



Weekly Report

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ICC to examine crimes committed in CAR

- Fatou Bensouda, prosecutor of the ICC stated that the ICC will open a preliminary investigation into the violence occurring in the Central African Republic.
- The preliminary investigation will determine whether the atrocities committed amount to war crimes and fall within the jurisdiction of the ICC.
- Source: Reuters

<http://ca.reuters.com/article/topNews/idCABREA1616R20140207>

“The plight of civilians in CAR since September 2012 has gone from bad to worse.” – ICC Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda

Muslims at risk: thousands flee Bangui

- Médecins Sans Frontières said all communities in CAR are affected by violence, but Muslim civilians in particular are at risk of reprisals.
- Thousands of Muslims have been fleeing Bangui, with a convoy of more than 500 vehicles on February 7.
- Source: CBC

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/world/central-african-republic-s-muslims-flee-for-their-lives-from-capital-1.2526970>

More dead as peacekeepers struggle to contain the violence

- It was reported that 10 more people, both Christians and Muslims, were killed in Bangui on Sunday, three of which were killed in public lynchings.
- Peacekeepers struggled to control the violence, with Rwandan peacekeepers having to open fire on a crowd.
- Despite these difficulties in containing the violence, France’s Defence Minister announced that France is likely to extend its peacekeeping mission after the mandate expires in May.
- Source: Globe and Mail

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/peacekeepers-struggle-to-control-escalating-violence-in-central-african-republic/article16765224>