

# MONTHLY UPDATE

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Twenty-two candidates will contest in the presidential election on 27 December 2020. The Constitutional Court will rule on the question of eligibility of each candidate who entered the presidential race. In the event of a dispute, the Court has a period of 15 days from the date of registration of the request to make a ruling. The final publication of the lists of candidates according to the electoral code is set for 3 December 2020.
- On 19 October 2020, Mankeur Ndiaye, Special Representative of the Secretary General for the Central African Republic and Head of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA), said that despite ongoing tensions, attacks by armed groups and the challenges now posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the country "is well on its way" to hold successful elections.
- UN Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations Jean-Pierre Lacroix said that the security climate in the country was not at the level where the UN would like it to be.
- As part of its support mandate, MINUSCA has contributed to the reception and delivery of more than 120 tons of equipment, the mobilisation of more than 50 special flights and the transport of more than 600 National Elections Authority (ANE) personnel.
- Amnesty international said in a new report that despite a few investigations and trials, many perpetrators of "horrendous human rights violations and abuses" in the CAR had not been brought to justice two years after the inauguration of the country's Special Criminal Court (SCC).
- The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said in November 2020 that in 2021, 2.8 million Central Africans - more than half of the population - would need

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humanitarian assistance and protection. In the past five years, there have never been as many people in humanitarian distress in the Central African Republic as today, according to OCHA.

- Former President François Bozizé's personal guard alleged that there was an assassination attempt as he drove to the ANE to file nomination papers.
- On 27 October, there was a violent altercation between Ex-Seleka armed men and Anti-Balaka combatants in Batangafo town. Since then, clashes and reprisal attacks by armed groups in and around the camp for internally displaced people – hosting approximately 30 000 people – have triggered new population movements.
- The World Bank said in its October 2020 Economic Report that the CAR's economic growth is projected to contract by 1.2% in 2020 following the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Six Libyan diplomats, including the ambassador who was to be appointed to Bangui, were expelled from the Central African Republic on 24 October.

