

### Political highlights

The Canadian government has announced that it will provide military training to Niger. Special Operations personnel will deliver a preliminary training and preparation for the Nigerien forces to prepare for Exercise Flintlock, an annual West African training exercise that will take place in Mauritania in February and March.

### Security situation

- **General situation**

- ✓ From the night of 15 until this morning, the security situation is relatively calm. UNHCR visited villages at the frontier near Ayorou this morning and observed that there were no movements. From Abala and Ouallam there is no influx either.
- ✓ The recommendations made during the SMT meeting on Monday (low profile, update of contingency plans, and sharing of information with authorities on planned movements to the field) have been shared and applied.

### Trends of arrival

- **Statistics**

	Arrival on the 15 <sup>th</sup> of January	Cumulative figures to-date [since 11 January]
Mangaize	2 individuals	57 individuals (13 households)
Banibangou	0	89 individuals (27 households)
Ayorou	9 individuals (2 households)	14 individuals (3 household)
Abala	0	0
Tilla	-	300 individuals
<b>Total</b>	<b>11 individuals</b>	<b>460 individuals</b>

- ✓ On 16 January 2013, teams from the field have reported less new arrival in Niger refugee camps and sites than before the beginning of the military interventions. Interviews with new arrivals are underway to better understand this trend.

### Response

A special care is tended to the newly arrived refugees with individual interview at camp level. In the meantime, UNHCR Niger is working on operationalizing the contingency plan and an internal UNHCR meeting was held today on this matter. A second meeting will be organized with all relevant partners and stakeholders on Friday.