



Weekly Report

Mali

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- 1** Kidnapped aid workers freed by French troops
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Kidnapped aid workers freed by French troops

- Five aid workers, who were kidnapped by the Mujao Islamist militant group in February, have been freed during a French raid in Northern Mali.
- The five aid workers were reported to be in good health.
- Source: BBC News
<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-27072986>

Coup leader faces new charges as mass graves unearthed

- General Amadou Sanogo, leader of the 2012 coup, could face the death penalty following the discovery of the bodies of loyalist soldiers.
- 30 bodies have been recovered from the mass graves in Kati, around the former military government headquarters.
- The discovery resulted in a new charge of assassination conspiracy, which carries the penalty of death.
- Source: Aljazeera
<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/africa/2014/04/mali-coup-leader-faces-possible-death-penalty-201442418455778989.html>

“The two presidents vowed to continue fighting ‘terrorism, organised crime and drug trafficking’ in the Sahel region of Africa.” – BBC News, joint statement with the French and Malian presidents on the release of the aid workers in northern Mali
