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Operation BARKHANE_Reorganisation of the Force outside Mali

Today, at 13:00 (Paris time), the last military unit of the Barkhane Force present on Malian territory crossed the border between Mali and Niger. It came from the Operational Desert Platform of Gao, which was handed over to the Malian armed forces this morning.

In compliance with the decision made by the President of the French Republic on 17th February 2022, the Barkhane Force in Mali has been reorganised outside the country, in less than six months and after 9 years of presence. This major logistic challenge has been met in an orderly and safe and totally transparent way, in coordination with all its partners.

The deep transformation of Operation BARKHANE is not limited to the end of its presence on Malian territory. Along the line of co-development, the French armed forces continue to fight terrorism in the Sahel, in close coordination with our African and international partners.

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