

Keita rejects coup claims

Malian President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita has rejected as speculation talk of a military coup after recent jihadist attacks left dozens of soldiers dead. A report on the [allAfrica](#) site notes that at least 38 soldiers were killed in two attacks late last month near the border with Burkina Faso. Observers say the death toll is likely to be higher. **‘No military coup will prevail in Mali, let it be said,’** Keita said. The attacks occurred in the towns of Boulkessy and Mondoro and the government said troops killed 15 jihadists. Sources said Malian special forces and foreign allies, including French warplanes and helicopters, helped to quash the attacks.