

EUTM-Mali provides advice to the Malian Armed Forces COIA in order advise them on how to plan the security for the presidential elections.

During the last three weeks, EUTM Mali has provided advice to the Combined Operations Centre (COIA) of the Malian Armed Forces (MaAF). The aim of this task was to help the officers appointed to the COIA to elaborate the strategic and operational documents required to guarantee security during the oncoming presidential elections.

22 Malian Officers participated in this Operational Planning Group (GPO), assisted by eleven members of the Advisory Task Force (ATF). In addition to the planning for the elections, the goal was to increase the MaAF's capability in planning and consequently, to draw up operational documents for both the strategic and operational levels.

In this intent, specific lessons were delivered in the areas of International Human Law (IHL), Operational Planning (MPO), Rules of Engagement (RoE) and bespoke Computer Information Systems.

The GPO concluded with a closing ceremony chaired by the Mission Force Commander (MFCdr), General Millan, and the Sous-chef Operations of MaAF, Colonel Major Cisse. All the participants received a course certificate to honour the efforts they had made.

In parallel, EUTM Mali continues to participate in periodic meetings to be able to continue advising the MaAF in how to organise the security organization for the 29 July presidential elections.