



## MAIN STORIES

UN Reports on the  
Security Situation

State Administration

Alleged French  
Mercenaries  
Arrested

## HIGHLIGHTS

- The United Nations (UN) Security Council said in a report dated 18 June, covering the period from 15 February 2024, that the security situation remained volatile, especially along the borders, subject to periodic armed clashes. Armed groups continued to seek control over mining resources and transhumance corridors, attacking civilians as well as national defence and security force positions.
- The UN Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic (CAR) published its latest report in June 2024, covering the period from May 2023 to May 2024. The report states that the spillover effect of the conflict in the Sudan has significantly affected the situation in the CAR and the humanitarian situation in the prefectures of Vakaga and Haute-Kotto. The report notes the presence of Sudanese conflict parties crossing into CAR territory, with confirmed reports of Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) air raids in and around border areas. The Rapid Support Forces (RSF) of Sudan have recruited from among armed groups in the CAR and move between the two countries easily through a long-standing network.
- According to the UN, as of 1 June, 147 prefectural and sub-prefectural authorities out of 174 (84%) were present at their posts.
- On 31 May, Faustin-Archange Touadéra appointed seven regional governors, 13 prefects and 85 sub-prefects.
- On 10 June, Franco-Algerians, Samir Antonio Osmani and Haçade Bensalem, accused of having links to armed groups seeking to overthrow Touadéra, were arrested. The two men have worked in the gold and diamond sector in the CAR and reportedly have privileged access to Touadéra. Touadéra, who was not in the country when they were arrested, reportedly told his circle of advisors that he was furious at their incarceration.

# CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (CAR)



- On 13 June, Martin Ziguélé, one of the leaders of the Republican Bloc for the Defence of the Constitution (BRDC), announced the latter's decision to boycott the municipal elections.
- In 2023, 27 people, including 19 civilians were killed in 82 incidents and accidents involving explosive devices. In the first half of 2024, 14 people, including seven civilians, were killed in 33 incidents and accidents involving explosive devices.
- On 18 June, the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) signed a funding agreement in excess of US\$1 million to support preparations for local elections, particularly voter registration.
- Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexei Overchuk met with Prime Minister Félix Moloua on the sidelines of the 27th St Petersburg International Economic Forum. They discussed progress in implementing the agreements reached at the previous meeting in March 2024. Moloua noted that Russia has helped train security specialists, who are now successfully combating armed groups.
- The government suspended the activities of a Chinese mining company, Daqing SARL, accusing it of cooperating with armed militias, according to a government decree.
- During the first Korea-Africa Business Summit Touadéra detailed the various investment opportunities available in the CAR. He also said that to realise the common dream of building a better future, shared growth, sustainability and solidarity, South Korea must help African countries fight against neocolonialism.
- Led by Touadéra, a large delegation from the CAR attended the swearing-in ceremony of the newly elected Chadian President, Mahamat Idriss Déby Itno. Sani Yalo, a controversial adviser to and a major financial backer of Touadéra, accused of corruption, is reportedly behind the reproachment between the two countries.

