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Before: Judge María del Socorro Flores Liera, Presiding Judge
Judge Kimberly Prost
Judge Nicolas Guillou

SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF MALI

IN THE CASE OF THE PROSECUTOR v. AHMAD AL FAQI AL MAHDI

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**Public Redacted Version of Fortieth Update Report on the Updated
Implementation Plan,
with confidential Annexes A and B**

Source: Trust Fund for Victims

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I. BACKGROUND

1. The Trust Fund for Victims (TFV) hereby submits its Fortieth Update Report pursuant to Regulation 58 of the Regulations of the Trust Fund for Victims and following Trial Chamber VIII's decision of 4 March 2019 approving the Updated Implementation Plan ("Decision on the UIP") submitted by the TFV,¹ and the Decision on the Request of the Trust Fund for Victims to Submit Update Reports Every Three Months.² On 29 April 2026, the TFV submitted its Thirty-ninth Update Report ("Thirty-ninth Update Report"), in which the TFV reported on the completion of the reparations programme.³

2. The present report covers the period from 30 April 2026 to 29 July 2026 and is structured as follows. The TFV first addresses the post-implementation activities conducted during the reporting period (Part III), followed by cooperation and the handover of collective reparations (Part IV), and, lastly, communication and visibility (Part V).

3. The Registry's situational overview concerning Mali covering the period from 21 April to 8 July 2026 (Country Analysis Unit Report) has been included for the information of the Trial Chamber in confidential Annex A.

II. CLASSIFICATION OF THE REPORT

4. Pursuant to regulation 23 *bis* (1) of the Regulations of the Court, the TFV has classified the present report and the annexes to this report as confidential, as they contain sensitive information related to the current situation in Mali, the public disclosure of which could jeopardise the proper and secure continuation of the Court or the TFV's activities in Mali. A public redacted version of the present report will be submitted in due course.

III. POST-IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

5. During this reporting period, the TFV carried out a number of post-implementation activities in Bamako and Timbuktu, namely relating to (A) the closure of contracts with implementing partners; (B) management of the feedback mechanism; (C) a final evaluation of the reparations programme; (D) a stocktaking exercise including workshops; and (E) the production of a film on Timbuktu.

¹ Decision on the Updated Implementation Plan from the Trust Fund for Victims, 4 March 2019, ICC-01/12-01/15-324-Conf ("Decision on the UIP"). A public redacted version of this filing is available at: <https://www.legal-tools.org/doc/1c2525/>.

² Decision on the Request of the Trust Fund for Victims to Submit Update Reports Every Three Months, 17 February 2021, [ICC-01/12-01/15-380](#), disposition.

³ Thirty-ninth Update Report on the Updated Implementation Plan, with confidential Annexes A and B, 29 April 2026, ICC-01/12-01/15-488-Conf ("Thirty-ninth Update Report").

A. CLOSURE OF CONTRACTS WITH IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

6. The TFV has continued the process of contract closure with its implementing partners to ensure that all relevant administrative steps are finalised in a timely and proper manner. This includes receiving and reviewing the required final narrative and financial reports from each implementing partner. The documentation and information gathered will form part of the TFV's final narrative and financial reports to the Trial Chamber on the implementation of reparations in the present case.⁴

B. MANAGEMENT OF THE FEEDBACK MECHANISM

7. As reported previously, taking into consideration the restricted access to Timbuktu, the extensive target population of the collective reparations measures, and its accountability vis-à-vis the community of Timbuktu, in April 2024, the TFV established a feedback mechanism to facilitate the interaction between the community of Timbuktu and the TFV.⁵

8. During the reporting period, the feedback mechanism received a total of 14 calls. Of these, 10 related to the *Al Hassan* case, while four concerned the TFV's assistance programme. Given that the *Al Mahdi* programme has been concluded, no calls were received regarding that programme.

9. With respect to the *Al Hassan* case, 10 callers (three women and seven men) sought to submit applications for reparations in respect of harm allegedly suffered. These individuals were referred to the Victims Participation and Reparations Section (VPRS).

10. The four callers (one woman and three men) who contacted the hotline regarding the assistance programme primarily wished to express their gratitude for the measures implemented and conveyed their appreciation for the TFV's activities.

C. EVALUATION

11. During the reporting period, the TFV signed a contract with the University of Edinburgh for an independent evaluation to be conducted by a research team from the University of Edinburgh and the University of Cambridge of the reparations programme for victims in the *Al Mahdi* case.⁶ The evaluation is organised around three axes: (i) the effect of each measure on psychosocial and material well-being, social cohesion, and the sense of justice and reparation;

⁴ See also Thirty-ninth Update Report, para. 42.

⁵ Thirty-first update report on the updated implementation plan, 29 April 2024, ICC-01/12-01/15-474-Conf-Exp, paras 94-96.

⁶ See Thirty-ninth Update Report, para. 43.

(ii) the combined effect of the different types and modalities of reparation; and (iii) the degree of victims' participation in, and influence over, the programme throughout its implementation.

12. The research team will use qualitative and quantitative methodologies, including interviews with victims, a sample of the general population, and key stakeholders. During the reporting period, the TFV reviewed the inception report submitted by the evaluation team and worked with them on the questionnaire and on the interview guides for the different categories of stakeholders, including victims, national authorities and community members. The research team is preparing to collect data in Timbuktu with relevant stakeholders, including the national authorities. The TFV expects the preliminary report of the evaluation to be completed by September 2026. The final evaluation results will be incorporated into the TFV's final report on the implementation of the present reparations order.

D. WORKSHOP

13. As part of its commitment to institutional learning,⁷ the TFV, in collaboration with the University of Cambridge (Cambridge Heritage Research Centre) and the University of Edinburgh, is organising a workshop entitled "*Reparations for Cultural Destruction: Lessons from Timbuktu and Implications for Future Implementation*", to be held in September 2026. While the workshop will draw on the implementation of reparations in the *Al Mahdi* case, its primary objective is to identify lessons learned from the programme and examine how these may inform the design and implementation of reparations in other contexts involving harm resulting from the destruction of cultural heritage. Preliminary findings from the final evaluation of the *Al Mahdi* reparations programme will serve as the basis for the discussions, alongside comparative case studies from other contexts, including Ukraine, Colombia and, subject to confirmation, Syria, Iraq and Lebanon. The workshop will also explore the broader legal, policy and practical implications of reparations for harm arising from the destruction of cultural heritage. This two-day workshop, scheduled for 23 and 24 September, will be held simultaneously in Cambridge, United Kingdom, and Timbuktu, Mali (subject to security conditions), and online, bringing together Malian and international practitioners, policymakers, cultural heritage specialists, Legal Representatives of Victims, and academics to compare experiences and identify good practices to inform future reparations programmes.

⁷ See Thirty-eighth Update Report on the Updated Implementation Plan, with confidential Annexes A, B and C, 29 January 2025, ICC-01/12-01/15-485-Conf ("Thirty-eighth Update Report"), para. 130. A public redacted version of this filing is available at: <https://www.legal-tools.org/doc/ygo33lou/>. See also Thirty-ninth Update Report, paras 44-48.

E. FILM PRODUCTION

14. In agreement with the community of Timbuktu, and as a related commemorative activity,⁸ the TFV has initiated the production of a film highlighting the city's unique cultural and historical significance. Filming took place in February 2026 in Timbuktu. The film is currently in post-production.⁹

IV. COOPERATION AND COLLECTIVE REPARATIONS HANDOVER

15. During the reporting period, the TFV continued its engagement with the Government of Mali in relation to matters arising from the implementation and conclusion of the *Al Mahdi* reparations programme, as well as future cooperation in connection with the *Al Hassan* case.

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20. [REDACTED]¹¹ [REDACTED]

21. [REDACTED]

V. COMMUNICATION AND VISIBILITY

22. On 2 July 2026, the TFV issued a press release announcing the completion of the reparations programme in the *Al Mahdi* case.¹² In the interests of transparency and accountability, the press release outlines the key milestones of the reparations process and highlights the principal outcomes of the reparations programme. To support media engagement, the TFV prepared a media pack comprising press materials, video content, background resources and photographic material.

23. Due to the TFV's media campaign, information about the completion of the reparations programme in the *Al Mahdi* case was broadly disseminated through international media outlets in Arabic, English, French and Spanish. At the local level, several media outlets contacted the Registry's Public Information and Outreach Section (PIOS) for further information. In coordination with the TFV, PIOS responded to their questions and broadcast radio

⁸ See Thirty-ninth Update Report, para. 36.

⁹ *Ibid.*

¹⁰ [REDACTED].

¹¹ [REDACTED].

¹² Trust Fund for Victims, "ICC Trust Fund for Victims Completes Reparations Programme in Mali in relation to the *Al Mahdi* Case", 2 July 2026, at <https://www.trustfundforvictims.org/en/news/icc-trust-fund-victims-completes-reparations-programme-mali-relation-al-mahdi-case> (accessed on 29 July 2026).

announcements, including on Radio Jamana in Timbuktu, both in French and Songhai, to ensure that information regarding the completion of the reparations programme reached the affected community.

IN CONCLUSION,

The Trust Fund for Victims respectfully requests the Trial Chamber to take note of the present report.



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Dated this 29th Day of July 2026

At The Hague, The Netherlands