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Top of the Agenda

IVORY COAST PRESIDENT, 83, SAYS HE WILL RUN FOR FOURTH TERM

Ivorian President Alassane Ouattara, 83, has announced he will seek a fourth term in the October election, citing national stability amid security and economic challenges. He claims the 2016 constitution reset term limits, allowing his candidacy. Several key opposition figures, including Laurent Gbagbo and Tidjane Thiam, have been barred from running, prompting criticism and accusations of constitutional violations. A planned protest demanding candidate reinstatement and electoral reforms was banned. Despite years of economic growth, widespread discontent and political tension persist, raising fears of unrest reminiscent of past electoral violence. Over 8.7 million Ivoirians registered to vote in the tense election.

BBC: [Ivory Coast President, 83, Says He Will Run for Fourth Term](#) July 29th, 2025.

Analysis

Recalling the 2010–2011 post-electoral crisis in Côte d’Ivoire, which resulted in over 3,000 deaths, and the violent unrest sparked by President Alassane Ouattara’s controversial third-term bid in 2020, his decision to seek a fourth term in 2025 raises significant concerns about political stability. While opposition parties boycotted previous elections, their current rejection of Ouattara’s fourth-term agenda reflects deepening fears of democratic backsliding, drawing parallels to right-leaning power consolidation trends seen in other African nations. Historically, such constitutional manipulations and exclusionary politics have triggered widespread civil unrest, and in some cases, provoked military interventions justified as efforts to restore law and order. If tensions are not carefully managed, Côte d’Ivoire risks slipping into a cycle of political violence. Notably, Ouattara himself came to power following the violent ousting of former President Laurent Gbagbo, revealing the country’s fragile democratic foundations and the potential consequences of unresolved political grievances. Neither civil unrest nor military intervention in governance is desirable in West Africa at this time, given the situation in the Association of Sahelian States (AES). All stakeholders, particularly ECOWAS, should ensure that the country does not slide into another round of political crisis and violence. ECOWAS should ensure that constitutional coups and tenure elongation by serving presidents are condemned and addressed similarly to military coups in the region. Additionally, efforts must be made to create an enabling environment for credible, free, and fair elections, ensuring that opposition parties can participate meaningfully and without obstruction in the forthcoming elections.

NIGERIA

NIGERIA KIDNAPPERS KILL 35 HOSTAGES EVEN AFTER RANSOM PAID

In Zamfara State, Nigeria, 33 kidnapped villagers were killed by bandits despite a \$33,000 ransom paid by families. Abducted in February, only 18 hostages were released. The gangs, rooted in herder-farmer conflict, now operate as organized criminals in neglected rural areas. Local government chairman Manniru Haidara Kaura said that most of those killed were young people who "were slaughtered like rams.

BBC: [Nigeria kidnappers kill 35 hostages even after ransom paid](#) July 29th, 2025.

FLOODS KILL AT LEAST 25 PEOPLE IN NORTHEASTERN NIGERIA

At least 25 people have died and 11 are missing after flash floods hit Nigeria's northeastern Adamawa State following heavy rainfall, the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) said. The flooding, which began Sunday in five Yola communities, has displaced 5,560 people. NEMA has set up a displacement camp at Aliyu Musdafa College in Yola, providing basic necessities with support from governmental and non-governmental partners. Flooding is common during Nigeria's wet season, but climate change has worsened prolonged dry spells and intensified rainfall, increasing the risk of severe floods in northern communities during the short wet season, according to NEMA.

AP News: [Floods kill at least 25 people in northeastern Nigeria](#) July 29th, 2025.

WEST AFRICA

ATTACK ON MILITARY BASE IN BURKINA FASO KILLS ABOUT 50 SOLDIERS, RESIDENTS SAY

About 50 soldiers were killed in an attack by suspected Jama'at Nasr al-Islam wal-Muslimin (JNIM) militants on a military base in Dargo, Boulsa province, northern Burkina Faso, on Monday, according to local sources. Around 100 armed fighters stormed the base, looted and set it ablaze after the killings. The military government has yet to comment on the attack. JNIM, an al-Qaida-linked group, has been responsible for numerous deadly assaults across West Africa. Burkina Faso faces escalating violence from armed groups controlling large areas outside the capital, fueling political instability and prompting two coups. Military leader Ibrahim Traore has struggled to stem the insurgency.

AP News: [Attack on military base in Burkina Faso kills about 50 soldiers, residents say](#) July 30th, 2025.

THE GLOBE

TRUMP SAYS HE'S DEPLOYING TWO NUCLEAR SUBS AFTER 'HIGHLY PROVOCATIVE STATEMENTS' FROM RUSSIA'S DMITRY MEDVEDEV

President Donald Trump announced he ordered the deployment of two U.S. nuclear submarines in response to what he called provocative nuclear threats from former Russian President Dmitry Medvedev. Tensions between the U.S. and Russia have intensified as both leaders exchanged inflammatory remarks. Trump criticized Medvedev's reference to Russia's "Dead Hand" nuclear system and warned that such rhetoric could have serious consequences. He stated the move is precautionary to protect Americans. During a trip to Scotland, Trump also shortened his ultimatum for Russia to seek peace in Ukraine from 50 days to 10–12, further escalating the diplomatic standoff.

NBC News: Trump says he's deploying two nuclear subs after 'highly provocative statements' from Russia's Dmitry Medvedev August 1st, 2025.

TRUMP THREATENS 'VERY SIGNIFICANT' RUSSIA SANCTIONS, BASHES 'ALL TALK' PUTIN

President Donald Trump intensified pressure on Russia to halt its war in Ukraine within 50 days, threatening severe secondary tariffs of up to 100% on countries trading with Moscow. A bipartisan Senate bill would authorize even harsher penalties—tariffs of at least 500%—targeting imports from countries like China, Brazil, and India. Despite multiple diplomatic efforts, Trump has seen little progress, with Russia continuing deadly attacks on Ukraine. Frustrated by stalled negotiations, he warned of dire consequences for noncompliant nations. Meanwhile, Trump announced that NATO will fund U.S.-made weapon deliveries to Ukraine, emphasizing that the U.S. will be fully reimbursed for its support.

Politico: Trump threatens 'very significant' Russia sanctions, bashes 'all talk' Putin August 1st, 2025.

WILDFIRE IN ITALYIN SOUTHERN SARDINA, NEAR THE POPULAR PUNTA MOLENTIS BEACH

On July 2025 a powerful wildfire erupted in Southern Sardinia. Strong winds drove flames towards the coast, forcing dozens of beachgoers to evacuate by boat as roads and escape routes became impassable. Around 102 people were rescued at sea, while 200 vehicles and beachfront kiosk were destroyed in blaze. Firefighters deployed aerial support- including Canadair planes, helicopters, and regional aircraft- to contain the inferno. The incident unfolds amid record-breaking heatwaves across Italy, which has fueled dozens of simultaneous wildfires in other southern regions.

ABC News: wildfire in Italyin Southern Sardinia, Near the Popular Punta Molentis Beach July 28th, 2025.

DEADLY RAIN, LANDSLIDES FORCE MASS EVACUATIONS IN NORTHERN CHINA

At least 30 people have died and over 80,000 evacuated due to torrential rains in northern China, with Beijing's Miyun district worst hit. The downpours triggered landslides and prompted China's second-highest rainstorm alert across Beijing, Hebei, Tianjin, and 10 other provinces. President Xi Jinping urged authorities to prepare for worst-case scenarios and relocate residents quickly. Search and rescue efforts continue as heavy rain is expected through Wednesday. The government has allocated 350 million yuan (\$48m) for relief across nine affected regions, with an additional 200 million yuan (\$27m) for Beijing alone, according to state media.

Aljazeera: [Deadly Rain, Landslides force Mass Evacuations in Northern China](#) July 29th, 2025.

APOCALYPTIC' TURKEY WILDFIRES SPREAD AS 14 KILLED IN BLAZES SPARKED BY RECORD 50C HEATWAVE




Wildfires near Bursa, Turkey's fourth-largest city have killed at least 14 people and forced over 1,700 evacuations. Flames have scorched 3,000 hectares, closed major highways, and claimed the life of a firefighter. Unseasonably high temperatures, peaking at 50.5°C, along with dry conditions and strong winds, have fueled over 70 blazes across the country. Ten forestry workers and volunteers recently died in Eskisehir. Fire crews, supported by aerial and ground units, continue to battle the flames. Prosecutors have investigated fires in 33 provinces, taking legal action against 97 suspects. Officials described the devastation as "apocalyptic."

Independent: [Apocalyptic' Turkey wildfires spread as 14 killed in blazes sparked by record 50C heatwave](#) July 29th, 2025.

TSUNAMI WAVES HIT US SHORES AFTER 8.8 MAGNITUDE QUAKE STRIKES RUSSIA'S FAR EAST

A massive 8.8 magnitude quake off Russia's far eastern coast, one of the strongest ever recorded, triggered tsunami waves across the Pacific. Nearly 2 million people were evacuated in Russia and Japan. US states, including Hawaii, California, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska, were also impacted. Hawaii's tsunami warning was later downgraded to an advisory, but authorities urged residents to stay vigilant as conditions continue to be monitored.

CNN: [Tsunami waves hit US shores after 8.8 magnitude quake strikes Russia's Far East](#) July 30th, 2025.

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