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HIGHLIGHTS

- An adviser to President Faustin-Archange Touadéra condemned former President Francois Bozizé over his comments against the current government. Fidele Gouandjika said that Central African Armed Forces (FACA) soldiers would execute the former president if arrested. He was reacting to a statement by Bozizé, who argued that a “credible, productive and efficient alternative government” in the country, capable of ending the crises, is a transitional government without Touadéra.
- According to the final report of the United Nations (UN) Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic (CAR) for the period June 2021–May 2022, there was an increase in incidents of injury or death of civilians caused by improvised explosive devices and anti-personnel mines, likely to have spilled over from other conflicts in the region. The Unité pour la paix en Centrafrique (UPC) extended its area of operations towards the Sudanese border, probably to control natural resources (diamonds and gold) and arms trafficking routes.
- Valentine Rugwabiza, the Secretary General's Special Representative for the CAR and Head of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) told the Security Council that efforts are underway to reinvigorate the country's political process, which has lapsed into a state of "de facto lethargy" even as horrific attacks against civilians are increasing..
- Yao Agbetse, the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the CAR said in July that violence would increase and national reconciliation would remain elusive as long as the country experienced persistent corruption and impunity.

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- Rwandan and Zambian peacekeepers from MINUSCA drove rebels out of Ouanda Djallé, Vakaga Prefecture, at the end of June 2022.
- On 15 July, the Coalition of Patriots for Change (CPC) rebels captured the town of Kembe in Basse-Kotto prefecture.
- The World Food Programme (WFP) said 2.2 million people in the country of 5.5 million were acutely food insecure, and their plight was likely to worsen during the coming months.
- On 19 July, the United Nations Emergency Relief Coordinator allocated US\$15 million from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) rapid response window for life-saving measures against food insecurity in CAR.
- The Board of Directors of the African Development Bank (AfDB) on 15 July approved a grant of \$5.39 million to the CAR. The grant will assist the production of an additional 32,350 tonnes of foodstuffs.
- Tchatat Yakwa Godain Powel, the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC's) Country Director in the CAR said in mid-July that a growing lack of fuel, exacerbated by the war in Ukraine, was worsening an already critical situation. The fuel shortage means that some humanitarian flights within the country have been either suspended or postponed.
- The Bank of Central African States (BEAC) has been approached by CAR for assistance in developing a normative framework governing crypto in the Central African region. The BEAC has also welcomed CAR's expression of its commitment to the single currency and respect for the Bank's statutes.
- CAR will start selling a cryptocurrency, the 'Sango Coin' on 25 July. Foreign investors will be able to buy citizenship for \$60,000 worth of crypto, with the equivalent Sango Coins held as collateral for five years





- An International Monetary Fund (IMF) staff team led by Oral Williams visited Bangui from 7-15 July, to discuss the second review of the CAR's Staff-Monitored Program (SMP). The IMF said that the economy, after showing signs of a promising recovery, is experiencing a downturn in the face of rising food and fuel import prices, fuel shortages, and higher shipping costs.
- The French commander of MINUSCA, General Stephane Marchennoir, is set to leave in August 2022. Following an incident in February 2022, when four French 3 | P a g e soldiers serving with MINUSCA were arrested at Bangui airport, the French army chief of staff, General Thierry Burkhard, had insisted that a French general would no longer hold the MINUSCA command.
- French anti-terrorism prosecutors opened an investigation into allegations of potential complicity in war crimes made against Groupe Castel in the CAR.
- The French tax authorities are claiming almost 18,000 euros from the Central African Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sylvie Baïpo-Temon.
- The Minister of Youth and Sports, Aristide Briand Reboas, is being investigated by South Korean police for allegations of fraud.
- The Head of Delegation of the European Union (EU) in the CAR, Douglas Carpenter, announced five new projects financed by the foreign policy instrument of the EU for a total amount of 9.2 million euros. These projects will be implemented by five international non-governmental organisations, including Concordis and Community of Sant Egidio.

