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GENERAL

**Across Regions**

[**Heightened HIV risk for people with disabilities**](http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?reportid=100414)

Inaccessible health services for people with disabilities (PWD), combined with social stigma and violence, contribute to high HIV risk - a gap that must be filled if the disabled are not to remain disproportionately vulnerable to HIV/AIDS, say health experts and activists. Globally there are an estimated one billion people living with a mental or physical disability, [according](http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2011/disabilities_20110609/en/) to WHO. Many live in low- or middle-income [countries](http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2011/9789240685215_eng.pdf?ua=1) and have poorer health and little formal education compared to the general population. The 2014 “[Gap Report](http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/documents/2014/name,97466,en.asp)” published by the Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) listed PWD as one of the key populations “left behind” in the global HIV response.   
**IRIN -** [**http://www.irinnews.org/report/100414/heightened-hiv-risk-for-people-with-disabilities**](http://www.irinnews.org/report/100414/heightened-hiv-risk-for-people-with-disabilities)

CEE/CIS

**Across CEE/CIS**

**Belarus will host talks between Russia and Ukraine**

Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko [announced](http://mail2all.akegroup.com/lt.php?c=7469&m=7830&nl=87&s=ad97678289ba812fd8346cd3916590ef&lid=60667&l=-http--uk.reuters.com/article/2014/07/30/ukraine-crisis-talks-idUKL6N0Q52E520140730) that Belarus would host talks between Russia and Ukraine, mediated by the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). The issued statement did not specify when the talks would take place, but stated they would specifically tackle the issue of securing the crash site of Malaysian Airlines Flight 17. The chances of a diplomatic breakthrough remain low and representatives of the pro-Russian separatist leadership have not been invited to attend.  
**Global IntAKE**

**Ukraine**

**UNHCR provides humanitarian assistance to Slavyansk**

UNHCR continued to distribute humanitarian aid to the most vulnerable returnees in Slavyansk, Donetsk region. 12 tons of personal hygienic items for different age and gender categories along with kitchen sets will be provided to those who have lost their houses and property in the city, heavily affected by major displacement after the recent conflict and crossfire. According to various estimates, more than half of the city population fled their homes since the beginning of the conflict. Some 15,000 persons of them are reportedly returned to Slavyansk during July.

**UNHCR -** [**http://unhcr.org.ua/en/2011-08-26-06-58-56/news-archive/1304-unhcr-provides-humanitarian-assistance-to-slavyansk**](http://unhcr.org.ua/en/2011-08-26-06-58-56/news-archive/1304-unhcr-provides-humanitarian-assistance-to-slavyansk)

**Fleeing Ukrainians turn seaside resorts into refugee camps**

With their sunburnt backs, flip-flops and baseball caps, the families lolling about the Ukrainian resort town of Sjedove on the Azov Sea could be mistaken for holidaymakers. But they are all refugees, fleeing the deadly combat in east Ukraine as the fighting has escalated in recent days and come closer and closer to large cities. The run-down hotels in the town, around 150 km south of Donetsk, usually serve coal miners on holiday from the Donbass region, Ukraine's industrial heartland. Now they are filled with some 1,200 displaced people escaping more than three months of clashes between pro-Russian rebels and Ukraine's army.

**AFP -** [**http://www.bangkokpost.com/news/world/422961/fleeing-ukrainians-turn-seaside-resorts-into-refuge-camps**](http://www.bangkokpost.com/news/world/422961/fleeing-ukrainians-turn-seaside-resorts-into-refuge-camps)

**More US reconstruction aid to go to parts of eastern regions**

The US Vice President told the Ukrainian Prime Minister that the United States would provide almost $7 million in reconstruction aid to parts of eastern Ukraine, including $1 million in new support, the White House said. The aid includes contributions to the Red Cross and UNHCR for medical aid, access to drinking water, and small rebuilding projects, the White House said.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20140729001735-ec71z/**](http://www.trust.org/item/20140729001735-ec71z/)

**Artillery shelling hits central Donetsk**

Artillery fire hit central Donetsk in eastern Ukraine on 29 July, killing at least one person in the rebel-held city as government forces pressed their military campaign against pro-Russian separatists. A witness saw the body of a dead man lying in rubble behind a badly damaged 10-storey residential building close to the city centre after the shelling. The Ukrainian forces have been steadily advancing after driving the rebels out of other towns and back into their two main strongholds, the cities of Donetsk and Luhansk.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20140729113557-6pzss**](http://www.trust.org/item/20140729113557-6pzss)

**Ukraine says 17 killed by shelling in Gorlivka**

Seventeen people including three children were killed in the past 24 hours by shelling in Ukraine's rebel-held stronghold of Gorlivka, local Ukrainian officials said on 29 July. A statement said that 43 people were also wounded in the city which was observing three days of mourning for 13 civilians including 2 children killed on 27 July by Grad rockets.

**AFP -** [**http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/2/9/107317/World/International/Ukraine-says--killed-by-shelling-in-Gorlivka.aspx**](http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/2/9/107317/World/International/Ukraine-says--killed-by-shelling-in-Gorlivka.aspx)

EAP

**Cambodia**

# Cambodia court begins genocide trial of Khmer Rouge leaders

Cambodia's UN-backed Khmer Rouge court on July 30 began a second trial of two former regime leaders on charges including genocide of Vietnamese people and ethnic Muslims, forced marriages and rape. The complex case of the regime's two most senior surviving leaders has been split into a series of smaller trials, initially focusing on the forced evacuation of people into rural labour camps and related crimes against humanity.

# AFP- <http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asiapacific/cambodia-court-begins/1288778.html>

**China**

**Dozens killed and injured in terror attack in China's Xinjiang: Xinhua**

Dozens of people were killed and injured in a "terrorist attack" in China's far western Xinjiang region, home to the mainly Muslim Uighur minority, state media reported on July 29. "A gang armed with knives and axes attacked a police station and government offices" in Shache county early Monday, the official Xinhua news agency said, citing local police. "Dozens of Uighur and Han civilians were killed or injured" when some moved to a nearby township, attacking civilians and smashing vehicles, the report said. Police officers at the scene shot dead dozens of members of the mob. The attack came on the eve of Muslims in China marking the Eid festival at the end of the fasting month of Ramadan.

**AFP -** [**http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asiapacific/dozens-killed-and-injured/1288018.html**](http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asiapacific/dozens-killed-and-injured/1288018.html)

**Thailand**

The junta [approved](http://mail2all.akegroup.com/lt.php?c=7469&m=7830&nl=87&s=ad97678289ba812fd8346cd3916590ef&lid=60670&l=-http--online.wsj.com/articles/thai-military-approves-75-billion-transport-plan-1406636237--Q-tesla--E-y--A-mg--E-reno64-wsj--A-url--E--http--online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702304581004580059071036944914.html--A-fpid--E-2,7,121,122,201,401,641,1009) a US$75bln, eight-year plan to upgrade Thailand's infrastructure, the biggest budget approval since the 22 May coup. The National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO) said the funds will be used to expand dual-track rail lines, extend Bangkok's elevated train lines and increase the capacity of airports and seaports. The NCPO is expected to support additional infrastructure proposals such as high-speed rail projects to further link Thailand with China and South-East Asia.

**Global IntAKE**

ESA

**Burundi**

**Party's 'relentless' intimidation ahead of polls: Amnesty**

Burundi's ruling party is carrying out a "relentless campaign of intimidation" against opposition and critics, ahead of presidential elections next year, Amnesty International said Tuesday. "The government's clampdown on free expression and peaceful assembly has serious implications for human rights ahead of next year's elections," said Amnesty researcher Tom Gibson.

**AFP -** [**http://news.yahoo.com/burundi-partys-relentless-intimdation-ahead-polls-amnesty-233222637.html**](http://news.yahoo.com/burundi-partys-relentless-intimdation-ahead-polls-amnesty-233222637.html)

**Kenya**

**Ethnic hate speech reveals roots of Kenya violence**

Kenya takes pride in being a union of "42 tribes", but a string of attacks in towns on its volatile Indian Ocean coast has exposed bitter and explosive ethnic tensions linked to politics. The series of killings in which around 100 people have died in recent weeks have provoked warlike political speeches, alarmist headlines, and offensive and inflammatory messages on social media.

**AFP -** [**http://news.yahoo.com/ethnic-hate-speech-reveals-roots-kenya-violence-023908823.html**](http://news.yahoo.com/ethnic-hate-speech-reveals-roots-kenya-violence-023908823.html)

LAC

**Across LAC**

**US says 108 solo child migrants given asylum in 2014**

Just 108 of the thousands of unaccompanied minors illegally crossing the US border have been granted asylum in 2014, in a process that often takes more than a year, Congress heard Tuesday. Many more children who entered the country are likely to be provided asylum status later this year, and experts say there are several other avenues through which minors can seek to stay in the country. But the process, especially for asylum-seekers, is cumbersome and slow, contributing to what President Barack Obama labelled a humanitarian crisis on the southwest border.

**AFP -** [**http://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/141041-u-s-says-108-solo-child-migrants-given-asylum-in-2014**](http://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/141041-u-s-says-108-solo-child-migrants-given-asylum-in-2014)

**Argentina**

**Jaded Argentines brace for looming debt default**

Time is running out for Argentina to pay "holdout" investors suing Latin America's No. 3 economy for full payment on their bonds, or reach a deal that buys more time to avert a default. Argentina said on 28 July that officials would travel to New York for last-gasp negotiations on 29 July but experts increasingly believe the government in Buenos Aires may calculate that a default would be cheaper than settling. The latter, it argues, would risk legal claims from holders of exchanged bonds that could cost hundreds of billions of dollars. How much pain a new default would inflict depends on how quickly Argentina could extricate itself from the mess.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/07/29/us-argentina-debt-insight-idUSKBN0FY09U20140729**](http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/07/29/us-argentina-debt-insight-idUSKBN0FY09U20140729)

**Bolivia**

**New Code on Children welcome, but concerns remain**

UNICEF welcomes Bolivia’s new Code for Children and Adolescents but remains concerned about two exemptions that leave children as young as 10 at risk of child labour. Bolivia’s new Code states children and adolescents must be protected from economic exploitation or any work activities that interfere with their education, involve dangerous and unhealthy environments or threaten a child’s dignity or development. The code also prohibits 21 forms of hazardous work to all children under 18. Despite this progress, two exemptions leave children at risk. The first allows children as young as 12 to work with parental consent and the second permits children as young as 10 to be ‘self-employed’. Currently 58% of working children in Bolivia are under 14 and 90% of child labour is in the informal economy. UNICEF is concerned the two exemptions leave children most in need of protection at risk.

UNICEF **-** [**http://www.unicef.org/media/media\_74569.html**](http://www.unicef.org/media/media_74569.html)

**Brazil**

**Authorities probe $10 million embezzled from Red Cross**

Brazilian authorities are investigating the embezzlement of 10 million dollars of humanitarian funds from the Brazilian Red Cross. The ongoing investigation comes after an audit, commissioned by the Brazilian Red Cross last year, which revealed millions of dollars in voluntary contributions and donor funding had been siphoned off. “The funds collected from two years of campaigning by the Brazilian Red Cross from 2010 to 2012 for four campaigns, including Somalia, the Japan tsunami, floods in Rio de Janeiro and a national dengue campaign did not reach where they were supposed to go. The funds were diverted,” said Paulo Roberto Costa, secretary general of the Brazilian Red Cross.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20140728192008-s2yc1/?source=fiOtherNews3**](http://www.trust.org/item/20140728192008-s2yc1/?source=fiOtherNews3)

MENA

**Egypt**

**Rocket attack kills girl in Egypt's Sinai**

A nine-year-old girl was killed when a rocket hit the ground outside a house in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula, in an apparent attack targeting soldiers, security officials said. Another girl, 10, was wounded in the blast south of the town of Sheikh Zuwaid in northern Sinai on 28 July. The rocket was apparently targeting a security patrol that was passing through the area, security officials said. Soldiers and police have been combing the area and the military says it has killed dozens of militants in north Sinai in several operations last week. Four children were killed on 26 July in the northern Sinai town of El-Joura, believed to be a bastion of militants who have killed scores of police and soldiers over the past year.

**AFP -** [**https://uk.news.yahoo.com/rocket-attack-kills-girl-egypts-sinai-security-203701185.html#CeJ9nw1**](https://uk.news.yahoo.com/rocket-attack-kills-girl-egypts-sinai-security-203701185.html#CeJ9nw1)

**Libya**

**Maltese worker kidnapped in Libya freed**

A Maltese worker who was abducted by Libyan rebels on the outskirts of Tripoli on July 17 has been freed and arrived home safely in Valletta on 28 July, authorities said. Martin Galea, 40, a health and safety professional who worked for an oil and gas company, appeared to be in good health but was taken to hospital for a thorough examination.

**AFP** - [**http://news.yahoo.com/maltese-worker-kidnapped-libya-freed-230911104.html**](http://news.yahoo.com/maltese-worker-kidnapped-libya-freed-230911104.html)

**At least 20 dead, dozens missing in shipwreck off Libya**

More than 20 migrants have died and dozens are missing after their makeshift boat sank off the Libyan coast, the navy said late Tuesday. "A navy patrol on Monday rescued 22 clandestine migrants who were clinging to debris from their boat," spokesman Colonel Ayoub Kassem told AFP, adding that more than 20 bodies were plucked from the water. Survivors said some 150 people had been aboard the vessel, which sank some 100 kilometres (60 miles) east of the Libyan capital Tripoli.

**AFP -** [**http://zeenews.india.com/news/world/at-least-20-dead-dozens-missing-in-shipwreck-off-libya\_951152.html**](http://zeenews.india.com/news/world/at-least-20-dead-dozens-missing-in-shipwreck-off-libya_951152.html)

**Fighters overrun Libyan special forces base**

A coalition of armed groups has overrun a major Libyan army base held by allies of a renegade general in the eastern city of Benghazi. Special forces troops of the Saiqa brigade, loyal to Khalifa Haftar, abandoned their base in southeast Benghazi on Tuesday after coming under attack, military officials and residents said.

**Al Jazeera –** [**http://www.aljazeera.com/news/middleeast/2014/07/fighters-overrun-libyan-special-forces-base-2014729141712806370.html**](http://www.aljazeera.com/news/middleeast/2014/07/fighters-overrun-libyan-special-forces-base-2014729141712806370.html)

**State of Palestine**

**Medics raise Gaza UN School shelling death toll to 20**

An Israeli shelling of a UN school in northern Gaza killed around 20 people, medics said, raising their earlier toll of 10 dead. But UN a official put the number at between 13 and 15, in the shelling that hit the UNRWA girls' school in Jabalia in the north of the Palestinian territory.

**AFP -** [**http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/international/world-news/medics-raise-gaza-un-school-shelling-death-toll-to-20/articleshow/39276629.cms**](http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/international/world-news/medics-raise-gaza-un-school-shelling-death-toll-to-20/articleshow/39276629.cms)

**No safe place for children in Gaza - UNICEF**

As the hostilities enter their twenty-first day, the number of children dying is growing. More than 1,000 Palestinians have been reported killed so far, of whom around 230 were children – more than 10 a day. The youngest child killed was only 3 months old. Nearly 2,000 children have been injured in the narrow coastal enclave, where half the population is under 18. “The physical and psychological toll that the violence is having on people is almost indescribable,” says Pernille Ironside, Chief of the UNICEF field office in Gaza. “We see children killed, injured, mutilated and burnt, in addition to being terrified to their core. The consequences run much deeper than previous flare-ups,” she adds.

**UNICEF -** [**http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/oPt\_74589.html?utm\_source=unicef\_news&utm\_medium=rss&utm\_campaign=rss\_link**](http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/oPt_74589.html?utm_source=unicef_news&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=rss_link)

**Gaza militants kill five Israeli soldiers after infiltrating through tunnel**

Gaza militants who crossed into Israel via a tunnel killed five Israeli soldiers in a gun battle near the community of Nahal Oz close to the border with the Gaza Strip, the military said on 29 July. "(The) soldiers were killed during combat when terrorists attempted to execute an attack using a tunnel shaft, which led from the Gaza Strip to Nahal Oz. The soldiers thwarted the attempt by identifying the squad and neutralising one of the terrorists," the military said in a statement. Fifty-three Israeli soldiers have been killed since Israel launched its offensive on Gaza on 8 July in which almost 1,100 Gazans, mostly civilians, have died in the conflict.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20140729032641-9douq**](http://www.trust.org/item/20140729032641-9douq)

**UN says more rockets found at one of its Gaza schools**

The United Nations agency that looks after Palestinian refugees said on Tuesday it had found a cache of rockets at one of its schools in the Gaza Strip and deplored those who had put them there.

United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) spokesman Chris Gunness condemned those responsible for placing civilians in harm's way by storing the rockets at the school but he did not specifically blame any particular party. Israel has targeted a few UNRWA sites during fighting in the current 22-day-old campaign against Islamist militants in the Gaza Strip, and has in the past said the agency's property was used for hostile purposes.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20140729233517-02efu**](http://www.trust.org/item/20140729233517-02efu)

**Fresh Israeli strikes kill two children ahead of truce talks – UNICEF mention**

Fresh Israeli bombardments rocked Gaza in the early hours of Wednesday, killing two children, as Palestinian factions were to head to Cairo to discuss a temporary humanitarian ceasefire. As the conflict between Israel and Hamas entered its 23rd day, international efforts to bring an end to the bloodshed that has killed more than 1,200 people continued apace, and concern grew over the high civilian death toll, especially among children. The more than 240 children who have died represent at least 29 percent of civilian casualties, UNICEF, said in a statement, adding that another six children in Israel had been wounded from Gaza rocket fire. "We see children killed, injured, mutilated and burnt, in addition to being terrified to their core. The consequences run much deeper than previous flare-ups" in Gaza, UNICEF's Gaza field office chief Pernille Ironside said.

**AFP -** [**http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/middle-east/Fresh-Israeli-strikes-kill-two-children-ahead-of-truce-talks/articleshow/39269493.cms**](http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/middle-east/Fresh-Israeli-strikes-kill-two-children-ahead-of-truce-talks/articleshow/39269493.cms)

**Syria**

**Drought compounds misery for millions in Syria - UNICEF Mention**

A worsening drought in Syria has "dire humanitarian consequences for millions", the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement has warned. A combination of limited winter rain and high summer temperatures has affected agriculture and food production across Syria, where people are especially vulnerable after three years of bitter conflict. "Syria is already facing an unprecedented humanitarian crisis, and this summer millions of families are finding it increasingly difficult to obtain clean water," said Dr. Abdulrahman Attar, president of the Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC).

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20140728185550-4wf9m/?source=jtOtherNews1&source=jt**](http://www.trust.org/item/20140728185550-4wf9m/?source=jtOtherNews1&source=jt)

**Rebels advance towards key airport in Hama province**

Syrian rebels pressed on with a fresh advance in the central province of Hama, as they bid to take out its military airport, a rebel commander and a monitor said Tuesday. "The rebels are now nine kilometres away from Hama military airport, which they want to put out of action," said Syrian Observatory for Human Rights director. A rebel leader in the area, who gave his name as Hassan, said Hama military airport was important because "that is where the regime makes its barrel bombs, and warplanes take off from there to carry out air strikes on (opposition-held) areas across Syria".

**AFP -** [**http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2014/07/29/344031/syria-rebels-advance-towards-key-airport-in-hama-province.html**](http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2014/07/29/344031/syria-rebels-advance-towards-key-airport-in-hama-province.html)

**Iraq**

**Iraq's black market oil fuels sectarian division**

A burgeoning black market trade is siphoning Iraqi oil into the tankers of anyone who will take it, as Iraq’s self-ruling Kurds and the Al-Qaeda-inspired insurgents of the Islamic State lay the foundations for breakaway “petro-states.”

**Al Jazeera -** [**http://america.aljazeera.com/articles/2014/7/29/iraq-black-marketforoil.html**](http://america.aljazeera.com/articles/2014/7/29/iraq-black-marketforoil.html)

SA

**Afghanistan**

**Suicide bomber kills president's cousin**

A powerful cousin of Afghan President Hamid Karzai was assassinated by a suicide bomber hiding explosives in his cap on Tuesday, a provincial official said. The attacker blew himself up while bowing to kiss Karzai's hand following morning prayers for the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Fitr in a reception room at the Karzai family home in the southern province of Kandahar, a provincial government spokesman said. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, which comes at a sensitive time in Afghanistan as an audit is taking place under international supervision of all 8 million ballots cast last month in the second round of the country's presidential election.

**AP -** [**http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/suicide-bomber-kills-afghan-presidents-cousin-24753653**](http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/suicide-bomber-kills-afghan-presidents-cousin-24753653)

**India**

**More than 100 people feared trapped after landslide buries village in western India**

Up to 150 people were feared trapped by a landslide triggered by heavy rains in western India on Wednesday, the inspector-general of the national disaster force told Reuters, saying that the first batch of emergency workers had arrived at the scene. Mr Sandeep Rai Rathore said difficult terrain was affecting the mobility.

**Reuters -** <http://www.straitstimes.com/news/asia/south-asia/story/dozens-feared-trapped-after-landslide-buries-village-western-india-201407>

**Pakistan**

[**Four killed in Karachi violence; seven arrested in operation**](http://www.dawn.com/news/1122349/four-killed-in-karachi-violence-seven-arrested-in-operation)

At least four people were killed in different incidents of violence in Karachi, whereas seven people were arrested during a targeted operation in the city, DawnNews reported on Wednesday.

**Dawn -** [**http://www.dawn.com/news/1122349/four-killed-in-karachi-violence-seven-arrested-in-operation**](http://www.dawn.com/news/1122349/four-killed-in-karachi-violence-seven-arrested-in-operation)

WCA

**Across WCA**

**Asky bans flights in West Africa**

A major West African airline has stopped flying to Liberia and Sierra Leone amid growing concern about the spread of the deadly Ebola virus. Asky said it took the decision to keep "its passengers and staff safe during this unsettling time." Asky is the second airline, after Nigeria's largest airline, Arik Air, to ban flights to Liberia and Sierra Leone. It had not halted flights to Guinea, but passengers departing from there would be "screened for signs of the virus", Asky said.

**BBC -** [**http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-28550906**](http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-28550906)

**Cameroon**

**Cholera kills over 200 in the north**

A cholera epidemic has hit northern Cameroon, killing more than 200 people in less than a month. The government and aid agencies say some of the affected persons are refugees fleeing the Nigerian militant group Boko Haram. Cameroon's Far North regional delegate for public health, Dr. Rebecca Djao, says the death toll from cholera in hospitals has surged to more than 100 and deaths out of hospital are also estimated at more than a hundred. The epidemic follows heavy rains that triggered flooding. Cameroon's Minister of Public Health Andre Mama Fouda told VOA a majority of people infected with the disease are children under the age of five and women.

**VoA –** [**http://www.voanews.com/content/cholera-kills-over-200-in-nothern-cameroon/1967266.html**](http://www.voanews.com/content/cholera-kills-over-200-in-nothern-cameroon/1967266.html)

**CAR**

**Rebels say ceasefire 'broken'**

A spokesman for the mostly Muslim Seleka rebel group in CAR says a ceasefire has been "broken" after its fighters came under attack from the mostly Christian anti-Balaka militia. Ahmat Ibrahim Nadjad said Monday that Seleka positions came under attack Sunday near the central town of Grimari. The ceasefire was signed last Wednesday after three days of talks in Republic of Congo, though many doubted it would hold. Nadjad said it should not have been signed while Muslims' security in the country remained uncertain.

**AP -** [**http://news.yahoo.com/rebels-c-african-republic-ceasefire-broken-153049913.html**](http://news.yahoo.com/rebels-c-african-republic-ceasefire-broken-153049913.html)

**Guinea**

**At least 24 dead in Guinea rap concert stampede**

A stampede during a rap concert on a Conakry beach left at least 24 people dead, Guinean hospital officials said. The government declared a week of national mourning after what it called a "tragic drama" on the beach in the capital city's northern Ratoma suburb where the popular Guinean rap group Instinct Killers was playing.

**AFP -** [**http://news.yahoo.com/least-24-dead-guinea-rap-concert-stampede-012955835.html**](http://news.yahoo.com/least-24-dead-guinea-rap-concert-stampede-012955835.html)

**Nigeria**

**Authorities isolate hospital in Lagos**

The Nigerian city of Lagos shut and quarantined the First Consultants Hospital in Obalende where a Liberian man died of the Ebola virus, the first recorded case of the highly-infectious disease in the country. "The private hospital was demobilised (evacuated) and the primary source of infection eliminated. The decontamination process in all the affected areas has commenced," the Lagos state health commissioner reported. He said the hospital would be closed for a week and the staff would be closely monitored. Authorities were monitoring 59 people who were in contact with the Liberian man, including airport contacts, the Lagos state health ministry said, but it said the airline had yet to provide a passenger list for the flights he used. Nigeria's largest air carrier Arik Air has suspended flights to Liberia and Sierra Leone because of the Ebola risk, Arik spokesperson reported.

**Reuters -** [**http://in.reuters.com/article/2014/07/29/health-ebola-idINKBN0FY06S20140729**](http://in.reuters.com/article/2014/07/29/health-ebola-idINKBN0FY06S20140729)

**Militants bomb bridge, killing 8 people**

Witnesses say insurgents blew up a bridge in northern Nigeria, killing eight people, as soldiers stationed nearby fled for their lives. Yobe state resident Malam Garba said soldiers guarding the bridge were outnumbered and outgunned by suspected Boko Haram militants. The bridge was the fifth blown up in the past three months. Abbas Gava, a civilian security volunteer, said during the rainy season the road will now be impassable, further isolating areas under that have been under constant attack for months.

**AP -** [**http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/nigerian-militants-bomb-bridge-killing-people-24757720**](http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/nigerian-militants-bomb-bridge-killing-people-24757720)

**Suicide bombers kill at least six in Nigeria mosques: witnesses**

Suicide bombers attacked two mosques in northeast Nigeria's Yobe state late Tuesday killing at least six people and injuring several others, witnesses told AFP blaming the Boko Haram Islamists. The first explosion rocked an open air mosque belonging to a Shiite Muslim sect in the Dogo Tebo area of the town of Potiskum around 7:55 pm (1855 GMT) leaving four people dead. The second blast five minutes later at a mosque within the compound of the chief imam in the town's Anguwar Bolawa area killed at least two worshippers.

**AFP -** [**http://news.yahoo.com/suicide-bombers-kill-least-six-nigeria-mosques-witnesses-225755292.html**](http://news.yahoo.com/suicide-bombers-kill-least-six-nigeria-mosques-witnesses-225755292.html)

**Sierra Leone**

**Top Ebola doctor dies from virus**

The doctor leading Sierra Leone's fight against the worst Ebola outbreak on record died from the virus on Tuesday, the country's chief medical officer said. The death of Sheik Umar Khan, who was credited with treating more than 100 patients, follows the deaths of dozens of local health workers and the infection of two American medics in neighbouring Liberia, highlighting the dangers faced by staff trying to halt the disease's spread across West Africa. Ebola is believed to have killed 672 people in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone since the outbreak began in February, according to WHO.

**Reuters -** [**http://www.trust.org/item/20140729170107-iahm0/?source=jtOtherNews1**](http://www.trust.org/item/20140729170107-iahm0/?source=jtOtherNews1)

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