



Voortouwcommissie: vaste commissie voor Buitenlandse Zaken

Volgcommissie(s): vaste commissie voor Defensie

Activiteit: Gesprek

Datum: dinsdag 10 december 2013

Tijd: 16.00 – 17.30 uur

Openbaar/besloten: besloten

Onderwerp: Gesprek met generaal de Saint-Quentin over Mali

Agendapunt: Gesprek met generaal de Saint-Quentin over stabiliteitsmissies in

Mali

Noot: Generaal de Saint-Quentin is de voormalig commandant van Operatie

SERVAL, de Franse interventiemacht in Mali, die opereerde op basis van VN

Veiligheidsraadresolutie 2085.

## **About General de Saint-Quentin**

De Saint-Quentin was born in PARIS in 1961 and joined the French Military Academy of Saint Cyr in 1981. He chose to serve within the French "Troupes de marine". His carrier path is punctuated of various assignments within prestigious Airborne Marine Infantry Regiments (3rd RPIMa, 1er RPIMa) and overseas postings such as 2nd RPIMa (Reunion Island) and Rwanda (1992-1994).

Upon graduation from the French War College in 1998, he assumed the duties of 1st RPIMa's Operations Officer. Promoted Colonel in 2003, he was given command of that same regiment a year later, after having been posted in Senegal during 2 years as head of the Operations Division in the Joint Staff.

De Saint Quentin joined the Prospective Studies Division in the Army General Staff in Paris in 2006, where he participated in the various working groups dedicated to the Army Strategic and Organizational Review. He graduated from the Center of High Military Studies (CHEM) and Institute for National Defense High Studies (IHEDN) in 2009 and held the position of Chief J5 of the Joint Operations and Planning Center (CPCO) in Paris.

De Saint-Quentin was promoted Brigadier General in 2011 and appointed as Regional Commander of the French Forces in Senegal. As such, he is given command of the "Serval" operation in Mali on January 11, 2013.

Since August 1st 2013, he assumes command of the French Special Operations and the French Special Operations Command (C.O.S.), AFB 107, in Villacoublay.

Decorations include Commander of both the Legion d'Honneur and the Ordre National du Merite, Croix de la Valeur Militaire with six quotations. De Saint-Quentin has been awarded the Bronze Star (US) and various other awards.

Griffier: T.J.E. van Toor

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