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Church safe haven attacked; 30 civilians killed

- An attack on the compound of the Church of Fatima in Bangui left 30 civilians dead.
- Civilians had been seeking refuge at the church, with churches in Bangui serving as refuge for both Christian and Muslim civilians attempting to escape the violence.
- In response to the deadly attack on the church, youths protested by plundering a mosque and blocking streets with burning tires.
- Source: Wall Street Journal

<http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20140528-712429.html>

Further violence in Central African Republic

- French peacekeepers and rebels clashed in Bambari, a northeastern town, killing at least one man. Witnesses say the fighting broke out after an attempt by the French peacekeepers to disarm Seleka rebels.
- In addition, 3 Muslim youths were found killed and mutilated in Bangui. The youths were on their way to play a reconciliation soccer game set up between Muslim and Christian youths. In protest, other youths in the PK5 neighbourhood barricaded the main road.
- Sources: Al Jazeera, Reuters

<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/africa/2014/05/killing-follow-clashes-northern-car-20145237423510539.html>

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/05/25/uk-centralafrica-violence-idUKKBN0E50QF20140525>

"Amnesty International considers that individuals reasonably suspected of having committed crimes under international law [...] should not be allowed to hold positions of authority where they could repeat their crimes or abuses".

- Christian Mukosa, CAR Researcher, Amnesty International

Amnesty International: "There should be no space for impunity"

- Amnesty International called on interim president Catherine Samba-Panza to ensure that those who have participated in violence do not receive seats of power in the new government makeup.
- CAR researcher for Amnesty International stated "there should be no space for impunity in Central African Republic" and pointed out the necessity of investigating, trying and punishing those responsible for the violence.
- Source: Amnesty International

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/news/car-change-government-must-not-lead-impunity-2014-05-23>