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| <b>Country/entity</b>           | Mali  |
| <b>Region</b>                   | Africa (excl MENA)  |
| <b>Agreement name</b>           | Commitment to a unilateral ceasefire from Youssouf Toloba and his armed group, Dan Nan Ambassagou |
| <b>Date</b>                     | 27 Sep 2018   |
| <b>Agreement status</b>         | Unilateral document   |
| <b>Interim arrangement</b>      | Yes   |
| <b>Agreement/conflict level</b> | Intrastate/local conflict   |
| <b>Stage</b>                    | Ceasefire/related   |
| <b>Conflict nature</b>          | Inter-group   |
| <b>Peace process</b>            | Mali Local Processes  |

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| <b>Parties</b>                                | <p>For the Dan Nan Ambassagou group</p> <p>For the general staff</p> <p>Youssef TOLOBA</p> <p>For national coordination</p> <p>Mamoudou GOUDIENKILE</p> <p>For the Bankass coordination</p> <p>Oumar GUINDO</p> <p>For the Douentza coordination</p> <p>Seydou MAIGA</p> <p>For the Bandiagara coordination</p> <p>Boureima SAGARA</p> <p>For the Koro coordination</p> <p>Alhaty KAMOKO</p>   |
| <b>Third parties</b>                          | Unsigned, but agreement refers to mediation process undertaken by the Center for Humanitarian Dialogue   |
| <b>Description</b>                            | Short unilateral ceasefire declaration in which Dan Nan Ambassagou, a non-state armed group led by Youssef Toloba, commits itself to immediately stop perpetrating violence. The group declares to sanction violations committed by its members, to oppose theft, and to raise awareness of the benefits of peace. It also calls on the Malian state and its partners to, among other things, provide humanitarian assistance, accelerate the DDR process, and support the families of conflict victims. |
| <b>Agreement document</b>                     | <a href="#">ML_180927_Engagement en faveur d'un cessez-le-feu unilateral de Youssef TOLOBA et son groupe arme de Dan Nan AMBASSAGOU_tr.pdf (opens in new tab)</a>   <a href="#">Download PDF</a>   |
| <b>Agreement document (original language)</b> | <a href="#">ML_180927_Engagement en faveur d'un cessez-le-feu unilateral de Youssef TOLOBA et son groupe arme de Dan Nan AMBASSAGOU.pdf (opens in new tab)</a>   |

## Local agreement properties

**Process type** Formal structured process  
Isolated example

**Rationale** This unilateral ceasefire was announced in the context of a 'seven-month mediation process undertaken by the Center for Humanitarian Dialogue, with the support of the regional authorities, on behalf of the Malian Government' (p.1). Limited contextual research does not suggest a track record of signing such agreements (Dan Nan Ambassagou was founded in 2016).

**Is there a documented link to a national peace process?** No

**Link to national process: articulated rationale** The agreement was negotiated outside of the national-level peace process as it deals with conflict in central Mali. Dan Nan Ambassagou does not take part in the national-level peace negotiations at the time of writing.

**Name of Locale** Koro, Bankass, Bandiagara, and Douentza cercles (Mopti region)

**Nature of Locale** Region

**GPS Lat/Long (DD)** 14.388871, -3.329351

**Participant type** Local armed group

**Mediator, facilitator or similar** Mediator or similar referred to

**Mediator (references)** Mediator: Center for Humanitarian Dialogue, with the support of the regional authorities, on behalf of the Malian Government

**Type of mediator/facilitator/similar** International or transnational actor

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## Local issues

### Ritual/prayer and process (including use of scripture)

No specific mention.

### Grievance List

Pages 1-2, Chapter I: Reasons for Hunters' Involvement in the Conflict, Youssouf TOLOBA and his militia group Dan Nan AMBASSAGOU recognize that the following events are the origin of the tensions / conflicts in the area:

- Attacks and repeated looting of villages and hamlets by armed individuals;
- Targeted assassinations of hunters and influential personalities; Massive theft of cattle;
- Attacking travellers;
- Lack of authorities and security forces in most localities;
- Feeling that the neighbouring community is joining forces with armed groups to get revenge against the original hunters' community;
- Frustration due to unresolved or badly resolved conflicts regarding access to natural resources that are shared between communities.

Page 3, Chapter II: Strengthening the peace process between the Dogon and Peuhl communities, Section II: Access to pastoral resources (water points, passage of animals etc.), Article 4: Apart from the theft and looting of the cattle, the exclusion of certain users from access to water points is one of the major causes of conflicts in the area.

### Cattle rustling/ banditry

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Page 2, Chapter II: Strengthening the peace process between the Dogon and Peuhl communities, Section I: Commitment to a ceasefire and negotiations, Article 2: With a view to the effective implementation of the unilateral ceasefire, Youssouf TOLOSA and his armed group Dan Nan AMBASSAGOU commit themselves to:

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- Oppose the theft / plundering of livestock regardless of its ownership;

Page 3, Chapter II: Strengthening the peace process between the Dogon and Peuhl communities, Section II: Access to pastoral resources (water points, passage of animals etc.), Article 4: Apart from the theft and looting of the cattle, the exclusion of certain users from access to water points is one of the major causes of conflicts in the area. Thus, Youssouf TOLOBA and his armed group Dan Nan AMBASSAGOU commit to no longer interfere with conflicts relating to accessing natural resources and to let the authorities manage these. He also states that revitalizing traditional spatial management mechanisms will be an important tool in the peaceful use of pastoral resources.

### Social cover

No specific mention.