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Brigade de Recherches de Keur Massar: 12 people arrested on the 4, 5 et 6 February 2026 : https://www.senenews.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.senenews.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.senenews.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.senenews.com/premium/brigade-de-recherches-les-choses-se-compliquent-pour-pape-birame-bigue-ndiaye_576503.html#google_vignette.

Brigade de Recherches Keur Massar: 2 more people arrested on 18th February, https://www.senenews.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 Massar - 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 Massar - 2 people arrested and placed in temporary detention - February 24 (The article mentions other names but they were already mentionned above (the titktokeur 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 Massar - 5 more people arrested in Saint-Louis - Feburary 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-r%C3%A9seau-d%C3%A9mantel%C3%A9-un-c%C3%A9l%C3%A8bre-journaliste-de-t%C3%A9l%C3%A9-c/1222196413448982/

Brigade de Recherches de Keur Massar - 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 mentionned 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

Division des enquêtes criminelles (DIC): Shock arrest in Dakar, an investigation that recalls the Pope Cheikh Diallo file: 14 people arrested (including famous singer Ouzin Keïta) in a flat in Ouest-Foire Dakar, 5 HIV positive - 9 March 2026
https://www.afrik.com/affaire-ouzin-keita-arrestation-choc-a-dakar-une-enquete-qui-rappelle-le-dossier-pape-cheikh-diallo **Follow up on August 25:** The prosecution has charged the defendants with criminal conspiracy, acts against nature, willful transmission of HIV/AIDS, fraud, and sexual blackmail:
https://www.senenews.com/actualites/affaire-des-homosexuels-le-parquet-a-pris-sa-decision-pour-ouzin-keita_597688.html

Arrests not associated to a criminal brigade: 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 Massar: 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 Massar: 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 Massar: 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-demantele_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-detaille-ses-relations-avec-ass-dione_n_488487.html

Guédiawaye - Young man arrested near the national arena following report from lorry driver - April 2nd (no link to this arrest) **Follow-up on April 10: 1st verdict under the new law:** Sentenced to 6 years in jail and a fine of 2 millions CFA. https://www.senenews.com/actualites/urgent-lourde-peine-pour-le-1er-homosexuel-condamne-au-tgi-de-guediawaye-il-sagit-de_582443.html

Brigade de Recherche de Keur Massar - 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 Massar - 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.enqueteplus.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/ 12th May: Case in front of the tribunal, the prosecutor is asking for 5 years for the first defendant and 10 years for the second:
https://www.senenews.com/actualites/affaire-des-homos-ce-professeur-duniversite-cite-diadji-diouf-egalement-dans-la-tourmente_586183.html

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-des-actes-contre-nature/

Tambacounda Investigation Section: 21 people arrested including women. All will have to submit to HIV testing. These include 15 suspected homosexuals and 6 lesbians. 2 found to be HIV+
https://www.senenews.com/actualites/tambacounda-15-homosexuels-et-6-lesbiennes-deferes-deux-tests-vih-positifs_586754.html

Dakar criminal investigation Division: A close associate of Sonko is arrested for 'unnatural acts' and "deliberate HIV transmission - May 15
https://maliactu.net/senegal-l-etau-se-resserre-sur-les-libertes-un-proche-de-sonko-arrete-pour-actes-contre-nature/

Saint Louis Brigade: At least 5 people arrested and the article mentions more than 70 people arrested in Saint Louis jurisdiction alone - 22 may
https://www.ndarinfo.com/Saint-Louis-Un-vaste-reseau-demantele-pour-association-de-malfaiteurs-et-actes-contre-nature_a44804.html

Linguere: 23 remand warrants and 15 people wanted in the Ndiaga Seck (the close associate of Sonko)case in Linguère - 22 may
https://www.ndarinfo.com/Justice-23-mandats-de-depot-et-15-suspects-en-fuite-dans-l-affaire-Ndiaga-Seck-a-Linguere_a44790.html

Dakar: 3 men arrested, one known to be HIV + - 22 May
https://www.seneweb.com/fr/news/Societe/projet-de-mariage-gay-prostitution-et-vih-le-scandale-sexuel-qui-secoue-lunite-15-des-parcelles-assainies_n_493580.html

St Louis: New series of arrests in Saint-Louis, bringing the total to over 70 people in this jurisidiction alone - May 22
https://www.ndarinfo.com/Saint-Louis-Un-vaste-reseau-demantele-pour-association-de-malfaiteurs-et-actes-contre-nature_a44804.html **Follow up on August 31**: 47 people to be tried before the Saint-Louis Criminal Court. The majority of them are prosecuted for association of criminals and unnatural acts, others for voluntary transmission of HIV and endangering the lives of others - 31 August 2026
https://www.senenews.com/actualites/affaire-des-homosexuels-la-decision-du-juge-pour-les-47-personnes-arretees-a-saint-louis_598283.html

Linguere: 25th arrest in Linguère with the arrest of two suspected homosexuals - 29 May https://www.seneweb.com/en/news/8/25e-arrestation-a-linguere-ce-qui-a-fait-tomber-deux-presumes-homosexuels_n_493879.html

Linguere: Medical student arrested on June 2nd and charged with deliberate transmission. Warrants issued for other people - June 2 https://www.senenews.com/actualites/transmission-volontaire-du-vih-a-linguere-un-etudiant-en-medecine-en-prison-cinq-suspects-incarceres_588660.html

Linguere: 6 people arrested, 4 of the 6 are HIV positives, charges of unatural acts and HIV transmissions - 13 June https://senego.com/louga-six-personnes-arretees-pour-transmission-volontaire-du-vih-quatre-porteurs-du-virus_1971814.html

Rufisque: 6 people charged, 3 of them for HIV transmission - 21 June https://www.senenews.com/actualites/rufisque-six-homosexuels-dont-3-seropositifs-envoyes-en-prison_590581.html

Rosso: 5 people arrested for “act against nature” - 28 June https://senego.com/rosso-cinq-personnes-interpellees-pour-actes-contre-nature-presumes-des-ramifications-jusqua-nouakchott-evoquees_1977533.html Follow up: 2 of the people arrested in Rosso are now also being charged with HIV transmission - July 1st: https://www.dakaractu.com/Rosso-Affaire-reseau-presume-homosexuel-l-enquete-de-la-gendarmerie-prend-une-nouvelle-tournure-deux-mis-en-cause_a273265.html

Yeumbel: Three of the six people brought before the court in Yeumbeul are HIV-positive; They are charged with alleged HIV transmission - June 26 https://senego.com/trois-des-six-deferes-a-yeumbeul-sont-seropositifs-la-justice-retient-la-transmission-volontaire-du-vih_1979019.html

Saly Investigation Brigade: 31 year old bricklayer charged with act against nature and HIV transmission - 2 July https://www.thiesinfo.com/Mbour-un-macon-de-31-ans-defere-apres-une-enquete-de-la-Brigade-de-recherches-de-Saly_a14164.html

Thiès Central Police Station: Police break up a party involving gay men and arrest four people, one charged with "HIV transmission" - 4 July https://www.waladounyati.com/2026/07/06/actes-contre-nature-transmission-volontaire-du-vih-a-nguinth-la-police-interrompt-une-soiree-partouze-entre-homosexuelsquatre-interpellations-et-une-enquete-sensible-ouverte/ **Follow up 24 July:** In the end, 2 of them appeared to have been charged with HIV transmission, charges for which they have now been acquitted. the 2 of them sentenced for unnatural acts, one released and the other one sentenced for identity theft. https://www.seneweb.com/en/news/Justice/affaire-de-moeurs-et-sousse-relaxe-pour-la-transmission-du-vih-de-lourdes-peines-retenues-pour-actes-contre-nature_n_499244.html

Thiès Criminal Investigation Unit : 5 more men arrested, all tested for HIV, all positive, leading to charges of unnatural acts and “deliberate transmission of HIV” - 8 July https://kewoulo.info/affaire-dactes-contre-nature-thies-cinq-nouveaux-suspects-porteur-vih-deferes-affaire-dactes-contre-nature/

Yeumbel Police Station: 5 people arrested, 3 of them HIV positive - 16 July 2026 https://www.ndarinfo.com/enquete-police-reseau-transmission-vih-yeumbeul-arrestations/

Dakar: 9 arrests in a male dating ring, 7 of whom are HIV-positive- 16 July https://senego.com/dakar-9-arrestations-dans-un-reseau-de-rencontres-masculines-7-porteurs-du-vih_1984136.html

Guédiawaye: Two men arrested on suspicion of unnatural acts and the deliberate transmission of HIV - 21 July https://www.pressafrik.com/Guediawaye-deux-hommes-arretes-pour-presumes-actes-contre-nature-et-transmission-volontaire-du-VIH_a308634.html

Sédhiou police: Two men arrested following a sexual harassment complaint, one of them stated he was HIV Positive. They were taken into police custody, charges unknown at present. Could be the start of new wave of arrests. 27July https://www.senenews.com/actualites/homosexuels-une-affaire-dharcelement-sexuel-conduit-la-police-de-sedhiou-vers-une-filiere_594877.html

Rufisque-Est police: Seven people arrested by the police, charges of criminal conspiracy, sextortion, blackmail, threats, unnatural acts and drug possession. 4 August https://www.seneweb.com/fr/news/Societe/prostitution-vih-homosexualite-et-drogue-a-rufisque-est-sept-personnes-arretees-par-la-police_n_500277.html

Follow up to Pape Cheikh Diallo linked arrests: The judicial investigation into Pape Cheikh Diallo and around a hundred co-defendants is drawing to a close (These are all the cases directly related to Pape Cheikh Diallo arrest) https://www.senenews.com/actualites/rebeuss-la-derniere-ligne-droite-avant-le-proces-pour-pape-cheikh-diallo_595678.html#google_vignette

Follow up to Pape Cheikh Diallo linked arrests: Charges of deliberate HIV transmission dismissed for the 99 co-defendants first arrested by the Keur Masseur Brigade. 28 defendants had the charges against them dismissed in full, whilst 71 others were referred to the Criminal Court. The latter will face charges including criminal conspiracy and acts against nature. 7 August https://lesoleil.sn/actualites/societe-fait-divers/affaire-pape-cheikh-diallo-71-inculpes-renvoyes-devant-le-tribunal-correctionnel/

Kaolack: four men referred to the public prosecutor's office - 10 August : 4 men arrested in a flat following a tip off; Property was raided and men were charged with criminal conspiracy, unnatural acts, endangering the lives of others and the deliberate transmission of HIV/AIDS. This article does not specify how many were charged with HIV transmission but articles published since state that 2 of the men are HIV+. https://www.thiesinfo.com/Kaolack-quatre-hommes-deferes-apres-une-intervention-de-la-Section-de-recherches_a14529.html

Ziguinchor gendarmerie: 12 people arrested between August 14 and August 17. 5 of the people arrested tested after their arrests were also charged with Deliberate HIV transmission: https://www.senenews.com/actualites/la-section-de-recherches-cerne-de-nouveaux-homosexuels-un-celebre-tiktokeur-dans-le-lot_597145.html

Saint Louis: Forty-seven people accused of homosexuality will be tried before the Saint-Louis Criminal Court. The majority of them are prosecuted for association of criminals and unnatural acts, others for voluntary transmission of HIV and endangering the lives of others - 31 August 2026

https://www.senenews.com/actualites/affaire-des-homosexuels-la-decision-du-juge-pour-les-47-personnes-arretees-a-saint-louis_598283.html

Yeumbeul Comico: four individuals arrested for sexual harassment, unnatural acts, wilful transmission of HIV and endangering the lives of others- 29 August
https://actusen.sn/yeumbeul-comico-quatre-individus-interpelles-pour-harcelement-sexuel-acte-contre-nature-transmission-volontaire-de-vih-mis-en-danger-de-la-vie-dautrui/

Kaolack: three individuals arrested at Koudam beach for alleged unnatural acts - 31 Agust 31
https://www.leral.net/Kaolack-trois-individus-interpelles-a-la-plage-de-Koudam-pour-des-faits-presumes-d-actes-contre-nature_a405224.html

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 that might have been the trigger to the subsequent 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