



## MAIN STORIES

Darassa and Bozizé  
Split

UN Arms Embargo  
Lifted

Humanitarian  
Developments

## HIGHLIGHTS

- On 26 July, the leader of the Unité pour la paix en Centrafrique (UPC), Ali Darassa, in a statement signed on behalf of the Coalition of Patriots for Change (CPC), declared himself open to talks with the government of Faustin-Archange Touadéra, to bring peace. The call for a cessation of hostilities was immediately contested by the CPC itself, in particular by François Bozizé, who disassociated himself from Darassa, calling him a traitor and dismissing him as chief of staff of the CPC. The government welcomed Darassa's statement while the CPC said it would continue fighting.
- The government decided on 22 August to postpone the local elections to 6 April 2025 from October 2024.
- The UN Security Council on 30 July formally ended an arms embargo on the CAR, while calling on all countries to take all necessary measures to prevent the direct or indirect supply of all types of weapons and related materiel to armed groups.
- The Resident United Nations (UN) Humanitarian Coordinator, Mohamed Ag Ayoya, said humanitarian needs decreased considerably to 46% in 2024 against 56% in 2023. However, 2.5 million Central Africans, or 41% of the population, were in a situation of food insecurity. In addition, 2.8 million of the population, or 48%, are extremely vulnerable and need humanitarian assistance but as of August 2024, the national humanitarian response plan is only 38% funded.
- Prime Minister Félix Moloua officially launched the new national strategy for sustainable solutions for internally displaced persons and returnees (2024-2028).

# CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (CAR)



- CAR declared an outbreak of the mpox virus at the end of July 2024. As of 27 August 2024, 263 cases (45 confirmed) and one death have been reported
- According to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), in July 2024, 18 incidents affected humanitarian actors, compared to June when nine incidents were recorded.
- Wagner has begun to revamp its visual identity, swapping its infamous skull and crossbones for a less attention-grabbing inscription: 1W9. While its meaning remains obscure, the new acronym has been daubed in red or black ink on numerous buildings in Bangui, including the finance ministry.
- Russia promised to provide additional weapons to the CAR on the sidelines of the "Army Forum 2024", held from 12 to 14 August in Russia. During the forum Russia and CAR concluded a military and technical cooperation agreement, Central African Minister of National Defence and Army Reconstruction Claude Rameaux Bireau announced.
- On 9 August, two Central African journalists reporting for France 24 were arrested while they were gathering citizens' opinions on the lifting of the arms embargo.
- On 8 August 2024, a joint delegation from the Government and United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) visited Bembéré, in the prefecture of Lim Pendé, on the border with Chad, to officially launch work on the first mixed border post in the country.
- The Ugandan army announced that it had destroyed three camps in the CAR belonging to Joseph Kony, the founding leader of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) guerrilla group.
- On 1 August, the Ambassador of the European Union (EU) to CAR, Douglas Carpenter and the Country Representative of the United Nations Women's Agency (UN Women), Salvator Nkurunziza, signed, a collaboration agreement between the two institutions for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women.



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- Finn Church Aid (FCA) is starting a new 15-million-euro education project in the CAR, funded by the French Development Agency (AFD) to provide holistic support to children and their families to help them both access and stay in quality education.



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