

DEPLOYMENT OF U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL IN  
NIGER

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COMMUNICATION

FROM

**THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

TRANSMITTING

A NOTIFICATION THAT THE LAST ELEMENTS OF A DEPLOYMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 40 ADDITIONAL U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL HAVE ENTERED NIGER WITH THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NIGER



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THE WHITE HOUSE,  
*Washington, February 22, 2013.*

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: On February 20, 2013, the last elements of a deployment of approximately 40 additional U.S. military personnel entered Niger with the consent of the Government of Niger. This deployment will provide support for intelligence collection and will also facilitate intelligence sharing with French forces conducting operations in Mali, and with other partners in the region. The total number of U.S. military personnel deployed to Niger is approximately 100. The recently deployed forces have deployed with weapons for the purpose of providing their own force protection and security.

I directed this deployment of U.S. forces in furtherance of U.S. national security interests, and pursuant to my constitutional authority to conduct U.S. foreign relations and as Commander in Chief and Chief Executive.

I am providing this report as part of my efforts to keep the Congress fully informed, consistent with the War Powers Resolution (Public Law 93-148). I appreciate the support of the Congress in this action.

Sincerely,

BARACK OBAMA.

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