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- President Faustin-Archange Touadéra's minister-special advisor, Fidèle Gouandjika, caused outrage when he accused France of wanting to overthrow the government in Bangui, at the risk of provoking a "genocide" in the country. He even threatened to kill all those who represent the United Nations Integrated Multidimensional Mission for Stabilisation in the CAR (MINUSCA) and white people.
- The UN Security Council on 15 November decided to extend the mandate of MINUSCA until 15 November 2024, mandating it to advance a multi-year strategic vision to create the political, security and institutional conditions conducive to national reconciliation and durable peace.
- The Special Representative of the UN Secretary General and Head of MINUSCA, Valentine Rugwabiza, stated that the government must engage in inclusive dialogue with opposition parties and armed groups to build trust among stakeholders ahead of local elections in October 2024.
- The Wagner Group has been paying West African social and digital media influencers and broadcasters for videos and blogs attacking France and supporting Russian narratives on the Ukraine war and promoting the regimes in the Central African Republic (CAR) and Mali.
- The World Bank on 16 November issued its first-ever Poverty Assessment report for the CAR. The report states that CAR has one of the world's highest rates of poverty – almost 7 out of 10 people are living on less than \$2.15 per day. More than half are food poor, which means they are unable to afford enough food even if they devote their entire household budget to food.
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CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (CAR)



- Mahamat Alkhatim, the leader of the Patriotic Movement for the Central African Republic (MPC) announced its withdrawal from the Coalition of Patriots for Change (CPC).
- The Azande Ani Kpi Gbe militia, established throughout the Haut-Mbomou prefecture, has threatened a major offensive. Their statement underlines their determination to defend the Haut Mbomou prefecture and the “cultural values” of the Zandes people.
- On 2 November, CPC rebels attacked Central African Armed Forces (FACA) positions in the town of Moyenne Sido, Ouham-Fafa prefecture near the border with Chad, leaving 11 dead.
- On 18 November, four Chinese nationals working for the mining company IMC were kidnapped by heavily armed men in the village of Lamy, sub-prefecture of Abba, in Nana-Mambéré.
- The CAR inaugurated a 25-megawatt solar park, equipped with battery storage, situated in the Danzi village, just a short distance from Bangui. The project aims to power approximately 250,000 people in the capital city.
- US President Joe Biden intends to end the participation of Gabon, Niger, Uganda and the CAR in the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) trade program. Biden said he was taking the step because of "gross violations" of internationally recognised human rights by the CAR and Uganda.

