

Mali journalists go on strike
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Journalists in Mali are staging a one-day strike today, meaning that no newspapers will be published and several radio stations will be silenced.

The strike is in protest at persistent attacks on the media in general and the specific attack on the editor of L'Indépendant, Saouti Haidara. He received a severe beating from a group of armed men on 12 July.

His injuries were so bad he was flown to Dakar in neighbouring Senegal for treatment.

The striking journalists are marching on the office of the prime minister in Mali's capital, Bamako. "The authorities must offer security guarantees to journalists," said press club president Makan Koné.

In Paris, a protest is also due to take place outside the Malian embassy.

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