

## MALI CRISIS: MAJOR PROBLEMS AND KEY ISSUES

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### ABSTRACT

The purpose of this article is to show, what happened in the Sahel region, especially in Mali after the French operations Serval “ in 2013. The aim would also be to point out what the pros and cons were of this operation, what the current problems are in this region today, and the possible ways in which to solve them and where are the peace talks in terms of progression today. The topic is split into four key areas.

The first part moves on to describe what caused the crisis in Mali, why it happened and how the European Union and especially France reacted. The second part is about the current situation in Mali today and explains the current dangers in which the citizens of Mali find themselves embroiled in and how drastic the current situation is. In the third part of this article are the main strategies and activities, which have been put forward and implemented by the European Union to help Mali deal with the conflict. The final part has specifically detailed what the difficulties are with signing a peace agreement and why these negotiations have been unsuccessful.

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