



Weekly Report

Mali

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Malian refugees' and displaced persons' return hindered

- Approximately 200,000 Malians remain displaced within Mali.
- The instability and continued violence in northern Malian communities make it unsafe for return.
- Due to limited resources, many Malians feel that they have no choice but to return home despite the insecurity and danger.
- Source: Norwegian Refugee Council
<http://www.nrc.no/?did=9692444>

“They came and they started to destroy everything. They said the next time they caught me they would give me 100 lashes of the whip. I escaped by the backdoor.” – Ami Maiga, Malian woman displaced within Mali

UN Secretary-General warns of increased instability in northern Mali

- Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon warned the international community that security in northern Mali is deteriorating as a result of continued violence and increasing terrorist activity.
- Ban reported an increase in attacks by al-Qaeda directed towards U.N., French, and Malian forces.
- These attacks include the use of rockets and improvised explosive devices.
- Source: Montreal Gazette
<http://www.montrealgazette.com/news/chief+warns+weakening+security+northern+Mali+terrorist/9692370/story.html>

112 troops leave Bangladesh for Mali

- A contingent of 112 Bangladesh Army personnel left Tuesday for the U.N. peacekeeping mission in Mali.
- It is expected that another 1,446 Bangladesh troops will join the peacekeeping mission in Mali.
- Source: Bangladesh News 24
<http://bdnews24.com/bangladesh/2014/04/01/army-contingent-leaves-for-un-peacekeeping-mission-in-mali>