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CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (CAR)



MAIN STORIES

Failed Peace Talks

Cabinet Reshuffle Reportedly on the Cards

Human Rights Abuses

Humanitarian Developments

HIGHLIGHTS

- Peace talks in the Central African Republic (CAR) concluded without any concrete progress. The talks were boycotted by the opposition, with the exception of a handful, subsequently expelled from the Coalition of the Democratic Opposition (COD2020) and no rebel groups were invited. During a closing ceremony, chair of the dialogue, Richard Filkota, announced that 600 recommendations had been made.
- There were tense moments during talks held at the National Assembly in Bangui, especially when a constitutional change allowing a head of state to stand for a third term was raised. The proposal was later withdrawn but the presidency and National Assembly continue to work to change the constitution.
- President Faustin-Archange Touadéra is reportedly working on a reshuffle of his government. Several opponents and former rebel leaders were discreetly consulted, according to Jeune Afrique.
- The President of the National Elections Authority (ANE), Mathias Barthélémy Morouba, announced that municipal elections, which were scheduled for 11 September 2022 will be postponed due to a lack of funds and delays in organising it. Morouba did not say when the elections will now be held.
- The Civil Society Coordination for Peace in the Central African Republic (COSCIPAC) threatened to launch a “massive patriotic resistance operation,” against what they call Touadéra’s “creeping dictatorship.”
- A recent spate of attacks purportedly carried out by Russian mercenaries in a gold-mining area of CAR has left hundreds dead and sent thousands more fleeing over the border into Sudan.

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- The Division of Human Rights of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) revealed that in the last three months of 2021, the UN forces documented 363 incidents of violations of human rights. The Central African Armed Forces (FACA) and Wagner were responsible for 40% of the incidents, which was an increase from 23% in January 2021.
- During the first three months of 2022, 38 incidents affecting humanitarian workers were recorded.
- A yet-to-be ascertained number of senior officers of the Return, Reclamation and Rehabilitation (3R) rebel group and their military chief, 'General' Kaou Ladde, were killed on 25 March in an ambush by Russian mercenaries.
- On 8 and 9 April an attack by Anti-Balaka militiamen on a Fulani camp in Zawa – Yaloké left a dozen dead and injured. On 10 April, ten Peul herdsmen were killed by Anti-Balaka militiamen supporting Touadera.
- Twenty-two people were killed on 11 and 12 April in the Vakaga prefecture, in attacks carried out by Russian mercenaries.
- According to the statistics of the Gender-based Violence Information Management System (GBVIMS), covering only 52% of the country's sub-prefectures, 11,592 GBV incidents were recorded in 2021, a 26% increase compared to 2020.
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) approved the completion of the first review of a seven-month (December 2021 - June 2022) Staff Monitored program (SMP) with the CAR.
- Wagner started sending back some of its members to Russia to support the ongoing war against Ukraine.
- Vitaly Perfilev, adviser to Touadéra and Wagner's military chief in CAR, said in an article published on March 19 by Le Potentiel centrafricain that he had been forced into medical evacuation after being "poisoned by certain people."

