

Country/entity	Mali
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Declaration following the Idnane community meeting in Acharane
Date	16 Nov 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	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	Mali Local Processes

Parties	<p>Hamma Ag MOHAMED [signature]</p> <p>Houka Houka Ag ALHOUSSEINI [signature] [stamp]</p> <p>Abdoul Haye Ag MOUHAMEDOUNE [signature] [stamp]</p> <p>Mohamed Ousmane Ag Mohamed dit IMBOUKE [signature]</p> <p>Efad Ag MOUHAMEDOUNE [signature]</p> <p>Amgar Ag EHIYA [signature]</p> <p>Mohamed Ali Ag MAOULOUD [signature]</p> <p>Abougour Ag ALMOULOUD [signature]</p> <p>Mohamed Mahmoud Ag BAIBADJI [signature]</p> <p>Abdou Salam Ag TWAF [signature]</p>
Third parties	-
Description	<p>An agreement that concluded a meeting of the Idnane community and attended by over 1,500 participants, which, inter alia, was in support of negotiations with radical groups. The agreement designates Houka Houka Ag Alhousseini supreme Cadi for the Timbuktu Region and provides for a number of peace and security provisions in the Timbuktu region.</p>

Agreement document	ML_201116_Declaration following the Idnane community meeting in Acharane_EN.pdf (opens in new tab) Download PDF
Agreement document (original language)	ML_201116_Declaration following the Idnane community meeting in Acharane.pdf (opens in new tab)

Local agreement properties

Process type	Formal structured process
Rationale	<p>The agreement was signed after the second of a series of meetings held in Acharane between the Idnane community and allies in the Timbuktu region regarding peace, social harmony and cohabitation. It was attended by more than 1500 participants, including "including chiefs of tribes, fractions and villages, elected representatives and town councillors" and was apparently facilitated by the Malian armed forces and security forces.</p>
Is there a documented link to a national peace process?	Yes
Link to national process: articulated rationale	<p>The agreement is headed by the name and motto of the Republic of Mali [One People – One Goal – One Faith] and seems to have been supervised by the Malian armed forces; the signatories "offer their hearty thanks to the Malian armed forces and security forces (FAMA) and the CMA (Azawad Movement Meeting) for their support in making the event a success".</p>

Name of Locale Acharane

Nature of Locale Smaller

GPS Lat/Long (DD) 18.904272, 3.527759

Participant type Central state actor
Local state actor
Local armed group
Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder
Local community/civilian group(s)/civil society organisations

Mediator, facilitator or similar Mediator or similar referred to

Mediator (references) Hamma Ag Mohamed Abdoullaye Ag Mohamed

Type of mediator/facilitator/similar Local community/civilian group(s)/civil society organisations

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.
