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HIGHLIGHTS

- President Faustin-Archange Touadéra appointed heavyweights in the former government of Firmin Ngrebada, who were dropped by new prime minister Henri-Marie Dondra, to the presidency. For instance, former mines minister Léopold Mbolli-Fatrane was appointed as presidential adviser on natural resources.
- A former presidential candidate and opponent of Touadéra, Abdoul Karim Meckassoua, slipped out of the country despite a travel ban slapped on him by the authorities. Meckassoua was recently removed as a member of the National Assembly after being accused of belonging to the Coalition of Patriots for Change (CPC).
- Human Rights Watch (HRW) said that the Special Criminal Court (SCC) in the Central African Republic (CAR), in an important step for justice, brought charges against Captain Eugène Ngaïkosset, known within the country as “The Butcher of Paoua.” On September 10, the SCC announced that it had charged Ngaïkosset with crimes against humanity but did not specify details of the charges. Ngaïkosset is a former captain in the presidential guard who led a unit that is implicated in numerous crimes, including the killing of at least dozens of civilians and the burning of thousands of homes in the country’s northwest and northeast between 2005 and 2007.
- A Truth, Justice, Reparation and Reconciliation Commission (TJRCC) was officially launched, with the swearing in of its members. Without facilities, without a budget and without peace, some are worried that it will be just an empty shell.
- Officers and non-commissioned officers of the Central African Armed Forces (FACA) expressed their dissatisfaction with the situation in the army in a 20-page letter sent to Touadéra.

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- They, amongst others, said that the armed forces were no longer at the service of the people, but at the service of the executive. They furthermore expressed outrage at the “humiliation” they suffer at the hands of the Russian mercenaries.
- On 8 September, Russian mercenaries arrested nine Fulani Muslims suspected of having collaborated with the rebels of the Union for Peace in the CAR (UPC). All nine were executed.
- The Humanitarian Coordinator in the CAR, Denise Brown, said she was dismayed by the death of an aid worker, killed on 9 September, during a mission in the northwest of the CAR. The team of the international NGO Danish Refugee Council was carrying out humanitarian activities when one of its vehicles hit an explosive device. Between January and August 2021, 27 incidents involving explosive devices claimed the lives of at least 14 civilians and injured 21 civilians and two United Nations peacekeepers in the west of the country.
- After having cleared forty kilometres of roads in the west, the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in the CAR (MINUSCA) announced the suspension of its demining operations due to “obstacles and tensions” with the population.
- On 30 August, Russian mercenaries resumed arial bombardments in the north-west, claiming to target Return, Reclamation, Rehabilitation (3R) rebels, members of the Patriots for Change (CPC) coalition. Several villages were looted and set on fire, and the inhabitants, mostly Fulani, were also killed.
- On 7 September, at least 40 Peuls were killed by Russian mercenaries in the village of Nassoya. According to the 3R, the government is planning genocide of the Fulani minority in the CAR, executed by Russian mercenaries from Wagner.



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- US-based investigative organisation, The Sentry, reports that behind the scenes, to protect its market share in the sugar sector, African Sugar factory of CAR (SUCAF RCA), one of French Castel Group's African subsidiaries, financed armed militias responsible for mass atrocities, abductions, torture, child soldier recruitment, sexual and gender-based violence, and deadly attacks on displaced camps.
- Since his appointment in June as Central African Republic's new prime minister Henri-Marie Dondra has not been using the services of Wagner for his personal protection, as had his predecessor Firmin Ngrebada.
- The Development Bank of Central African States (BDEAC) provided a loan of 15 billion CFA francs to help the CAR to strengthen its health system.
- CAR received a 106.8 million Special Drawing Rights (SDR) allocation from the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
- According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), from 3 January 2020 to 14 September 2021, there have been 11,309 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with 100 deaths.
- Touadéra plans to travel to Luanda, Angola on September 16 to participate in the summit of the International Conference for the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR). Bangui is determined to put pressure on its partners and neighbours to obtain increased support from Chad and Sudan in its fight against armed groups, which regularly take advantage of rear bases in these two countries.
- General Daniel Sidiki Troare, the force commander of MINUSCA, visited Cameroon for talks with defence officials. He said that he was visiting Cameroon because more cooperation is needed between UN troops and Cameroon's military to stop rebel advances and bring back order to the CAR. Troare said CAR rebels facing reprisals from UN peacekeepers hide on both sides of the Cameroon border.



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- French Brigadier General Jacques Langlade de Montgros took command of the European Union military training mission in the Central African Republic (EUTM RCA) whose mandate was renewed until September 2022.
- Sylvain Itté, French Ambassador for Public Diplomacy in Africa, was on a 5-day visit to CAR to take stock of relations and “to resume constructive dialogue” after France froze its budgetary aid and suspended part of its military cooperation with CAR.

