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Cote d' Ivoire: Domestic Broadcasting Report

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Pro-Ouattara youth leader escapes attack in Ivorian city

Text of report by UN Mission in Cote d'Ivoire radio ONUCI FM on February 4th 2011

- Bertin Konan Kouadio, chairman of the youth wing of the PDCI (Democratic Party of Cote d'Ivoire), escaped a life threatening attack in the district of Abidjan yesterday.
- The PDCI youth leader was saved by the intervention of the national police service.
- The reason behind the attack is estimated to be a result of Kouadio's support for Gbagbo's rival, Alassane Ouattara.

Cote d'Ivoire's Gbagbo "struggling to pay civil servants" - UN official

Text of report by French broadcaster Radio France Internationale on February 5th 2011

- Choi Young-jin, head of the UN mission in Cote d'Ivoire, observed that due to the sanctions imposed by the Central Bank of West African States, Laurent Gbagbo is struggling to pay the soldiers and civil servants. According to Young-jin, this situation could favour his rival, Alassane Ouattara.
- The UN Security Council also took note of that violence, continues in Abidjan as well as in western Cote d'Ivoire.
- The UN's strategy to force Laurent Gbagbo out of power, however remains financially stifle.

Ivorian demonstrators reject inclusion of Burkina Faso leader in AU panel

Text of report by Ivorian TV on February 5th 2011

- Gbagbo supporters gather in a mass mobilization led Charles Ble Goude (leader of the Youth Patriots) in the Republican Square in Abidjan-Plateau to demand Cote d'Ivoire's sovereignty and express their rejection of Burkina Faso leader, Blaise Compaore in the AU panel:
- "Ivorians unanimously want their country to obtain its sovereignty [...] and everyone has come to respond to the call of Ble Goude, to show that what the UN, Blaise Compaore [responsible what is happening to us today], and all these people are doing is bad not only for the humanity, but also for the Ivorian people".

Programme summary of Radio France Internationale news 0730 gmt February 6th 2011

- Cote d'Ivoire: Youth leader mobilizes crowds to denounce inclusion of Burkina Faso president in AU heads-of-state panel aimed at resolving Ivorian crisis.

Cote d'Ivoire: Lawyer accuses pro-Gbagbo officials of torturing journalists

Text of report by Media Foundation for West Africa website on February 7th 2011

- Sanogo Aboubakar and Kangbe Yayoro Charles Lopez, journalists with pro-Ouattara Television Notre Patrie (TVN) in Bouake, being held for alleged rebel activities were according to their lawyers, tortured by security forces loyal to Laurent Gbagbo on the day of their arrest,
- According to the lawyers of the journalists the injuries caused by the torture of their clients, left them almost unrecognizable.
- "One had a swollen eye as a result of being smashed in the face with a butt of a gun and they were burnt with cigarettes"
- The MFWA calls for the immediate and unconditional release of the two journalists currently held at the police headquarters.

Programme summary of Radio France Internationale news 0730 gmt February 8th 2011

- Cote d'Ivoire: Visiting AU panel of experts continues consultations with stakeholders.
- Violent clashes took place yesterday in Abidjan suburb of Abobo

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Ukrainian Security Council agrees to move peacekeepers to Cote d'Ivoire

Text of report by Ukrainian ICTV television on February 2nd 2011

- Ukraine is increasing its peacekeeping mission in Cote d'Ivoire. The National Security and Defence Council announced the deployment of three combat helicopters with Ukrainian crews from the UN mission in Liberia.

UN reportedly investigating claims Zimbabwe sent weapons to Cote d'Ivoire

Text of report by Alex Bell: "UN Investigating Zim-Ivory Coast Arms Trade Claims" SW Radio Africa on February 3rd 2011

- The United Nations, fearing renewed civil war is currently investigating allegations that the Zimbabwe government sent weapons to Cote d'Ivoire's Laurent Gbagbo,
- Zimbabwean leader, Robert Mugabe was the first President to publicly congratulate Gbagbo's election win, an envoy from the Ivory Coast recently travelled to Zimbabwe, in order to gain more public support from Mugabe.
- In response to this, "The UK and the US proposed a resolution before the Security Council for sanctions and an arms embargo to be placed on Zimbabwe".

Pro-Ouattara media slam Guinean president for his silence over Ivorian crisis

Text of report by Serge D. Lamah, "The world-When Pro-Ouattara newspapers lay tooth and nail into Alpha Conde" published on Guineenews website based in Canada on February 7th 2011

- Pro-Ouattara newspapers such as *Le Nouveau Reveil*, *Le Patriote*, and *Le Mandat* heavily criticized Guinean President, Sekouba Konate for his "silence" on the Ivorian political crisis.
- *Le Patriote* for example, in its February 5th and 6th 2011 edition, described Konate's silent as "disturbing support for Laurent Gbagbo"

- In the same vein, *Le Mandat* wrote on "the disturbing game of Alpha Conde over the Ivorian crisis"
- No official statement on the issue has been by the originators of "these attacks" on the Guinean president.

France's Juppe urges determined use of Cote d'Ivoire sanctions

Excerpt from report by French news agency AFP , Paris, 1848 gmt February 7th 2011

- French Defence Minister Alain Juppe announced that France was going to apply financial sanctions against Cote d'Ivoire's president, Laurent Gbagbo, "with great determination".
- During a press briefing after a meeting with UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, Mr. Juppe made the following statement:
- "Today we are in a process of sanctions, in particular financial sanctions. I think they have to be applied with great determination."

Russia warns against use of force in Cote d'Ivoire

Text of report by corporate-owned Russian news agency Interfax, Moscow, 0851 gmt February 8th 2011

- Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov conveyed his support for a peaceful resolution to the Ivorian crisis and urged the UN Security Council not to authorize the use of military force in that country:
- "Russia supports the efforts of ECOWAS to find a peaceful solution to the crisis that has taken shape in Cote d'Ivoire, to find an exclusively political solution. I am sure that the UN Security Council too should support efforts to find a peaceful resolution."
- "External interference in electoral processes, let alone intervention by force, is totally unacceptable and fraught with destabilization of West Africa and the entire African continent as a whole."

France opposes use of force to end Ivorian political crisis

Text of report by French news agency AFP Source: AFP news agency, Paris, in French 1354 gmt February 8th 2011

- Despite the Ouattara's camp constant call for a military intervention, French Cooperation Minister Henri de Raincourt announced that France "is not calling for" the use of force to put an end to the post-election crisis in Cote d'Ivoire.
- The African Union has come up with a peaceful solution, asking a group of five heads of state to come together in a collation to put an end to the crisis by the end of February.
- Paris "fully supports" the action of the assembly and "fervently hopes that it can succeed in achieving a positive outcome", said Mr. de Raincourt
- Consultations between experts appointed by the group of heads of state began in Abidjan on Monday and are expected to resume on Thursday.