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(ONUCI FM, Abidjan, in French, 1800 gmt, 30 Apr 2010)

- Camara Daouda, the regional delegate for demobilized soldiers of Zone 6, claims that within the New Forces 11000 ex-fighters have already been demobilized but only 3000 of them have benefited from the reinsertion programme. He argues that further demobilization cannot occur as there are already 8000 ex-fighters without assistance.

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- The chairman of the Civil Society Association for the Awakening of Consciences, Stanislas Teby, argues that the tension is so high, particularly after some violence in Bouake, that if an election was held right now and one candidate did not win, they would be hearing guns. The civilians will suffer if made to go to the polls while both sides still have weapons.

(Le Patriote website, Ivorian Opposition Rally of Republicans newspaper, in French 21 Apr 10)

- Fidele Dotien Kone, of the National Community Rehabilitation and Reintegration Programme estimates that there are 11000 persons still to be demobilized of the former fighters of the New Forces Armed Forces.

(Notre Voie, ruling Ivorian Popular Front newspaper, Abidjan, in French, 20 Apr 10 p. 5)

- The former editor-in-chief, Roger Camille Kra (pen name: Sery Beaugosse) of the Ivorian weekly newspaper L'oeil du peuple was kidnapped 23 April at approximately 11h00 by members of the New Forces. According to Armand de Djebonoua who contacted Notre Voie, some heavily armed members of New Forces came into the Bouhitafla village and arrested him based on the pretext that he fit the description of a "Gbagbo undercover man": tall male with a fair complexion. Roger Camille Kra's whereabouts are now unknown.