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## Cote d'Ivoire: Domestic Broadcasting Report

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### Government Owned Media

#### **Programme summary of Ivorian ONUCI FM radio news 1800 gmt Mar 16<sup>th</sup> 2011**

- A grenade thrown out of a vehicle in the Boribana suburb of Attécoubé left one person dead and 23 people injured, who were sent to the UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire,(ONU CI) Clinique.

#### **Human Rights Watch accuses Ivorian rival camps of crimes**

*Text of report by UN Mission in Cote d'Ivoire radio ONUCI FM on March 17<sup>th</sup> 2011*

- A recently published Human Rights Watch report accuses both Gbagbo's and Ouattara's camps of respectively committing crimes against humanity and war crimes.
- Jean-Marie Fardeau, director of the French Human Rights Watch, explains "forces loyal to Laurent Gbagbo commit crimes that we regard as crimes against humanity against people who are supposed to be close to Ouattara. [And we have noticed] pro-Ouattara forces commit what we describe as war crimes against civilians against who there are no clear charges of responsibility for violence."
- The rival camps were asked to stop violence and those who do not follow through, risk confronting national and international justice.

#### **Ivorian army says 12 "assailants" killed at Defence Ministry**

*Text of report by Ivorian TV on 17 March*

*Source: Television Ivoirienne, Abidjan, 2000 gmt*

- Burkinabe, Malian, and Senegalese armed rebels were shot earlier today after launching an attack against the Ministry of Defence.
- Presenter Laurent Sery, reported that "some assailants who dared attack the very heart of the institution for the defence of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, [...] did so at their own expense", as the objective of those assailants was to "install a president, who was not elected, in the person of Alassane Ouattara, at the presidential place."
- The events caused 12 deaths on the side of the rebels. On the side of the Security Forces, no human or material loss was reported.

#### **Cote d'Ivoire: UN Warns Deadly Shelling of Market May Be Crime Against Humanity**

*From UN News Service on AllAfrica.com, March 18<sup>th</sup> 2011*

- An attack launched by forces allied to Laurent Gbagbo in a market located in Abidjan, killed 25 to 30 people and left dozens or more wounded.
- UN officials highly condemned these violent acts and the Organization's human rights office warned this could be charged as a crime against humanity and promised that perpetrators will be punished.

- UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called upon rival parties to stop the violence without further delay. The Secretary-General also urges “the Security Council to take further measures with regard to the Ivorian individuals who are instigating, orchestrating and committing the violence.”
- According to the UNOCI, the violence produced by Gbagbo’s cronies caused the death of 400 people since December.
- Valerie Amos, Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator noted that the outbreak of violence since the beginning of electoral crisis, perpetrated by both sides , 300,000 people have been displaced in Abidjan while 45,000 are displaced in the west of the country and over 75,000 others have fled across the border to Liberia.

### **Programme summary of Ivorian ONUCI FM radio news 1800 gmt 18 Mar 11**

- The French government condemns recent acts of violence committed against civilians by Gbagbo’s forces in an Abobo market.
- Laurent Gbagbo’s militants have repeatedly denied allegations of any involvement in the bombing attack.

### **Ivorian New Forces reject Gbagbo call to lay down arms**

*Text of report by UN Mission in Cote d'Ivoire radio ONUCI FM on March 19<sup>th</sup> 2011*

- Laurent Gbagbo, said yesterday that he was willing to dialogue with Alassane Ouattara, and called on his rival’s forces to put down their weapons.
- Felicien Sekongo, spokesman of Ouattara’s New Forces rejected Laurent Gbagbo’s call in the following statement:
- “If there is someone who should address the republican forces, it is of course, the elected president. It [...]It cannot be someone like [Gbagbo] who is there usurping power that should call on the people to lay down their arms [...]In the capacity as who is he asking the republican forces to lay down their arms? The republican forces are there to protect, not only the Ivorian territory, but also to protect Ivorians.”

### **Ivorian Young Patriots leader asks youths to join army, "defend fatherland"**

*Text of report by Ivorian TV on March 19<sup>th</sup> 2011*

- Charles Ble Goude, leader of the Young Patriots, called upon thousands of Young Ivoirians to join the army in order to strengthen military forces.
- In Yopougon, today, a great number of youth mobilized at the CPI Square in Abobo to receive directives from General Goude.

### **Ouattara urges UN to use "legitimate force" to protect Ivorian civilians**

*Text of report by French broadcaster Radio France Internationale on March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011*

- Alassane Ouattara’s New Forces have taken control of Bolequin in western Cote d'Ivoire after clashes with outgoing president Laurent Gbagbo.
- As a result of the clashes tens of thousands of Ivorians are seeking refuge in Liberia and the already overwhelmed with the influx of Ivorian refugees in the past weeks.
- Alassane Ouattara urges the UN to use “legitimate force to protect Ivorian civilians”.
- Supporters of Laurent Gbagbo on the other hand, responded to Charles Ble Goude call by showing up at the army headquarters, asking to be enrolled in the military forces.

## Privately Owned Media

### **Ivorian journalist accuses pro-Gbagbo forces of "kidnap attempt"**

*Text of report by Media Foundation for West Africa website on March 16<sup>th</sup> 2011*

- After several attacks from pro-Gbagbo forces, Investigative journalist, Andre Silver Konan, has decided to flee the country, claiming that his in danger.
- Konan who is a senior writer for Le Nouveau Reveil, a pro-Rally of Houphouetists for Democracy and Peace (RHDP) known for criticizing Laurent Gbagbo's regime, was allegedly kidnaped last week accused "militiamen of ex-President Laurent Gbagbo" of being behind this latest attack.
- In 2006 following an article he wrote entitled: "The 100 crimes of the Ivorian Popular Front Party (FPI) regime". He was subjected to a 13-hour interrogation at the High Command of the national gendarmerie.

### **Cote d'Ivoire: Pro-Gbagbo armed men destroy community radio station in Abidjan**

*Text of report by Media Foundation for West Africa website on March 18<sup>th</sup> 2011*

- Community radio station, Tere FM based in Adjame commune of Williamsville, had its buildings vandalized and burnt down by armed men believed to members Gbagbo Defence and Security Forces (FDS).
- According to the MFWA Gbagbo armed youth forces took away the station's equipment. FDS, militiamen and mercenaries have also been terrorizing civilians in the area in recent times.

### **Cote d'Ivoire: Gbagbo-controlled press council suspends pro-Ouattara newspaper**

*Text of report by Media Foundation for West Africa website on March 21<sup>st</sup> 2011*

- The National Press Council (CNP) controlled by Gbagbo- suspended pro-Ouattara newspaper, *Le Jour Plus* on March 18<sup>th</sup> 2011.
- The CNP accused the Ivorian daily of "insulting and humiliating the "Head of State" (Laurent Gbagbo).
- The CNP condemned the newspaper for publishing statements made by Ouattara's government officials, "to the extent of referring to Dominique Ouattara, wife of Alassane Ouattara, as the first lady of Cote d' Ivoire."