

Peoples assembly, 2nd round (26.07.2013)

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General election fever in Mali despite massive criticism of early date of elections. Grassroots initiatives demand active participation of the population during the post-electoral process (press release by Afrique-Europe-Interact):

During the course of recent months, representatives of the Malian civil society have again and again criticized the early date of the elections, that has been imposed by France. This criticism has a good reason, as there were numerous irregularities when the ballot papers were made out:

Assembly of Malian grassroots initiatives in Bamako (Civic' Meal): Long-term peace-dialogue of all societal groups

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In the beginning of January the Malian section of the transnational network Afrique-Europe-Interact had called for a White March ("Marche Blanche") from Mopti to Douentza. Its aim was to exceed the then current 'demarcation line' with thousands of people to strengthen the civil resistance against the Islamist terrorist regime in the North, and to enter into a dialogue with those groups of the Tuareg population, who didn't feel adequately represented neither by the Islamistic nor by the laicistic Tuareg rebels (Ansar Dine and MNLA).