



# Weekly Report

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## Central African Republic

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### ***UN envoy: sexual violence is a constant threat***

- A UN envoy to the Central African Republic reported that despite some improvements in the security situation, threats to civilians remain grave and sexual violence continues to be used by all parties during attacks, especially against women and children.
- UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict, Zainab Hawa Bangura, met with state officials, civil society representatives and humanitarian workers who reported that the atrocities against civilians included instances of rape and gang rape, forced marriage, sexual mutilation, abduction and sexual slavery.
- Source: UN News Centre

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=47408&Cr=central+african+republic&Cr1=#.UzWjg5Ub29Y>

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*“Let’s not divorce what’s happening in the [CAR] with what happened 20 years ago in Rwanda. [...] More and more, we have been able to present the argument that the recruitment of child soldiers is a social breakdown that leads to atrocities [...]”*  
Senator Romeo Dallaire

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### ***Dallaire calls on Canada to act to avoid another Rwanda***

- Senator Dallaire, in a recent interview, said the world - and Canada in particular - is dangerously overlooking how dire the situation is in the Central African Republic.
- He called on government to contribute peacekeepers to the proposed UN mission of 12,000 soldiers.
- Both the Seleka and anti-balaka recruit child soldiers and Dallaire says their involvement is one of the factors that can lead to genocide.
- Source: Toronto Star

[http://www.thestar.com/news/world/2014/03/21/dallaire\\_canada\\_must\\_act\\_in\\_central\\_african\\_republic\\_to\\_avoid\\_another\\_rwanda.html](http://www.thestar.com/news/world/2014/03/21/dallaire_canada_must_act_in_central_african_republic_to_avoid_another_rwanda.html)

### ***Continuing violence leads to several deaths and injuries***

- Violence around the PK-5 and PK-12 neighbourhoods in Bangui in the last week has killed more than 18 people and injured scores more as reported by the Red Cross and MSF.
- Peacekeeping forces opened and returned fire when gunfire broke out in the PK-5 neighbourhood on Tuesday, allegedly shooting and killing 8 members of the anti-balaka militia.
- The African Union peacekeepers have resolved to treat the anti-balaka militia group as enemy combatants. Twenty-one peacekeepers have reportedly been killed in CAR since deployment.
- Source: Agence France Presse

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gXqegZZRIWhqZko8G00s7Mly-Gfw?docId=15951b25-eae8-4286-ab3a-a5685ff7b8ce>