



EFF CALLS ON FRANCE TO STAY AWAY FROM THE CONFLICT IN MALI

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The EFF calls on France to refrain from meddling in African affairs, namely in this instance in the internal conflict in the Republic of Mali. France has no right to play the role of a mediator in conflicts that can historically be traced back to their colonial crimes.

The instability in Africa, the polarisation of ethnic identities, wars and the culture of military overthrow of governments is one that has its roots in colonialism. All of these political and social-ills are consequences of the denigration of African statehood, and the impact of Neo-colonial rule in funding illegal regimes and incentivising insurgents to undermine legitimate governments.

France is not innocent by-stander and any role of mediation they play is tainted by this history and the racist attitude, that suggests Africa is in need of constant supervision. Africa is not a child of any European nation and we do not need imperialists intervening in our affairs.

The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the African Union have already suspended Mali from all institutions and organs of relevance in the continent and established the necessary peace keeping delegations to attend to the conflict.

France must divorce itself from its superiority complex and pay reparations to the nations that are still reeling from the bloodshed and theft perpetuated by them.

They must leave African affairs to Africans, because their role in our continent has left us with broken economies, divisive borders and at war with each other.

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