

Weekly Report

Central African Republic

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UN High Commissioner for Human Rights: religious hatred at "terrifying level"

- Navi Pillay, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, told a news conference that hatred between Muslims and Christians in Central African Republic has reached a "terrifying level".
- Pillay was giving an urgent appeal to the international community to provide troops for the proposed UN peacekeeping mission of 12,000 peacekeepers.
- Source: Reuters

http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/03/20/us-centralafrica-un-idUSBREA2J1S320140320

Large weapons cache seized by peacekeepers

- Chadian soldiers, members of the African peacekeeping force, found a large weapons cache near Bangui airport, having acted on a tipoff from locals.
- More than 10,000 rounds of 12.7 mm bullets, 2 anti-air missiles, 3 rocket-propelled grenades, 6 mortars, 50 assault rifles and anti-personnel mines were amongst the weapons seized.
- Source: Agence France Presse

Aid agencies plan to resettle 1000 Muslims inside CAR

- Several aid agencies, including International Organization for Migration and the UNHCR are working together to organize an internal relocation of nearly 1,000 Muslims who have been trapped inside a school compound in Bossangoa.
- Anti-balaka militia are surrounding the compound and threaten those trapped. This group of Muslims will be relocated to Paoua, 175 km northwest of Bossangoa and about 70 km from the Chad border.
- Source: IRIN

 $\underline{\text{http://www.irinnews.org/report/99798/plan-to-resettle-1-000-muslims-inside-car}}$

"The inter-communal hatred remains at a terrifying level, as evidenced by the extraordinarily vicious nature of the killings.

[...] There is almost ... total impunity: no justice, no law and order apart from that provided by foreign troops" – Navi Pillay, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights