

Political highlights

On the 16th of January, the National Assembly of Niger unanimously approved a resolution to send 500 soldiers to join the international military campaign in Mali led by the West African regional bloc ECOWAS.

Security situation

- **General situation**

- ✓ The security situation is still relatively calm.

Trends of arrival

- **Statistics**

	Arrival on the 16 th of January	Cumulative figures to-date [since 11 January]
Mangaize	23 individuals (10 households)	80 individuals (23 households)
Baniibangou	0	89 individuals (27 households)
Ayorou	2 individuals	16 individuals (3 household)
Abala	0	0
Tilla	-	300 individuals
Total	individuals	485 individuals

- ✓ Arrivals are still slow in Niger. According to protection interviews, this situation could be explained by the lack of transportation means between Mali in Niger. Indeed, truck drivers are reportedly scared to drive toward Niger fearing to be mistaken for military forces.
- ✓ A group of newly arrived individuals (about a 100) has been reported next to Tankademi and Etambo spontaneous sites (12 and 18 km from the border) in Tilla. A team is currently on its way to verify this information.

Response

In response to the current situation, the UNHCR office in Niger has taken the following actions:

- ✓ On 16 January 2013, a border monitoring mission was organized in Chinegodrar. The situation is calm there and no movements were observed.