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Country/

Niger

entity

Region Africa (excl MENA)

Agreement

Peace Agreement between the communities of the Department of

name

Banibangou

Date

21 Jan 2023

Agreement

Multiparty signed/agreed

status

Interim Yes

arrangement

Agreement/ Intrastate/local conflict (Niger: local conflicts (1980s -))

conflict level

Framework/substantive - partial Stage

Conflict

Government/territory

nature

Peace Niger local agreements

process

Parties For the zarma community:

> Alpha Abdoulaye Hama, leader religieux Yacouba Harouna, chef de village Banibangou

Massaoudou Char sou, leader religieux de Chinagoder

Halima Harouna, femme leader Intoussa Hama Wandou, chef de village Soumat

For the Fulani community:

Ibrahim Sadou, représentant du chef de tribu Wedabangou Elh Boureima Ousmane, représentant chef de Bissaou

Third parties Unsigned, but agreement mentions the facilitation of the Centre for

Humanitarian Dialogue

Agreement Supporters:

Tahirou Hassimi, Coordonnateur du groupe d'auto-défense Zarma Cheik Saidou Hassomi, responsable du groupe d'auto-défense Zarma Description

In Niger's Banibangou municipality, a peace agreement was signed to conclude a twenty-year conflict affecting agro-pastoral activities and resulting in over 300 deaths and the displacement of thousands. Facilitated by the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD) after nearly two years of mediation, the accord addresses tensions arising from competition for natural resources and armed violence in the Tillabery region. The agreement establishes a monitoring committee to oversee its execution, aid displaced people's return, and manage ongoing disputes.

Agreement document

NE_230121_Peace Agreement between the communities of the Department of Banibangou .pdf Download PDF

Local agreement properties

Process Formal structured process

type

Rationale The agreement was facilitated by the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, over

a two year period of mediation. It was also supported by the the Ministry of

the Interior and the High Authority for Peacebuilding.

Is there a Yes documented

link to a national peace process?

Link to The preamble of the agreement states that the signatories are "Keen to strengthen inter- and intra-community dialogues initiated by the State, under process: the presidency of the President of the Republic, Mohamed Bazoum, such as

articulated the forum of the three regions (Dosso, Tillabéry and Tahoua) held in Niamey

rationale from 24 to 27 November 2021".

Name of

Locale

Locale

Banibangou

Nature Of

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Region

GPS Lat/

15.049268, 2.708859

Long (DD)

Participant Local state actor type Local armed group

Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder

Local community/civilian group(s)/civil society organisations

Mediator, facilitator or Mediator or similar referred to

similar

Mediator

Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (2023). HD brokers peace agreement by communities from Banibangou in Niger's Tillabery region – Text and video. (references)

https://hdcentre.org/news/hd-brokers-peace-agreement-by-communities-

from-banibangou-in-nigers-tillabery-region-text-and-video/

Type of mediator/ facilitator/ similar

International or transnational actor

Local issues

Ritual/ prayer and

process (including use of scripture)

No specific mention.

Grievance List

CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES OF THE CONFLICT

THIS SECURITY CRISIS HAS RESULTED IN:

- a) Attacks, lootings and destructions of goods and properties in the villages and hamlets by armed individuals; (Locate in agreement)
- b) Targeted assassinations of influential figures and notables; (Locate in agreement)
- c) Massive thefts of livestock by both parties; (Locate in agreement)
- d) Attacks and ambushes on vehicles; (Locate in agreement)
- e) Embargoes on some villages and weekly markets; (🗗 Locate in agreement)
- f) Closure of basic social services (school, health centres, etc.); (Locate in agreement)
- g) Withdrawal of government officials and defence and security forces; (Locate in agreement)
- h) The feeling, on both sides, that the neighbouring community is joining forces with armed groups to attack the other; (Locate in agreement)
- i) Perception of partiality from the defence and security forces; (Locate in agreement)
- j) Lack of justice following abuses. (Locate in agreement)

Cattle rustling/ banditry No specific mention.

Social cover No specific mention.