



CMAT #13 - GAO

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A CMAT (Combined Mobile Advisory Team) was held at the headquarters of the 1st Military Region from 13 to 31 August 2018. 13th CMAT, organized jointly by the EUTM and the FAMa, had three objectives. Firstly, it provides operational planning training for officer personnel serving in the military region headquarters or garrison regiments; secondly, it provides human resources training for personnel in the garrison's HR department and, finally, it trains non-commissioned officers of the 13th mixed regiment. In the end, almost 60 people from the FAMa have benefited from this training.

This training was delivered by 10 advisors and instructors of the EUTM mission who are posted

in ATF and ETTF. For three weeks these advisors delivered their know-how in their field of expertise. The Malian authorities define the training priorities in order to build the CMATT programme, in close collaboration between EUTM and the military regional headquarters. Flexibility is the key word in these trainings, which allows instructors to adapt the program and objectives to the assessed level of the trainees.

At CMAT in Gao, efforts focused in particular on training in International Humanitarian Law, human resources and training against IED, which today constitute one of the main threats against the Malian Armed Forces.

CMATT AGENDA

The core of this CMAT, officer staff training, is divided into 3 distinct phases. The first week was spent reviewing the operational planning and decision-making process and raising the awareness of humanitarian law and armed conflict. This method, inspired by the French MEDOT, is also the one taught to the various armies of the G5 Sahel, which will enable officers to easily integrate into operational planning work.

The second was aimed at Groupe Tactique Interarmees-level tactics. These first two masterclass weeks were followed by a week of simulation where the officers will conduct a complete planning exercise by conducting a MEDOT.



The second highlight of this CMAT is the training of the non-commissioned officers specialized in human resources fields of the 1st, 7th and BA103 units. The effort made to train personnel from 3 different units is a pioneering achievement at the CMATs. The main objective is to train these personnel directly in the use of command and control (C2) software. This monitoring will eventually allow the precise location of a unit raised from the lowest levels to the EMGA when the C2 OPS is deployed in all military regions.

Finally, in order to make the deployment of the EUTM as cost-effective as possible, the 1st military region requested specialized training for non-commissioned officers from the companies present on the GAO garrison. Thus, about forty non-commissioned officers were trained in various areas such as the use of GPS, intelligence, map reading, night vision devices, pedagogy and, above all, counter-insurgency and counter-IED instructions. Particularly motivated and committed to strengthening their operational capabilities, NCOs have demonstrated good military skills during these training phases.



In the end, the GAO CMAT is of particular importance by showing the EUTM Mali to advise and train the FAMA in the heart of the farthest military regions, even in areas of permanent operations.






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