



# Weekly Report

## Mali

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- Malian Prime Minister Moussa Mara pledged Tuesday to re-open northern Mali peace talks.
- Armed groups released a joint statement, also on Tuesday, indicating they will be holding a preparatory meeting with Algeria prior to the negotiations.
- The armed groups wish to align their platform for the negotiations.
- Algeria has acted as a mediator in the past for Tuareg groups.
- Source: Reuters

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/04/29/us-mali-talks-idUSBREA3S0RT20140429>

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*“We will invite the armed groups and also legitimate representative of the north so that any agreement has the best possible chance of being the last one concluded for northern Mali.” – Prime Minister Moussa Mara*

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