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Top of the Agenda

CÔTE D'IVOIRE: SILENT FEAR AS THE 2025 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION APPROACHES

Less than three months away from the presidential election in Côte d'Ivoire on 25 October, there is a mounting climate of fear. Marked by the injuries sustained during the 2010–11 and 2020 electoral crises, that are still alive, many people are dreading a new flare-up of violence.

African Argument: Côte D'ivoire: Silent Fear as the 2025 Presidential Election Approaches August 8, 2025.

Analysis

Côte d'Ivoire's 2025 presidential election remains a crucial test for democracy. In 2025, Côte d'Ivoire—West Africa's economic powerhouse with 32 million people—faces a high-stakes presidential election. President Alassane Ouattara, in power since 2011, plans to run for a fourth term at age 83, a move that previously triggered violent protests in 2020. Adding to tensions, four major opposition figures—Laurent Gbagbo, Charles Blé Goudé, Guillaume Soro, and Tidjane Thiam—have been barred from running due to legal convictions and nationality issues, sparking concerns over the fairness of the electoral process. Côte d'Ivoire's political vulnerability, despite its economic strength, makes it susceptible to foreign interference. Beyond internal challenges, external forces, Russia, in particular, has been actively undermining democratic systems across Africa to expand its influence through alliances with authoritarian regimes. Russia actively looks for ways to sway African elections—such as in Côte d'Ivoire—through disinformation campaigns, posing a serious risk to the credibility of the nation's democratic institutions. The 2025 election will be a defining moment for Côte d'Ivoire's political future. Its success depends on transparent processes, strong institutions, and responsible leadership from all candidates.

NIGERIA

HUNDREDS OF BANDITS ATTACK KWARA COMMUNITY, KILL POLICE OFFICER AND FOUR OTHERS

Five people, including police officer Adejumo Wasiu, were killed on Friday when armed bandits on motorcycles attacked Babanla, Ifelodun LGA, Kwara State, targeting a police station and market. Police spokesperson Adetoun Ejire-Adeyemi said the assault was repelled through coordinated efforts by security

forces, restoring peace. Security chiefs, including the police commissioner and SSS director, visited the area, met traditional ruler Yusuf Alabi, and ordered armed patrols, intelligence gathering, and tracking operations. The attack highlights ongoing insecurity in Kwara's southern district, where violent crimes persist despite government interventions.

Premium Times NG: [Hundreds of Bandits attack Kwara community, kill police officer and four others](#) August 11th, 2025.

OWO CHURCH KILLINGS: COURT REMANDS SUSPECT UNDER SSS CUSTODY

The Federal High Court in Abuja has ordered the remand of five suspects linked to the June 5, 2022, terrorist attack on St. Francis Catholic Church, Owo, which killed over 40 and injured more than 100. Justice Emeka Nwite gave the order after their arraignment, where they pleaded not guilty to a nine-count charge filed by the Federal Government on July 23, 2025. The prosecution, represented by Calistus Eze, obtained the court's permission to take the charge during the court's vacation.

Vanguard: [Owo Church killings: Court remands suspect under SSS custody](#) August 11th, 2025.

FLOOD ALERT: NEMA WARNS OF RISING WATER LEVEL IN ADAMAWA COMMUNITIES

The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) has warned of imminent overbank flooding in Jimeta, Adamawa State, as water levels at Bakin Kogi have exceeded the 6.0-meter warning threshold, with upstream discharge rates surpassing 3,222 m³/s. Low-lying communities face immediate risk, prompting coordination with disaster response units for possible evacuations. Some displaced residents are sheltering in schools. Recent floods in Adamawa left dozens missing and hundreds displaced, notably in Shagari Low Cost and Yolde Pate. Nationwide, floods in 2025 have affected 140,228 people across 21 states, displacing 49,205, damaging 10,663 houses, and impacting 9,454 farmlands, with Imo, Rivers, and Adamawa worst hit.

Punch NG: [Flood Alert: NEMA Warns of Rising Water Level in Adamawa Communities](#) August 14th, 2025.

FLOOD ALERT: FG PREDICTS MORE DEVASTATION IN 15 STATES

The Federal Government has warned of heavy rainfall from August 10–14 that could trigger flooding in 15 northern states across 68 locations, urging residents to take precautions. The National Emergency Management Agency reports that floods in 2025 have affected 140,228 people in 21 states, displacing 49,205, damaging 10,663 houses, and impacting 9,454 farmlands. Imo, Rivers, Adamawa, Abia, and Delta are the worst-hit, with Imo recording the highest casualties and displacements. The floods have struck 52 local government areas, affecting men, women, children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities, and causing significant damage to infrastructure and livelihoods in multiple communities.

Reuters: [Flood alert: FG predicts more devastation in 15 states](#) August 11th, 2025.

WEST AFRICA

MALI ARRESTS 2 GENERALS, FRENCHMAN IN ALLEGED COUP PLOT

Mali's military rulers said Thursday they have arrested a group of military personnel and civilians, including two Malian generals and a suspected French agent, accused of attempting to destabilise the country. The announcement followed rumors in recent days of arrests of Malian army officers and was made by Mali's security minister, Gen. Daoud Aly Mohammedine, on the evening news on the local media. He assured the audience that a full investigation was underway and that "the situation is completely

under control.” The development comes amid an ongoing crackdown on dissent by Mali’s military following a pro-democracy rally in May, the first since soldiers seized power nearly four years ago. The military provided few details about the alleged coup plotters, what it entailed and the French national implicated in it, beyond identifying the man as Yann Vezilier. The security minister said the Frenchman acted “on behalf of the French intelligence service, which mobilized political leaders, civil society actors, and military personnel” in Mali.

Africa News: [Mali arrests 2 generals, Frenchman in alleged coup plot](#) August 15th, 2025.

MALI’S FORMER PRIME MINISTER MAIGA TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AMID CORRUPTION PROBE

Former Malian prime minister Choguel Kokalla Maiga was taken into custody Tuesday on corruption charges, his lawyer said, amid a wave of arrests of senior politicians by Mali’s military junta. Maiga, questioned earlier this month by the National Economic and Financial Unit over alleged misuse of public property, denies wrongdoing. His lawyer, Cheick Oumar Konaré, contested the detention, saying Maiga poses no flight risk or threat to evidence. Mali, under military rule since coups in 2020 and 2021, recently extended junta leader Gen. Assimi Goita’s rule by five years, following the dissolution of political parties despite earlier promises of a 2024 civilian transition.

AP News: [Mali’s former prime minister Maiga taken into custody amid corruption probe](#) August 12th, 2025.

MALI SOLDIERS ARRESTED OVER COUP ALLEGATIONS

Tensions in Mali’s capital, Bamako, have risen after the arrest of dozens of soldiers, including Generals Abass Dembele and Nema Sagara, over an alleged coup plot against General Assimi Goita’s government. Reports vary, with RFI citing at least 50 arrests and Reuters reporting 36–40. Dembele, a popular commander from the 2012 northern war, was detained Sunday in Kati, while Sagara, one of Mali’s few high-ranking female officers, is also believed held. The military government has not commented, but analysts say this is the first major crackdown on suspected coup activity within its own ranks, amid ongoing political and security crises.

Aljazeera: [Mali soldiers arrested over coup allegations](#) August 13th, 2025.

AFRICA

DR CONGO, SOMALIA TOP CASES OF CONFLICT-RELATED SEXUAL VIOLENCE - UN REPORT

A new United Nations report says the number of conflict-related sexual violence cases reported in 2024 increased by 25 per cent from the previous year. “The highest number of cases was reported in the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Haiti, Somalia, and South Sudan,” said UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric. He said 63 state and non-state parties are listed in the annexe of the report, credibly suspected of committing or being responsible for patterns of rape and other forms of sexual violence in armed conflict, which is on the agenda of the Security Council. In Congo’s Kivu alone, health workers treated more than 17,000 victims of sexual violence over just five months last year, according to the report, as battles between Congolese forces and M23 rebels intensified.

Africa News: [DR Congo, Somalia top cases of conflict-related sexual violence - UN report](#) August 15th, 2025.

NIGER'S TCHIANI DEFIES EU, WELCOMES SANCTIONED PAN-AFRICAN ACTIVIST NATHALIE YAMB IN NIAMEY

Niger's President, General Abdourahamane Tchiani, hosted Pan-African activist Nathalie Yamb in Niamey on Monday, weeks after the EU sanctioned her on June 26, 2025. Yamb, known for her anti-colonial stance and criticism of Western influence, reaffirmed support for African sovereignty and the Confederation of Sahel States (Niger, Mali, Burkina Faso). The EU accused her without evidence of "information manipulation" linked to Russia, imposed a travel ban, froze assets, and cited ties to AFRIC, a Russian private military group. Defying sanctions, Niger's leadership expressed solidarity. Yamb called the measures an "encouragement to move forward" and vowed to continue the fight until "victory."

West Africa Weekly: Niger's Tchiani Defies EU, Welcomes Sanctioned Pan-African Activist Nathalie Yamb In Niamey August 14th, 2025.

THE GLOBE

27 MIGRANTS DROWN OFF LAMPEDUSA, DOZENS RESCUED

At least 27 migrants, including a newborn and three other minors, drowned on Wednesday when two fiberglass boats capsized 14 miles off the Italian island of Lampedusa. The boats had departed from Libya, carrying people fleeing conflict and poverty. Italian authorities said 60 survivors — among them 21 unaccompanied minors from Pakistan, Egypt, Somalia, and Sudan — were taken to Lampedusa's migrant reception hotspot. Rescue operations resumed at dawn on Thursday, with more than 15 people still missing. The tragedy came amid a surge in arrivals. Just after midnight, another three migrant boats reached Lampedusa, bringing the total number of landings in the past hours to over 100 people.

Africa News: 27 migrants drown off Lampedusa, dozens rescued August 15th, 2025.

US TO RETALIATE AGAINST IMO MEMBERS THAT BACK NET ZERO EMISSIONS PLAN

The U.S. has rejected the International Maritime Organization's "Net-Zero Framework" aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions from global shipping, ahead of an October vote at the UN agency. In a joint statement, senior Trump administration officials said the proposal would increase costs for U.S. citizens, energy providers, shipping companies, and tourists. They warned they would seek support from other IMO members to oppose the measure and threatened retaliation against countries backing it. The move aligns with the administration's broader withdrawal from climate regulations and its use of tariffs to influence other nations, including China, India, and Brazil, on trade and policy.

Reuters: US to Retaliate against IMO Members That Back Net Zero Emissions August 12th, 2025.

MILITANT ATTACKS ON PAKISTANI POLICE KILL 5 AS GOVERNMENT HUNT FOR INSURGENTS DISPLACES THOUSANDS.

Militant attacks in Pakistan have killed five police officers amid ongoing government operations against insurgent groups. The violence has triggered large-scale security crackdowns, resulting in the displacement of thousands of civilians. The unrest highlights continued instability in the region, with militant groups targeting state forces and prompting a forceful response from authorities.

AP News: Militant attacks on Pakistani police kill 5 as government hunt for insurgents displaces thousands. August 14th, 2025.

THREE KILLED IN RUSSIA AS UKRAINIAN DRONES SHUT DOWN ‘EN ROUTE TO MOSCOW’

Russian air defenses shot down seven Ukrainian drones targeting Moscow and nearby regions, including Tula and Nizhny Novgorod, causing three deaths, officials said. Moscow’s mayor confirmed the interceptions overnight and into August 11, 2025. The Defense Ministry reported destroying 27 drones across western Russia, including over Moscow, Bryansk, Kaluga, and Tula. The attacks highlight Ukraine’s ongoing use of drones to strike deep within Russian territory amid the war. While Russia’s defenses have successfully intercepted many drones, the fatalities demonstrate the continuing threat and escalation risk in the conflict.

News Sky: Three killed in Russia as Ukrainian drones shut down ‘en route to Moscow’ August 11th, 2025.

FIVE AL JAZEERA JOURNALISTS KILLED IN ISRAELI STRIKE IN GAZA

Five Al Jazeera journalists, including well-known reporter Anas al-Sharif, were killed in an Israeli airstrike near Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza. Al Jazeera called it a targeted attack on press freedom. Israel claims al-Sharif was part of Hamas, but media groups and UN officials say the evidence is unsubstantiated. Local journalists—who are vital as international media are barred from Gaza—face extreme danger, hunger, and worsening conditions. Since Israel's offensive began after the October 7 Hamas attack, over 61,000 people have been killed in Gaza, including 186 journalists. The humanitarian crisis is deepening, with aid severely restricted and starvation spreading.

BBC: Five Al Jazeera journalists killed in Israeli strike in Gaza August 11th, 2025.

