

Country/entity	Mali
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Agreement between Oualad Ich and Tourmouz community representatives
Date	20 Oct 2020
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict
	Mali: Dogon-Fulani and other local conflicts (2015 -)

An initially intercommunal conflict between Dogon and Fulani (known in Mali as Peulh) communities in the Mopti region in central Mali, which has strong regional and national dimensions as well. The conflict emerged in 2015 from disputes over access to natural resources and land management between traditionally sedentary agriculturalists, the Dogon community, and semi-nomadic pastoralists and traders, the Fulani community. Given the state's failure in providing security, various communities, including the Dozo community, grouped into militias, with the umbrella group Dan Na Ambassagou (DNA) comprising Dogon local defence militias. The intercommunal violence that ensued quickly became a regional emergency crisis, as extremist groups emerging from the northern regions to gain a foothold in the region benefited from this security vacuum by reinforcing the conflict through recruiting local population. In turn, the threat of extremist attacks fed back into the establishment of local defence militias. The emergence of Malian extremists in the Mopti region has triggered the internationalization of the conflict witnessing the intervention of international security forces, main missions being a Joint Force by the G5 Sahel, United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA), and the French Operation Serval (SOV). Given Mali's colonial historical relationship with France, these interventions have de facto further added to the complexities of this conflict's drivers. Reconciliation efforts on both local and state level culminated in a ceasefire agreement in 2018. However, in the run up to the July 2018 elections the region saw an upsurge in violent clashes with civilians by communal militias, with increasing violent activities by Dozo militias. In 2019 there was a sharp increase of violent attacks by militias, militaries and extremists, with violence against civilians being most common.

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Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	Mali Local Processes

Parties	Pour les Oulad Yi'Ich - Mahmoud Tijani [signature] - Salihi Bouna [signature] - Idoumou Sidamar [signature] - Ali Mohamed [signature] - Day Cheikh [signature] - [crossed off name] illegible handwritten name [signature] - [crossed off name] Franck O' Mous [signature]
	Pour les Tourmouz - Baba Sidi Mohamed [signature] - Sidi Mohamed Ely [signature] - Mohamed Ely [signature] - Daye Mohamed Salem [signature] - Elbou Hama [signature] - Mohamed Lemine Baba [signature] - Mohamed Boubacar [signature]
	Pour l'Etat Mauritanien Dr Mohamed Salem Merzoug, Ministre de l'Intérieur et de la Décentralisation [signature] [stamp] Mr Ahmed Ould Bah dit Hmeida, Conseiller du Président de la République [signature] [stamp]

Third parties -

Description Agreement that concludes the second mediation attempt following a clash in Lerneb under the support of the United Nations and the Government of Mali. The signatories commit to peace in the region, continued negotiations and the establishment of a monitoring mechanism.

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Local agreement properties

Process type Formal structured process

Rationale The agreement concludes the second of three attempts to put an end to the dispute in Lerneb. This second attempt was initiated in Mauritania, presided by the Minister of the Interior and Decentralization, and undertaken in the presence of Ahmed Ould Bah, an adviser of the former President of Mauritania. It was also supported by the United Nations and the Government of Mali.

Is there a documented link to a national peace process?

Yes

Link to national process: articulated rationale Although the agreement does not make a clear and direct link to the national process, it was supported by the Government of Mali.

Name of Locale Nouakchott

Nature of Locale City

GPS Lat/Long (DD) 18.083326, 15.965234

Participant type Central state actor

Mediator, facilitator or similar Mediator or similar referred to

Mediator (references) This negotiation was presided [and signed] by the Mauritanian Minister of the Interior and Decentralization, and undertaken in the presence of [and signed by] Ahmed Ould Bah, an adviser of the former President of Mauritania. It was also supported by the United Nations and the Government of Mali.

Type of mediator/facilitator/similar Central state actor Local armed group Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder

Local issues

Ritual/prayer and process (including use of scripture) No specific mention.

Grievance List No specific mention.

Cattle rustling/ banditry No specific mention.

Social cover No specific mention.
