



Weekly Report

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- Islamists have made an important comeback in Mali and continue to strike.
- AQIM is now restructuring itself; Mokhtar Belmokhtar has joined the MUJWA ranks.
- Although these groups have always been there, there is now a resurgence of activities and attacks.
- Lines are now increasingly blurred between armed rebel groups, Islamist groups and smugglers.
- Link to article (English):
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/11/14/us-mali-islamists-insight-idUSBRE9AD0QC20131114>
- Link to graphic of Islamist resurgence:
<http://graphics.thomsonreuters.com/RNGS/2013/NOV/MALI2.jpg>

“The whole complex of drug trafficking, organized crime and warlordism is going to be back in place. I didn’t expect it to happen quite so quickly and so openly.”– Wolfram Lacher (German Institute for International and Security Affairs)

AQIM releases propaganda video

- AQIM has released a new video, aiming at recruiting new soldiers that would be sent to training camps.
- In the video, young African fighters threaten to attack French troops in the Sahel.
- Many leaders appear in the video, such as Mohamed Alami Slimani, Abubakar Al-Mali and Abou Mohamed Al-Jazairi.
- Link to article (French):
<http://www.maliweb.net/news/insecurite/2013/11/14/article,179747.html>