



# Weekly Report

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### ***UN launches investigation into human rights abuses***

- A 3-member panel, chaired by Bernard Acho Muna, a Cameroonian lawyer who was deputy chief prosecutor of the ICTR, is investigating human rights abuses in Central African Republic.
- The investigation is mandated by the Security Council and information will be collected for a year with interim reporting in June and December.
- Source: UN News Centre

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=47314&Cr=central+african+republic&Cr1=#.UyXQtJV38b4>

### ***European Union not living up to its peacekeeping promise***

- France has been critical of the European Union saying it has been “shirking its responsibilities for international security” in failing to establish the 800 to 1,000 peacekeeping forces promised in early February.
- The peacekeeping forces pledged by the EU are failing to crystallize, with member governments not providing soldiers and equipment as had been promised.
- Source: Reuters

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/03/14/us-centralafrican-france-eu-idUSBREA2D0VS20140314>

### ***Neighbouring countries struggling with refugee influx***

- Both Chad and Cameroon are struggling to cope with the influx of refugees crossing into their borders over the last several months.
- Since December, more than 35,000 people have arrived in Chad, mostly by foot and in convoys escorted by Chadian soldiers.
- UNHCR reports that more than 44,000 people have fled to Cameroon in the last year.
- Many of the refugees arrive sick and dying, and aid agencies are struggling to keep up.
- Source: The Guardian

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/mar/11/central-african-republic-chad-border>

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*“Many [refugees] have lost relatives to hunger along the way or shortly after reaching Cameroon. They are also very much traumatized by the horrors they have experienced in northwestern CAR.” – Fatoumata Lejeune-Kaba, UNHCR spokesperson*

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