



PRESS RELEASE

EUTM Mali conducts tailor-made training for the 5th Military Region of Sector 3 of the Malian Armed Forces of Timbuktu in cooperation with the Operation BARKHANE.

Tension still reigns in central and eastern Mali, as witnessed by the deadly double attack on 14 Aug 17, where the MINUSMA mission HQ and the Malian gendarmerie Legion in Timbuktu were targeted. Despite this attack, due to close co-operation with our French colleagues of Operation BARKHANE, along with EUTM's integral Force Protection assets from the Koulikoro Training Centre (KTC), EUTM Mali has been able to conduct a tailor-made training package for the GTIA - *Groupeement Tactique Inter Armes* - « Al Farouk » of the 5^{ème} Military Region (MR).

For two weeks, EUTM Mali has conducted a Combined Mobile Advisory and Training Team (CMATT) in Timbuktu. During the course ten staff officers from Sector 3 took part in a specialised course based on Malian Armed Forces doctrine staff specific skills in order to develop their doctrine. Concurrently, platoons of 51st and 52nd mixed Regiments temporarily interrupted their training with BARKHANE in order to make themselves fully available for the specialized courses of the CMATT. Topics covered during the course included Command and Control (C2), focusing on tactical air support, use of GPS, and the integration of a computer network to prepare the missions. At the tactical level, trainees undertook lessons in counter-IED, basic infantry skills, and combat rescue. As with all EUTM courses, international humanitarian law featured prominently, and the CMATT incorporated lessons delivered by the International Committee of the Red Cross.

This highly successful CMATT culminated on 15 Sept 17 with a closing ceremony attended by Brigadier General Laurent, Mission Force Commander EUTM Mali, in the presence of the representative of the Commander of the 5th RM and representatives of Operation BARKHANE and MINUSMA in Timbuktu.



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