

## COTE D'IVOIRE DOMESTIC MEDIA MONITORING REPORT

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### KEY EVENTS THIS PAST WEEK

- POST-ELECTION PEACE-BUILDING PROCESS UNDERWAY AS RECONCILIATION INITIATIVES ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.
  - SECURITY REMAINS A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE IN COTE D'IVOIRE.
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### STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCES

12 JUNE 2011

**AGENCE IVOIRIENNE DE PRESSE-AIP (online)**, Abidjan, in French. *La ville de Vavou célèbre la victoire d'Alassane Ouattara sur fond de réconciliation.*

- Militants of the RHDP (*Rassemblement des Houphouétistes pour la démocratie et la paix*) of the region of Vavoua have celebrated Saturday the victory of President Alassane Ouattara.
- A moment of silence was observed in the memory of militants who have died during the post-election crisis and the main focus of the RHDP will be to participate in the national reconciliation process, in accordance with the Commission on dialogue, truth and reconciliation (*Commission dialogue, vérité et réconciliation*) set up by the Ivorian President.

10 JUNE 2011

**FRATERNITÉ MATIN (online)**, Abidjan, in French. *Processus de paix/ Miaka Oueretto : Le FPI attend « des actes encourageants » de la part de Ouattara. Text by Pascal Soro.*

- Members of the FPI (*Front populaire ivoirien*) have spoken to foreign diplomats about their concern in regards to the various issues undermining public order and national security in Cote d'Ivoire.
- Although the FPI is regarded as a political party, none of its members are part of the present official government of Alassane Ouattara because, as they claim: “we have not been formally approached...although we believe it is our duty to participate actively in the political affairs of our country”.

- A representative of the FPI also stated that no concrete actions have been made by the government to ensure that the reconstruction process is well underway.

9 JUNE 2011

**FRATERNITÉ MATIN (online)**, Abidjan, in French. *Caravane de réconciliation : «Les voisins se parlent à San Pedro»*. Text by **Martial Detchi**.

- Youth members of the UDPCI (*Union pour la démocratie et la paix de Côte d'Ivoire*) of San Pedro are actively participating in the reconciliation process encouraged by President Alassane Ouattara.
- The youth members are set to travel as soon as next week to villages to speak with citizens in the hopes of contributing to the reconciliation process.
- According to Coulibaly Ibrahim, the president of the youth caucus, these actions are necessary to ensure that a true reconciliation process takes place.
- The reconciliation project is entitled: ‘*Les voisins se parlent*’ (neighbours talk).

#### PRIVATELY OWNED MEDIA SOURCES

11 JUNE 2011

**LE PATRIOTE (online)**: Abidjan, in French. *Deux mois après la chute du régime dictatorial : La Côte d'Ivoire nettement mieux sans Gbagbo et sa refondation*. Text by **Jean-Claude Coulibaly**.

- It has now been 2 months since former President Laurent Gbagbo's capture and the current government has been formed for a week.
- The corruption which had plagued the previous government seems to be less flagrant in this regime thus far.
- However, security remains a very important issue in Cote d'Ivoire, especially since the security system has suffered these past few months with the post-electoral crisis. The current government seems to be efficient in that area, as military personnel and policemen have been deployed in various regions to contribute to reassure local populations.
- It is also estimated that the number of deaths due to arms have significantly dropped in the course of the past two months, although there are still certain violent crimes being committed in the country.

9 JUNE 2011

**UN MISSION IN COTE D'IVOIRE (RADIO ONUCI FM)**, Abidjan, in French 1800 GMT, 9 June, 2011. *UN rights officer says humanitarian situation in Cote d'Ivoire improved*.

- The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs states that “two million people have been rendered vulnerable since the beginning of the post-electoral crisis”.

- According to Nill Scott, the representative of the organization in Cote d'Ivoire, there is a need to assist "the internally displaced people and refugees".
- The ONUCI's planning figures are as such:  
Between 4000 and 5000 identified displaced people and over 200, 000 Ivorian refugees have been affected by the post-election crisis.
- The ONUCI remains optimistic concerning the security issues many citizens face as there seems to be an improvement in that area.

6 JUNE 2011

**L'INTER (online):** Abidjan, in French. *Gbagbo convicted before being tried.* Text by **Y.Doumbia**

- Former Ivorian President Laurent Gbagbo and many of his collaborators has been under house arrest since the fall of his government on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011.
- In accordance with the request of the current government lead by Alassane Ouattara, the detainees are subject to preliminary investigations "by the Ivorian system of justice in an attempt to determine whether they are responsible for or guilty of the murderous post-election violence".
- The investigations are underway as Gbagbo accuses his predecessor of being responsible "for numerous crimes committed in Cote d'Ivoire in recent months".
- Since President Ouattara's election on 2 December 2010, and the subsequent invalidation of the election results by the Constitutional Council, the country has been suffering from instability and security issues as "the situation plunged Cote d'Ivoire into clashes of unusual violence during which thousands died, according to reports from international organizations".