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Letter dated 13 October 2021 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a note verbale dated 30 September 2021 from the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations forwarding two reports on the activities carried out by French forces in support of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali, covering the periods from 1 March to 1 June 2021 and from 1 June to 1 September 2021, respectively (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) António Guterres





Annex

[Original: French]

The Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General and has the honour to transmit the following information:

Pursuant to paragraphs 41 and 62 of Security Council resolution 2531 (2020) and paragraphs 43 and 61 of resolution 2584 (2021), France is enclosing herewith the reports on the actions carried out by French forces in support of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali from 1 March to 1 June 2021 and from 1 June to 1 September 2021 (see enclosure).

The Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations should be grateful if the United Nations Secretariat would bring the present reports to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

Enclosure

Report No. 32 on the operational support provided by French forces to the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali from 1 March to 1 June 2021

References

- Security Council resolution 2531 (2020) of 29 June 2020 (paras. 41 and 62).
- Agreement of 12 July 2013 (as amended on 11 July 2018) between the Government of the French Republic and the United Nations on the provision, on a reimbursable basis, of goods and services in support of the operations of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA).
- Technical cooperation and assistance arrangement between the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the French Ministry of Armed Forces of 26 March 2015.

The thirty-second report contains a summary of the support provided by French forces to MINUSMA from 1 March to 1 June 2021.

The Barkhane force provided MINUSMA with the following operational support during the period covered by the present report:

Operations

None

Intelligence

Barkhane provided the following documents through FRANIC Bamako:

- Sixteen weekly status updates;
- Twelve special intelligence reports transmitted to MINUSMA;
- Eleven reports from the Counter-Improvised Explosive Device Exploitation Laboratory;
- Eleven reports from the weapons intelligence team;
- Twelve other documents of interest.

Engineering

Aeronautical engineering

None

Countering improvised explosive devices

- MINUSMA field headquarters, the United Nations Mine Action Service and the officer of the Barkhane force responsible for efforts to counter improvised explosive devices continued to exchange information on a near-daily basis.
- The weapons intelligence team conducted post-blast analyses of nine incidents involving improvised explosive devices for MINUSMA.
- The Counter-Improvised Explosive Device Exploitation Laboratory performed resource analyses of six incidents involving improvised explosive devices for MINUSMA.

• Twice a week, the Counter-Improvised Explosive Device Exploitation Laboratory held information exchange meetings with counter-improvised explosive device specialists of the Barkhane force (weapons intelligence team and explosive ordnance disposal teams) and counter-improvised explosive device specialists of MINUSMA in Gao and other actors, including German weapons intelligence teams and the United Nations Mine Action Service. The high quality of the dialogue led to an exchange of information and resources.

Health

Under the technical agreement between France and MINUSMA, the operational medical units of the Barkhane force may provide support to MINUSMA, in particular role 2 services, laboratory services, medical imaging services (when MINUSMA lacks them) and dental care.

Activities of MINUSMA at the	Gao military	field hospital	from 1 March to
1 June 2021			

Type of care	Quantity
Medical consultations	1
Dental consultations	3
Surgical procedures	5
Hospitalization days	5
Nursing	100
Haematology tests	4
Biochemistry tests	3
Microbiology tests	6
X-rays	1
Scans	4
Ultrasounds	1

Report No. 33 on the operational support provided by French forces to the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali from 1 June to 1 September 2021

References

- Security Council resolution 2584 (2021) of 29 June 2021 (paras. 43 and 61).
- Security Council resolution 2531 (2020) of 29 June 2020 (paras. 41 and 62).
- Agreement of 12 July 2013 (as amended on 11 July 2018) between the Government of the French Republic and the United Nations on the provision, on a reimbursable basis, of goods and services in support of the operations of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA).
- Technical cooperation and assistance arrangement between the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the French Ministry of Armed Forces of 26 March 2015.

The thirty-third report contains a summary of the support provided by French forces to MINUSMA from 1 June to 1 September 2021.

The Barkhane force provided MINUSMA with the following operational support during the period covered by the present report:

Operations

Air-land operations

• On 29 August, following an official request from MINUSMA, Barkhane transported a team of six MINUSMA personnel from Niamey to Dori in a CASA CN235 aircraft.

Air operations

- As part of a reassurance mission, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance and fighter support was provided at the Aguelhok camp, which had been subjected to harassment.
- Four Bateleur missions (fighter reassurance patrols) were carried out for the benefit of the Ansongo camp.
- Barkhane transported a team of six MINUSMA personnel to Dori by tactical transport aircraft as part of its monitoring of the Mission's support to the Joint Force of the Group of Five for the Sahel.

Intelligence

Barkhane provided the following documents through FRANIC Bamako:

- Nine weekly status updates;
- Ten special intelligence reports transmitted to MINUSMA;
- Nine reports from the Counter-Improvised Explosive Device Exploitation Laboratory;
- Twenty-five reports from the weapons intelligence team;
- Four other documents of interest.

Engineering

From 1 June to 1 September:

- Maintenance in operational condition of the airstrip (unpaved runway);
- Monitoring and maintenance of the paved runway.

In June:

• Monitoring of the Cambodian detachment for one day.

Health

Role 2 and 3 clinical activities	Total from June to August
Medical consultations	
Emergency services	2
Orthopaedic surgery	3
Visceral and vascular surgery	2
Anaesthesia	2
Total	9
Paramedical activities	
Paramedical procedures	772
In-patient services	
Intensive care	2
Total	2
Hospitalization days	
Intensive care	2
Total	2
Surgical procedures	
Orthopaedic surgery	1
Visceral and vascular surgery	1
Total	2
Anaesthesia	
General anaesthesia	2
Total	2
Radiology	
Standard X-rays	2
Ultrasounds	2
CT scans	2
Total	6
Laboratory tests	
Biochemistry	2
Haematology	10
Microbiology	3
Shipments for analysis at the role 4 level	0
Total	15