



Weekly Report

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Central African Republic

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UN Secretary General recommends peacekeeping force of 12,000

- Ban Ki-moon recommended to the UN Security Council a UN peacekeeping force of 12,000 troops that would have a robust mandate to protect civilians in CAR.
- UN Security Council approval will be necessary for the peacekeeping force to move forward.
- The peacekeeping force would be made up of 10,000 troops and 1,820 police, a force that will take at least 6 months to operationalize.
- Source: Reuters

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/03/03/us-centralafrican-un-idUSBREA221UL20140303>

"We are living in a prison. [...] If we try to go outside PK5, we are dead men. But we won't be the victims any more.

We will be the aggressors. From today, we have to attack every Christian area." –

Abdouraman Saudi, a 45 year-old businessman

UNHCR spokesperson says 15,000 civilians in makeshift camps at risk

- Adrian Edwards, a UNHCR spokesperson, warned that 15,000 civilians, of mostly Muslim ethnicity, are at risk of violence from armed militia groups surrounding the makeshift camps where they are staying.
- Source: Reuters

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/02/25/uk-centralafrican-violence-idUKBREA1010220140225>

Both sides increasingly acting in revenge

- Despite peacekeeping efforts by EU and AU forces, the violence continues to escalate.
- Horrific acts of violence committed by largely Christian anti-balaka militia against Muslims are being justified as payback for atrocities committed by Muslim Seleka rebels against civilians when they seize power last year.
- Source: Globe and Mail

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/car-the-scene-of-ferocious-killing-increasingly-for-revenge/article17130319/>