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GENERAL

**Across Regions**

**ILO will miss 2016 target to end worst forms of child labor**

The ILO will miss a 2016 target for ending the worst forms of child labor, such as prostitution and pornography, because progress by both rich and poor nations in combating these crimes has been too slow, ILO Director-General Guy Ryder said in Brasilia.“We will not meet the 2016 target and that is a collective policy failure. We have to do better,” Ryder said on Tuesday at the opening ceremony of the Third Global Conference on Child Labour. A declaration at the end of the 8-10 October conference is expected to call on member nations to renew efforts to eradicate child labor, Ryder added. Although the number of child workers has fallen by a third to 168 million since 2000, nearly half of them are still trapped in the worst kinds of activities: sex workers, bonded labor, recruits for the drug industry. “If current trends continue, by 2016 at least 65 million children will still be working in hazardous conditions,” said Jo Becker, children’s rights advocacy director at Human Rights Watch.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20131009102946-p4t5j/?source=hpagehead**](http://www.trust.org/item/20131009102946-p4t5j/?source=hpagehead)

**To eliminate child labour, attack it at its roots, UNICEF says**

UNICEF welcomed recent figures from ILO showing that child labour for children aged five to 17 years old has declined by a third since 2000, from 246 million to 168 million children. However, the rate of decline is still not enough to reach the goal of eliminating the worst form of child labour by 2016. In a new report by UNICEF, *Child Labour and UNICEF in Action: Children at the Centre*, the children’s agency says that more progress can be made by addressing the root causes of child labour in a holistic manner. Policy makers and advocates must look at the entire range of children’s vulnerabilities and protection challenges. “We cannot tackle child labour in isolation and expect dramatic results,” said Susan Bissell, UNICEF’s global head of Child Protection. “This conference is an opportunity to emphasize the urgent need to combine our efforts to combat child labour, end violence against children, and strengthen national systems for the protection of children.”

**UNICEF -** [**http://www.unicef.org/media/media\_70610.html**](http://www.unicef.org/media/media_70610.html)

CEE/SIS

**Azerbaijan**

**Polls open in presidential vote**

Azerbaijan's president looked to extend a political dynasty as the nation voted Wednesday, while an opposition candidate claimed the election was rigged. The presidential race in the former Soviet republic was dominated by Ilham Aliyev, whose low-key campaign for a third term reflected his confidence that he will roll over the main opposition challenger and eight fringe candidates. The opposition's hopes of challenging Aliyev suffered a humiliating setback when election officials refused to register its original candidate because he had dual Russian and Azerbaijani citizenship, something explicitly banned by the constitution. International rights groups have accused Aliyev of pressuring and harassing government critics, leaving them little breathing space to campaign.

**AP -** [**http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/polls-open-presidential-vote-azerbaijan-20513777**](http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/polls-open-presidential-vote-azerbaijan-20513777)

EAPR

**China**

**Security forces break up Tibetan protest with tear gas: group**

Chinese security forces fired tear gas to break up a protest by Tibetans in the southwest province of Sichuan, an advocacy group said, the latest flare-up of volatile unrest in the region. On Tuesday, the official Xinhua News Agency also confirmed a separate clash in Luhuo, a township in the heavily Tibetan western highlands of Sichuan, and said one protester was killed. Both confrontations erupted on Monday. Free Tibet, a London-based organization that campaigns for Tibetan self-determination, said in an email that troops fired the tear gas at Tibetan protesters in Meruma township, Aba County, called Ngaba County by Tibetans.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/01/24/us-china-tibet-idUSTRE80N09620120124**](http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/01/24/us-china-tibet-idUSTRE80N09620120124)

**Police arrest 139 in Xinjiang for ‘spreading jihad’**

China has arrested 139 people in Xinjiang for allegedly spreading jihad, state-run media said on Wednesday, as it warns of growing religious extremism in the far western region home to Muslim Uygurs. Beijing has pointed to violent incidents to indicate a rising militant threat among the ethnic minority, but information in the vast region is tightly controlled and Uighur organisations complain of cultural and religious repression. Police in Xinjiang have “handled an increasing number of cases in which individuals have posted or searched for religious extremist content on the internet”, the China Daily said, citing an unnamed source in the Xinjiang Daily.

**AFP -** [**http://www.scmp.com/news/china/article/1327822/police-arrest-139-xinjiang-spreading-jihad**](http://www.scmp.com/news/china/article/1327822/police-arrest-139-xinjiang-spreading-jihad)

**DPR Korea**

**Army on high alert, warns US of 'horrible disaster'**

North Korea said on Tuesday its military would be put on high alert and be ready to launch operations, stepping up tension after weeks of rhetoric directed against the US and South Korea, who it accuses of instigating hostility. In the latest outburst, a spokesman for the North's military warned the US of "disastrous consequences" for moving a group of ships, including an aircraft carrier, into a South Korean port. "In this connection, the units of all services and army corps level of the KPA received an emergency order from its supreme command to reexamine the operation plans already ratified by it and keep themselves fully ready to promptly launch operations any time," the spokesman said, referring to the Korean People's Army.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/10/07/us-korea-north-idUSBRE9960ZW20131007**](http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/10/07/us-korea-north-idUSBRE9960ZW20131007)

**Myanmar**

**Violence in Rakhine state must end for sake of children - UNICEF**

Violent inter-communal clashes broke out most recently on 29 September in the southern town of Thandwe, Rakhine State. Initial reports soon after suggested that the violence had been brought under control, but later reports state that violence recommenced on 1 October and subsequently spread to Tha Byu Chaing, Pauk Taw, Shwe Hlay and Me Kyun townships. The recent renewal of violence has caused additional family displacements and added to the fears of those displaced last year. “When violence drives people from their homes, children who are displaced and those in the host communities suffer,” said Mr. Bertrand Bainvel, UNICEF Representative in Yangon. “Displacement puts children at greater risk of family separation and domestic violence, they miss out on schooling and too frequently they experience physical and emotional damage.” UNICEF is also concerned that the polarization resulting from on-going inter-communal violence in Rhakine State - now in its second year - could stall or put at risk the many important reform processes currently underway in Myanmar, with negative repercussions for all of Myanmar’s children.

**UN News -** [**http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=46213&Cr=&Cr1**](http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=46213&Cr=&Cr1)**=**

**UNICEF -** [**http://www.unicef.org/media/media\_70618.html**](http://www.unicef.org/media/media_70618.html)

**Thailand**

**Bombs kill seven in south**  
Seven people were killed and 22 injured by a series of bombs across Thailand's restive southernmost provinces, an official said Wednesday. Thirty-one bombs went off in the provinces of Yala, Pattani, Narathiwat and Songkhla and several arson attacks were carried out late Tuesday and early Wednesday, said Lieutenant General Paradorn Pattanathabutra, secretary-general of the National Security Council. He said that some of the bombs were planted next to ATM machines to damage the local economy, while others were planted at roadsides to target military patrols. Five soldiers and two civilians were killed in the blasts. Another 10 soldiers and 12 civilians were wounded, Paradorn said. Muslim rebels fighting for independence from Buddhist-majority Thailand have been responsible for previous bomb attacks.   
**AFP -** [**http://voiceofrussia.com/news/2013\_10\_09/Bombs-kill-seven-in-southern-Thailand-0180/**](http://voiceofrussia.com/news/2013_10_09/Bombs-kill-seven-in-southern-Thailand-0180/)

ESAR

**Across ESAR**

**Lampedusa boat sinking riots hit Ethiopia refugee camps and three Eritreans killed**

A prominent human rights activist claims three Eritrean refugees have died and many more have been injured at refugee camps in northern Ethiopia after a memorial vigil dedicated to the victims of the Lampedusa boat sinking turned violent. Meron Estefanos, also a radio presenter in Sweden for Radio Erena, exclusively told IBTimes UK that a riot erupted in the Mai Ayni refugee camp after Eritrean refugees started expressing their frustration at authorities. Police opened fire to disperse the riot and four children were wounded as a result. The unrest spread to other refugee camps such as the Adi Harish and three people were killed. A spokesperson for UNHCR confirmed to IBTimes UKthat riots took place in the refugee camps but was unable to confirm the fatalities, adding that the situation was calming down.

**IBT World -** [**http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/articles/511960/20131007/eritrea-ethiopia-lampedusa-dead-refugee-camps.htm**](http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/articles/511960/20131007/eritrea-ethiopia-lampedusa-dead-refugee-camps.htm)

**Madagascar**

**Four million people food insecure**

As many as 4 million people in rural areas of Madagascar are food insecure following this year's reduced harvest. Production of rice and maize has been badly hit by erratic weather and a locust invasion. A further 9.6 million people are at risk of food insecurity, say two UN agencies. The extent of the island's food crisis is revealed in a report from the joint Crop and Food Security Assessment Mission conducted in June/July by the FAO and WFP.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20131009085115-jqr7s/?source=hptop**](http://www.trust.org/item/20131009085115-jqr7s/?source=hptop)

LAC

**Haiti**

**Rights advocates suing UN over the spread of cholera**

Advocates for Haitian victims of the deadly cholera epidemic that first afflicted their country three years ago said they were taking the extraordinary step on Wednesday of suing the UN, asserting that the organization’s peacekeeping force in Haiti was responsible for introducing the disease through sewage contamination from its barracks. The lawsuit, which the advocates said they would file in Federal District Court in Manhattan on Wednesday morning, will be the strongest action they have taken in pressing the UN to acknowledge at least some culpability for the outbreak of cholera. Cholera has killed more than 8,300 Haitians and sickened more than 650,000, since it first reappeared in October 2010. While the worst of the epidemic has eased, it still kills about 1,000 Haitians a year.   
**NYT -** [**http://www.nytimes.com/2013/10/09/world/americas/rights-advocates-suing-un-over-the-spread-of-cholera-in-haiti.html?\_r=0**](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/10/09/world/americas/rights-advocates-suing-un-over-the-spread-of-cholera-in-haiti.html?_r=0)

MENA

**Egypt**

**Jihadi group claims responsibility for attack on Cairo satellite communications center**

A self-described Jihadi group has claimed responsibility for an attack on a satellite communications center south of the Egyptian capital. In video posted Tuesday, the Furqan Brigades described the Monday attack as part of an ongoing war between “Sunni Muslims and infidels who intended to uproot Islam from the land of Egypt.” It called for attacks on the military, describing them as “infidels” unworthy of mercy. The video showed masked gunmen readying weapons in the dark, followed by several flashes, which the group said were from a rocket-propelled grenade they fired. The attack left a hole in one dish but communications were undisrupted. The Furqan Brigades was unknown until months ago when it claimed responsibility for two attacks including one targeting the Suez Canal, which authorities said they foiled.

**AP -** [**http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle\_east/egypt-army-chief-speaks-out-on-anti-morsi-coup-says-islamists-threatened-terrorist-attacks/2013/10/08/aa540a78-300f-11e3-9ddd-bdd3022f66ee\_story.html**](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle_east/egypt-army-chief-speaks-out-on-anti-morsi-coup-says-islamists-threatened-terrorist-attacks/2013/10/08/aa540a78-300f-11e3-9ddd-bdd3022f66ee_story.html)

**Authorities failing to stop 'deeply disturbing' attacks on Coptic Christians**

Authorities in Egypt are failing to prevent “deeply disturbing” attacks on the country’s Coptic Christian minority, Amnesty International said in a new report on Wednesday and the organisation is calling for an investigation into a series of deadly sectarian incidents. Amnesty’s report accuses the Egyptian authorities of failing to prevent mob attacks on Christian churches, schools and charity buildings in August that left at least four people dead and buildings burnt to the ground. Amnesty visited sites of sectarian violence in Al-Minya, Fayoum and Greater Cairo to gather evidence from eyewitnesses, local officials and religious leaders.

**Amnesty International -** [**http://www.amnesty.org.uk/news\_details.asp?NewsID=21013**](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/news_details.asp?NewsID=21013)

**Report -** [**http://www.amnesty.org.uk/uploads/documents/doc\_23405.pdf**](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/uploads/documents/doc_23405.pdf)

**US to cut some military aid after coup, turmoil**

The US is preparing to announce a decision "in the coming days" on assistance to Egypt, the White House said Tuesday, and US officials told CNN military aid will be cut, though not all of it. The announcement comes in the wake of the July coup against President Mohamed Morsy and the turmoil that has followed as recently as this week, one US official said Tuesday. However, some military aid could continue, including funds to uphold Egypt's obligations under its peace treaty with Israel, and money for counterterrorism and security in Sinai, where extremists have been able to set up base, according to a senior US official. The US will also maintain nonmilitary funding that helps democracy promotion, the official said.

**CNN -** [**http://www.cnn.com/2013/10/08/us/egypt-aid/index.html**](http://www.cnn.com/2013/10/08/us/egypt-aid/index.html)

**General says Brotherhood warned of violence**

Egypt's powerful army chief said the Muslim Brotherhood acted "arrogant and tyrannical" while Islamist President Mohammed Morsi was in power, saying in an interview published Tuesday that Brotherhood leaders warned him of "terrorist attacks" if Morsi falls from power. It was the first account by Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi has given of his ouster of Egypt's first elected president on 3 July. Since then, the military-backed interim government waged a full-fledged crackdown on the group, referring top leaders to courts for inciting murder and violence, rounding up hundreds of members and using deadly force against pro-Morsi protests, killing hundreds.   
**AP -** [**http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/egypt-general-brotherhood-warned-violence-20504701**](http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/egypt-general-brotherhood-warned-violence-20504701)

**Anti-army protests staged at universities**

Hundreds of Muslim Brotherhood supporters chanted "Down with the military government" outside Cairo University on Tuesday, defying Egypt's army-backed authorities despite deadly clashes with security forces two days earlier. Supporters of deposed President Mohamed Mursi had urged university students to protest against the army following the violence on Sunday, one of the Egypt's bloodiest days since the military ousted the Islamist leader on 3 July.

**Reuters -** [**http://uk.reuters.com/article/2013/10/08/uk-egypt-protests-idUKBRE9970KP20131008**](http://uk.reuters.com/article/2013/10/08/uk-egypt-protests-idUKBRE9970KP20131008)

**Iraq**

**9 dead in attacks on eatery, security forces**

Iraqi officials say a car bomb in Baghdad and attacks on security forces in the north of the country have killed at least 9 people. Police say the blast went off Tuesday evening in front of a restaurant in the mainly Shiite neighborhood of Zafaraniyah, killing three and wounding 10. Authorities say a military convoy was ambushed by gunmen after an explosion 120km south of the city of Mosul, with three soldiers dead and three others wounded. They say a policeman was shot dead in the restive city, and a police patrol was hit by a bomb 50km south of the city, leaving two dead and three wounded. Hospital officials confirmed the casualties. Officials spoke anonymously as they aren't authorized to release the information.

**AP -** [**http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/bombs-baghdad-iraq-attacks-kill-45-20497834**](http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/bombs-baghdad-iraq-attacks-kill-45-20497834)

**Sudan**

**Protest accused were 'far' from demo, arson, court told**

Sixteen people accused in Sudan over attacks on police stations during protests sparked by high fuel prices were arrested far from the crime scenes, witnesses told a trial on Tuesday. The 16 are among hundreds detained in a crackdown after the government on 23 September cut fuel subsidies, sending thousands into the streets to protest in the worst urban unrest of President Omar al-Bashir's 24-year rule. Thirty-five people initially appeared before a judge in Khartoum's impoverished Haj Yousef district on charges of vandalism and causing a disturbance. A judge acquitted 19 for lack of evidence but 16 others, including eight youths under the age of 17, were still on trial, said Mutasim al-Haj, one of their lawyers.

**AFP -** [**http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/news/afp/131008/sudan-protest-accused-were-far-demo-arson-court-told**](http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/news/afp/131008/sudan-protest-accused-were-far-demo-arson-court-told)

**Syria**

**Two French journalists held hostage**

Two French journalists are being held hostage in Syria, France’s PM Jean-Marc Ayrault revealed on Wednesday. Although the journalists were abducted in June, their families initially wished to keep their plight out of the media spotlight. French journalists Pierre Torrès and Nicolas Hénin disappeared in Syria on 22 June, French PM Jean-Marc Ayrault revealed on Wednesday during an interview on French radio. While the incident took place months ago in northern city of Raqqa, the families of the abducted Frenchmen initially convinced the government to keep the news from going public.  
**France 24 -** [**http://www.france24.com/en/20131009-france-journalists-hostage-syria-henin-torres-raqqa**](http://www.france24.com/en/20131009-france-journalists-hostage-syria-henin-torres-raqqa)

**Rebels seize guard post near Jordan border**

Syrian rebels on Tuesday seized a guard post near the Jordanian border and a tank brigade headquarters in the south of the country, after regime forces withdrew, a watchdog reported. "They managed to seize control of a border post near Tel Shehab at dawn after regime forces evacuated the post following violent clashes," Rami Abdel Rahman, directer of the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said. Videos of the area posted on YouTube showed armed men around the post, in cars, motorbikes and on foot. The post appeared to be a small building in a largely uninhabited area. Signs of the battle were visible on the walls of the building, around which armed men milled taking photos of a tank abandoned by soldiers.  
**AFP -** [**http://voiceofrussia.com/2013\_03\_19/Syrian-rebels-seize-guard-post-near-Jordan-border/**](http://voiceofrussia.com/2013_03_19/Syrian-rebels-seize-guard-post-near-Jordan-border/)

ROSA

**Afghanistan**

**Suicide attack kills 4 people**

A security official says a suicide car bombing has killed four people — two civilians and two policemen — in southern Afghanistan. Police spokesman for southern Helmand province, Shamem Noorzai, says Wednesday's attack took place in the Gareshk district. He says the bomber targeted a police patrol and blew up his car next to a police vehicle in a crowded area of the town of Gareshk. Noorzai says the explosion also wounded three civilians and a police officer. Helmand's provincial spokesman, Omer Zwak, says another attack, this one in Gramsir district, killed two people when the fuel truck they were driving in struck a roadside bomb.

**AP -** [**http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/suicide-attack-afghanistan-kills-people-20514024**](http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/suicide-attack-afghanistan-kills-people-20514024)

**Bangladesh**

**Garment factory fire kills at least 9**

A fire Tuesday at a garment factory outside Bangladesh's capital has killed at least nine people, an official said. Fire official Zafar Ahmed said nine bodies were found inside the four-story building housing the Aswad garment factory in Gazipur outside Dhaka. Local journalist Iqbal Ahmed said from the scene that the fire occurred when the factory was closed for the day, but some employees were still inside working overtime. Harsh and often unsafe working conditions in Bangladesh's garment industry drew global attention after the collapse of an eight-story factory building in April killed more than 1,100 people.   
**AP -** [**http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/bangladesh-garment-factory-fire-kills-20506935**](http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/bangladesh-garment-factory-fire-kills-20506935)

**India**

**Andhra Pradesh blackout enters sixth day as talks with striking workers fail**

Millions of people in south-east India face widespread power blackouts for the sixth consecutive day after talks failed between the government and striking electricity workers. Workers have shut down power plants across Andhra Pradesh to protest against a decision to divide the state into two, creating the new state of Telangana. They are among thousands of people in Andhra Pradesh who have gone on strike, saying the new state will divide Telugu-speaking people, lead to cuts in the state budget and create problems with water resources. N Kiran Reddy, the chief minister of Andhra Pradesh, held two rounds of talks with the leaders of the utility employees' association, but the workers would not call off their strike. Another round of talks was scheduled for later on Wednesday.

**Guardian -** [**http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/oct/09/power-blackout-hyderabad-strike-telangana-india**](http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/oct/09/power-blackout-hyderabad-strike-telangana-india)

**Maldives**

**Presidential poll set for 19 October after first vote annulled**

The Maldives will hold a new presidential election on 19 October, the election commission announced on Wednesday, after the Supreme Court annulled a 7 September poll citing voter fraud. International election observers, including delegations from the Commonwealth, the UN, the EU and India, had declared the 7 September election free and fair.   
**Reuters -** [**http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/10/09/maldives-election-idUSL4N0HZ16S20131009**](http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/10/09/maldives-election-idUSL4N0HZ16S20131009)

**Pakistan**

**Swat Valley hit by dengue**

More than 1,000 people a day are seeking dengue fever tests in Swat District in Pakistan’s Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Province. At least 22 have died and holiday leave has been cancelled for district medical staff. The outbreak began in Swat in mid-August and has spread to neighbouring districts. Health officials say nearly 8,000 people have tested positive for the virus and that the death toll could be much higher than 22, as most people appear not to be seeking medical treatment. The number of infections is on a par with an outbreak of dengue fever in 2011 in Lahore in which more than 17,000 people were infected and over 300 died in four months.   
**IRIN -** [**http://www.irinnews.org/report/98900/pakistan-s-swat-valley-hit-by-dengue**](http://www.irinnews.org/report/98900/pakistan-s-swat-valley-hit-by-dengue)

WCAR

**Across WCAR**

**Lynch mob kills 3 Nigerians accused of child kidnap in Bissau**

Three Nigerians accused of kidnapping a child were lynched to death on Tuesday by an angry mob of young rioters in Bissau, according to a hospital source and an AFP journalist who saw two bodies in a morgue. The child disappeared on Tuesday morning and soon after a rumour spread across Bissau that the infant had been taken by Nigerians, prompting an angry crowd to gather in the centre of the city, which security forces were unable to control.

**AFP -** [**http://www.straitstimes.com/breaking-news/world/story/lynch-mob-kills-3-nigerians-accused-child-kidnap-bissau-20131008**](http://www.straitstimes.com/breaking-news/world/story/lynch-mob-kills-3-nigerians-accused-child-kidnap-bissau-20131008)

**CAR**

**Around 60 dead in clashes**

Around 60 people have been killed in sectarian clashes in CAR between local militias and former rebels, witnesses and a local official said on Wednesday. Local self-defence militias, known as "anti-balaka" or anti-machetes, attacked a Seleka position in the mining village of Gaga, around 250km northwest of Bangui, on Monday, killing four ex-rebels before attacking Muslim civilians. The Seleka fighters retaliated against Christian civilians in the village, witnesses said. Seleka gunmen, many of them from neighbouring Chad and Sudan, have repeatedly been accused of desecrating churches and terrorising Christian communities. "We're waiting for reinforcements in order to go there but the different accounts we've gathered from survivors coming from Gaga lead us to believe there are over 60 dead," said Judicael Kama, a gendarme in the nearby town of Yaloke.

**Reuters -** [**http://uk.reuters.com/article/2013/10/09/uk-centralafrica-clashes-idUKBRE9980GQ20131009**](http://uk.reuters.com/article/2013/10/09/uk-centralafrica-clashes-idUKBRE9980GQ20131009)

**UN urged to consider peacekeepers**

The UN Security Council is planning to vote this week on a draft resolution that would urge the UN to explore the possibility of establishing a UN peacekeeping force in CAR, diplomats said on Tuesday. If adopted by the 15-nation Security Council, the resolution would call on UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to submit a report within 30 days that would outline possible international support to a planned AU peacekeeping mission to CAR known as MISCA. According to the draft, obtained by Reuters, Ban's report should include "detailed options for international support to MISCA, including the possible option of a transformation of MISCA into a UN peacekeeping operation, subject to appropriate conditions on the ground."

**Reuters -** [**http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/10/08/us-centralafrica-crisis-un-idUSBRE99714G20131008**](http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/10/08/us-centralafrica-crisis-un-idUSBRE99714G20131008)

**Gabon**

**Landslides kill at least 2 capital**

An emergency response official says a mother and at least one of her children were killed as heavy rain caused landslides in Gabon's capital. Roger Ekogha, lieutenant in the firefighting company that responded to the incident, said the bodies of the woman and her young son had been found buried in mud Tuesday morning and that officials were still looking for the woman's young daughter. He said the landslide in Libreville occurred after heavy rainfall began at around 5 am Tuesday, the first significant rain since the end of the dry season in September.

**AP -** [**http://bigstory.ap.org/article/landslides-kill-least-2-gabons-capital**](http://bigstory.ap.org/article/landslides-kill-least-2-gabons-capital)

**Guinea**

**Opposition supporters detained**

A security official in Guinea says 30 young opposition supporters have been detained for staging an unsanctioned protest against alleged irregularities during the country's legislative elections. Alpha Barry, spokesman for a special elections-related security force, said the demonstrators gathered Tuesday to denounce the disappearance of a ballot box in Conakry's administrative district where the office of the president is located. Tension has been mounting as Guinea awaits full results from the 28 september poll, which was meant to complete the nation's transition democratic rule.  
**AP -** [**http://www.seattlepi.com/news/world/article/Opposition-supporters-detained-in-Guinea-4878613.php**](http://www.seattlepi.com/news/world/article/Opposition-supporters-detained-in-Guinea-4878613.php)

**President dismisses election fraud allegations**

Guinea's president has dismissed accusations of fraud in last month's legislative polls, calling them "political rhetoric." President Alpha Conde also said he will not allow any group to destabilize the country. The president commented Tuesday through his spokesperson, Rachid Nadiye. Nadiye said in an interview with VoA that Conde had urged opposition leaders to seek legal action and have their election grievances addressed in court.

**VoA -** [**http://www.voanews.com/content/guineas-president-dismisses-election-fraud-allegations/1765540.html**](http://www.voanews.com/content/guineas-president-dismisses-election-fraud-allegations/1765540.html)

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