

Russia reopens embassy in Burkina Faso

Russia has reopened its embassy in Burkina Faso after it was shut more than 30 years ago, officials have said.

Burkina Faso was a close ally of former colonial power France, but has pivoted towards Russia since the military seized power in a coup in 2022.

The junta has expelled French diplomats and has shut France's military base in the country.

At the same time, it has been strengthening military and diplomatic ties with Russia.

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