



Weekly Report

Côte d'Ivoire

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Violation of media pluralism

- Reporters Without Borders wrote an open letter to the Ivorian Minister of Communication condemning the Minister's involvement in shutting down two dissident programs in Benin.
- Reporters Without Borders expressed concern that the Ivorian Ministry of Communication would similarly silence dissident voices when the Ivorian broadcasting sector is re-opened following the 2015 elections.
- Source: AlertNet (Thomson Reuters Foundation Service)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201406041013.html>

UNHCR in Liberia resumes repatriation of refugees to Côte d'Ivoire

- The voluntary repatriation process was suspended at the end of March following a request by the Government of Côte d'Ivoire citing health reasons in the wake of the deadly Ebola virus outbreak in Guinea and Liberia. The suspension was lifted last week.
- On June 4, 351 Ivorian refugees left the Bahn Refugee Camp for return to areas such as Bin Houye, Danane, and Danipleu.
- From January to March 2014, more than 8600 Ivorian refugees had returned home with the UNHCR's assistance.
- Liberia currently hosts more than 42,000 Ivorian refugees.
- Source: Heritage (Liberia)

http://allafrica.com/stories/201406051095.html?aa_source=acrdn-f0

"We are very pleased that the voluntary repatriation programme has resumed. It is my sincere hope that the momentum that picked up in the first few months of 2014 will continue uninterrupted."

*- Khassim Diagne,
UNCHR Representative*
