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# MALI. THE DEADLY ATTACK AGAINST AT LEAST 130 PEOPLE CONFIRMS THE PRESSING NEED TO PROTECT CIVILIANS

- The massacre has neither spared women nor children
- A commission of inquiry must shed light on these killings
- The fight against impunity should be at the heart of the healing process

Amnesty International's African Regional Forum, meeting in Dakar on 23 and 24 March 2019, strongly condemns the deadly attack on Saturday perpetrated by traditional hunters against the "Fulani" village of Ogassagou in central Mali, during which more than 130 people were killed, including women and children, and many others wounded.

The Regional Forum calls on the Malian authorities to immediately set up a commission of inquiry to shed light on these killings and to bring those responsible to justice.

The centre of Mali has been the scene of deadly violence for more than a year. The Forum thus reminds the authorities and the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission (MINUSMA) of the need to protect civilians and emphasizes the fact that the fight against impunity for serious human rights violations must be at the heart of the healing process in the country.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Amnesty International's Regional Forum brings together the directors and chairpersons of Sections and regional offices in Africa.