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HIGHLIGHTS

- According to the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED), in March, Russian mercenaries carried out numerous attacks on mining sites in Kotabara and Zaranga, Ouham prefecture, reportedly killing around 60 civilians.
- According to a report by the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect (GCR2P), published on 24 April, since the start of 2024, dozens of civilians have been killed in attacks by armed groups in several regions of the Central African Republic (CAR), including more than 30 killed between 2-13 April alone.
- France's President Emmanuel Macron and President Faustin Archange Touadéra on 17 April agreed to a roadmap to set up a framework for a “constructive partnership that respects state sovereignty.”
- On 7 April, Wagner reportedly came close to capturing the leader of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), Joseph Kony in a remote corner of the CAR.
- The former United Kingdom (UK) deputy prime minister Dominic Raab has been asked by the World Gold Council, to investigate the global “blood gold” trade, including from CAR, that is reportedly funnelling billions of dollars towards Russia’s war in Ukraine.
- Several hundred people demonstrated peacefully in the streets of Bangui at the launch of the Pan-African Youth Movement on 24 April. Its founding president said the movement had been formed to support the policies of Touadéra.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (CAR)



- A new party, Parti africain du progrès (PAP), was officially launched on 10 April. PAP calls itself centrist. Its founding president is Alain Touaboy, a lawyer by training and CEO of OMEXA Group, a digital law and consulting firm in Paris.
- The World Bank April 2024 Macro Poverty Outlook states that real GDP growth is projected to recover gradually, reaching 1.3% in 2024 before averaging 1.8% in 2025-26.
- According to an International Monetary Fund (IMF) statement on 20 April, it reached an agreement with the CAR on the economic policies that may underpin the forthcoming approval by the IMF Executive Board of the second review of the Extended Credit Facility (ECF)-supported program.
- The IMF said in its April 2024 World Economic Outlook (WEO), that the economy would grow by 1.3% in 2024.
- The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) 2023/24 Human Development Report (HDR), updated in March 2024, said that CAR's Human Development Index (HDI) value for 2022 is 0.387, which put the country in the 'Low' human development category, positioning it at 191 out of 193 countries and territories.
- CAR media alleged that a leaked telephone conversation between civil society activist, Paul Crescent Beninga and Pedro Campo-Boue, an employee at the United States (US) Embassy shows that the latter is organising protests against the government. The US Embassy denied the allegations.
- Kenya's President William Ruto made a 24-hour visit to CAR, holding talks in Bangui with Touadéra. It was the first time a Kenyan head of state had visited the country. They agreed to cooperate in agriculture, mining, tourism and education.



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- General Mahamat al-Khatim, leader of the Central African Patriotic Movement (MPC) rebels, and the former advisor to the former transitional head of state, Michel Djotodia, Abakar Sabone, in exile in Chad were allegedly kidnapped after complaining about the cessation of payments of funds.
- On 14 April, an exchange of fire between the Central African Armed Forces (FACA) and its Chadian counterparts on the bridge connecting the two countries, near the Central African town of Moyenne Sido, Ouham-Fafa prefecture, resulted in the death of two Central African soldiers.
- The European Union (EU) is reportedly reconsidering its financial support to the Special Criminal Court (SCC) amid criticism of the Court's failure to prosecute high-profile figures.

