



Weekly Report

Mali

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“The victims of abuses committed during Mali’s recent armed conflict and their families await and deserve justice for their suffering, regardless of who was responsible.” – Corinne Dufka, senior West Africa researcher at Human Rights Watch

Human Rights Watch issues letter to Malian president

- Human Rights Watch sent a letter to President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita expressing concern about the absence of justice for human rights abuses taking place during the conflict.
- International and domestic organizations have documented hundreds of war crimes and other abuses, including: summary executions of Malian soldiers, sexual violence, recruitment of child soldiers, and widespread looting.
- Many victims’ families have sought justice, to no avail; more than 30 have filed complaints and missing person reports for their loved ones, but most of them have not been investigated.
- HRW requests that all those responsible be held to account for their actions, regardless of the side for which they were acting.
- Source: Human Rights Watch
<http://www.hrw.org/news/2014/03/21/mali-ensure-justice-grave-abuses>

Commander of Islamist group MUJWA surrenders

- Abu Dar Dar, commander of the al Qaeda-linked Movement for Unity and Jihad in West Africa (MUJWA), surrendered to French troops last weekend.
- The French led action in Mali has weakened the al Qaeda-linked militants control in the north but small groups of fighters remain active.
- Source: Reuters
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/03/16/us-mali-islamist-idUSBREA2F00920140316>

General Amadou Sanogo protests his detention

- Sanogo, who was arrested last November, began a hunger strike Wednesday to protest his transfer to the town of Selingue.
- Sanogo’s lawyer stated that the move to Selingue, which is 150km south of Bamako, resulted in his loss of family contact and barred his access to legal and medical services.
- Thirty-two Malian soldiers arrested in November with Sanogo were released earlier this year as a result of a hunger strike.
- Source: Reuters
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/03/20/us-mali-sanogo-idUSBREA2J0R520140320>