



Weekly Report

Mali

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RFI journalists found dead in Mali

- Ghislaine Dupont and Claude Vernon, two RFI journalists, were found dead in Kidal.
- They were kidnapped as they were finished interviewing the MNLA's Tuareg leader; not long after were they found dead.
- 12 suspects have now been arrested in Mali regarding the killing of the journalists; the MNLA blames MUJAO, but AQIM has now claimed responsibility.
- Link to article (English):
<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/africa/2013/11/arrests-made-over-journalists-deaths-mali-201311492022549515.html>

*"Together we say loud and clear: we remain alongside peoples of Mali and the Sahel."
– Ban Ki-Moon*

Rebel groups unite

- Tuareg and Arab groups - HCUA, MAA, MNLA - have merged this week as negotiations with the government will begin.
- They have nonetheless agreed to disarm during negotiations; however, the merge will only take effect in 45 days.
- Link to article (English):
<http://m.aljazeera.com/story/201311423413112694>

Ban Ki-Moon in Mali

- Ban Ki-Moon ends his visit in Mali, during which he met with state authorities and members of the civil society.
- Ki-Moon insisted on Malians' (Christians and Muslims) will to live in peace and security.
- In addition, he restated UN's will to help fight insecurity and conflict in the Sahel.
- Link to article (French): <http://maliactu.net/mali-onu-ban-ki-moon-tire-le-bilan-de-sa-visite/>