## <u>Press Releases: Terrorist Attacks in</u> <u>Mali and Niger</u>

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The United States condemns the recent terrorist attacks in the Sahel. These include attacks against security forces of the G-5 Sahel Joint Force in Sévaré, Mali on June 29, the landmine attack that killed four Malian troops in Koro county on June 30, the July 1 suicide bombing in Gao against civilians and Malian and French troops, and the July 1 attack that killed 10 Nigerien troops in Diffa, Niger.

We extend our deepest condolences to the families and friends of those injured and killed.

The United States commends the response of the Malian, Nigerien and international counterterrorism security forces. The United States stands with the nations of the G5 Sahel and international partners in responding to the growing threats from terrorist organizations in the region and in ensuring the continued development and prosperity of the people of the Sahel.

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