com/Yeumbeul-Sud-Un-deuxieme-cas-de-VIH-confirme-dans-le-reseau-de-mantele_a43914.html

Brigade de Recherche de Touba - One new arrest with HIV transmission charge, despite the man being on treatment. 2nd April

https://www.seneweb.com/fr/news/Societe/vise-pour-transmission-volontaire-du-vih-un-agent-de-la-senelec-de-mbacke-detaillie-ses-relations-avec-ass-dione_n_488487.html

1st verdict under the new law: Young man arrested on April 2nd, sentenced to 6 years in jail.
https://www.seneneews.com/actualites/urgent-lourde-peine-pour-le-1er-homosexuel-condamne-a-u-tgi-de-guediawaye-il-sagit-de_582443.html

Brigade de Recherche de Keur Masseur - 4 people arrested on 7th April (One in Yoff and 3 in Dakar) AND one person arrested in Saly on 6th April by the **Research Brigade of Mbour**
https://www.seneweb.com/fr/news/Societe/affaire-pape-cheikh-diallo-le-62e-suspect-arrete-a-yoff_n_488892.html

Brigade de Recherche de Keur Masseur - New arrest in Dakar on 14th April
https://www.pressafrik.com/%E2%80%8BAffaire-des-presumes-homosexuels-Cherif-Aly-Diatta-l-adjoint-au-maire-de-Ouakam-arrete_a303957.html

Linguère urban police station: - 18 people arrested, 3 of them HIV positive - 18 April
https://www.seneweb.com/fr/news/Societe/linguere-lidentite-des-18-presumes-homosexuels-arretes-dont-trois-porteurs-du-vih_n_490002.html

Dakar: 2 men arrested following discovery by family member, both HIV positive - 18 April
https://www.dakaractu.com/Keur-Mbaye-Fall-sous-tension-surpris-en-plein-ebats-sexuels-testes-seropositifs-ils-frolent-le-lynchage-a-la-Cite_a271164.html

3rd man linked to arrest above arrested - ? April
https://www.dakaractu.com/Affaire-acte-Contre-nature-a-Keur-Mbaye-Fall-le-troisieme-suspect-en-cavale-finalement-arrete-l-affaire-prend-une_a271277.html

Linguère: 4 new arrests related to the case above in Linguère, making a total of 22 people in this case and 2 more HIV+, so 5 people altogether - 21 April
<https://www.enquetepius.com/content/affaire-des-pr%C3%A9sum%C3%A9s-homosexuels-%C3%A0-lingu%C3%A8re-quatre-nouvelles-arrestations-dont-deux-suspects>

Brigade de recherches de Saly: 2 men arrested in Mbour towards the end of April. Charges of deliberate HIV transmission were added following tests done after their arrests.
<https://beninwebtv.com/senegal-deux-hommes-deferes-a-mbour-pour-relations-homosexuelles-et-transmission-presumee-du-vih/>

Criminal Investigations Division in Dakar: Marabout arrested in Gambia via Interpol - Charges of HIV deliberate transmission included - May 1st
<https://beninwebtv.com/senegal-un-marabout-interpelle-en-gambie-via-interpol-dans-laffaire-dite-de-s-actes-contre-nature/>

NOTE

Although we have all become aware of the wave of arrests since February, probably because it involved 2 famous people, the increase in arrests seems to have started last year around October/November with some mass arrests (entire groups of people connected via WhatsApp or other means all arrested). Interestingly, although they did mention some HIV+ status in the groups, there was no mention of charges for “deliberate HIV transmission” in the articles. They did however state that there had been instances of non-disclosure so I am wondering if that was the trigger to the deliberate transmission charges.

Here are some of the articles:

5 gay men arrested by Thies Brigade, one mention of a man being HIV positive - 21st December 2025

https://www.senenews.com/actualites/thies-cinq-homosexuels-arretes-dans-un-appartement-lun-deux-est-seropositif_570145.html

15 gay men arrested by Diourbel Gendarmerie, one mention of one of the defendant being HIV+ 30 November 2025

https://www.senenews.com/actualites/le-film-de-larrestation-de-15-homosexuels-dont-un-porteur-du-vih-un-maitre-coranique-et-un-marabout-a-diourbel_567637.html

16 gay men arrested by Jaxaay Police following anonymous tips - 22 October 2025

https://www.seneweb.com/fr/news/Societe/cite-kalia-seize-homosexuels-surpris-en-pleins-ebats-ils-sont-footballeur-etudiant-commercant-danseur-de-18-a-36-ans_n_471850.html