

France to send more troops to West Africa amid rising violence in Sahel



Paris, January 15 (RHC)-- France says it will send about 200 additional troops to West Africa, even as many protesters in Mali and other West African nations are calling on France to withdraw the more than 4,000 troops it has stationed in the former French colonies.

West African leaders are warning of increasing violence in the Sahel region. Burkina Faso President Roch Marc Christian Kaboré said: "2019 was a difficult year for the Sahel in general and for the Lake Chad region, insofar that I would say that the increase of attacks in the Sahel, the human and material destruction that we are suffering and the unprecedented humanitarian crisis we are experiencing in this zone."

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