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Visit to Bamako by Said Djinnit

Dakar, 21 april 2012 - The Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for West Africa, Said Djinnit, paid a visit to Bamako, on 20-21 April to support ongoing efforts to address the crisis in Mali.

During the visit, Said Djinnit met with Interim President Dioncounda Traore and the interim Prime Minister, Dr. Cheick Modibo Diarra as well as with other stakeholders.

Said Djinnit welcomed the release of high ranking public officials by the military authorities on April 19 and urged the junta to fully cooperate with constitutional and political leaders for the complete transfer of power to civilian rule.

The Special Representative congratulated the interim President and Prime Minister on their recent appointments considered as steps forward in the normalization of the democratic institutions and transition process. Said Djinnit also reaffirmed the full support of the United Nations to the implementation, in collaboration with Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), of the provisions of the 6 April Framework Agreement for the full restoration of constitutional order.

On the situation in the north of the country, the Special Representative expressed to the interim Prime Minister the full readiness of the United Nations to assist the government in facing the humanitarian situation and encouraged their efforts towards securing access to concerned populations.

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