



The Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI) Statement on the terrorist attack in Niger

The Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI), grouping 46 National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) in Africa, has learned with deep consternation the news on the terrorist attack, which it condemns unreservedly, on January 9, 2020 in the Republic of Niger in which 89 lives were lost among them, security forces.

The Network of African NHRIs firmly condemns this terrorist attack, which occurred, less than two months after a similar one in the same country, on December 10, 2019 resulting in the death of 71 military personnel.

The escalating violence in Africa comes at a time when the African Union has declared 2020 as the year of silencing the guns, to pave the way for economic, social, political and cultural prosperity guided by the 2063 Agenda for development in Africa.

The Network of African NHRIs expresses deepest condolences to the Republic of Niger, its people and the families of those who have lost their lives among the civilians and the military.

NANHRI calls upon the African Union and the international community to double and concerted their efforts in addressing and countering the phenomenon of ascending terrorism in Africa, as well as peace building and development in the continent.

The Network of African NHRIs also reiterates the importance of the role of African NHRIs in averting terrorism and consolidating peace building.

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