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Central African Republic

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UN: Chadian soldiers kill 30 civilians and are set to withdraw

- The UN is reporting that Chadian soldiers, part of the AU peacekeeping force, killed 30 civilians and seriously wounded more than 300 people in an attack on a market in Bangui.
- Chadian soldiers have been accused of siding with the mainly Muslim Seleka rebels.
- Chad will withdraw its troops from the AU peacekeeping mission.
- Source: Reuters

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/04/04/us-centralafrica-chad-un-idUSBREA330T320140404>

"As soon as the convoy of the Chadian national army reached the PK12 market area around 3:00 p.m., it allegedly opened fire on the population without any provocation. As people fled in all directions in panic, the soldiers continued to fire indiscriminately."

– Rupert Colville, Spokesperson for the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

At least 11 killed in grenade attack at funeral in Bangui

- Conflicting reports indicate that at least 11 people, including 3 children, died after a grenade exploded at a funeral in Bangui's PK5 neighbourhood on March 27. Some outlets report as many as 20 people were killed.
- Reuters reported that residents indicated that a Muslim tossed the grenade into the crowd, constituting an attack on Christians. However, there have been contradictory reports stating it was actually the reverse.
- Though much of the focus in recent weeks has been on attacks against Muslims, the inter-communal conflict has been characterized by tit-for-tat attacks.
- Sources: Reuters, Voice of America

<http://af.reuters.com/article/congoNews/idAFL5N0MP3VU20140328?sp=true>

<http://www.voanews.com/content/20-killed-in-attack-on-funeral-in-bangui/1881398.html>



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EU peacekeeping mission back on track

- Though delayed from the intended deployment date in February 2014, the EU peacekeeping mission has recently been revived with offers from member states and other countries of equipment and soldiers.
- The goal of the peacekeeping force will be to provide security in Bangui. The peacekeeping mission is planned to last for 6 months.
- Source: Reuters

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/03/29/us-centralafrica-eu-idUSBREA2S0MR20140329>

MSF briefing paper: “Central African Republic, A Year of Continuing Violence Against Civilians”

- Last week, MSF released a comprehensive report on the conflict in the Central African Republic.
- The report provides a thorough timeline, starting from 2011 with what MSF calls ‘the silent crisis’ - that of failing healthcare and deteriorating health statistics for the population.
- The report tracks developments in the conflict and follows the healthcare crisis throughout, up until the most recent violence against the Muslim population in January-March 2014.
- Source: Médecins sans Frontières

<http://www.flipsnack.com/9666CCC7C6F/fu8axsyg>