



PRESS STATEMENT ON THE TERROR ATTACK IN NIGER

The Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI), a grouping of 46 National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) in Africa, expresses its deep sadness regarding the news of the terrorist attack which occurred in the Republic of Niger on December 10, 2019 and caused the killing of 71 military personnel.

NANHRI notes, with great concern, that this attack occurred less than two months since the terrorist attack in Mali in November 2019 which resulted in the killing of 12 French soldiers , and recalls the previous acts of terror and violence which occurred also in the recent years in Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Tunisia, Algeria, Libya , Egypt and Kenya.

This deadly attack proves once more the growing threat of terrorism on the African Continent.

The Network of African NHRIs:

- Condemns vehemently all acts of terrorism among which the last terrorist attack on the Armed Forces of Niger;
- Expresses its full solidarity and compassion with the people and the authorities of Niger,
- Underlines that terrorism is an extremely grave violation of human rights, mainly the right to life, and that it has a serious negative impact on fundamental human rights,
- Underscores the urgent necessity of addressing and countering the phenomenon of ascending terrorism in Africa,
- Calls upon all African stakeholders to double and concert their efforts for peace building and development in Africa,
- Reiterates the role of the NHRIs in peace building and their role as early warning mechanisms to assist in preventing acts of terror,
- Expresses its heartfelt condolences to the people of Niger and to the families of the deceased.

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