



# Weekly Report

## Mali

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### **Rebel leaders released**

- Rebel leaders from the MNLA and the HCUA who were arrested for sedition and terrorism have been released in order to allow freedom of movement needed for further negotiations.
- However, the Malian Association for Human Rights (AMDH) has criticized this governmental decision, warning against an exacerbation of frustration on the part of the victims, which may lead to further tensions within communities.
- Article in Malian press (French): <http://www.maliweb.net/news/la-situation-politique-et-securitaire-a-nord/2013/10/23/article,175688.html>

### **The ICC in Mali**

- The International Criminal Court has started its mission in Mali, after the events following the socio-political crisis of 2012. It is investigating human rights violations and various crimes following the security crisis.
- Rebel and jihadist groups have previously been blamed for having committed such violations: the MNLA, MUJAO, Ansar Dine and AQMI.
- Article in Malian press (French): <http://www.maliweb.net/news/societe/2013/10/23/article,175771.html>

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*“This is the latest shocking example of how a small group of soldiers who appear to consider themselves above the law continue to cling onto power in Mali.” – Gaëtan Mootoo*

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### **Extrajudicial killings**

- Amnesty international reports that extrajudicial killings have taken place in Mali.
- The Military seems to have been pursuing a purge and killing soldiers who have been involved in a mutiny that took place on September 30th in Bamako.
- Link to Amnesty International’s article: <http://www.amnesty.org/fr/node/43806>