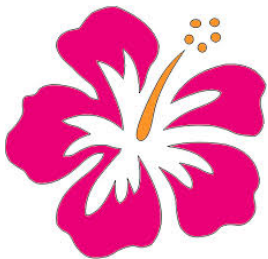


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OTHER NEWS ITEMS

Sharing feedback about Mali mission

Cynthia Petrich was invited by the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC) to a briefing session on Mali in The Hague on May 14. She co-presented the meeting attended by Dutch MoD and MoFA officials, together with West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) chair Emmanuel Bombande. The exchange was very rich in the context of the Netherlands deploying troops to MINUSMA.



Based on this 11 months mission in Mali where about half of the Malian army was sensitised to Human rights, IHL, and the prevention of sexual violence, Beyond (peace) is invited to share policy learnings about this

experience in various fora. Follow us on www.beyondpeace.fr

Policy forum

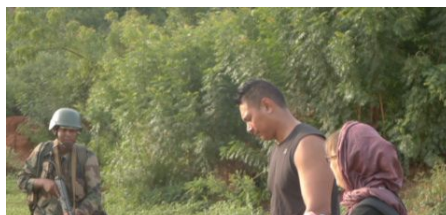


MISSION IN MALI: EVEN WARS HAVE LIMITS

What did you learn in this class?

- The military shouldn't abuse its power
- We learnt to spare the enemy who ran out of ammunitions. Before the IHL class, we thought he should be killed
- We learnt the difference between a professional army and a group of bandits
- We learnt to treat men and women differently during searches
- Even when the enemy is mixed with the population, we should be careful and not shoot on the population
- A Red Cross vehicle is never a target
- We learned that you need to care for anyone that is injured, even if they are the enemy
- We learnt how to extract child soldiers from war
- We understood that rape covers more things than we thought. We must not assume consent where women are scared of us because of our power.

These quotes are taken from the assessments and evaluations conducted with several battalions at the start and the end of the 10-weeks training programme at the EUTM Mali. On prevention of sexual violence, we were also able to measure important progress. The same NCO who declared on October 13, that "rape is the beauty of war" declared on December 6 that: "I will treat women as I treat my sisters and my mother".



ON THE AGENDA

Global Summit to end sexual violence London 10-13 June



Cynthia Petrich is invited to speak at the Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict, taking place June 10-13 in London. She will argue that prevention of sexual violence can be enhanced through training of combatants. For more on Foreign Secretary and William Hague and Angelina Jolie's initiative: <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/sexual-violence-in-conflict>

PHAP workshop

Training activities continue with the upcoming Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) workshop on Monitoring, Reporting and Fact-finding, to be held in Geneva on June 26-27.

A manual for training combatants



Photo : the manual will include suggestions for drills, how to create them, what rules to measure, advice for debrief

Beyond (peace) is producing a training manual that will capture



Beyond (peace) chair also spoke at the SIPRI/Belgrade Centre for Policy Studies/WIIS organised workshop on the difficult if trendy topic of gender mainstreaming in military missions. She shared her experience as the only civilian based in Koulikouro training camp, Mali.

Continued teaching and research activities

It was a real joy to be reunited with the Sanremo International Institute for Humanitarian Law family, where Cynthia Petrigh taught a course on SGBV to an audience of high-ranking African military at the "Africa accountability colloquium" on May 27-28.

Training activities continued at the ICRC Cours annuel de DIH pour professionnels de l'humanitaire, in Harzé, Belgium, where Cynthia Petrigh conducted a session on working with non-state armed groups on May 15.

Work on Monitoring, Fact-finding and Reporting continued, with a meeting of the Harvard Group in April as well as the release of an article on witness protection, which can be found at: http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2392493



Role playing a female IDP harassed by military during flight

The International Humanitarian Law (IHL), human rights and prevention of sexual violence component was taught by Cynthia Petrigh from Beyond (peace) under UK SU deployment from June 2013 to May 2014. She has trained 2,700 soldiers -half of the Malian army. "We are only trying to implement what you taught us", says Lt K., who noticed that relations with civilian population have improved while he is manning a checkpoint in the conflict area.



Teaching under the shade of the mango trees with Ms Dorothée Ndoh Ondonbo from MINUSMA-Human rights

method that will capture the innovative methodology developed at EUTM Mali to train the military on IHL, Human rights and prevention of sexual violence. A user-friendly format will include aspects to include about the context, as well as examples of lectures and field scenarios. Developed with inputs from UK FCO and MINUSMA, it will be available in August on www.beyondpeace.fr

About Beyond (peace)

Beyond (peace) is a Paris-based consultancy firm with activities in Beirut, Geneva, Sanaa and West Africa and specialised in :

- support to peace processes and societies in transition
- assessments, fact-finding and monitoring missions
- protection and advocacy
- training of government officials and non-state armed groups on IHL, Human rights, ceasefire monitoring and negotiation.

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