

Central African Republic: Security Council Press Statement

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The members of the Security Council condemn in the strongest terms the recent attacks in the Central African Republic (CAR), including those committed on the 28th of May 2014 on the Church of Notre Dame de Fatima in Bangui in which civilians, including displaced persons and a priest, were killed and others were injured and abducted. They further condemn in the strongest terms the violence in Bangui earlier this week during which three Muslim youths were killed by suspected anti-Balaka elements on their way to an inter-communal reconciliation football match as well as the destruction of one of the last mosques in Bangui on the 29th of May 2014.

The members of the Security Council demand that all militias and armed groups and elements put aside their arms, cease all forms of violence and destabilizing activities immediately in order to end the cycle of violence and retaliation.

The members of the Security Council reiterate that the CAR Transitional Authorities have the primary responsibility to protect civilians and encourage these Authorities to take the necessary measures to prevent further violence in the capital and throughout the country. The members stressed the urgent and imperative need to end impunity in the CAR and the need for the Transitional Authorities to take immediate and concrete measures to ensure that the perpetrators of these acts are held accountable.

The members of the Security Council call for the acceleration of the political and national reconciliation process in order to lay the ground for an end to violence, and in this regard they call on the Transitional Authorities to demonstrate their commitment to this process and to take concrete steps in this direction, with the support of MINUSCA, ECCAS and the African Union.

The members of the Security Council underline the importance of and reiterate their support for the role played by MISCA, French Forces and EUFOR RCA, as well as MINUSCA to protect civilians as mandated by its resolutions 2127 (2013) and 2134 (2014) in support of the efforts of the CAR Transitional Authorities.

The members of the Security Council call on Member States and regional and international organizations to increase troop, financial, logistical and in-kind contributions to MISCA to enable it to implement fully its mandate and help prepare for the transfer of authority from MISCA to MINUSCA on 15 September 2014. They further request the Secretary General to take all necessary steps and to accelerate the preparations for a successful and swift transition of authority.