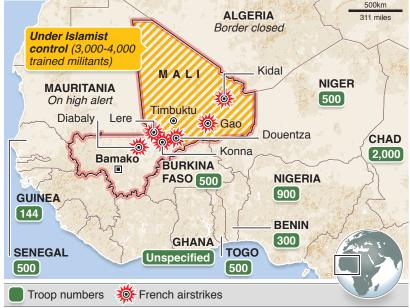
Mali offensive intensifies

EU governments have agreed to send hundreds of military personnel to train Malian forces in fighting Islamist rebels, as France and West African troops continue a ground offensive after days of airstrikes

MILITARY SUPPORT FOR MALI



TROOPS PLEDGED BY MALI'S NEIGHBOURS



Jan 14: Rebels take control of Diabaly

Jan 16: French and Malian forces launch ground offensive to retake town

Refugees: 144,500 have fled to Mauritania, Niger, Burkina Faso and Algeria. 230,000 internally displaced in Mali

Source: Wire Agencies