



Weekly Report

Mali

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UNHRC Independent Expert provides an update on the situation in Mali

- Suliman Baldo, Independent Expert on the human rights situation in Mali, stated that despite the progress made, there are still significant concerns which must be addressed.
- Armed jihadist groups continue to operate and have been involved in human rights violations in the north.
- Also of concern is the recent increase in violence between ethnic groups in northern Mali, and ongoing acts of sexual violence committed by armed groups.
- Source: United Nations Office at Geneva
[http://www.unog.ch/unog/website/news_media.nsf/\(httpPages\)/D70FA14776A83C8AC1257CA70041023B?OpenDocument](http://www.unog.ch/unog/website/news_media.nsf/(httpPages)/D70FA14776A83C8AC1257CA70041023B?OpenDocument)

HRW continues to urge Malian government to investigate abuses

- Human Rights Watch is encouraged by the willingness of the Malian government to renew the Independent Expert's mandate but remains concerned with the inaccessibility to justice for victims' families.
- HRW urges the government to develop policies for the investigation and prosecution of all those responsible for serious crimes.
- HRW recognizes that instability in the north resulted in an absence of judicial authority, and the current situation hinders investigation, but HRW submits that many of the crimes were in fact committed in areas where judicial authority was never infringed.
- Source: Human Rights Watch
<http://www.hrw.org/news/2014/03/26/un-human-rights-council-interactive-dialogue-independent-expert-mali>

Militant Islamist website calls for retaliation towards France

- The al Minbar Jihadi Media Network created a series of posters calling for attacks on France and the assassination of French president, Francois Hollande.
- This move is in response to French intervention in Northern Mali and Central African Republic.
- Source: Reuters
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/03/11/us-jihadist-message-france-idUSBREA2A0B120140311>

General Amadou Sanogo ends hunger strike

- Sanogo abandoned his hunger strike protesting the conditions of his detention, nearly one week after beginning.
- Sources state that Sanogo's poor health was the reason for ending the strike; his supporters requested he end his hunger strike rather than dying a martyr.
- Source: Reuters
<http://ca.reuters.com/article/topNews/idCABREA200R320140325>

“To our lone-wolves in France, assassinate the president of disbelief and criminality, terrify his cursed government, and bomb them and scare them as a support to the vulnerable in the Central African Republic.” – Poster published on the al Minbar Jihadi Media Network
