



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **EUTM Mali awards five of its soldiers with the Common Security and Defence Policy Meritorious Service Medal.**

The Mission Force Commander EUTM Mali, Brigadier General Laurent, awarded five EUTM Mali members with the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) Meritorious Service Medal. This award, being the highest of the CSDP service medals, can be received by civilian or military personnel for distinguished achievements and service or deeds of outstanding gallantry.

The five soldiers - one awarded posthumously - received the CSDP Meritorious Service Medal for their distinguished and courageous behaviour in support of the EUTM soldiers and civilian guests in the “Le Campement” Resort during the terrorist attack that occurred on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017. During the attack they demonstrated exceptional bravery and disregard for their own safety in order to safeguard the lives of others. Unfortunately, one of EUTM soldiers fell heroically under enemy fire, fulfilling his mission and thus preventing the terrorists from completing their bloody actions.

Without doubt, thanks to the actions of these five brave men several lives, among them women and children were saved. Together with the Malian security services they contributed to the final defeat of the terrorists.

***For information about the chronology of the terrorist attack on 18<sup>th</sup> June in the resort “Le Campement”:***  
***<http://eutmmali.eu/en/hq-eutm-in-mourning/>***



**Information about our Mission: <http://eutmmali.eu>**

**[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vmQo4\\_sjuZo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vmQo4_sjuZo)**

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