



STATEMENT N°036 BY THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT

The Transitional Government hereby informs the national and international public opinion that, on Sunday, August 7th, 2022 at around 3pm, the Malian Armed Forces (FAMa) units in Tessit, in fulfilling their sacred duty to defend the territory and protect the population, vigorously reacted to a complex and coordinated attack by armed terrorist groups, most likely from the Islamic State in the Greater Sahara (ISGS), characterized by the use of drones, explosives, car bombs as well as artillery fire.

The FAMa's recording of clandestine overflight operations clearly shows that the terrorists benefited from major support, including external expertise.

During heavy fighting, which lasted several hours, securing and preserving the lives of the population were the FAMa's primary objectives. At the end of the fighting, the casualty list is as follows:

- Enemy side: 37 neutralized troops and equipment were surrendered by the attackers in the vicinity of Tessit as well as 2 vehicles containing equipment and their occupants destroyed by air strikes in a forest 5 km south of the town;
- Friend side: 42 people killed dead and 22 injured.

On this sad occasion, the Government extends the Nation's deepest condolences to the families of the victims and wishes a speedy recovery to those injured.

The President of the Transition, Head of State and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, His Excellency Colonel Assimi GOITA, the Transitional Government and the entire Malian people strongly condemn such cowardly and barbaric assault that has caused civilian and military casualties and material damage.

The Transitional Government shall ensure that an investigation will be initiated to shed light on the circumstances of this terrorist attack, and then track down and bring to book the perpetrators and their accomplices. In addition, it commends the continued efforts made by the brave Malian Defense and Security Forces.

The Transitional Government would like to reassure the population of the commitment and determination of our Defense and Security Forces to defeat terrorists, in strict compliance with human rights and international humanitarian law until final victory.

May God bless Mali and protect Malians!

Bamako, 10th August 2022

Signed by:
The Minister of Territorial Administration and Decentralization,
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