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TERRORISM IN MALI AND SAHEL OR THE CREATION OF NON-LAW SPACES

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The development of Terrorism in Mali and in Sahel, one of the consequences of the dismantling of Libya by the Western Powers could lead to a Genocide of a rare violence worse than the Rwandan genocide.

Indeed, the situation in Sahel, characterized by a weakening of States, of policies, of mass killings, of inter-ethnic clashes, particularly in Mali, could lead us to genocide if patriotic and responsible energetic measures aren't taken immediately to all levels to save Mali.

First at the National level:

The unprecedented bloody clashes occurred in the recent weeks between sister-ethnicities in the Menaka regions on the border with Niger, Gao, Timbuktu and in the center of the country are very disturbing and challenge any Malian caring of Mali.

Moreover, with these widespread clashes between communities that historically come together and have always lived in perfect harmony and symbiosis, Mali is embarking on the most dangerous phase of the crisis it has known since the occupation of the north in 2012: its existence is even more threatened today than in 2012.

These fires, which light up all over Mali, cannot be the result of chance. One had to be naive to conceive it that way. Judge for yourself: dozens killed in Menaka in five days, dozens of deaths in Gao and Timbuktu followed by kidnappings of administrative authorities, whole villages burned down



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followed by a mass exodus of people in the center of the country etc,...

In any case, the story will retain the so-called Algiers agreements that I have always said and the evolution of the situation confirms that these agreements were signed to **stop the war**. This is their only merit, but not to settle in depth and definitely a recurring crisis that comes every 4 years, 5 years from 1960 to the present day.

Indeed, the refusal of inclusivity in the implementation of these agreements already prepared the ground for the inter-communal conflicts that we face today in Mali: Wanting to be worthwhile by and through these "Agreements" to make minorities ethnicities, political majorities amidst frustrations, is to create the conditions conducive to these clashes, while nothing absolutely forbids inclusivity in the implementation of the agreements which, it must be remembered, are agreements for the peace and not peace agreements so they are legally formatted to be perfectly in tune with the realities of the field but the negative forces, obscure from within as from outside that history will eventually find out, have decided otherwise. They managed to kill in the bud all proposed measures for genuine inclusiveness of the Agreement's implementing bodies, starting with the CFA or the Agreement's Follow-up Committee.

What to do ?

At the political level:

The political forces of the majority and of the opposition must be put before their historical responsibility because the country is in danger and we don't have the impression that people are aware of it, they must go together to overcome the negative forces.



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So far, civil society is very little or not interested in the issue, they must be convinced of the need to unite to identify solutions and sustainable responses to the threat.

Finally, the President of the Republic, the first Institution of the Country, above all political parties must communicate to invite all Malians to the union, to the gathering because it is a pernicious threat that may destroy the country. **What President ERDOGAN has achieved in Turkey is perfectly possible in Mali.**

Without being an Institutional void, the elections for us don't matter much in terms of the threat facing the country with its share of large-scale massacres and total impunity.

Then at the Sub-Regional and African level:

CEDEAO and the **Commission of the African Union** must quickly take ownership of the serious situation in Mali and the Sahel without waiting, and stop the attitude consisting of waiting for solutions to their problems by the West. The solutions proposed and implemented by the West are themselves problems "**It is clear everywhere in Africa it's a total failure.**"

The international community must mobilize to counter this movement of destabilization of Mali and the Sahel.

Libya yesterday, Mali, even the Sahel in the eye of the hurricane today, and after that?

If the international community has no way of stopping these disorders, then it should imperatively and quickly reform its institutions.

Human Rights Associations are also challenged: We must act quickly to avoid another genocide in the world.



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Finally, as a lawyer and member of the International Criminal Bar Association, it's Executive Committee and Assistant of the President Blas Imbroda for Africa, it is our responsibility to launch the alert.

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