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Cote d'Ivoire: Domestic Broadcasting

January 17th – January 24th 2011

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Programme summary of Ghanaian GBC Radio 1 news 1300 gmt January 17th 2011

- About 150 refugees from Cote d'Ivoire arrived in south-western Ghana.

West African army chiefs mull military intervention to break Ivorian impasse

Radio France Internationale, Paris, in French 1230 gmt January 18th 20 11

- The political coalition in support of Alassane Ouattara has called the population of Cote d'Ivoire to demonstrate its support for Ouattara by engaging in a strike named "ghost city". In the Abobo and Adjame districts, the public transport vehicles did not run and several businesses were closed.
- In some places, residents reported clashes between the youth and Forces of Defence and Security loyal to Laurent Gbagbo.
- Several country members of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) meeting in the capital city of Mali this week to discuss a possible military plan that force Laurent Gbagbo out of power if the military option is finally accepted.

Pro-Gbagbo radio denounces "pirate stations" using Ivorian media frequencies

Text of report by Ivorian TV on January 18th 2011

- Brou Amessan, general manager of the Ivorian Radio Broadcasting Company claims that for some time now, some pirate radio stations have using the name of Radio Cote d'Ivoire to call out the Ivorian people for civil disobedience.
- The management of the RTI makes it a point to denounce such practices and points out that the real Radio Cote d'Ivoire and *Frequence Deux* Radio are not in any way connected to this campaign of misinformation and mind poisoning.

UN to send 2,000 extra peacekeepers to Cote d'Ivoire

Text of report by UN Mission in Cote d'Ivoire radio ONUCI FM on January 19th 2011

- Very concerned about the deterioration of the security situation in Cote d'Ivoire, The UN Security Council has authorized the deployment of 2,000 additional men to the UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire (UNOCI) until June 30th 2011, bringing the number of UN forces in Cote d'Ivoire will to a total of 11,500 men.
- This resolution also envisages the temporary redeployment of the UN Mission in Liberia to ONUCI
- The UN Security Council urges conflicting parties "to abide by their obligation to respect the security and the freedom of movement of the workers of the United Nations throughout the entire national territory. It also calls for the immediate lifting of the blockade on the Golf Hotel where

Alassane Ouattara, the Ivorian president recognized by the United Nations and the international community”.

- The UN Security Council has also ordered the Ivorian Radio and Television Company, RTI to stop broadcasting false information by inciting hatred and violence, generally against the United Nations and particularly against ONUCI. The council concluded by affirming that measures, such as targeted sanctions, against those who obstruct the actions of ONUCI will be taken.

Programme summary of Radio France Internationale news 0730 gmt January 21st 2011

Source: Radio France Internationale, Paris, in French 0730 gmt January 21st 2011

- Military chiefs of ECOWAS met in Mali today in preparation for potential military intervention in Cote d'Ivoire.

Cote d'Ivoire's Gbagbo instructs cabinet to expand business relations worldwide

Text of report by Ivorian TV on January 21st 2011

- In a Council of Ministers meeting held yesterday, Laurent Gbagbo, reaffirmed his willingness for dialogue, however rejected the mediation of Mr Raila Odinga, claiming that he has adopted a “partisan position by ignoring the core issues that are the root of the crisis, namely, the rebellion and the truth resulting from the ballot boxes”.
- Gbagbo has also asked for the departure of the UN forces and the Licorne Forces (the French Armed Forces's peacekeeping operation in support of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire).

Gbagbo's minister says Ivorian state TV does not air "seditious comments"

Text of report by Ivorian TV on January 21st 2011

- Ouattara Gnonzie, minister of communication was at the Ivorian Radio and Television Company (RTI) today to encourage the staff and congratulate them for their defence of the republican institutions.
- “Today, people cannot criticize the Ivorian radio and television channels and say that they are not fulfilling their mission. They are fulfilling their mission correctly because these channels cannot broadcast seditious comments. They cannot broadcast statements or initiatives that are against the constitution, the Ivorian laws, the institutions of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire”.

Ivorian Young Patriots say prepared to "defend fatherland"

Text of report Ivorian TV on January 21st 2011

- Charles Ble Goude leader of the *Young Patriots* (supporters of Laurent Gbagbo) and current Youth Minister in the disputed Gbagbo government , has organized a public rally scheduled to be held on January 23rd at the Champroux Stadium to protest against the globally recognized elected President of Cote d'Ivoire .
- Ble Goude reiterated a warning against Mr. Ouattara and the United Nations:
- “We do not have two countries. We will not allow people to come from outside and impose their laws upon us. If we must fight to death, we will do it. We also want to tell you we will not accept someone should come here and touch a single hair of the president of the republic”.

Gbagbo government rejects resignation of regional bank's Ivorian governor

Text of report by Ivorian TV on January 22nd 2011

- Governor Philippe Henri Dacoury-Tabley was forced to resign from his position after having failed to implement an order to ignore the constitutional order established in Cote d'Ivoire and therefore to no longer accept Mr Gbagbo's signature for funds.
- The Gbagbo government has made continuous efforts to challenge the resignation Ivorian governor Philippe Henri Dacoury-Tabley, by taking the case to the UEMOA (West African Economic and Monetary Union) court of justice in an effort to appeal the decision.

Nigerian minister seeks UN support to use force against Cote d'Ivoire's Gbagbo

Text of report by Nigerian newspaper This Day website on January 24th 2011

- Foreign Affairs Minister, Mr Odein Ajumogobia, has urged the United Nations to authorize the use of force to remove President Laurent Gbagbo from power.

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Upcoming African Union summit to "make breakthrough" in Ivorian crisis

Text of report by Argaw Ashine entitled "AU summit to decide Odinga's next role in Cote d'Ivoire" published by Kenyan newspaper Daily Nation website on January 21st 2011

- Influential world leaders meet at The African Union Peace and Security Council summit to discuss Ivorian crisis.
- The role of Prime Minister Raila Odinga, current AU mediator, is discussed.
- Despite many efforts, Odinga's attempts at peaceful resolution have failed.
- Cote d'Ivoire current President, Laurent Gbagbo has asked the AU to replace Mr Odinga as a mediator claiming that they did not want him in the first place.
- According to the AU Security Council, Mr Odinga will prepare a report which the summit shall consider before deciding his next role in the crisis.
- Although AU Ambassador, Lamtane Lamamra recognized and appreciated the role Mr Odinga played in his two round missions to Cote d'Ivoire, he confirmed that if another mediator is wanted by the conflicting parties, Odinga's mediation effort will be assessed.

UN not to join military operations against Cote d'Ivoire - Nigerian report

Text of report by Nigerian newspaper The Guardian website on January 22nd 2011

Report by Laolu Akande: "UN Declines Military Action Against Gbagbo"

- Despite the widespread support from international leaders for the forceful ousting of the defeated Ivorian President, Laurent Gbagbo, from power, the Security Council of the United Nations has confirmed that it will not participate in the forceful removal of Gbagbo, planned by the ECOWAS (Economic Community Of West African States).