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The aim of the Operational Planning Course was to harmonize the way in which the 5th MR approaches operations. Using Malian doctrine as a basis, the participants were walked through the essential elements of doctrine, the Malian Armed Forces (MaAF) Command and Control structure, and the theory of planning at the operational level. The process of planning at the tactical level and various exercises followed this instruction. A specific scenario centered on the 5th MR was used during this practical element of training. Regarding Intelligence Management, EUTM Mali provided a course on

the role of Intelligence as a Warfighting Function, on its contribution to the planning and conduct of military operations, and on the acquisition and management of information.

During the course, both EUTM Mali Instructors and MDSF students engaged in lively exercises and discussions, resulting in an increased overall knowledge of the use of intelligence in a Malian security context.

Finally, students were trained in basic administrative and computer skills, working up to an introduction on and exercises with C2OPS system. The students, working in small groups of three, each mentored by an EUTM Mali Advisor, worked on increasing their skills with various “MS Office” products. The training had a strong practical focus with military inspired exercises related to the students’ daily work. The EUTM Mali Mission Force Commander (MF Cdr), Brigadier General João Boga Ribeiro, flew

into TIMBUKTU on March 16, 2020. The purpose of his visit was to visit and observe MRAA activity. The MF Cdr, besides having the opportunity to visit the ongoing training activities, participated in meetings with the Commander of the 5th MR, Colonel Boubacar Sanogoh, Commander of MINUSMA Sector WEST, General Eyiong (Nigeria), and also with

Commander of the BARKHANE unit based in the region, Major Emmanuel Pavillard. At these meetings, the MF Cdr expressed his thanks for the continuing support to EUTM Mali, and explained the main initiatives that the mission will develop, going forward.

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**PRO PACE UNUM -
UNITED FOR PEACE**

A MEDAL PARADE ON 28 MARCH 2020



A Medal Parade took place in the Koulikoro Training Camp on March 28, 2020. The ceremony was presided over by the Mission Force Commander (MF Cdr), Brigadier General João Boga Ribeiro, who was accompanied by the key staff of the EUTM Mali chain of command.

During his speech, the MF Cdr stated that on the medal awarded there was an inscription “Pro Pace Unum” meaning, “United for Peace”, which is exactly what unites EUTM Mali and that is exactly what those who were presented with their medals have achieved, on behalf of the Malian Armed Forces and the Malian people, in their pursuit of stability and development.

The MF Cdr recognised that EUTM Mali is composed of Soldiers, physically and mentally prepared to face the challenges that might come. Beyond that, the success of the Mission relies on highly skilled professionals who underpin everything they do with their motivation and enthusiasm.

The MF Cdr concluded by saying that as long as EUTM Mali keeps a clear idea on what to achieve and how to operate, there will be no challenge that the Mission cannot accept and do their best to try to overcome. There is no problem that EUTM Mali cannot analyse, understand and subsequently provide a solution for.



**A NEW STAGE OF
MODERNIZATION**

A CENTRALISED DATABASE FOR THE SILOG – 23/03/20

A Joint Working Group of EUTM Mali and the *Direction des Transmissions et des Télécommunications des Armées* (DTTA) is building a centralised database for the Logistics Management System (SILOG).

This system allows the user to view all material and stocks of the Malian Armed Forces (MaAF) as well as their integral management. This will mean the MaAF are going to develop advanced logistics management system.

At present, there are already two Central Directorates in the process of preparing the migration of their data. A new step in the modernization of the MaAF is being taken.



COMBAT READINESS

FOR THE SECOND TIME THIS YEAR, THE EUTM MALI CONDUCTED A PRE-DEPLOYMENT TRAINING (PDT). EUTM MALI SHAPED THE TRAINING TO THE OPERATIONAL NEEDS OF THE MALIAN ARMED FORCES (MAAF) THROUGH THE PROVISION OF TRAINING SUPPORT - 30/03/20



For the second time this year, the EUTM Mali planned, organised and conducted a Company level PDT from 02nd until 27th March 2020.

The aim was to provide an organic MaAF Infantry Company (143 trainees) with the necessary preparation in tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTP's) required when deploying on operations, as well as providing support weapons crews with specialist training in their relevant weapon systems.

The Training Company was instructed for four weeks in four distinct phases by 19 trainers of the Education and Training Task Force (ETTF).

During the first week, they provided the Malian trainees with the requisite skills and knowledge in individual and squad military training, which consisted of tactical combat casualty care, weapon handling and movement, C-IED, basic infantry tactics and command and leadership.

In week 2, The Training Company was divided in Infantry Platoons and Support Weapons Crews for the specialist/specific training. The Infantry Platoons practiced procedures regarding patrolling, ambush, counter-ambush, base

defence, C-IED progression, topography, signals and basic infantry tactics progression. The Support Weapons Crews were trained in the handling and maintenance of heavy machine guns of different calibres and mortars.

In the third week, the training entered a new phase; the collective training with platoon level tasks.

During this phase, the Training Company did navigation on foot and two shooting exercises, in TANABOUGOU and KALIFABOGOU, which included tactical platoon deployments.

Finally, during the fourth week, the Training Company practiced Company level tasks; patrolling, offensive operations, defensive operations, convoy, escort, counter-ambush, support weapons and base defence.

The trainees displayed great motivation during the fast-paced training that increased in intensity as the course progressed. On March 27st, the closing ceremony took place in KTC. This was a moment of pride for all: the instructors seeing the progress of the trainees, who received a certificate that testified

that they had passed the training successfully. EUTM Mali continues to respond to the operational needs of the MaAF through the provision of training support for the benefit of the MaAF and training and advice on command and control, the logistics chain and human resources, as well as training on International Humanitarian Law, protection of civilians and human rights.



EUTM MALI AND THE SPECIAL ANTI-TERRORIST FORCES

THE MISSION PROVIDED TRAINING TO FORSAT – 04/04/20

EUTM Mali deployed Education and Training Task Force (ETTF) trainers and Force Protection Group (FPG) elements from the 16th March to 03rd April 2020 to Bamako in order to support the training for *Forces Spéciales Antiterroristes* (FORSAT) at the Malian National Guard (MNG).

This training took place over three weeks and it was attended by several trainees of the MNG.

The aim was to provide training to FORSAT to reach the necessary skills to undertake counter-terrorism operations, namely direct actions and hostage release operations.

The main effort was to accomplish this by delivering advanced modules of Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC), Combat Shooting and Military Operations in Urban Terrain.

The trainees learned that TCCC is designed to treat battlefield casualties in line with clinical guidance timelines in which the MARCHE Protocol has an important role: arresting hemorrhage by using tourniquets and hemostatic dressings as well as basic casualty management from point of injury to the evacuation platform.

They also understood the principles of all military actions that are planned and conducted in complex terrain, where man-made construction affects the tactical options available to the commander.

With this, they learned the advanced tactics, techniques, and procedures associated with fighting in built up areas.

The EUTM Mali training efforts for FORSAT trainees would have significantly benefitted from more training time.

It was, however, possible to introduce the training audience to the challenges that exist and the skillsets that are required in order to prevail in current operational environment.



TWO GENERATIONS JOINED BY EUTM MALI

TWO GENERATIONS OF A FAMILY TRAINED TOGETHER WITH US – 18/03/20



Two generations of a family trained together with EUTM Mali!

The FUSCO (*Fusiliers Commandos de l’Air*) Course that was conducted by EUTM Mali had the unique pleasure of training a father and daughter together on the same course.

During twelve weeks, as Non-Commissioned Officer and Soldier of the Malian Armed Forces (MaAF), Chéick and his daughter attended the course, which is designed to give trainees the knowledge to be able to conduct planning and delivery of Air Base Defence to assist them in delivering of a much needed skill set required by the MaAF.

**EUTM MALI AND THE
LOGISTIC SUPPORT**

Logistic Courses - 06/04/20



EUTM Mali conducted, among many others, two Logistic Courses for 14 Officers and 5 Non-Commissioned Officers (NCO's) belonging to the Malian Armed Forces (MaAF), the National Guard and the *Gendarmerie* at the Koulikoro Training Camp.

The courses took place between the 10th February and 3rd April 2020.

The Logistic Officer Course aims were to provide future logistic Officers with skills to act as experts in the field of logistics, be able to lead and supervise their Soldiers as Company Commanders and advise the Battalion Commander on logistic support and conduct their advice with planning and support skills when preparing, executing and reviewing the operation.

The course was focused on the Battalion level and it lasted 8 weeks.

Accordingly, the Logistic NCO Course aims were to provide future logistic NCO's with skills necessary to work independently and reliably in the field of logistics and be responsible for logistic support within unit.

This course was focused on the Company level and it lasted 4 weeks.

During the courses, the trainees had the opportunity to learn the basics about the principles of logistics, the fields of logistics and quality management and basic safety measures while working in a logistics field.

Furthermore, they had the opportunity to deepen their knowledge in the field of transport, supply and road traffic, maintenance and troubleshooting, ammunition, fuel and lubricants.

Lastly, they had an introduction into accounting and SILOG. In addition to these lessons, the Officers also learned logistics management, logistics flows and medical logistics.

EUTM Mali continues to respond to the operational needs of the MaAF through the provision of training support and training and advice on command and control, the logistics chain and human resources.



A VITAL SILENT JOB

4X4 MAINTENANCE COURSE - 21/03/20

EUTM Mali conducted a 4x4 Maintenance Course for non-commissioned officers (NCOs) and soldiers belonging to the Malian Armed Forces (MaAF) at the Koulikoro Training Camp (KTC). The Course took place between the 2nd and 20th March 2020. The aim was to provide the selected MaAF trainees with the knowledge and skills needed to maintain and recover different types of vehicles.

The trainer from the Education and Training Task Force (ETTF) of EUTM Mali explained the basics of vehicles working and their main parts. He also provided trainees with knowledge to perform basic maintenance (changing liquids, belts, battery, bulbs, fuses replacement, adjust the generator belt tension, execute the lubrications), how to fix the more often

technical failures and to perform the basic recovery tasks (changing tyres, traction with tow rope and tow rod). Thus, the course had as training objectives: ensure an understanding of 4x4 vehicles workings and know the main parts of 4x4 vehicles. Ensure a standard knowledge of maintenance and recovery to enable trainees to conduct training effectively and safely. Most pertinently to provide knowledge and practical experience of the maintenance skills required to deliver training to student learners.

EUTM Mali continues to respond to the operational needs of the MaAF. It achieves this through the provision of training support for the benefit of the MaAF. This support covers training and advice on command and control, logistical chain and human resources, as well as training on International Humanitarian Law, protection of civilians and human rights.

EUTM MALI AND THE "FUSILIERS COMMANDOS DE L’AIR"

EUTM MALI CONDUCTED A FUSCO COURSE FOR 32 NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS BELONGING TO THE MALIAN AIR FORCE – 07/04/20



The *Fusiliers Commandos de l’Air* (FUSCO) mission is to guarantee the safety of the personnel, aircraft, equipment and infrastructure of the air base as well as airports during summits against potential attacks such as malicious acts, espionage and/or multiform terrorist action, but also to be first responders in the event of a fortuitous incident likely to create danger.

EUTM Mali conducted a FUSCO Course for 32 Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers belonging to the Malian Air Force at the Koulikoro Training Camp. The course took place between 13 January and 03 April 2020.

The 5 trainers from the Education and Training Task Force (ETTF) of EUTM Mali provided the Malian trainees with the knowledge and training to be capable of planning and executing the necessary requirements to perform Air Base Defence (ABD) security and to become responsible and competent combat leaders. The course had as training objectives to teach the trainees how to apply uniformity in content and procedures of ABD Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (TTP’s), to develop the trainees understanding of the principles and characteristics of ABD and to identify ABD protective measures that should be incorporated into planning, command and control.

Furthermore, the course also intended to identify the elements, missions, and responsibilities of a Quick Reaction Force; to identify the elements, missions, and responsibilities of a Security Force; to develop standard operating procedures (SOPs); and to develop and enhance trainees’ basic combat skills. Additionally, the basic Counter Improvised Explosive Device (C-IED) TTP’s and procedures were introduced to trainees. Finally, they had the opportunity to develop leadership traits and characteristics.

The trainees displayed a great deal of motivation during the 12-week training that increased in intensity as the course progressed. In the final phase of the course, in line with EUTM Mali’s guidelines, the military adopted individual protection measures to prevent COVID19 in Mali, thus contributing to the collective security of all stakeholders without compromising the success of this training. EUTM Mali’s objective is always to assist our Malian Armed Forces colleagues to meet their operational needs through close co-operation in advising, training, and education.

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EUTM MALI MISSION FORCE COMMANDER
MET WITH THE "MINISTRE DE LA DEFENSE ET
DES ANCIENS COMBATTANTS"

ON 02 APRIL 2020



EUTM Mali Mission Force Commander, Brigadier General João Boga Ribeiro, participated in a meeting with the *Ministre de la Défense et des Anciens Combattants*, General Ibrahima Dahirou Dembélé, on 02 April 2020. This meeting was aimed to present the posture alignment of EUTM Mali, in the context of the COVID19 pandemic, regarding the EUTM Mali main tasks in support of the Malian Armed Forces, namely on the areas of Training and Advising. The Minister expressed his satisfaction for the work done by EUTM Mali and took the opportunity to present some of his expectations, regarding EUTM Mali, in the near future.

EXCEPTIONAL TIMES, SUCH THE ONES WE ARE LIVING, NOT ONLY IN MALI BUT ALSO AROUND THE WORLD, REQUIRE EXCEPTIONAL MEASURES IN ORDER TO BETTER PROTECT THE EUTM MALI, AND CONSEQUENTLY TO BETTER CONTRIBUTE FOR THE PROTECTION OF PARTNERS, TRAINING AUDIENCES AND THE WHOLE MALIAN PEOPLE. IN KEEPING WITH OUR POLICY OF INFORMING BOTH THE MALIAN PEOPLE AND THE MISSION CONTRIBUTING NATIONS, WE HAVE BEEN REPORTING ABOUT THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 WITHIN THE MISSION.



EUROPEAN UNION TRAINING MISSION MALI

Today, Wednesday, April 8, 2020 a member of the EUTM staff in MHQ Bamako tested positive for COVID-19. We continue to strengthen our response to COVID-19, alongside the Malian authorities and in accordance with the WHO guidance. The patient has been quarantined under medical supervision and those with whom he had contact are also in isolation.

For several weeks now, EUTM Mali has been implementing a series of prudent mitigation measures. In coordination with the Malian Armed Forces and in communication with medical authorities, all training activities were temporarily suspended with effect from last week.

The suspension of training activities is a temporary and necessary precaution in line with the best medical advice to ensure the safety of MaAF personnel, local Malians and EUTM Mali personnel against COVID-19.

The Mission's current priority is the health of its personnel and of its partners in the fight against Coronavirus. Appropriate hygiene and protective measures are in place and each EUTM member has their temperature checked daily. EUTM Mali, will continue to enforce all possible safety measures, as advised by the World Health Organisation.



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