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GENERAL

**Across Region**

**Early signs point to a strong, disruptive El Niño**

Whales and fish are showing up in odd places, nesting pelicans are in dire straits, and experts are increasingly convinced that this will be a significant event. A developing El Niño in the equatorial Pacific has generated the usual predictions of drastic weather changes-some devastating, some beneficial-throughout the world. There’s a 90 percent probability that an El Niño will form, according to some experts. That’s up considerably from previous predictions, but the main question at this point is whether this will be moderate El Niño or, more likely, a powerful warm-water event such as those in the early 1980s and late ’90s.

**Grindtv -** [**http://www.grindtv.com/outdoor/nature/post/early-signs-point-strong-disruptive-el-nino/**](http://www.grindtv.com/outdoor/nature/post/early-signs-point-strong-disruptive-el-nino/)

**Russia raises Ukraine aid issue, UN talks drag on Syria help**

Russia said on Monday that more than 100,000 people have fled across its border to escape violence in eastern Ukraine and signaled that it has been delivering humanitarian assistance to the region without Kiev's consent. As UNSC members mull a draft resolution to approve cross-border aid access in Syria without government consent - where the UN says 9.3 million people need help - Russian Ambassador Vitaly Churkin said Moscow had found "ways and means" to get humanitarian help into neighboring Ukraine. When asked if the same measures could be replicated by the UN and other countries to deliver humanitarian assistance in Syria, Churkin said: "We are surprised that more is not done by people who conceivably could do it, but they keep asking questions instead of going ahead and doing it."

**Reuters -** [**http://news.yahoo.com/russia-raises-ukraine-aid-issue-u-n-talks-024501471.html**](http://news.yahoo.com/russia-raises-ukraine-aid-issue-u-n-talks-024501471.html)

**WHO says MERS virus outbreak of concern before haj**

An outbreak of deadly MERS virus infections remains a serious public health problem, the WHO said on Tuesday, but an upsurge in cases is abating and the disease does not constitute a global emergency. The Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) virus, which causes coughing, fever and sometimes fatal pneumonia, has been reported in more than 800 patients, mainly in Saudi Arabia. It has spread to neighbouring countries and, in a few cases, to Europe, Asia and the US. At least 315 people have died. In a statement issued after the 6th meeting of its MERS emergency committee, the WHO said a surge in cases in Saudi Arabia that began in April has now decreased and "there is no evidence of sustained human-to-human transmission in communities".

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20140617101043-r56oy/?source=quickview**](http://www.trust.org/item/20140617101043-r56oy/?source=quickview)

CEE/CIS

**Across CEE/CIS**

**Russia cuts gas supplies to Ukraine**

Ukraine's energy minister says Russia has cut off all natural gas supplies to his country, adding however that he guarantees reliable gas flows will continue to Russia's European clients who get imports through pipelines via Ukraine. Ukraine faced the threat of Gazprom, the Russian natural gas producer, cutting off supplies when a 06:00 GMT deadline passed on Monday after talks on a long-running gas-pricing dispute failed to produce a breakthrough.

**Al Jazeera -** [**http://www.aljazeera.com/news/europe/2014/06/russia-cuts-off-gas-supplies-ukraine-201461695555540805.html**](http://www.aljazeera.com/news/europe/2014/06/russia-cuts-off-gas-supplies-ukraine-201461695555540805.html)

**Turkey**

**Leading journalist facing jail over book about Gezi protests**

The third hearing in well-known independent journalist Erol Özkoray's trial on a charge of insulting Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan in his book "The Gezi phenomenon" gets under way before a criminal court in Istanbul tomorrow. Published in July 2013, the book is a social and political analysis of "Occupy Gezi," a protest movement that the police crushed in the summer of 2013. At least 153 journalists were injured and 39 were arrested while covering the protests. Özkoray is facing a possible sentence of 12 to 32 months in prison under article 125 of the penal code in a connection with a chapter of the book about the slogans and graffiti painted on the walls of Istanbul during the unrest.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20140617084925-gwac8/?source=jtTheWire**](http://www.trust.org/item/20140617084925-gwac8/?source=jtTheWire)

**Ukraine**

**Ukrainian forces, rebels clash near Russian border**

About 30 Ukrainian servicemen were wounded in fighting with pro-Russian separatists near Ukraine's eastern border with Russia early on Tuesday, the border guard service said. It said separatist fighters had fired mortar bombs on government forces and border guards during the night near the city of Luhansk. It gave no details of any casualties among the rebels, who oppose central rule by Kiev's pro-Western leaders. The separatists say government forces have been shelling their positions this week, including around the city of Slaviansk, scene of some of the heaviest fighting since the uprising began in the Russian-speaking east in April.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20140617075202-2y4oy/?source=search**](http://www.trust.org/item/20140617075202-2y4oy/?source=search)

EAP

**Across EAP**

**China urges Philippines to stop provocative actions**

China’s Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said on Monday that China had a right to its actions on islands in the South China Sea, and criticised the Philippines for its occupation and construction work there. Earlier, the Philippines’ Foreign Secretary said he will call for a moratorium on all land formation activities in the South China Sea through ASEAN while ASEAN negotiates a code of conduct in the South China Sea with China.

**Xinhuanet -** [**http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/video/2014-06/17/c\_133414138.htm**](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/video/2014-06/17/c_133414138.htm)

**China**

**China executes 13 people for "terrorist" attacks in Xinjiang**

China executed 13 people on Monday for "terrorist attacks" in the far western region of Xinjiang, state media said, while another three were sentenced to death for a lethal attack at Beijing's Tiananmen Square. "The 13 criminals had planned violent terrorist attacks and ruthlessly killed police officers, government officials and civilians, which took innocent lives, caused huge property losses and seriously endangered public security," the official news agency Xinhua said.

**Reuters -** [**http://news.yahoo.com/china-sentences-three-death-over-tiananmen-square-attack-115554218.html**](http://news.yahoo.com/china-sentences-three-death-over-tiananmen-square-attack-115554218.html)

**Concerns rise over China's detention of Uighur scholar**

Concerns about the prolonged detention in China of prominent Uighur academic Ilham Tohti are rising amid a crackdown by Beijing on Islamist separatists it says are seeking to establish an independent state in the far west. Tohti's lawyer said on Tuesday that sources have told him that the Minzu University economics professor, who was detained in January and later charged with separatism, may have been secretly tried and given a heavy jail sentence. Li Fangping said police wouldn't say whether a secret trial had taken place.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20140617063328-elxhx/?source=search**](http://www.trust.org/item/20140617063328-elxhx/?source=search)

**Philippines**

**Filipino militant nabbed for abductions**

Philippine security forces have captured two Abu Sayyaf militants in a southern city, including one who allegedly was involved in the kidnappings of an American teenage boy and an Australian man, officials said Tuesday. Police and army troops captured Jimmy Nurilla and Bakrin Haris on Monday in a raid on their hideout in Sangali village in the port city of Zamboanga in a volatile region where the al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf group has carried out kidnappings for ransom, bombings, extortion and other acts of banditry. One other militant escaped during the raid, police said.

**AP -** [**http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/filipino-militant-nabbed-us-aussie-abductions-24168319**](http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/filipino-militant-nabbed-us-aussie-abductions-24168319)

ESA

**Ethiopia**

**Investigation stalls in case of nine detained journalists and bloggers**

Nine journalists who were arrested on 25 and 26 April continue to be detained pending trial. When the latest detention hearing in their case was held on 14 June, a judge gave the police yet more time to complete their investigation and finally determine the charges. The nine journalists remain in jail waiting for the next hearing. Tesfalem Waldyes of Addis Standard, Edom Kasaye, a former Addis Zemen employee, Asmamaw Hailegiorgis of Addis Guday and Zone9 blog collective members Atnaf Berhane, Mahlet Fantahun, Befekadu Hailu, Abel Wabella, Natnail Feleke and Zelalem Kibret have been held for more than 50 days.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20140617114317-qf1uq/?source=jtTheWire**](http://www.trust.org/item/20140617114317-qf1uq/?source=jtTheWire)

**Kenya**

**New attack reported in Kenyan coastal settlement - 15 killed**

A fresh attack in the Kenyan coastal settlement of Mpeketoni has killed at least 15 people, following an earlier onslaught that left 49 dead, the newspaper Daily Nation said Tuesday on its website. The victims included two police officers, Daily Nation quoted police as saying. Two houses were torched in the same area. There was no immediate confirmation of the report.

**Voice of Russia -** [**http://voiceofrussia.com/news/2014\_06\_17/New-attack-reported-in-Kenyan-coastal-settlement-15-killed-5140/**](http://voiceofrussia.com/news/2014_06_17/New-attack-reported-in-Kenyan-coastal-settlement-15-killed-5140/)

**Gunmen singled out non-Muslims in Kenya attack**

The gunmen went door to door in the Kenyan costal town, demanding to know if the men inside were Muslim and if they spoke Somali. If the extremists did not like the answers, they opened fire, witnesses said on Monday. Al-Shabab, a Somali al-Qaida-linked group, claimed responsibility for the hours-long assault on Mpeketoni in which 48 people were killed. The attack began Sunday night as residents watched World Cup matches on TV and lasted until early Monday, with little resistance from Kenya's security forces.

**AP -** [**http://news.yahoo.com/gunmen-singled-non-muslims-kenya-attack-153933417.html**](http://news.yahoo.com/gunmen-singled-non-muslims-kenya-attack-153933417.html)

**Child labour, marriage and trafficking keep millions of Kenyans out of school: UNICEF mention**

Millions of Kenyan children miss out on school because they are forced to work, are married or trafficked, Plan International said on Monday. In Kenya, more than 80 percent of children attend primary school but less than half receive a secondary education, according to UNICEF, which leaves them vulnerable to exploitation. “Child marriage, child labour and child trafficking: we have a high correlation between those three areas and children not being in school,” Plan’s regional director Roland Angerer told a news conference.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20140616195713-r3sug/?source=jtOtherNews1**](http://www.trust.org/item/20140616195713-r3sug/?source=jtOtherNews1)

**South Sudan**

**S Sudan's warring sides boycott peace talks**

South Sudan's warring forces have boycotted a new round of peace talks to protest against being accused of seeking a military solution to the conflict, mediators say. The latest blow to peace efforts comes after several months of talks that have already been hit by delays and boycotts over other seemingly trivial issues, such as the venue of the talks themselves. South Sudan's government said it objected to comments made last week by IGAD executive secretary Mahboub Maalim that the two sides were "stupid" for believing military victory was possible.

**Al-jazeera -** [**http://www.aljazeera.com/news/africa/2014/06/s-sudan-warring-sides-boycott-peace-talks-201461701426722700.html**](http://www.aljazeera.com/news/africa/2014/06/s-sudan-warring-sides-boycott-peace-talks-201461701426722700.html)

**Sudan bombs hospital in Kordofan: MSF**

Sudanese air force bombs have hit a MSF hospital in war-torn South Kordofan, the group said Tuesday, in the second incident of its kind in weeks. "As bombs struck the village of Farandalla on 16 June, two hit the MSF hospital there. Five people were wounded in the village and one MSF staff member was injured at the hospital," the NGO said in a statement. In early May the US and Canada said they were "appalled" by an air raid which Sudanese forces reportedly carried out near a church-run hospital in Kordofan.

**AFP -** [**http://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/135291-sudan-bombs-hospital-in-kordofan**](http://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/135291-sudan-bombs-hospital-in-kordofan)

**MSF -** [**http://www.msf.org/article/msf-hospital-bombed-sudan**](http://www.msf.org/article/msf-hospital-bombed-sudan)

**CARE warns about rising malnutrition rates**

CARE International, one of the leading aid agencies in South Sudan, is gravely concerned about the sharp increase of malnutrition, diseases and mortality rates of children affected by conflict. Severe acute malnutrition rates among children under five years has doubled since January 2014. According to the UN, an estimated 235,000 children under five will be malnourished in South Sudan and 50,000 may die if treatment services are not scaled up now. “With the arrival of the rainy season and the continuation of conflict, the situation in Bentiu can only be described as a disaster” says CARE’s Program Coordinator Alain Lapierre.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20140617100141-zkvf3/?source=jtTheWire**](http://www.trust.org/item/20140617100141-zkvf3/?source=jtTheWire)

LAC

**Colombia**

**Pressure on Santos to reach peace for Colombia**

The pressure is on President Juan Manuel Santos to accelerate peace efforts after pinning his re-election on 18-month-old negotiations to end Colombia's half-century conflict. "I'm committed to putting my heart and soul into this process," Santos told reporters Monday. "It's going to be my priority from this day on." But, unlike in his first four-year term, he could face serious opposition in Congress from adherents of Alvaro Uribe, the hard-line former president viewed by many as the true challenger in Sunday's runoff.

**AP -** [**http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/pressure-santos-reach-peace-colombia-24165860**](http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/pressure-santos-reach-peace-colombia-24165860)

MENA

**Across MENA**

**Israel expands arrests in search for missing teens**

Israel's army says it has arrested 40 more Palestinians in the West Bank, expanding searches for three missing Israeli teens who Israel believes Hamas kidnapped last week. The arrests early Tuesday brought the total number of Palestinians detained since the kidnapping to over 200, most of them Hamas activists. It's the biggest West Bank crackdown on Hamas in almost a decade. The latest arrests took place in the northern city of Nablus, widening the army's search that had been focused on the southern city of Hebron.

**AP -** [**http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/israel-rounds-hamas-members-weighs-deportation-24151970**](http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/israel-rounds-hamas-members-weighs-deportation-24151970)

**Fatah-linked armed group claims abduction of three Israeli teenagers**

Palestinian armed group aligned with the Fatah movement claimed on Monday that they are holding the three kidnapped Israeli teenagers, and have delivered the hostages outside the city of Hebron, according to a statement it released. In its statement, Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, the armed wing of Fatah party in the West Bank, said the three missing Israelis are in safe hands outside the area of Hebron. "The Israeli government will never have the honor of finding them and they won't be handed over unless thousands of prisoners, mainly females, are released," it said.

**Xinhua-** [**http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2014-06/16/c\_126627565.htm**](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2014-06/16/c_126627565.htm)

**Egypt**

**Egypt swears in new government to tackle economic woes**

Egypt's Prime Minister Ibrahim Mehleb was sworn in on Tuesday at the head of a new government that retained key economic and security ministers but created a new investment post to attract funds to an economy racked by years of political turmoil. Mehleb, followed by his ministers, took the oath of office in front of President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, the former army chief who re-appointed him after Sisi won a landslide election victory in May.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20140617053255-8k2jw/?source=search**](http://www.trust.org/item/20140617053255-8k2jw/?source=search)

**8 extremists killed in security raids in Egypt's Sinai**

Eight suspected extremists were killed on Monday in fierce clashes with the Egyptian military in Sheikh Zuweid city in north Sinai province, security sources told Xinhua. Troops raided two jihadist hideouts in the city, close to the border with the Palestinian Gaza Strip, killing eight militants and wounding one soldier, the sources said.

**Xinhua -** [**http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2014-06/17/c\_126628238.htm**](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2014-06/17/c_126628238.htm)

**Iran**

**Britain to move to re-open embassy in Iran to strengthen ties**

Britain is expected on Tuesday to announce steps to strengthen relations with Iran that could lead to the re-opening of the British embassy in Tehran, the BBC reported. As the West seeks to court Iran in an attempt to battle militants in Iraq, Foreign Secretary William Hague is due to give a statement on Iran at 1030 GMT on Tuesday. The BBC reported that Hague's plan would lead to the re-opening of the British mission in Tehran although this would not happen immediately.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20140617080234-suk6q/?source=search**](http://www.trust.org/item/20140617080234-suk6q/?source=search)

**Iraq**

**ISIL militants in Iraq gain more ground with capture of Tal Afar**

Fighters affiliated with an extremist Al Qaeda-inspired faction seized control of another town in the northwest of Iraq on Monday, beating back pro-government forces scrambling to stop the group's advance. Tal Afar, an ethnically diverse town of Sunni Muslims and Turkmen, was overrun by ISIL after heavy clashes with Iraqi army units and Turkmen tribal fighters, according to Turkey’s semi-official Anatolia news agency.

**Latimes** -  <http://www.latimes.com/world/middleeast/la-fg-iraq-militants-capture-tal-afar-20140616-story.html>

**UN's Pillay says almost certain of war crimes in Iraq**

Forces allied with ISIL have almost certainly committed war crimes by executing hundreds of non-combatant men in Iraq over the past five days, UN human rights chief Navi Pillay said on Monday. Corroborated reports showed that soldiers, military conscripts, police and others who had surrendered or been captured had been summarily executed, she said in a statement. "Although the numbers cannot be verified yet, this apparently systematic series of cold-blooded executions, mostly conducted in various locations in the Tikrit area, almost certainly amounts to war crimes."

**Reuters** - <http://www.trust.org/item/20140616164907-lanuc>

**Libya**

**Libya bans car traffic at night in Benghazi to stem violence**

Libya has banned overnight car traffic in the eastern city of Benghazi to try to stem rising violence and anarchy, security officials said on Monday. The North African oil producer is struggling with growing turmoil, with the government and parliament in Tripoli unable to control the militias, tribes and Islamists who helped oust Muammar Gaddafi in 2011 but are now defying state authority. That is especially true for Benghazi, home to several oil companies, where security has deteriorated steadily since last year as militias roam around unchallenged, particularly at night. Car bombs have become common.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20140616213224-8hn19/?source=search**](http://www.trust.org/item/20140616213224-8hn19/?source=search)

**Syria**

**Barrel bombs hit Aleppo, kill at least 31, including several children**

Syrian army helicopters Monday dropped barrel bombs on opposition-held districts in the city of Aleppo, killing at least 31 people including several children, anti-regime activists said. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said a number of people were injured, some seriously, in the attacks on the Sukkari and Ashrafieh neighborhoods and the number of dead was expected to rise.

**The Daily Star-** [**http://www.dailystar.com.lb/News/Middle-East/2014/Jun-17/260387-barrel-bombs-hit-aleppo-kill-at-least-31.ashx#ixzz34s6dAv6f**](http://www.dailystar.com.lb/News/Middle-East/2014/Jun-17/260387-barrel-bombs-hit-aleppo-kill-at-least-31.ashx#ixzz34s6dAv6f)

**HRW accuses Syria's Kurdish party of abuses**

Human Rights Watch says Kurdish authorities ruling three enclaves in northeastern Syria have committed abuses, included arbitrary arrests of political opponents. HRW says the Kurdish Democratic Union Party, or PYD, has abused its opponents in detention and failed to address abductions and murders in areas under its control. The New York-based group in a report released Tuesday also documents the use of children in the PYD's police and armed wing.

**AP-** [**http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/watchdog-accuses-syrias-kurdish-party-abuses-24168706**](http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/watchdog-accuses-syrias-kurdish-party-abuses-24168706)

**Yemen**

**Yemeni forces seek to wrest Sanaa mosque from ousted president**

Yemeni forces have surrounded a sprawling mosque complex in the capital Sanaa amid fears that backers of ousted autocrat Ali Abdullah Saleh might use it as a launchpad to attack the presidential palace. The operation, in its fourth day on Tuesday, is the most dramatic standoff yet between current President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi and Saleh's supporters since he was forced to step down in 2011 following mass protests after 33 years in power. Gulf neighbours and the West fear for the stability of Yemen, which shares a long border with top oil exporter Saudi Arabia. The Saudi government, along with Washington, helped push through the UN-mediated political transition.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20140617105900-66jc8**](http://www.trust.org/item/20140617105900-66jc8)

ROSA

**Afghanistan**

**Afghan police kill Taliban who cut off voters' fingers**

Afghan police hunted down and killed two Taliban insurgents who cut off the fingers of 11 elderly men who voted in the presidential election run-off, officials said on Tuesday. All voters in Afghanistan had their fingers marked with ink after voting to prevent them from casting more than one ballot, but the ink also identified those who participated in the election in defiance of Taliban threats. "Insurgent commander Mullah Shir Agha and one of his officers were killed in a police operation yesterday in Herat," a statement from the interior ministry said.

**AFP -** [**http://news.yahoo.com/afghan-police-kill-taliban-cut-off-voters-fingers-065736965.html**](http://news.yahoo.com/afghan-police-kill-taliban-cut-off-voters-fingers-065736965.html)

**Sri Lanka**

**Sri Lanka ereligious riots spark international concern**

Sri Lanka slapped an indefinite curfew in a popular tourist region on Monday after rioting Buddhist mobs killed three Muslims in a surge of religious violence that triggered international concern. Local community leaders accused authorities of doing little to prevent Sunday night's carnage that made hundreds of Muslims homeless after attacks on their homes, shops, factories, mosques and even a nursery. The most senior Muslim member of President Mahinda Rajapakse's government threatened to resign at the decision to allow militant Buddhists to rally in the flashpoint region.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.ndtv.com/article/world/sri-lanka-religious-riots-spark-international-concern-542569**](http://www.ndtv.com/article/world/sri-lanka-religious-riots-spark-international-concern-542569)

**Pakistan**

**Pakistan airstrikes hit targets in northwest**

Pakistan’s air force pounded targets in the country’s northwest 16 June, killing about 10 militants, officials said, as the government finally pushed ahead with a military offensive against insurgent safe havens. The airstrikes early Monday hit the Shawal area near the southern border with South Waziristan, a neighboring tribal region, two intelligence officials said. Some of the militants were foreigners, the officials said. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

**AP -** [**http://www.berkshireeagle.com/news/ci\_25970969/pakistan-airstrikes-hit-targets-northwest**](http://www.berkshireeagle.com/news/ci_25970969/pakistan-airstrikes-hit-targets-northwest)

**7 dead as police, religious party workers clash in Pakistan's Lahore**

At least seven people were killed and 80 injured on Tuesday when the Pakistani police clashed with followers of a fiery preacher in the eastern city of Lahore, hospital officials said. The clashes involved supporters of Canadian-Pakistani Tahir-ul-Qadri who held a major anti-corruption march last year prior to the May 2013 election that saw the country's first democratic handover of power.

**AFP -** [**http://www.straitstimes.com/news/asia/south-asia/story/7-dead-police-religious-party-workers-clash-pakistans-lahore-20140617#sthash.3XK4zf9x.dpuf**](http://www.straitstimes.com/news/asia/south-asia/story/7-dead-police-religious-party-workers-clash-pakistans-lahore-20140617#sthash.3XK4zf9x.dpuf)

WCA

**Liberia**

**Health official says 7 people thought to have Ebola have died in Liberia's Capital**

A health official says seven people believed to have the Ebola virus have died in recent days in the Liberian capital, in the first reported deaths in Monrovia. Deputy Health Minister Tolbert Nyenswah told the media on Tuesday that brings to 16 the number of people believed to have died from the virus in the West African country since the outbreak began. The deaths are worrying because no new cases had been confirmed in Liberia in more than two months.

**AP -** [**http://www.startribune.com/world/263424661.html**](http://www.startribune.com/world/263424661.html)

**Sierra Leone**

**Ebola cases increase in Sierra Leone**

Ebola cases are on the increase in Sierra Leone as efforts continue to stop the spread of the virus, reports children’s charity Plan International. Nineteen people have died in Kailahun district, in the north-east of the country, where there have been 52 confirmed cases. A further 138 people are suspected to have the virus, according to the Chief Medical Officer in Sierra Leone. Ebola spread into Sierra Leone last month after claiming dozens of lives in neighbouring Guinea and Liberia.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20140617112757-4umk7/?source=jtTheWire**](http://www.trust.org/item/20140617112757-4umk7/?source=jtTheWire)

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