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GENERAL

**Across Regions**

**Powerful typhoon leaves 7 dead, 5 missing, in deluge of record rainfall**

The 18th typhoon of the season blew itself out after racing across the Japanese archipelago, claiming seven lives, injuring 49 others and leaving five missing. The typhoon, known as Phanfone, made landfall in Hamamatsu, Shizuoka Prefecture, just after 8 a.m. on 6 October. It swept across central Japan, bringing heavy rains and triggering mass evacuations, before re-entering the Pacific Ocean off the east coast of Ibaraki Prefecture. Typhoon Phanfone whirled over Tokyo and other major cities during the morning rush hour, cancelling some 600 flights and suspending more than 100 bullet train services. About 59,000 people in 20,000 households were issued evacuation orders in places including Ichikawa in Chiba Prefecture, Tokyo's Izu-Oshima Island and Fujieda, Shizuoka Prefecture. About 3.16 million people representing 1.34 million households in Tokyo and 11 prefectures including Ibaraki and Kanagawa were also asked to evacuate.

**Asahi Shimbun - <http://ajw.asahi.com/article/behind_news/social_affairs/AJ201410070054>**

CEE/CIS

**Across Region**

**Ukrainian refugees seek new life in Russia**

The UN says more than 1 million people have been displaced by the conflict. A Russian immigration official last week also put the number of Ukrainian refugees now in Russia at 1 million although Ukrainian officials say the number is vastly exaggerated by Moscow for political reasons.

**Reuters - <http://www.trust.org/item/20141007103722-yia21/>**

**Crimea enforced disappearances**

At least seven people have been forcibly disappeared or gone missing in Crimea since May 2014, including two on 27 September, Human Rights Watch said. Three are Crimean Tatars and two are pro-Ukraine activists. Crimean Tatars have generally openly opposed Russia’s annexation of Crimea in March. Two other Crimean Tatars who appeared not to have political ties have gone missing in recent days. The body of one was found hanged on 6 October. De-facto authorities in Crimea should promptly and thoroughly investigate these cases and bring those responsible to account, Human Rights Watch said.

**HRW -** [**http://www.hrw.org/news/2014/10/07/crimea-enforced-disappearances**](http://www.hrw.org/news/2014/10/07/crimea-enforced-disappearances)

**Turkey**

**Five people wounded in strike on house, border zone evacuated**

Five people were wounded when a mortar crashed into a house on Turkish territory just a few kilometres from a border area inside Syria where Kurdish fighters are battling Islamic State (IS) jihadists, medical sources said. The intensity of the fighting in Syria for the town of Kobane prompted the Turkish security forces to order an evacuation of the border zone as a security precaution. The mortar, whose origin was not immediately clear, smashed into the house two kilometres from the Syria border outside the town of Suruc, medical sources reported.

**AFP -** [**http://news.yahoo.com/five-wounded-strike-turkish-house-border-zone-evacuated-195044834.html**](http://news.yahoo.com/five-wounded-strike-turkish-house-border-zone-evacuated-195044834.html)

**Ukraine**

**Army says its forces killed 12 rebels at Donetsk airport**

Pro-Russian separatists have suffered their worst casualties since a ceasefire officially began on Sept.5, losing 12 men in attacks on buildings at Donetsk airport. The ceasefire in eastern Ukraine has become increasingly frayed in recent days, leading to the death of a number of civilians and soldiers as well as a Red Cross worker in the rebel stronghold of Donetsk. "The airport of Donetsk remains the priority target for terrorists.

**Reuters -** <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/04/us-ukraine-crisis-airport-idUSKCN0HT0DP20141004>

**At least 3,600 people killed since start of conflict**

More than 3,600 people have been killed and some 8,500 have been wounded since the start of the armed conflict in eastern Ukraine in April, a report by OCHA said. According to the OCHA weekly situation report, "at least 3,627 [had been] killed (including 298 from flight MH17) and 8,446 [had been] wounded in eastern Ukraine as of 30 September." "Despite ceasefire and a 9-point memorandum signed by the parties on 19 September, serious ceasefire violations are reported daily and shelling has intensified in parts of Donetsk and Luhansk regions," the report stressed. Last week, at least, 26 people were killed and 50 others were injured as a result of shelling in the city of Donetsk, according to the Prime-Minister of the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic (DPR).

**RIA/NOVOSTI -** [**http://en.ria.ru/world/20141003/193629073/3600-People-Killed-Since-Start-of-Ukrainian-Conflict-UN-Data.html**](http://en.ria.ru/world/20141003/193629073/3600-People-Killed-Since-Start-of-Ukrainian-Conflict-UN-Data.html)

**UN SG disturbed by death of aid worker, dangerous surge in fighting**

The UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon is “saddened and disturbed” to learn of the death of an international humanitarian aid worker, killed when a shell landed near the ICRC Headquarters in eastern Ukraine. This incident follows the “appalling” shelling of a school in eastern Ukraine, which resulted in the death of a number of civilians, the Secretary-General said in a statement released by his spokesperson. Mr. Ban is also seriously concerned over the “dangerous surge” in fighting in recent days and mounting civilian casualties.

**UN News Centre -** [**http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=48993#.VDDm3mjD\_ct**](http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=48993#.VDDm3mjD_ct)

**Two children killed in the east**

Two children were killed and five were injured in rebel-controlled eastern Ukraine when they tried to move an unexploded shell, regional authorities said. The incident occurred in Zugres, a town about 30 kilometres east of Donetsk, the largest city controlled by pro-Russian separatists. "Seven schoolchildren found an unexploded shell. When they tried to relocate it it exploded. As a result two children died on the spot. Five more were injured and hospitalised," said a statement on the website of pro-Kiev Donetsk region administration. Zugres lies in the so-called Donetsk People's Republic.

**AFP -** [**http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2014/10/04/350391/two-children-killed-in-eastern-ukraine-regional-authorities.html**](http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2014/10/04/350391/two-children-killed-in-eastern-ukraine-regional-authorities.html)

**German aid convoy heads to embattled east**

A convoy of more than 100 trucks carrying humanitarian aid has left Germany for war-torn eastern Ukraine, the German ministry of economic cooperation and development said. The convoy should arrive in mid-October and on 14 October the German Cooperation Minister is also expected to head to the city of Kharkiv, which remains under government control. The aid includes mobile homes, field kitchens, radiators, generators, water and fuel tanks, winter clothing, bedding and camp beds, and hygiene kits, the minister said in a statement. The goods being transported are estimated to be worth $12 million and more goods will be bought in Ukraine. The truck convoy, which is being accompanied by Polish police and fire services, will cross the Polish-Ukrainian border early on 7 October, the German government says. Meanwhile, a third Russian aid convoy arrived in the eastern Ukraine area controlled by pro-Moscow separatists, a Russian official said.

**AFP -** [**http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/world/german-aid-convoy-heads/1398776.html**](http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/world/german-aid-convoy-heads/1398776.html)

**Berlin hopes to send 200 troops to help OSCE team**

Germany hopes to send 200 soldiers to Ukraine to help protect the OSCE mission monitoring the ceasefire in the restive east, the Bild newspaper reported. Fifty members of the parachute regiment would be among the contingent, which must still be approved by Germany's parliament, the daily said. A foreign ministry spokesperson said the French and German governments were working with the Organisation for Security Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) on ways to support its mission in Ukraine. The two countries are already considering sending drones to help monitor the OSCE mission in Ukraine, the French foreign ministry said.

**AFP -** [**http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/news/afp/141004/berlin-hopes-send-200-troops-help-osce-ukraine-team-0**](http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/news/afp/141004/berlin-hopes-send-200-troops-help-osce-ukraine-team-0)

EAP

**China**   
**Hong Kong police arrest 19 in protest clash**

Hong Kong arrested 19 people, some believed to have organized crime ties, during a night of running brawls stretching into Saturday as mobs tried to drive pro-democracy protesters from the streets where they've held a weeklong, largely peaceful demonstration. At least 12 people and six officers were injured during the clashes

**AP -** <http://hosted2.ap.org/APDEFAULT/3d281c11a96b4ad082fe88aa0db04305/Article_2014-10-04-AS--Hong%20Kong-Democracy%20Protest/id-ab7ea123cc784c738f44513e7f78ed0a>

**Malaysia**

**Dengue fever deaths spiral**

Deaths due to dengue fever rose by more than 200 per cent in Malaysia during the first nine months of the year, a report said. A total 149 deaths nationwide due to the mosquito-borne disease were recorded through September, compared to 48 deaths registered during the same period last year, the New Straits times reported. The total number of dengue cases in the first three quarters also increased to 77,527 from 23,099 for the reporting period, it said.

**DPA -** [**http://www.dpa-international.com/news/asia/dengue-fever-deaths-spiral-in-malaysia-a-39793472.html**](http://www.dpa-international.com/news/asia/dengue-fever-deaths-spiral-in-malaysia-a-39793472.html)

ESA

**Kenya**

**President to go to Hague court in personal capacity**

Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta said on Monday he would attend a hearing at the International Criminal Court, the first sitting world leader to appear in The Hague-based court, although he said he would be going in a personal capacity. Kenyatta told parliament he would appoint his deputy, William Ruto, as acting president in his absence to avoid putting the "sovereignty of more than 40 million Kenyans on trial" and would not attend in his position as head of state. Kenyatta faces charges of orchestrating ethnic killings after the contested 2007 election. Those charges could be dismissed at the hearing after the prosecution asked for the case to be adjourned because it did not have enough evidence.

Reuters - <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/10/06/uk-kenya-court-idUKKCN0HV18K20141006>

BBC - <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-29511317>

Telegraph - <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/africaandindianocean/kenya/11143939/Kenyan-president-to-go-to-Hague-court.html>

**Somalia**

**African Union, Somali forces retake Shabaab stronghold of Barawe**

African Union and Somali troops took control on Sunday of the al Shabaab militant stronghold of Barawe along the southern Somali coast after the al Qaeda-linked Islamist militants fled without resistance, a Somali regional official said. "We have completely taken Barawe town from al Shabaab. There are now no al Shabaab in the town, they escaped when they saw our forces approaching hours ago," said the governor for Lower Shabelle region where Barawe town is located.

Reuters - <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/reuters/article-2781203/African-Union-Somali-forces-retake-Shabaab-stronghold-Barawe.html>

**South Sudan**

**Malnutrition rates still high despite food security improvements – UNICEF Mention**

Tens of thousands of children under the age of five remain at risk of malnutrition-related death in South Sudan, despite temporary improvements in the food security situation, a report from the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) group of experts revealed. Malnutrition, especially among young children, is not mirroring improvements in food security because of high rates of disease, lack of safe water and lack of access to basic health care, says the report. According to the UNICEF, malnutrition rates for children are at critical or serious levels in most parts of South Sudan. In some areas where large numbers of people displaced by the conflict have gathered, the rates of acute malnutrition for children are reportedly over 30% - more than double the officially recognised emergency levels.

**Reliefweb** - <http://reliefweb.int/report/south-sudan/malnutrition-rates-still-high-s-sudan-despite-food-security-improvements>

**SudanTribune** - <http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article52634>

**Uganda**

**Marburg hemorrhagic fever breaks out**

The deadly Marburg hemorrhagic fever has broken out in Uganda after samples taken to the Uganda Virus Institute tested positive, a top government official said on 5 October. The minister of state for health reported that one person has so far died and 80 others are being monitored in central Uganda and the western district of Kasese, bordering the DR Congo. He said the index case died on 28 September after developing signs of Marburg which was later confirmed by laboratory tests. The man, aged 30, died in the Mengo hospital where he worked, 11 days after falling ill. Tests confirmed the presence of the disease two days later. Doctors said his brother, one of the people he came into contact with, has developed similar symptoms and has been quarantined in a group of 80 others, 60 of whom are health workers. Meanwhile, eight people who earlier got into contact with the Marburg confirmed case have developed signs of the disease, according to the Ministry of Health. The surveillance team was able to list an additional 17 people who got into contact with this confirmed case. These include 16 people from Kampala and one from Kasese. This therefore brings the total number of contacts under surveillance to 97. These include 38 health workers from Mengo hospital and 22 health workers from Mpigi Health Center IV.

**AFP -** [**http://news.yahoo.com/man-dies-ebola-marburg-virus-uganda-192903000.html**](http://news.yahoo.com/man-dies-ebola-marburg-virus-uganda-192903000.html)

**Daily Monitor -** [**http://www.monitor.co.ug/News/National/Number-of-Marburg-suspects-raise-to-eight/-/688334/2477830/-/ly6ewl/-/index.html**](http://www.monitor.co.ug/News/National/Number-of-Marburg-suspects-raise-to-eight/-/688334/2477830/-/ly6ewl/-/index.html)

**Reuters -** [**http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/05/us-uganda-health-idUSKCN0HU0O120141005**](http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/05/us-uganda-health-idUSKCN0HU0O120141005)

**Xinhua -** [**http://www.china.org.cn/world/Off\_the\_Wire/2014-10/05/content\_33686011.htm**](http://www.china.org.cn/world/Off_the_Wire/2014-10/05/content_33686011.htm)

LAC

**Bolivia**

**President favored for reelection**

Bolivia's President is expected to score a reelection sweep on 12 October so solid that he likely will win on the first ballot and avoid a run-off, polls show. A week ahead of presidential and congressional elections, he was expected to get 59% of the vote, against 18% for a centrist businessman and 9% for an ex-president, surveys show.

**AFP -** [**http://www.3news.co.nz/world/morales-highly-favored-for-reelection-in-bolivia-2009120708**](http://www.3news.co.nz/world/morales-highly-favored-for-reelection-in-bolivia-2009120708)

**Reuters -** [**http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/01/us-bolivia-election-idUSKCN0HQ4AY20141001**](http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/01/us-bolivia-election-idUSKCN0HQ4AY20141001)

**Brazil**

**Dilma Rousseff to face Aecio Neves in run-off**

Brazil's presidential race will go to a second round after incumbent Dilma Rousseff fell short of an outright victory in the 5 October's election. She received 42% of the vote and will face centre-right rival Aecio Neves, who won 34%, on 26 October. In a surprise result, Marina Silva got only 21% despite being a favourite at one stage, and is now out of the race. Analysts now predict a tight contest as both candidates seek to pick up votes.

**BBC -** [**http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-29501500**](http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-29501500)

**Colombia**

**One policeman dead, another wounded in guerrilla attack in Northeast**

One policeman died and another was wounded in an armed attack, staged by guerrillas with the National Liberation Front (ELN) against officers in the town of San Calixto, in Colombia’s Norte de Santander province, local police said. The police commander in the northeastern province, which borders on Venezuela, said that the police became the “target of snipers ... (who) apparently are ELN terrorists.” Two officers were wounded in the sniper attack, one of whom died at the town’s medical clinic after being shot, while the other was wounded in the shoulder. San Calixto is a municipality in the Catatumbo zone, a conflictive region where the ELN, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), the Popular Liberation Army and drug trafficking bands operate.

**EFE -** [**http://www.laht.com/article.asp?ArticleId=2355141&CategoryId=12393**](http://www.laht.com/article.asp?ArticleId=2355141&CategoryId=12393)

**Mexico**

**Mass graves found near town hit by violence**

Mexican officials said they had found mass graves with an unknown number of bodies in one of Mexico’s most violent states where 43 college students were abducted last weekend, heightening fears that the missing students are dead. At a news conference, Guerrero State Attorney said the discovery of the mass graves was linked to the disappearance of the students from a local teachers’ college last weekend. The students disappeared after police in the city of Iguala killed six people when they fired on the students, who had hijacked local buses. Among the dead were three students and a high-school soccer player. Two gang hitmen have admitted to killing 17 of 43 students missing, a top prosecutor said.

**AFP -** [**http://www.bangkokpost.com/lite/news/436157/hitmen-admit-killing-17-mexican-students-prosecutor**](http://www.bangkokpost.com/lite/news/436157/hitmen-admit-killing-17-mexican-students-prosecutor)

**WSJ -** [**http://online.wsj.com/articles/mass-grave-found-near-mexico-town-hit-by-violence-1412465499**](http://online.wsj.com/articles/mass-grave-found-near-mexico-town-hit-by-violence-1412465499)

**Federal forces disarm police in missing students city**

Mexican federal forces disarmed a southern city's entire police corps and took over security after officers were accused of colluding with a gang in violence that left 43 students missing. The deployment in Iguala, 200 kilometers south of Mexico City, came after the Mexican President pledged justice in a case whose motive remains a mystery. Convoys of the government's new paramilitary-like gendarmerie police force and army trucks rumbled down the streets of Iguala. Officials said more than 400 police and gendarmes were dispatched to patrol streets and man checkpoints with an unspecified number of soldiers.

**AFP -** [**http://news.yahoo.com/mexican-army-disarms-police-missing-students-city-222743777.html**](http://news.yahoo.com/mexican-army-disarms-police-missing-students-city-222743777.html)

**Venezuela**

**Mysterious outbreak of hemorrhagic fever syndrome kills ten people**

An outbreak of a mysterious hemorrhagic fever syndrome in the Venezuelan state of Aragua and in Caracas has left ten people dead in the last three weeks. Reports indicate that nine people have so far succumbed to the disease in the northern state and a tenth person has died in Caracas. It is unclear whether the cause of the syndrome is viral or bacterial – a distinction with implications for treatment – although autopsies have indicated that those who died were suffering from other complications, such as Chikungunya. Venezuelan hemorrhagic fever (VHF) is endemic in the two states of Portuguesa and Barinas, but transmission from person-to-person is uncommon. While samples have been sent to the Venezuelan National Institute of Health, the results have not yet been released publically and there is no suggestion from health officials that VHF is behind this particular outbreak.

**MercoPress -** [**http://en.mercopress.com/2014/10/02/mysterious-outbreak-of-hemorrhagic-fever-syndrome-in-venezuela-kills-ten**](http://en.mercopress.com/2014/10/02/mysterious-outbreak-of-hemorrhagic-fever-syndrome-in-venezuela-kills-ten)

MENA

**Iraq**

**Suicide car bomb attack kills 17 people**

A suicide bomber rammed an explosives-laden armored vehicle into houses used by Shiite militiamen north of the Iraqi city of Samarra, killing at least 17 people, police and medical sources said on 7 October. The attack took place in Abbasiya, around 15 kilometres north of Samarra, and completely destroyed two houses, the sources said. Thirteen people were also wounded.

**AFP - <http://www.dailystar.com.lb/News/Middle-East/2014/Oct-07/273183-suicide-car-bomb-attack-kills-17-in-iraq-police-doctor.ashx#axzz3FSR7D5hM>**

**Lebanon**

**Insurgents clash with Hezbollah near Syria-Lebanon border**

Lebanese Shi'ite group Hezbollah clashed with Sunni Islamist insurgents trying to capture land in a mountainous area near the border with Syria on Sunday and both sides suffered casualties, security sources said. The insurgents, believed to be linked to Islamic State, launched a major offensive on Hezbollah-controlled areas near the Lebanese border town of Arsal. At least two Hezbollah fighters were killed and many of the insurgents. Violence from Syria has often spilled over into Arsal and surrounding areas, where the Lebanese army has also fought insurgents.

Reuters - <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/reuters/article-2781268/Insurgents-clash-Hezbollah-near-Syria-Lebanon-border.html>

**Libya**

**More than 100 illegal migrants missing after shipwreck**

More than 100 illegal migrants were missing after their vessel sank off Libya's coast en route across the Mediterranean, with dozens of bodies already washed up on the shore, local Libyan authorities said on 6 October. The vessel went down over the weekend near the town of Zuawrah, west of Tripoli. Around 70 migrants, mostly from Syria and sub-Saharan Africa, had been rescued and around 30 bodies had been recovered, authorities said.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/06/us-libya-security-idUSKCN0HV1QZ20141006**](http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/06/us-libya-security-idUSKCN0HV1QZ20141006)

**Benina clashes continue into fifth consecutive day**

Nine more members of Saiqa Special Forces have died and three members of Benghazi Revolutionaries’ Shoura Council (BRSC) were also reportedly killed as the identities of those slain in the last five days of fighting continue to emerge. The Head of Saiqa Special Forces Investigations Unit reported that BRSC had continued its assault on Benina from several points but that with the support of Operation Dignity’s air forces the attackers had been repulsed. He said that airstrikes had also been carried out on Buatni which has become a staging post for Ansar Al-Sharia and its allies as they attack Benina.

**Libya Herald -** [**http://www.libyaherald.com/2014/10/06/benghazi-violence-benina-clashes-continue-into-fifth-consecutive-day/#axzz3FQB1fSGx**](http://www.libyaherald.com/2014/10/06/benghazi-violence-benina-clashes-continue-into-fifth-consecutive-day/#axzz3FQB1fSGx)

**State of Palestine**

**Palestinian reconciliation government to meet in Gaza for first time**

The Palestinian National Reconciliation Government will hold a cabinet meeting in the Gaza Strip on Thursday, its first since it was formed on June 2, Palestinian Labor Minister Ma'mun abu Shahla announced on Monday. Abu Shahla said in a statement that the cabinet, headed by Rami Hamdala, had called the meeting on Thursday. However it was not known yet whether Israel would allow ministers coming from the West Bank to go through the Erez crossing in northern Gaza to attend the meeting, the statement said. The cabinet meeting will discuss the impact of Israel's recent military Operation "Protective Edge" on Gaza, which claimed the lives of some 2,000 Palestinians, mostly civilians, and study the reconstruction process, Abu Shahla said.

AP - <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4578303,00.html>

Xinhua - <http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/news/xinhua-news-agency/141006/palestinian-unity-govt-hold-maiden-meeting-gaza-official>

**Syria**

**At least 400 people killed in battle for Syria's Kobani**

At least 400 people have been killed during three weeks of fighting between Islamic State and Kurdish fighters in and around the Syrian border town of Kobani, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said on 7 October. Fighters from both sides and civilians had died, the Observatory. The organisation said it had documented 412 deaths from sources on the ground, but the real figure was likely double that."The operation caused deaths, but there is no confirmed number," the Observatory director said of the first reported instance of a female Kurdish fighter employing a tactic often used by IS itself. The woman, is according to social media known as Arin Mirkan.

**Telegraph -** [**http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/middleeast/syria/11142226/Kurdish-female-fighter-in-suicide-attack-on-Isil-amid-fighting-for-key-Syria-town.html**](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/middleeast/syria/11142226/Kurdish-female-fighter-in-suicide-attack-on-Isil-amid-fighting-for-key-Syria-town.html)

**Reuters -** <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/04/us-mideast-crisis-idUSKCN0HS0Y520141004>

**Rebels take control of strategic hill in Deraa province**

The rebels fighting the Syrian regime of Bashar al-Assad on Sunday took control of a strategic hill in the Al Hara region, in Deraa province, 70 kilometers (43 miles) south of Damascus, after two days of clashes with government forces in the area. According to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, rebel factions and fighters with the Al Nusra Front, an Al Qaeda affiliate in Syria, are in control of the high ground dominating the region after 48 hours of fighting against troops loyal to Assad. After having taken control of the strategic hill, the highest promontory in Deraa, the rebels can now dominate a zone 40 km (37 mi.) wide around that location. Between March 2011 and April 2014, a total of 191,369 people are known to have been killed in Syria's internal conflict.

**Zeenews -** [**http://zeenews.india.com/news/world/rebels-take-control-of-strategic-hill-in-syria\_1480526.html**](http://zeenews.india.com/news/world/rebels-take-control-of-strategic-hill-in-syria_1480526.html)

SA

**Across Region**

**Nine civilians killed in India-Pakistan border firing**

India and Pakistan have accused each other of unprovoked firing along the disputed border in Kashmir in which at least nine civilians were killed. Five civilians died after Pakistani troops fired shells into Indian-administered Kashmir, India said. Pakistan said four civilians in Pakistan-administered Kashmir had been killed in firing by Indian troops. Meanwhile, hundreds of villagers have fled their homes in the Kashmir region, officials said. "We had 1500 people in safe shelters during the night away from their homes along the border," said a top administrator of the Indian Kashmir region.

**AFP -** [**http://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/150098-hundreds-flee-homes-in-deadly-indian-pakistan-border-firing**](http://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/150098-hundreds-flee-homes-in-deadly-indian-pakistan-border-firing)

**BBC –** [**http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-india-29502054**](http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-india-29502054)

**NDTV -** [**http://www.ndtv.com/article/india/five-killed-25-injured-in-major-ceasefire-violation-by-pakistan-in-jammu-and-kashmir-602371?curl=1412563838**](http://www.ndtv.com/article/india/five-killed-25-injured-in-major-ceasefire-violation-by-pakistan-in-jammu-and-kashmir-602371?curl=1412563838)

**Pakistan**

**Polio cases at 14-year high after threats**

With three months left in 2014, Pakistan has already detected a one-year record number of polio cases. Health officials have discovered 202 cases from January to 3 October. After confirming polio in eight children, Pakistan has broken its own 14-year-old record of highest cases in a year, a senior official at the National Institute of Health in Islamabad, said. The previous modern record had stood at 199 cases in 2000 - though that represented 366 days, rather than just nine months.

**DW -** [**http://www.dw.de/amid-taliban-threats-pakistan-hits-record-polio-cases/a-17973375**](http://www.dw.de/amid-taliban-threats-pakistan-hits-record-polio-cases/a-17973375)

**Bomb kills six on way to school in northwest**

At least six people were killed and more than a dozen injured Saturday when a blast hit a passenger van in Pakistan's north-western province of Khyber-Pakhtunkwha.The vehicle was about 50 kilometers south-west of the provincial capital Peshawar. "Six people have been killed and 13 injured in the attack," is said. The roadside bomb killed ‎three female school teachers, two schoolgirls and a driver, officials said. Their van was traveling through Tangi village in the troubled Bajaur tribal region. Local government official Naeem Gul said all the victims died immediately.

**Reuters** - <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/08/19/us-pakistan-militants-idUSKBN0GJ0RQ20140819>

**Drone strike kills five in South Waziristan**

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A suspected US drone strike in South Waziristan tribal region's Shawal area on Sunday [5 October] killed at least five persons. Some local sources said that a high level target is among those killed in the attack but the identity is yet to be ascertained.

**Dawn -** [**http://www.dawn.com/news/1136422/drone-strike-kills-five-in-south-waziristan**](http://www.dawn.com/news/1136422/drone-strike-kills-five-in-south-waziristan)

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**Across Region**

**Niger to stay in Mali after peacekeepers killed**

Niger vowed that it will not be intimidated into leaving Mali after nine of its peacekeepers were killed in an ambush in the country. "Niger will continue to fight terrorism in Mali," said the Nigerien President. "Niger will never retreat in in the face of the forces of evil." The government declared three days of mourning, beginning on 5 October. The convoy appeared to have been specifically targeted because it included a fuel truck, causing an explosion that resulted in multiple casualties.

**AP -** [**http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/niger-stay-mali-peacekeepers-killed-25962958**](http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/niger-stay-mali-peacekeepers-killed-25962958)

**Cameroon**

# Dire conditions for Nigerian refugees

Thousands of Nigerians who have fled attacks by militant group Boko Haram are crowded into Minawao refugee camp in Cameroon’s Far North Region, living in increasingly squalid conditions and at risk of contracting measles and other diseases, according to relief agencies. The camp’s population over the past four weeks has risen from 6,000 to 15,000, says UNHCR, putting a severe strain on camp services. “The population has reached a level where more urgent actions need to be taken to build more tents and provide sanitation facilities such as toilets and new wells,” said Muhamat Alhidi, UNHCR’s camp site manager.

**IRIN -** [**http://www.irinnews.org/report/100689/dire-conditions-for-nigerian-refugees-in-cameroon**](http://www.irinnews.org/report/100689/dire-conditions-for-nigerian-refugees-in-cameroon)

**At least eight people killed in 'Boko Haram attack'**

At least eight people were killed in Cameroon on 6 October in a rocket attack blamed on the group Boko Haram in Nigeria, security officials said. A police officer reported that Boko Haram militants fired the rocket from the Nigerian town of Banki which hit the town of Amchide in the far north of Cameroon. "The rocket landed in Amchide, killing eight civilians and injuring many more. We fear that the number of dead will rise," said the policeman. A Cameroonian security agent said the rocket landed in a road where many people were shopping. Boko Haram took control of Banki several weeks ago and the militants have tried to make incursions across the border into Amchide. The residents of Amchide have set up self-defence groups to fight off the militants.

**AFP -** [**http://news.yahoo.com/least-eight-killed-boko-haram-attack-cameroon-201033872.html**](http://news.yahoo.com/least-eight-killed-boko-haram-attack-cameroon-201033872.html)

**CAR**

**Militia calls on President to resign**

The anti-balaka militia in the CAR has demanded the country's president resign and asked its members to quit the transitional government, one of their chiefs reported on 6 October. The 48-hour ultimatum to President Catherine Samba Panza came after a media report that $10 million of Angolan aid had been pilfered.

**AFP -** [**https://news.yahoo.com/christian-militia-calls-c-africa-president-resign-214558590.html**](https://news.yahoo.com/christian-militia-calls-c-africa-president-resign-214558590.html)

**Lengthy poll delay could worsen crisis**

A lengthy postponement of elections in CARc meant to complete a return to democracy would risk further worsening the crisis there, the top UN official in the region said on 5 October. Some have suggested that the elections, currently scheduled for February, could be delayed until after next year's July to September rainy season. At full strength the UN mission is due to number some 12,000 troops, roughly double the number deployed under the previous African Union force.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/05/us-centralafrica-election-idUSKCN0HU0Q020141005**](http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/10/05/us-centralafrica-election-idUSKCN0HU0Q020141005)

**Mali**

**Militants claim responsibility for attack on UN**

A Malian militant close to the al-Qaeda-linked militia MUJAO on Sunday claimed responsibility for an attack that killed nine UN peacekeepers in the country's restive north.

Friday's attack, the deadliest against the UN mission in Mali, targeted a contingent of peacekeepers from Niger. The ambush brought to 30 the number of deaths in the UN mission since its deployment in July last year.

**Yahoo** -<http://news.yahoo.com/jihadist-claims-responsibility-attack-un-mali-235804730.html>

**Nigeria**

**Army extends travel ban on embattled Borno state**

Nigeria's army extended by 24 hours a travel ban imposed on Borno, the northeastern state worst hit by Boko Haram attacks. Both Borno and Yobe state had imposed a travel ban through the Muslim Eid holiday to guard against Boko Haram attacks. But now the "embargo on all vehicular movement in 7 Division area of responsibility has been extended till 7 October, said the army statement. When it announced the initial weekend travel ban, the military had said a security report indicated that Boko Haram militants have made plans to launch "multiple bomb explosions" in Maiduguri and other major towns in the state during the Muslim festival. They planned to use motor vehicles, tri-cycles, among others, and their main targets include Muslim praying grounds, markets and other public places, the army said. The two states and Adamawa have been under a state of emergency since May 2013 because of the Boko Haram conflict and the militants have typically carried out strikes on Muslim holidays. The militants are thought to be in control of more than two dozen towns and villages in the northeast, but the military insists that lost ground can be regained.

**AFP -** [**http://news.yahoo.com/army-extends-travel-ban-embattled-nigerian-state-225131275.html**](http://news.yahoo.com/army-extends-travel-ban-embattled-nigerian-state-225131275.html)

**Boko Haram 'beheads' seven in attack**

Boko Haram militants killed seven people on 6 October in the remote northeast of Nigeria, residents and an official said, with reports indicating the victims were beheaded in a revenge attack. The overnight raid targeted the town of Ngamdu in troubled Borno state, the area hardest hit in the Islamists' five-year uprising. The violence came as Nigerian Muslims marked the Eid al-Adha festival, a public holiday in the religiously divided country. Most Islamic holidays in recent years have been marred by Boko Haram violence.

**AFP -** [**http://www.ndtv.com/article/world/boko-haram-beheads-seven-in-nigeria-attack-602782**](http://www.ndtv.com/article/world/boko-haram-beheads-seven-in-nigeria-attack-602782)

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