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### ***Top of the Agenda***

#### **MANY FEARED KILLED IN GUN BATTLE BETWEEN CIVILIAN JOINT FORCE, TURJI'S MEN**

A fierce gun battle between the Civilian Joint Task Force and bandits led by the notorious kingpin, Bello Turji, has reportedly left scores of people dead in the Chida community, in the Shinkafi Local Government Area of Zamfara State. According to security sources, the confrontation occurred when a combined team of Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF) operatives and an ex-bandit, Bashir Maniya, on Monday, launched a counter-banditry operation into Fakai general area, a known stronghold of the bandits' kingpin in the state. The source disclosed that in response, Bello Turji mobilised a large number of heavily armed fighters to confront the security team. The ensuing gunfight resulted in the death of several CJTF operatives, including Bashir Maniya. Some security vehicles were also destroyed during the clash.

Channels: [Many Feared Killed in Gun Battle between Civilian Joint Force, Turji's Men](#) June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### ***Analysis***

The recent occurrence in the Chida community of Zamfara State exemplifies the escalating power of bandit groups and the insufficient capacity of the Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF) to effectively respond to such attacks. This portrays a worrisome situation coupled with the activities of Boko Haram and other insurgent groups in a highly fragile northern Nigeria. This unfortunate incident indicates the failure of proper intelligence gathering and inferior firepower by the CJTF in locating and flushing out the notorious bandit groups, resulting in a gun battle that left scores of people dead. Furthermore, the escalating power of the bandit groups presents a significant security challenge in Northern Nigeria, exemplified by the infamous leader, Bello Turji, who, having endured violent confrontations, can successfully gather a substantial number of fighters in opposition to the state. This strongly suggests that the Nigerian government faces a significant challenge and needs to do more in de-radicalising vulnerable youths in the region through non-kinetic strategies, aiming to keep them meaningfully engaged and prevent their recruitment by bandits for economic gains. The de-radicalisation initiatives ought to be firmly established at the grassroots level to effectively diminish the numerical strength of the bandit groups, thus enhancing security in the region. Additionally, the Nigerian armed forces needs to deepen collaboration with the Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF) in both intelligence sharing and in other areas to effectively combat the bandit groups.

## ***NIGERIA***

### **GUNMEN KILL 17 SOLDIERS IN NORTHERN NIGERIA ATTACKS**

At least 17 soldiers were killed in northern Nigeria when gunmen stormed three army bases, security sources and a local official said on Wednesday, the latest assault in a region plagued by violence. Armed gangs operating in the northwest, known locally as bandits, typically engage in kidnapping for ransom and target security forces.

Reuters: Gunmen kill 17 soldiers in northern Nigeria attacks June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

## ***AFRICA***

### **SIXTEEN DEATHS RECORDED IN KENYA PROTESTS, MOST KILLED BY POLICE, AMNESTY KENYA SAYS**

Sixteen people died during nationwide anti-government protests in Kenya on Wednesday, most of them killed by police, a year after deadly demonstrations against a tax bill culminated in the storming of parliament. Thousands of Kenyans took to the streets to commemorate last year's demonstrations, in which more than 60 people died, with police firing tear gas and water cannons to disperse them in the capital Nairobi, according to local media and a Reuters witness.

Reuters: Sixteen deaths recorded in Kenya protests, most killed by police, Amnesty Kenya says June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### **FUNDING CRISIS STALLS UN PROBE INTO POSSIBLE WAR CRIMES IN CONGO**

A U.N.-mandated commission investigating suspected human rights violations and war crimes in Democratic Republic of Congo cannot proceed due to a funding crisis in the U.N. human rights office (OHCHR), according to a letter seen by Reuters. The OHCHR is facing a major cash crunch caused by some countries failing to fully pay their contributions, compounded by major cuts in foreign aid by the United States under President Donald Trump.

Reuters: Funding crisis stalls UN probe into possible war crimes in Congo June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### **29 DEAD AND 260 INJURED IN STAMPEDE AT BANGUI HIGH SCHOOL**

At least 29 students have been killed and more than 250 injured in a stampede at a high school in Bangui, capital of the Central African Republic. An electrical explosion triggered panic among more than 5,000 students sitting their final exams at Barthélemy Boganda high school, according to local authorities. Most of the victims died at the scene. At least 260 people were injured and are being treated in various hospitals, the country's Ministry of Health said. The incident occurred on Wednesday when power was being restored to an electrical transformer within the school premises after it malfunctioned.

Africa News: 29 dead and 260 injured in stampede at Bangui high school June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

## **CLASHES BREAK OUT IN TOGO'S CAPITAL AS PROTESTERS CALL FOR THE PRESIDENT'S RESIGNATION**

Clashes broke out between protesters and security forces in several parts of Togo's capital Lomé on Thursday, as President Faure Gnassingbé faced increasing pressure from critics over recent changes in the constitution that could effectively keep him in power indefinitely. A heavy police presence could be seen throughout the capital, where many businesses remained closed. Hundreds of protesters set up concrete block barricades in several neighborhoods of Lomé, with some burning tires and throwing projectiles at security forces. Military jeeps were deployed as reinforcements in some areas. Police dispersed dozens of protesters with tear gas and arrested around 10 people in the Bè neighborhood, a stronghold of the opposition. Civil society groups and social media influencers had called for protests on June 26, 27, and 28, after the government's clampdown on protests early this month.

AP: [Clashes Break out in Togo's Capital as Protesters Call for the President's Resignation](#) June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

## **AFRICAN UNION COURT DENIES COTE D'IVOIRE OPPOSITION LEADERS' APPEALS**

The African Union's human rights court has rejected petitions by former Ivorian president Laurent Gbagbo and former Prime Minister Guillaume Soro to overturn bans on their running in the country's upcoming presidential election. Gbagbo and Soro petitioned the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights in 2020, arguing their rights had been violated by the Ivorian justice system, which has barred them from standing in the 25 October presidential election. The Tanzania-based court ruled Thursday that Gbagbo had provided insufficient evidence to challenge his ban and was not the victim of discriminatory treatment. It threw out Soro's case, ruling he had not exhausted his appeals in Cote d'Ivoire. Gbagbo was the West African country's leader from 2000 until he was forced from power in 2011 in a bloody civil war that brought current President Alassane Ouattara to power. Gbagbo, 80, has declared his candidacy for the October poll. While he was acquitted on charges of crimes against humanity by the International Criminal Court, a conviction in Cote d'Ivoire stemming from the violent post-election crisis that ended his rule means he is ineligible to run.

RFI: [African Union court denies Cote d'Ivoire opposition leaders' appeals](#) June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

## **GLOBAL**

## **CHINA, REELING FROM FLOODS, BRACES FOR SECOND TROPICAL CYCLONE IN TWO WEEKS**

A tropical depression may hit southern China as early as Thursday, meteorologists cautioned, bringing rain and gales to a flood-hit region still recovering from the impact of Typhoon Wutip two weeks ago. The tropical depression could make landfall somewhere between the island province of Hainan and Guangdong on the mainland on Thursday morning, China's National

Meteorological Centre said in an online bulletin on Wednesday.

Reuters: China, reeling from floods, braces for second tropical cyclone in two weeks June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### **RUSSIA AND MALI SIGN NUCLEAR ENERGY DEAL**

Russia and Mali have agreed to expand cooperation in the peaceful use of nuclear energy, Rosatom announced on Tuesday. The deal with the Russian state nuclear power firm covers infrastructure development, joint projects in healthcare and agriculture, and the training of specialists from the West African country. Putin highlighted promising areas for future cooperation, including geological exploration, natural resources, energy, logistics, and humanitarian fields. The two countries have been strengthening ties, with an initial memorandum on nuclear cooperation signed in October 2023 paving the way for this latest deal.

RT: Russia and Mali sign nuclear energy deal June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### **RUSSIA NOT MAIN THREAT TO EU – BLOC MEMBER STATE**

Russia does not pose a primary threat to the EU, Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban has stated, warning that the bloc's shrinking role in the global economy is its main concern. When asked a follow-up question whether he considers Russia a threat to NATO, Orban responded: "I don't think that Russia is strong enough to pose a real threat to us. We are far from that." "It's economic, and losing our competitiveness in the global trade. That's our problem," he said. His made the comments before NATO leaders approved major increases in defense spending, including a target of 5% of member's GDP by 2035.

RT: Russia not main threat to EU – bloc member state June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### **TRUMP TO DEPORT MIGRANTS TO CONFLICT-TORN AFRICAN STATES**

The US Supreme Court has authorized the White House to deport immigrants to third countries, including conflict-stricken South Sudan and Libya, regardless of where the individuals are originally from. The decision handed down on Monday lifts an earlier order by a lower court that had blocked the emergency removals due to safety concerns. US President Donald Trump has revived a series of hardline immigration measures since returning to office in January, following campaign promises to reverse what he called the "open border" policies of his predecessor, Joe Biden.

RT: Trump to deport migrants to conflict-torn African states June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### **UN CHIEF WARNS OF HIGH NUMBER OF ARMED CONFLICTS**

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres warned of the high number of armed conflicts in the world, and called on member states to remain committed to their responsibility to protect against violence. "We are witnessing the highest number of armed conflicts since the end of the Second World War," Guterres said during a speech to the General Assembly marking the 20th anniversary of the U.N.'s Responsibility to Protect. The Responsibility to Protect, or R2P, was

adopted by the U.N. in 2005. Outlined in the World Summit Outcome Document, the principle calls on member states to protect their population from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity. "Twenty years on, the Responsibility to Protect remains an urgent necessity, a moral imperative, and an unfulfilled promise," Guterres said.

Africa News: UN chief warns of high number of armed conflicts June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### **US HITS BACK AT ACCOUNTS IRAN MOVED ENRICHED URANIUM**




President Donald Trump's administration hit back Wednesday at accounts Iran may have moved enriched uranium before US bombing, as a row grew on how much the strikes set back Tehran's nuclear program. A key question raised by experts is whether Iran, preparing for the strike, moved out some 400 kilogram (880 pounds) of enriched uranium -- which could now be hidden elsewhere in the vast country. The uranium is enriched to 60 percent -- above levels for civilian usage but still below weapons grade.

Alarabiya: US hits back at accounts Iran moved enriched uranium June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### **KENNEDY SAYS US IS PULLING FUNDING FROM GLOBAL VACCINE GROUP GAVI**

U.S. Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. says the country is pulling its support from the vaccines alliance Gavi, saying the organization has "ignored the science" and "lost the public trust." A video of Kennedy's short speech was shown to a Gavi meeting in Brussels on Wednesday, where the organization that has paid for more than 1 billion children to be vaccinated through routine immunization programs was hoping to raise at least \$9 billion for the next five years. Kennedy, a longtime vaccine skeptic, mentioned Gavi's partnership with the World Health Organization during COVID-19, accusing them of silencing "dissenting views" and "legitimate questions" about vaccine safety. Some doctors in the United States criticized the decision. Dr. Paul Offit, director of the Vaccine Center at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, said it was "incredibly dangerous" and warned that defunding immunization would put millions of children at risk.

AP: Kennedy Says US is Pulling Funding From Global Vaccine Group Gavi June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

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