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Note to the Secretary-General

UPDATE ON THE CRISIS IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

EXECUTIVE OFFICE
OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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1. This note provides an update on key political and security developments in the Central African Republic (CAR) over the past week, including the killing of a peacekeeper and targeting of humanitarian workers.
2. Last week, after a period of relative stability, Bangui saw an upsurge in violence which left at least 10 people dead and 42 people injured. One peacekeeper was killed, the first death of a peacekeeper – and most significant violence – since the transfer of authority to MINUSCA on 15 September. Tensions also increased elsewhere in the country, especially in and around Bambari and the main road axis. Reports indicate that anti-Balaka elements appear to be more organized and coordinated. Concerns are also increasing that ex-Seleka elements are regrouping outside Bangui.
3. Recent violence is largely believed to be fuelled by discontent with CAR transitional President Ms. Samba Panza by anti-Balaka and, more recently, ex-Seleka representatives. Public discontent is also rising, related for example to the alleged misuse of funds received from Angola and the President's appointment of Mahamat Kamoun as Prime Minister. President Samba Panza has faced increasing pressure to resign. On 11 October, in an attempt to de-escalate the violence, she met with leaders of the anti-Balaka militia who had called for her resignation. While agreement was reached on some of their demands, namely the release of prisoners and the reinstatement of anti-Balaka members to government posts, the request for Prime Minister Kamoun's government to resign was dismissed. President Samba Panza also reportedly had indirect talks with both Djotodia and Bozize, seeking their support to stop the violence and ensure participation in the transition. According to media reports, a source close to the anti-Balaka said the militia leaders were no longer calling for Samba Panza to step down.
4. Attacks and threats against humanitarians have increased. On 8 October, CAR Red Cross/Red Crescent volunteers who were removing bodies from the streets were threatened and prevented from doing their work. On 10 October, armed elements fired at an armoured UNICEF vehicle in Bangui (no one was injured). Three other UN vehicles and three NGO vehicles have also been targeted with stones and gunfire. Armed anti-Balaka elements have entered the hospital in Bangui searching for their victims amongst the patients. The ICRC and Red Cross, both key health partners, have stopped their operations because of security threats so no ambulances are being dispatched and health services have been disrupted. The movement of UN agencies funds and programmes (AFPs) in Bangui is currently limited to essential staff in armoured vehicles.
5. Last week's violence displaced some 6,500 people in Bangui and Bimbo, as well as around 3,000 people in Bouar. Most of these people have sought shelter in IDP camps and require humanitarian assistance. The restriction of UN AFP movement has delayed the assessment of humanitarian needs, but assessments are now ongoing. Protection remains the highest priority, especially of minorities in enclaves.

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6. On 10 October the HCT established five operational crisis cells to address immediate needs: 1) public information, focusing on humanitarian principles and distinction from military actors; 2) advocacy on humanitarian space and access with armed groups; 3) humanitarian response in Bangui, with a focus on protection, WASH/NFIs, medical assistance and nutrition; 4) humanitarian response outside Bangui; and 5) development of an evacuation and relocation plan. The modalities of how the crisis cells will interface with the clusters and the SMT are still under development.

7. I will continue to keep you updated on developments.



Valerie Amos
16 October 2014

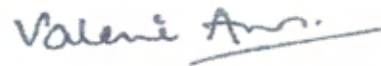
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Note to the Deputy Secretary-General

UPDATE ON CAR

Please find attached an update to the Secretary-General on the humanitarian situation in Central African Republic.

I would appreciate if you could kindly submit this note to the Secretary-General.

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Valerie Amos
16 October 2014



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Dear Jan,

Please find attached a note to the Secretary-General with an update on the crisis in the Central African Republic.



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Best regards,

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