

NATIONAL DAILY PRESS REVIEW JULY 1-31, 2014

American Embassy's National Daily Press Review

If you are using this material, please include this disclaimer.

This daily press review is compiled by the Information Section of the Public Affairs Office of the American Embassy in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. The opinions expressed in these reviews in no way reflect the views of the United States Government and are presented for informational purposes only. The accuracy of reports contained in this summary has not been confirmed by the Embassy. For questions regarding this service, please contact: Mr. Folli Teko in the Public Affairs Press Office, TekoFX@state.gov.

U.S. Embassy Cote D'Ivoire National Daily Press Review JULY 31, 2014

Today's Top Stories

1. [Cote d'Ivoire and Burkina Faso commit to reinforce bilateral ties](#)
 2. [National Assembly President stresses constitutional democracy in Cote d'Ivoire](#)
1. **Cote d'Ivoire and Burkina Faso commit to reinforce bilateral ties**
- http://rti.ci/infos/Politique_7842_les-presidents-ouattara-et-compaore-s-engagent-a-ameliorer-les-conditions-de-vie-de-leurs-peuples.html
 - <http://koaci.com/burkina-faso-cote-divoire-accords-menu-conseil-ministres-conjoint-93516.html>
 - <http://koaci.com/cote-divoire-burkina-faso-ouattara-ouagadougou-pour-traite-damitie-93508.html>
 - <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504734.html>
 - <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504704.html>
 - <http://news.abidjan.net/v/18113.html>
 - <http://news.abidjan.net/v/18109.html>

A report in *Fraternite Matin* (pp. 4&5) says that the Prime Ministers of Cote d'Ivoire and Burkina Faso signed 26 new agreements after the joint meeting in Ouagadougou yesterday. The agreements include plans to set up a joint committee to oversee the Cooperation and Brotherhood Treaty signed in July 2008. Other areas covered by the agreements include education and government services and an increase in the power supply provided by Cote d'Ivoire to Burkina Faso from 70 to 80 megawatts. The countries also announced plans for a highway to link Yamoussoukro, Cote d'Ivoire's political capital, to Ouagadougou. Speaking after the meeting, Luc-Adolphe Tiao, the Burkinabe Prime Minister, said that the agreements are aimed at reinforcing historical, geographical, and cultural ties. Tiao also said, "We have to put projects in place quickly to foster economic integration between our two countries." The article notes that trade between Cote d'Ivoire and Burkina Faso was valued at more than CFA 200 billion (US \$400 million) in 2013.

Le Nouveau Reveil (p. 5) reports that the two countries have reaffirmed their plans to promote regional integration and comments that the presence of President Ouattara and the whole Ivorian government at the meeting shows the country's commitment to speeding up their bilateral relations. According to *LG Infos* (p. 5) President Ouattara, on his arrival in Ouagadougou, applauded his Burkinabe counterparts saying, "I know how much support you have provided to me." The paper claims that this statement was intended to thank President Blaise Compaore for "his considerable

support in launching the 2002 rebellion in Cote d'Ivoire." The paper also says that President Ouattara thanked his Burkinabe counterpart for support during the 2011 post electoral crisis.

2. National Assembly President stresses constitutional democracy in Cote d'Ivoire

- <http://koaci.com/cote-divoire-ouattara-absent-guillaume-soro-nouvel-homme-fort-pays-93526.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504745.html>
- <http://www.linfodrome.com/vie-politique/16683-soro-la-democratie-constitutionnelle-se-construit-dans-notre-pays>

A report in *Fraternite Matin* (p. 6) notes that the first ordinary session of the National Assembly closed yesterday. In his closing speech assembly president Guillaume Soro, commented that, "Constitutional democracy is being developed in our country." He pointed out that bills passed included one on the independent electoral commission.

L'Inter (p. 2) reports that the President of the National Assembly also commented on the decision of some members of the assembly to challenge the bill on the independent electoral commission before the Constitutional Council, saying that it is proof that Cote d'Ivoire's democratic institutions are functioning.

International Stories on Cote d'Ivoire

Randgold Resources' Côte d'Ivoire pit set to miss production targets

ShareCast

A Randgold Resources mine in **Côte d'Ivoire** is unlikely to hit production targets this year due to delays in installing new equipment, the miner said on ...

Deputy FM Visits Africa, Meets with Government Officials

Astana Times

On July 25, Ashikbayev also met with the Foreign Minister of **Côte d'Ivoire**. At the meeting, Kazakhstan's deputy foreign minister reported that ...

Perseus Mining Reports Busy Q2 at African Projects

Resource Investing News

Perseus Mining Ltd. (TSX:PRU,ASX:PRU) released its activities report for the second quarter of 2014, commenting that it drilled successfully at its ...

Jumia enters new African markets

BDlive

Jumia, which launched in 2012, operates in **Côte d'Ivoire**, Morocco, Nigeria, Egypt and Kenya, offering up to 100,000 items for sale from warehouses.

African cocoa farmers taste chocolate for the first time, get very excited

BreakingNews.ie

It shows a group of farmers in the **Côte d'Ivoire** (Ivory Coast) who despite growing cocoa beans for a living, have never tasted the finished product and ...

Marine Cargo Vessel Inspection Surveyors and Consultancy in Ivory Coast

Maritime Professional (blog)

AIM is Agriculture – Industry – Marine Control Inspection Group in **Ivory Coast**, which one of the world's leading trade inspection in **Ivory Coast**, trade ...

[Round-up of handhelds in Ivory Coast](#)

Recycling International

Africa: Owing to the ever-steeper demand for electronic gadgets, most notably mobile phones, telecoms provider Orange is on a mission to establish ...

[Six foreign crews enter Pearl of Africa rally...](#)

New Vision

According to the Clerk of the Course (COC) entry list, the current ARC point leader, Gary Chaynes and Roain Comas from **Ivory Coast** (76pts), former ...

[Senegal Follows Ivory Coast On Bond Sales Trail](#)

Jollofnews

(JollofNews) – Senegal is meeting with investors in the US and Europe this week to pitch a new \$500m government bond, days after the **Ivory Coast** ...

[Lebanese expat killed in Abidjan](#)

The Daily Star

BEIRUT: A Lebanese expatriate in the **Ivory Coast** passed away Wednesday, a few days after he was shot during an attempted burglary in the former ...

[Media affiliation and circulation](#)

(Newspaper circulation figures represent average number of copies sold daily. Latest numbers as of December 31, 2013.)

[Fraternite Matin](#)

Government-owned and controlled daily newspaper with the widest circulation

22,723 daily

[Soir Info](#)

Independent daily

17,378

[Le Nouveau Reveil](#)

Daily owned by the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

12,546 daily

Le Temps - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of former President Gbagbo and his FPI party

11,883 daily

[L'Inter](#)

Independent daily that publishes mostly balanced news

10,457 daily

[Notre Voie](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

8,547 daily

[Le Quotidien d'Abidjan](#)

Daily close to former President Laurent Gbagbo

6,771 daily

[Le Patriote](#)

Daily owned by President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

6,523 daily

[Nord-Sud Quotidien](#)

Daily close to National Assembly President Guillaume Soro

3,054 daily

[Le Nouveau Courrier](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

2,999 daily

Le Mandat - (no current website)

Daily close to the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

2,833

[L'Expression](#)

Daily supportive of current president Alassane Ouattara

2,664 daily

[L'Intelligent d'Abidjan](#)

Privately-owned supportive of certain ministers within the government

2,571 daily

Le Jour Plus - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

2,221

=====

[Agence Ivoirienne de Presse](#)

Government-run news agency

[ONU CI FM](#)

UN-owned radio operated by the UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire

[RTI Television](#)

Government-run television and radio conglomerate

U.S. Embassy Cote D'Ivoire National Daily Press Review

JULY 30, 2014

Today's Top Stories

1. President Obama calls for respect of human rights
2. Government rewards young entrepreneurs
3. Report says U.S. to scrutinize diamond trade in Cote d'Ivoire
4. President Ouattara meets with Burkinabe counterpart to reinforce cooperation

1. President Obama calls for respect of human rights

- http://rti.ci/infos_International_7820_obama-le-monde-a-besoin-d-une-afrique-forte-et-autonome.html
- <http://koaci.com/ghana-yali-2014-obama-annonce-creation-centre-regional-leadership-ghana-93494.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504671.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504600.html>

President Obama's meeting on Monday young African leaders was one of the top stories on **RTI television** yesterday. The state broadcaster carried footage of President Obama addressing excited young leaders. On the coming U.S.-Africa Summit for heads of state, President Obama said: "The summit reflects a principle that has guided my approach to Africa ever since I became President -- that the security and prosperity and justice that we seek in the world cannot be achieved without a strong and prosperous and self-reliant Africa."

A report in **Notre Voie (p. 4)** says President Barack Obama has renamed the Young African Leaders Initiative "The Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders". The president explained that the name change is to highlight values championed by Nelson Mandela as well as his focus on youth. The paper quotes President Obama as saying that in the absence of "a basic system of rule of law, of respect for civil rights and human rights...and an economic system that is transparent and accountable...it is very rare for a country to succeed." The article quotes youth leader including Mamadou Drame from Cote d'Ivoire as saying, "We, the youth, are the future of Africa" and Paul Galatis from South Africa, who described the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders as an "exceptional opportunity."

Abidjan.net (online media) carries a report about 12 young leaders from Cote d'Ivoire meeting with Ivorian Ambassador to the United States Daouda Diabate who encouraged them to share skills and experience acquired in the United States once they get back home.

President Obama announced the creation of four regional centers for leadership in Ghana, Senegal, South Africa and Kenya according to a report in **L'Inter (p. 8)**.

Nord-Sud Quotidien (p. 11) reports that Obama met with young leaders Monday ahead of the U.S.-Africa Summit for heads of state scheduled for August 5-6. It said that the goal of the coming summit is to strengthen economic ties between the United States and African countries in order to promote democracy, transparent governance, and economic growth.

An article in **Le Jour Plus (p. 11)** describes President Obama's meeting with young African leaders as "seduction" and said that the summit will provide the opportunity for African heads of state to engage as equals with the United States.

2. Government rewards young entrepreneurs

- <http://koaci.com/cote-divoire-entrepreneuriat-jeunes-soffrent-prix-alassane-ouattara-dune-valeur-millions-93498.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/v/18106.html>

- <http://www.linfodrome.com/societe-culture/16668-promotion-de-l-entrepreneuriat-le-prix-alassane-ouattara-pour-motiver-les-jeunes>

A report in ***Fraternite Matin*** (p. 17) says that 20 young entrepreneurs received an award named after President Alassane Ouattara and presented by Prime Minister Daniel Kablan Duncan. According to the paper, the winners were selected from among more than 1,000 applicants and will share a total of CFA 200 million (US \$400,000) to start projects in different sectors including agriculture, farming, fishing, and tourism.

3. Report says U.S. to scrutinize diamond trade in Cote d'Ivoire

The United States is trying to take control of the diamond trade in Cote d'Ivoire according to an article in ***L'Inter*** (p. 13). The paper quotes reliable sources as saying that the United States has put in place "persuasive economic diplomacy" to make sure it is involved in the diamond trade in Cote d'Ivoire. The paper also quotes the magazine *Africa Mining* as saying that since the embargo on Ivorian diamonds was lifted in April, the United States has been working tirelessly to ensure that Ivorian diamond production is regulated.

4. President Ouattara meets with Burkinabe counterpart to reinforce cooperation

- <http://rti.ci/infos/Politique/7832-crash-air-algerie-le-president-ivoirien-rend-hommage-aux-victimes.html>
- <http://koaci.com/cote-divoire-cooperation-ivoiro-burkinabe-ouattara-ouagadougou-pour-heures-93499.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/v/18107.html>

President Ouattara is in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso to participate in the fourth Conference on Cooperation and Brotherhood, reports ***Fraternite Matin*** (p. 7). President Ouattara explained that the conference has become a traditional event to enable the two countries to reinforce bilateral ties and said, "We hope this week's meeting will help consolidate this partnership."

According to a report in ***Nord-Sud Quotidien*** (p. 2) approximately 20 agreements will be signed during the conference to reinforce cooperation between the two countries.

[International Stories on Cote d'Ivoire](#)

[Côte d'Ivoire Economy 2014: Recent Developments and Prospects](#)

Afribiz.info

The economy continued to grow (+8.8%) in 2013, on a solid social and political base that produced 9.8% growth in 2012. Reconstruction continued ...

[Tongon mine to show steady performance improvement during H2](#)

Creamer Media's Mining Weekly

On the wider issue of gold mining in **Côte d'Ivoire**, Bristow described the country's new mining code, which the government had developed in close ...

[African bond rush 'to continue' before US rates increase](#)

BDlive

It was the first time **Côte d'Ivoire** had turned to the market since the civil war in 2011. According to Capital Economics, **Côte d'Ivoire** issued \$750m ...

[Cocoa prices seen near their peak after year-long surge](#)

Business Recorder

Ivory Coast's 2014/15 cocoa crop was pegged at a median of 1.61 million tones, with estimates ranging from 1.47 million tons to 1.8 million tons, ...

[Viet, Chinese held in B9m ivory bust](#)

Bangkok Post

The suspects had travelled from **Ivory Coast** and were embarking on Bangkok Airways flight PG 909 to Siem Reap, Cambodia, at 6.30pm when they ...

[IVORY COAST - GBP Ivory Coast Miners' patience runs short](#)

Africa Intelligence (subscription)

GBP **Ivory Coast** Minerals Sarl, an affiliate of the Russian giant GPB Global Resources (Gazprombank group) is thinking of cancelling its investments ...

[IVORY COAST - Washington corners the diamond trade](#)

Africa Intelligence (subscription)

Thanks to a highly persuasive form of economic diplomacy, the Americans have tightened their grip on **Ivory Coast's** diamond market since Alassane ...

[IVORY COAST - International Natural Resources on the offensive](#)

Africa Intelligence (subscription)

Dubai-based International Natural Resources is speeding up its projects in **Ivory Coast** through its two subsidiaries, Global Industries Sarl and ...

[IVORY COAST - GBP Ivory Coast Miners' patience runs short](#)

Africa Intelligence (subscription)

GBP **Ivory Coast** Minerals Sarl, an affiliate of the Russian giant GPB Global Resources (Gazprombank group) is thinking of cancelling its investments ...

[IVORY COAST - Washington corners the diamond trade](#)

Africa Intelligence (subscription)

Thanks to a highly persuasive form of economic diplomacy, the Americans have tightened their grip on **Ivory Coast's** diamond market since Alassane ...

[IVORY COAST - International Natural Resources on the offensive](#)

Africa Intelligence (subscription)

Dubai-based International Natural Resources is speeding up its projects in **Ivory Coast** through its two subsidiaries, Global Industries Sarl and ...

[Onset of puberty in female bonobos precedes that of chimpanzees](#)

Phys.Org

Maimouna (left), a five-year-old female chimpanzee, lives in the Taï National Park, **Ivory coast**.

Credit: Solea: Sean Lee, LKBP; Maimouna: Liran ...

[Media affiliation and circulation](#)

(Newspaper circulation figures represent average number of copies sold daily. Latest numbers as of December 31, 2013.)

[Fraternite Matin](#)

Government-owned and controlled daily newspaper with the widest circulation

22,723 daily

[Soir Info](#)

Independent daily

17,378

[Le Nouveau Reveil](#)

Daily owned by the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

12,546 daily

Le Temps - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of former President Gbagbo and his FPI party

11,883 daily

[L'Inter](#)

Independent daily that publishes mostly balanced news

10,457 daily

[Notre Voie](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

8,547 daily

[Le Quotidien d'Abidjan](#)

Daily close to former President Laurent Gbagbo

6,771 daily

[Le Patriote](#)

Daily owned by President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

6,523 daily

[Nord-Sud Quotidien](#)

Daily close to National Assembly President Guillaume Soro

3,054 daily

[Le Nouveau Courrier](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

2,999 daily

Le Mandat - (no current website)

Daily close to the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

2,833

[L'Expression](#)

Daily supportive of current president Alassane Ouattara

2,664 daily

[L'Intelligent d'Abidjan](#)

Privately-owned supportive of certain ministers within the government

2,571 daily

Le Jour Plus - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

2,221

=====

[Agence Ivoirienne de Presse](#)

Government-run news agency

[ONU CI FM](#)

UN-owned radio operated by the UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire

[RTI Television](#)

Government-run television and radio conglomerate

U.S. Embassy Cote D'Ivoire National Daily Press Review

JULY 29, 2014

Today's Top Stories

1. President Obama meets with Young African Leaders ahead of Heads of State Summit
2. USAID donates office equipment
3. Cote d'Ivoire to open diamond trading offices
4. President Ouattara urges religious leaders to pray for peace in Cote d'Ivoire
5. Civil society groups discuss plan to resolve conflicts in local communities

1. President Obama meets with Young African Leaders ahead of Heads of State Summit

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504617.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504600.html>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/obama-le-monde-a-besoin-d-une-afrique-forte-et-autonome-24822.html>

President Barak Obama's town hall meeting with young African leaders in Washington yesterday hits the front page of today's *Notre Voie* (**front-page headline, article p. 7**). The report was filed by Cesar Ebokie who is taking part in a tour organized by the State Department's Foreign Press Center. The town hall meeting, organized ahead of the U.S.-African heads of state summit scheduled for August 5-6, brought together over 500 young African leaders from different countries. During their visit to the United States, the participants discussed the future of the African continent with a focus promoting economic prosperity and strengthening democracy. The report noted that President Obama delivered a frank, courteous, and humorous speech and explained his vision for the role youth should play in the development of the continent. The report also says that this initiative will continue. According to the paper, since 2000 the United States has promoted cooperation with African countries through the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA). It also states that Obama's election brought hope to the continent and that the Young African Leaders Initiative is a way for him to leave his mark there. The upcoming U.S.-Africa Heads of State Summit will reinforce cooperation, which will be beneficial for both Africans and Americans. A First Ladies Summit will also take place on August 6 at the Kennedy Center.

Le Jour Plus (**p. 4**) reports that young African entrepreneurs met with President Obama yesterday. The article says that the meeting was designed by the White House to seek the perspectives of young African entrepreneurs on the continent's economic development. It also notes that approximately 50,000 young Africans would like to study in U.S. universities. The young African leaders who met with President Obama yesterday were selected for their commitment to working for a better future for their countries.

2. USAID donates office equipment to 11 courts

In its weekend issue, *Notre Voie* (**p. 8**) reported that the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) donated office equipment to eleven courts throughout the country through the ProJustice project implemented by Tetra Tech Dpk. The equipment includes computers, printers, and fax machines and will enable the police and gendarmerie officers to better do their jobs. The paper notes that ProJustice was created through an agreement between the governments of Cote d'Ivoire and the United States to computerize tribunals and courts throughout the country.

Le Nouveau Reveil (**p. 9**) reports that the equipment donated through ProJustice will reinforce the Ivorian judiciary system and ensure better justice and criminal procedures in Cote d'Ivoire.

3. Cote d'Ivoire to open diamond trading offices

A weekend report in **Fraternite Matin (p. 13)** says that the government of Cote d'Ivoire will soon open diamond trading offices. According to the paper, the decision came as a result of the country's reintegration into the Kimberly Process in November 2013. The paper said that the government organized a meeting last week with potential diamond dealers from United States, Israel, India, China, Belgium, Russia, and South Africa to provide information about procedures they will need to follow to work in Cote d'Ivoire.

4. President Ouattara urges religious leaders to pray for peace in Cote d'Ivoire

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504611.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504616.html>

Muslims in Cote d'Ivoire celebrated Eid-el-Fitr yesterday, marking the end of the month of Ramadan. According to **Fraternite Matin (p. 4)**, President Ouattara attended a prayer service at the Riviera Golf mosque and called on Ivoirian religious leaders to pray for peace, reconciliation, and happiness for Ivoirians.

A report in **Le Patriote (p.11)** says Imam Mamadou Traore, who led the prayer session at the Riviera Golf mosque also urged Ivoirians to promote values that encourage justice and equity.

5. Civil society groups discuss plan to resolve conflicts in local communities

Fraternite Matin (p. 7) reports that Ivorian civil society organizations met last week to develop a strategic plan on how to resolve conflict in local communities. The meeting was organized by the Centre d'Etudes et des Recherches Administratives et Politiques (CERAP) in conjunction with the United Nations Fund for Democracy as part of a project to promote democratic dialogue and social cohesion in western Cote d'Ivoire. According to the paper, the meeting was attended by nearly 30 representatives of civil society groups, most of them based in this area.

[International Stories on Cote d'Ivoire](#)

[INSIGHT-Ivorian revival feeds on troubles in Ghana cocoa sector](#)

Reuters

Ivory Coast has partially closed the quality gap in the past two years, but it is a collapse in the Ghanaian currency, the cedi, that has driven the reversal ...

[Over \\$300000 worth of ivory seized at Thai airport](#)

TVNZ

Thai customs officers have seized ivory worth more than \$300,000 at ... They boarded a plane from Abidjan, **Ivory Coast** and transited in Ethiopia ...

[Randgold Resources Fails To Achieve Planned Ramp-Up At Tongon](#)

London South East

LONDON (Alliance News) - Randgold Resources Ltd Monday said its Tongon gold mine in the **Ivory Coast** is continuing to make achievements in its ...

[MTN CI opens first of two new-generation data centres](#)

Telecompaper (subscription)

Less than seven years after breaking ground on **Cote d'Ivoire's** first new-generation data centre, MTN **Cote d'Ivoire** has opened its doors, reports ...

[Ivory Coast plans to tap international debt markets in 2015](#)

Reuters Africa

ABIDJAN, July 25 (Reuters) - **Ivory Coast** plans to tap international debt markets again next year, the minister in charge of finance and the economy ...

[One Step Forward, Two Steps Back?](#)

EIN News Eritrea

Photo: Hien Macline/UN Pupils in **Cote d'Ivoire**: Education is one of the crucial indicators used in compiling the Human Development Index.

[Effect of deworming on school-aged children's physical fitness, cognition and clinical parameters in ...](#)

7thSpace Interactive (press release)

Methods: We designed an intervention study with a 5-month follow-up among schoolchildren aged 5-14 years from Niabli, eastern **Cote d'Ivoire**.

[Photos: The World's Largest Church Is in the Middle of an African Coconut Plantation](#)

Mother Jones

Central-West **Côte d'Ivoire** is a lush agricultural landscape, stuffed with rich banana, rice, and cocoa fields. The region is this West African nation's ...

[UNDP Presents 2014 HDR](#)

The News

Pupils in **Cote d'Ivoire**: Education is one of the crucial indicators used in compiling the Human Development Index. The Resident Representative of the ...

[Dark continent? How Africa's communications revolution is eroding bad press](#)

Devex

Women from Guinea-Conakry speaking at a local radio station about the problems they face as refugees in the **Ivory Coast**. Photo by: Ami Vitale ...

[Yaya Toure, Ice Prince, Davido Shortlisted for 2014 Future Africa Awards](#)

AllAfrica.com

Ivory Coast and Manchester City midfielder, Yaya Toure, and Nigerian music stars Ice Prince and Davido are among the nominees for this year's The ...

[Ghana's Currency Slump Prompts Sharp Rise in Cocoa Smuggling](#)

Wall Street Journal (blog)

A steep drop in Ghana's currency means neighbor **Ivory Coast's** cocoa output is getting an unexpected bump. A 41% drop in the value of Ghana's ...

[Ivory Coast's Bobo brings his own vibe to Halifax's Africa Festival](#)

TheChronicleHerald.ca

Bobo, born William Atchouellou, grew up in the **Ivory Coast** in West Africa and moved to Montreal in 2007 with his wife, a performer with Cirque du ...

[Cote d'Ivoire: Govt to ratify the UN Arms Trade treaty](#)

African Manager

Government spokesman Bruno Nabagné Koné explained that **Cote d'Ivoire** wants to participate firmly in the international action against the ...

[Research and Markets: Cote d'Ivoire Oil and Gas Report 2014 - Trends, Market Opportunities and ...](#)

DigitalJournal.com

Cote d'Ivoire oil and gas sector is constantly undergoing active transformation from the past few years. The country is expected to witness significant ...

Media affiliation and circulation

(Newspaper circulation figures represent average number of copies sold daily. Latest numbers as of December 31, 2013.)

[Fraternite Matin](#)

Government-owned and controlled daily newspaper with the widest circulation

22,723 daily

[Soir Info](#)

Independent daily

17,378

[Le Nouveau Reveil](#)

Daily owned by the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

12,546 daily

Le Temps - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of former President Gbagbo and his FPI party

11,883 daily

[L'Inter](#)

Independent daily that publishes mostly balanced news

10,457 daily

[Notre Voie](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

8,547 daily

[Le Quotidien d'Abidjan](#)

Daily close to former President Laurent Gbagbo

6,771 daily

[Le Patriote](#)

Daily owned by President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

6,523 daily

[Nord-Sud Quotidien](#)

Daily close to National Assembly President Guillaume Soro

3,054 daily

[Le Nouveau Courrier](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

2,999 daily

Le Mandat - (no current website)

Daily close to the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

2,833

[L'Expression](#)

Daily supportive of current president Alassane Ouattara

2,664 daily

[L'Intelligent d'Abidjan](#)

Privately-owned supportive of certain ministers within the government

2,571 daily

Le Jour Plus - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

2,221

=====

[Agence Ivoirienne de Presse](#)

Government-run news agency

[ONU CI FM](#)

UN-owned radio operated by the UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire

[RTI Television](#)

Government-run television and radio conglomerate

U.S. Embassy Cote D'Ivoire National Daily Press Review

JULY 25, 2014

Today's Top Stories

1. **Government announces intention to speed up legal procedures concerning political detainees**
2. **Change of commander of security unit sparks speculations**
3. **Government and World Bank sign agreement to improve governance in coffee and cocoa sector**

1. **Government announces intention to speed up legal procedures concerning political detainees**

- <http://lintelligentdabidjan.ci/politique/89-3104/1283-conseil-de-ministres-kone-bruno>

A report in *Fraternite Matin* (pp. 4&8) says the government announced that over the next five months it will work on legal procedures concerning people detained in connection with the 2011 political crisis. The announcement was made after a cabinet meeting chaired by President Alassane Ouattara on Wednesday. The Minister of Post Office, Information, and Communication Technology, Bruno Kone, is reported as saying that detainees are accused of economic crimes, killings, and breaches of state security. He also said that out of 659 detainees, 275 have been released on bail. He commented that the detention of the remaining 384 people is justified because they may have been involved in breaches of state security. He also said that out of 289 bank accounts that were frozen in 2011, 209 have already been unfrozen. The 80 that remain frozen belong to people being sanctioned by the U.N. and European Union.

In a related development, *Le Patriote* (p. 2) reports Mr. Kone as saying that 142 bodies have been exhumed in Abidjan as part of a government operation to identify people buried in mass graves during the 2011 crisis. The minister also said that 121 bodies have been identified and that 15 graves and 22 mass graves have been found in the West of Cote d'Ivoire. He added that the operation to exhume bodies will continue throughout the country.

On the case of detainees, *Le Nouveau Reveil* (p. 7) carries a statement issued by the opposition FPI party on Wednesday saying that 500 of its supporters are still in jail.

Notre Voie (p. 2) also carries the statement and notes that the opposition party has denounced the deaths of political detainees at the *Maison d'Arret et de Correction* (MACA), a prison in Abidjan. The paper also alleges that a leader of the Union for New Generations (UNG), Etienne N'Guessan, has been missing since July 18.

L'Inter (p. 6) reports that, according to Minister Bruno Kone, the government will need nearly one billion CFA (US \$2 million) to try the political detainees.

2. **Change of commander of security unit sparks speculations**

- <http://www.koaci.com/cote-divoire-elements-frci-arrets-suite-passation-commandement-manquee-93396.html>
- <http://www.koaci.com/cote-divoire-vire-ccdo-wattao-refuse-rendre-vehicule-commandement-93393.html>
- <http://www.koaci.com/cote-divoire-wattao-vire-ccdo-93328.html>
- <http://www.linodrome.com/vie-politique/16624-un-danger-plane-sur-wattao>
- <http://www.linodrome.com/vie-politique/16613-le-commandant-fofana-inza-gruman-remplace-le-colonel-wattao>
- <http://www.linodrome.com/revue-de-presse-nationale/16617-wattao-cpi-les-mauvaises-nouvelles-s-enchainent>

The decision by the high military command to change the head of a government security unit, *Centre de Coordination des Decisions Operationelles* (CCDO), has sparked media speculation.

A report in **Le Temps (p. 5)** says that Lieutenant Colonel Issiaka Ouattara, also known as Wattao, was replaced by General Soumahoro Gaoussou as the head of CCDO on July 21. According to many observers, Wattao, a former warlord also called "Com Zones", is linked to legal procedures underway at the International Criminal Court in connection with crimes against humanity. The paper claims that the removal of Wattao from the stewardship of CCDO marks the beginning of his misfortune and speculates that President Ouattara's regime is sending a strong signal to former warlords, who may also be transferred to The Hague. The paper comments that Wattao may be serving as the government's scapegoat.

According to **Le Nouveau Courrier (p. 5)** Wattao is now Deputy Commander of the Republican Guard and is also in charge of security in four districts in Abidjan. The paper claims that his removal from the CCDO is part of a government strategy to get rid of former warlords.

Le Jour Plus (p. 4) describes Wattao's case as part of government plans to spruce up the army's image and says that the government may have tired of Wattao's misdeeds.

Wattao is being accused of spending more time on his own business than on military issues, notes **L'Expression (p. 2)**.

3. Government and World Bank sign agreement to improve governance in coffee and cocoa sector

- <http://www.linfodrome.com/economie/16628-la-banque-mondiale-accorde-une-rallonge-budgetaire-de-2-5-milliards-de-fcfa>

L'Inter (p. 11) reports that Niale Kaba, Delegate Minister to the Prime Minister in Charge of Economy and Finance, and Ousmane Diagana, the World Bank Country Director for Cote d'Ivoire, signed a loan agreement designed to ensure good governance primarily in the coffee and cocoa industries. The loan of CFA 2.5 billion (US \$5 million) will help fund institutional development and activities supporting transparency and efficiency. The paper quotes Mr. Diagana as saying that it should help the government address poverty among cocoa and coffee farmers and notes, "About 60 percent of cocoa producers are living under the poverty line and represent about 28 percent of the population living in poverty in Cote d'Ivoire."

A report in **Fraternite Matin (p. 19)** says that the loan will help Cote d'Ivoire speed up public reforms in these sectors and quotes Mrs. Kaba as urging the World Bank to increase financial assistance for Cote d'Ivoire to support economic reforms that are a priority for the country's development plan.

International Stories on Cote d'Ivoire

[Orange and Emmaüs International launch their 5th African mobile telephone recycling facility in ...](#)

IT News Online

The fifth mobile collection facility was inaugurated today in Abidjan, the **Côte d'Ivoire**, in the presence of the Ivoirian Minister for the Environment, ...

[RAK Petroleum boasts \\$15.81 million profit since December](#)

Al-Bawaba

Early this year, Mondoil Enterprises added to its exploration portfolio by acquiring an indirect 9.2 per cent stake in **Cote d'Ivoire** Block 502 and another ...

[IVORY COAST - Ouattara works African magic on Hollande](#)

Africa Intelligence (subscription)

The full complement of **Ivory Coast's** government was ready and waiting hours before his arrival and trip of the Ebrie Lagoon. Back on dry land, the ...

Media affiliation and circulation

(Newspaper circulation figures represent average number of copies sold daily. Latest numbers as of December 31, 2013.)

[Fraternite Matin](#)

Government-owned and controlled daily newspaper with the widest circulation

22,723 daily

[Soir Info](#)

Independent daily

17,378

[Le Nouveau Reveil](#)

Daily owned by the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

12,546 daily

Le Temps - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of former President Gbagbo and his FPI party

11,883 daily

[L'Inter](#)

Independent daily that publishes mostly balanced news

10,457 daily

[Notre Voie](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

8,547 daily

[Le Quotidien d'Abidjan](#)

Daily close to former President Laurent Gbagbo

6,771 daily

[Le Patriote](#)

Daily owned by President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

6,523 daily

[Nord-Sud Quotidien](#)

Daily close to National Assembly President Guillaume Soro

3,054 daily

[Le Nouveau Courrier](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

2,999 daily

Le Mandat - (no current website)

Daily close to the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

2,833

[L'Expression](#)

Daily supportive of current president Alassane Ouattara

2,664 daily

[L'Intelligent d'Abidjan](#)

Privately-owned supportive of certain ministers within the government

2,571 daily

Le Jour Plus - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

2,221

=====

[Agence Ivoirienne de Presse](#)

Government-run news agency

[ONUCI FM](#)

UN-owned radio operated by the UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire

[RTI Television](#)

Government-run television and radio conglomerate

U.S. Embassy Cote D'Ivoire National Daily Press Review

JULY 23, 2014

Today's Top Stories

1. [President Ouattara meets with NEPAD envoy](#)
2. [Inhabitants in impoverished neighborhoods stand against eviction](#)

1. **President Ouattara meets with NEPAD envoy**

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504355.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504342.html>

President Alassane Ouattara met with the Director General of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, reports ***Fraternite Matin* (p. 6)**. Mr. Mayaki said he met the president to inform him about NEPAD projects in agricultural development, national and regional infrastructure development and questions relating to African evaluation mechanisms designed to ensure good governance. The report indicates that NEPAD is currently funding 16 projects to boost regional economic integration.

2. **Inhabitants in impoverished neighborhoods stand against eviction**

- <http://www.koaci.com/cote-divoire-tension-entre-police-habitants-lors-deguerπισement-cocody-gobelet-blesses-93351.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504391.html>
- <http://www.linfordrome.com/societe-culture/16608-deguerπισement-les-habitants-de-gobelet-disent-non-au-gouvernement>
- http://www.lecridabidjan.net/urgent_operation_de_deguerπισement_du_quartier.html

A report in ***Fraternite Matin* (p. 13)** says inhabitants in the impoverished neighborhoods known as 'Gobelet' yesterday protested government's decisions to evict them from the area because of flooding and landslides caused by recent record rainfall. People barricaded roads to prevent police access and some described their eviction as a "scandal", while others shouted, "President, we want to sleep! Where are we going to stay?" The report says that the destruction of these neighborhoods is being organized by the Ministry of Construction, Sanitation and Urban Planning. It quotes one demonstrator as saying that the Ministry gave them until July 2 to move and ignored their requests for a meeting to extend the deadline. Many people denied receiving the CFA 150,000 (US \$150) they were promised as compensation for relocation.

***Nord-Sud Quotidien* (p. 10)** reports that despite yesterday's demonstrations, the National Office for Civilian Protection (ONPC) has announced its intention to continue the relocation process. A spokesperson for ONPC said that demonstrations are "normal" as people living in the area don't want to leave. He also said that similar operations will be carried out in other areas in Abidjan.

People in Gobelet said that they were betrayed by the government, according to ***L'Inter* (p. 12)**. It also reports that at least three people were injured as police used tear gas to disperse angry demonstrators.

***Notre Voie* (p. 7)** claims that at least four people were injured during the clash between police and people living in Gobelet.

According to a report in ***Aujourd'hui* (p. 4)** about 75,000 people are homeless as a result of the evictions.

International Stories on Cote d'Ivoire

[Genetically improved tilapia delivered to Ivory Coast](#)

FIS-12 hours ago

A shipment of genetically improved tilapia was delivered this week to the Government of *Ivory Coast* by the head of the Ministry of Fisheries and ...

[Hendricks commends efforts to end statelessness in Côte d'Ivoire](#)

UNHCR (press release)-Jul 22, 2014

ABIDJAN, *Côte d'Ivoire*, July 22 (UNHCR) – The UN refugee agency's Honorary Lifetime Goodwill Ambassador Barbara Hendricks recently met ...

[Cote d'Ivoire: Avoiding Victors' Justice in Cote d'Ivoire](#)

AllAfrica.com-9 hours ago

These words ring especially true in *Côte d'Ivoire*. Ever since the humiliating pictures showing a disheveled former president Laurent Gbagbo in ...

[IVORY COAST - BURKINA FASO - Better supplies for Ouagadougou](#)

Africa Intelligence (subscription)-Jul 21, 2014

According to our sources, *Ivory Coast* president Alassane Ouattara and his Burkina Faso counterpart Blaise Compaore are to finalize a new ...

[Media affiliation and circulation](#)

(Newspaper circulation figures represent average number of copies sold daily. Latest numbers as of December 31, 2013.)

[Fraternite Matin](#)

Government-owned and controlled daily newspaper with the widest circulation

22,723 daily

[Soir Info](#)

Independent daily

17,378

[Le Nouveau Reveil](#)

Daily owned by the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

12,546 daily

Le Temps - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of former President Gbagbo and his FPI party

11,883 daily

[L'Inter](#)

Independent daily that publishes mostly balanced news

10,457 daily

[Notre Voie](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

8,547 daily

[Le Quotidien d'Abidjan](#)

Daily close to former President Laurent Gbagbo

6,771 daily

[Le Patriote](#)

Daily owned by President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

6,523 daily

[Nord-Sud Quotidien](#)

Daily close to National Assembly President Guillaume Soro

3,054 daily

[Le Nouveau Courrier](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

2,999 daily

Le Mandat - (no current website)

Daily close to the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

2,833

[L'Expression](#)

Daily supportive of current president Alassane Ouattara

2,664 daily

[L'Intelligent d'Abidjan](#)

Privately-owned supportive of certain ministers within the government

2,571 daily

Le Jour Plus - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

2,221

=====

[Agence Ivoirienne de Presse](#)

Government-run news agency

[ONU CI FM](#)

UN-owned radio operated by the UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire

[RTI Television](#)

Government-run television and radio conglomerate

U.S. Embassy Cote D'Ivoire National Daily Press Review

JULY 22, 2014

Today's Top Stories

1. President Ouattara meets with Ambassador McCulley
2. Property Rights and Artisanal Diamond Development (PRADD II) project launched
3. PEPFAR supports capacity building training
4. A committee to fight sexual violence set up

1. President Ouattara meets with Ambassador McCulley

- <http://www.koaci.com/cote-divoire-onuci-uemoa-menu-jour-dado-palais-93323.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504292.html>

President Alassane Ouattara met with U.S. Ambassador to Cote d'Ivoire, Terrence McCulley, reports ***Fraternite Matin (p. 6)***. According to the paper, the discussion focused on bilateral relations between the United States and Cote d'Ivoire and the U.S. Africa Summit scheduled for August 5-6 in Washington D.C. The paper reports that President Ouattara and Ambassador McCulley discussed French President Francois Hollande's visit to Cote d'Ivoire last week.

Le Nouveau Reveil (p. 6) reports Ambassador McCulley as saying that he discussed the agenda of the summit with the president at which Prime Minister Kablan Duncan will represent Cote d'Ivoire.

2. Property Rights and Artisanal Diamond Development (PRADD II) project launched

Reports in several newspapers today address the launch of the Property Rights and Artisanal Diamond Development (PRADD II) project in Abidjan yesterday.

Fraternite Matin (p. 14) reported that the launch was jointly organized by the Ministry of Industry and Mining, United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the European Union. The paper indicates that the PRADD II project is possible now that the U.N. Security Council has lifted the ban on Ivorian diamonds in April 2014. Terah de Jong, National Director of PRADD II, is reported to have said that the project is designed to increase diamond production and improve living conditions in mining communities. DeJong also noted that artisanal diamond mining often takes place in very poor communities using rudimentary mining techniques. Ambassador McCulley encouraged the government of Cote d'Ivoire to take advantage of the PRADD II project to address problems facing artisanal diamond mining.

Minister of Industry and Mining, Jean-Claude Brou said that Cote d'Ivoire will open diamond trading offices by the end of 2014 now that reforms in the mining sector have led to the lifting of the U.N. embargo on diamonds from Cote d'Ivoire according to ***L'Inter (p. 11)***. He is also reported to have said that the end of the embargo constitutes a turning point in re-launching the diamond sector. The PRADD II project will help modernize the mining sector and help trace diamonds mined in Cote d'Ivoire, according to ***L'Expression (p. 7)***.

LG Infos (p. 4) quotes Ambassador McCulley as saying, "It is important to bear in mind that the lifting of the embargo is not an end in and of itself, but part of a long term process."

Notre Voie (p. 8) reports that the United States support will help Cote d'Ivoire's streamline activities in the diamond sector.

3. PEPFAR supports capacity building training

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504286.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504280.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504308.html>

Le Patriote (p. 7) reports that the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Health organized a capacity building training last week to foster leadership in the fight against HIV/AIDS in Cote

d'Ivoire. According to the paper, the training also focused on communication strategies. It was funded by PEPFAR and USAID in collaboration with the Communication Department at Felix Houphouet-Boigny University of Abidjan and was by Johns Hopkins representative in Cote d'Ivoire Mrs. Regina Traore.

4. A committee to fight sexual violence set up

A report in *Fraternite Matin* (p. 9) indicates that a committee to fight sexual violence has been set up in Cote d'Ivoire to help the security forces to respond to prevent and respond to incidents of sexual violence in Cote d'Ivoire. It was launched with the support of the Commander of Cote d'Ivoire's Army General Soumaila Bakayoko. The report indicates that the U.N. Secretary General Special Representative to Cote d'Ivoire Aichatou Mindaoudou attended the opening ceremony.

International Stories on Cote d'Ivoire

Three years after civil war, how close is Ivory Coast to reconciliation?

FRANCE 24

Three years after the post-electoral crisis that has sent *Ivory Coast* into civil war, how far along is the country on the path to reconciliation?

Rain in Ivory Coast fuels hopes for strong cocoa main crop

Reuters Africa

ABIDJAN, July 21 (Reuters) - Rain mixed with sunny spells last week in most of *Ivory Coast's* main cocoa regions helped the development of ...

IVORY COAST - Buried Hill to finance CI-509

Africa Intelligence (subscription)

African Petroleum has penned a farm out accord concerning 10% of its *Ivory Coast* offshore block CI-509 with Buried Hill. In return, Buried Hill ...

85 Nigerians in detention in Abidjan - Embassy

Premium Times

"But during our last consular visit to the prison in *Abidjan*, we were able to see about 70 of them instead of the 85 on the list. Majority of those on ...

Media affiliation and circulation

(Newspaper circulation figures represent average number of copies sold daily. Latest numbers as of December 31, 2013.)

Fraternite Matin

Government-owned and controlled daily newspaper with the widest circulation

22,723 daily

Soir Info

Independent daily

17,378

[Le Nouveau Reveil](#)

Daily owned by the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

12,546 daily

Le Temps - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of former President Gbagbo and his FPI party

11,883 daily

[L'Inter](#)

Independent daily that publishes mostly balanced news

10,457 daily

[Notre Voie](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

8,547 daily

[Le Quotidien d'Abidjan](#)

Daily close to former President Laurent Gbagbo

6,771 daily

[Le Patriote](#)

Daily owned by President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

6,523 daily

[Nord-Sud Quotidien](#)

Daily close to National Assembly President Guillaume Soro

3,054 daily

[Le Nouveau Courrier](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

2,999 daily

Le Mandat - (no current website)

Daily close to the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

2,833

[L'Expression](#)

Daily supportive of current president Alassane Ouattara

2,664 daily

[L'Intelligent d'Abidjan](#)

Privately-owned supportive of certain ministers within the government

2,571 daily

Le Jour Plus - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

2,221

=====

[Agence Ivoirienne de Presse](#)

Government-run news agency

[ONU CI FM](#)

UN-owned radio operated by the UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire

[RTI Television](#)

Government-run television and radio conglomerate

U.S. Embassy Cote D'Ivoire National Daily Press Review

JULY 21, 2014

Today's Top Stories

1. FPI : dissension still reported although party leader Pascal Affi says he is committed to working for cohesion : Soir Info (p. 4), Fraternite Matin (p. 6), Le Nouveau Reveil (p.2) Notre Voie (p. 4) Nord Sud Quotidien (p. 2), L'Inter (p. 2 & 3), Aujourd'hui (p. 4), Le Quotidien d'Abidjan (p. 4)
2. Student union picks new chairman amidst dispute: Soir Info (p. 10), Fraternite Matin (p. 12), Le Temps (p. 3) Notre Voie (p. 9)
3. Cote d'Ivoire and Brazil to partner on fishery industry: Fraternite Matin (p. 15), Le Nouveau Reveil (p. 10)

1. FPI : dissension still reported, although party leader Pascal Affi says he is committed to working for cohesion

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504235.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504222.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504180.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504165.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504154.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504127.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504105.html>
- <http://www.koaci.com/cote-divoire-secretariat-general-page-akoun-laurent-definitivement-tournee-93264.html>
- <http://www.linodrome.com/vie-politique/16589-crise-au-fpi-hollande-apporte-son-appui-a-affi-n-guessan>
- <http://lintelligentdabidjan.ci/component/content/article/435-a-la-une-de-lia/1251-crise-au-fpi-avant-le-comite-central-extraordinaire-du-samedi-26-juillet-2014->
- <http://lintelligentdabidjan.ci/component/content/article/435-a-la-une-de-lia/1242-crise-au-fpi-la-procedure-pour-faire-reculer-affi-n-guessan-en-marche>

The leadership crisis plaguing the main opposition party FPI is reported on again today. According to **Soir Info (p. 4)**, officials from the party overseeing committee (*Comité de Contrôle*) tried unsuccessfully to meet with FPI President Pascal Affi in what is seen as an attempt to find common ground. Mr. Affi reportedly rebuked the move, arguing that he has no legal obligation to meet with such a committee under the party's current law. He called on the members of the committee instead to call a special meeting of FPI's leadership. This meeting is scheduled for July 26th, the paper later says.

Fraternite Matin(p. 6) adds that as part of his charm offensive Mr. Affi met over the weekend with local FPI dignitaries. Accordingly to the daily, rivalry between Mr. Affi and FPI former Secretary General Laurent Akoun is at its climax with both parties maneuvering to have control over the party. **Le Nouveau Reveil (p. 2)** notes that Mr. Akoun refused to step down as the party's Secretary General despite being recently discharged. In a separate development the paper notes that Affi has managed to secure the support of most FPI members.

Le Quotidien d'Abidjan (p. 4) carried an account similar to **Notre Voie, L'Inter (p. 2)** notes that the tête-à-tête between French President François Hollande and FPI President Alassane Ouattara on the margin of the former's recent visit to Côte d'Ivoire tacitly showed his support of Ouattara in this dispute.

2. Student union picks new chairman amidst dispute: Soir Info (p. 10), Fraternite Matin (p. 12), Le Temps (p. 3) Notre Voie (p. 9)

- <http://www.linodrome.com/societe-culture/16586-fesci-un-congres-debarque-mian-augustin>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/fesci-un-congres-debarque-mian-augustin-24233.html>

According to **Fraternite Matin (p. 12)** the union of Ivoirian students known as Federation Estudiantine Scholaire de Côte d'Ivoire (FESCI) elected Furgence Assi as the new Secretary General of the organization over the weekend. The event was closely monitored by the police, the paper adds. Mr. Assi recommitted to working for the welfare of the students, and to put an end to internal rivalry within the union. The election was rejected, however, by outgoing FESCI Secretary General Augustin Mian who denounced the election as a mockery and called on unionists to prepare for an official election slated for August-September. According to Mr. Mian, that is the election that will produce the new Secretary General.

Notre Voie (p. 9) adds that Mr. Mian was elected in 2007, and re-elected in 2009 for two years. Since 2011 he is no longer the Secretary General of FESCI although elections were not organized.

Le Temps (p. 3) carried the same account as **Fraternite Matin** saying that the new Secretary General of FESCI is marketing and finance student Furgence Assi.

3. Côte d'Ivoire and Brazil to partner on fishery industry: Fraternite Matin (p. 15), Le Nouveau Reveil (p. 10)

Fraternite Matin (p. 15) notes that Eduardo Benito Lopes, the Brazilian Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture, is in Côte d'Ivoire to discuss fisheries with Ivoirian officials. He was welcomed yesterday upon his arrival by Ivoirian Minister of Fisheries Kobenan Kouassi Adjouman at the airport. The Brazilian Minister is heading a delegation of fishery experts. There is a meeting planned for today between the delegation and officials at the Ministry of Fisheries to discuss sustainable fishery. They quote Lopes as saying to the press yesterday: "We are here in Côte d'Ivoire to help the country conduct a sustainable policy to help fight food insecurity".

Le Nouveau Reveil (p. 10) carried a similar account, adding that cooperation on fisheries between Brazil and Côte d'Ivoire goes back to the 1960s. Brazil gave 2,000 samples of a fish known as tilapia for experimentation.

[International Stories on Côte d'Ivoire](#)
[Côte d'Ivoire's schools for husbands](#)

Al Jazeera America-22 hours ago

N'DAKRO, Côte d'Ivoire — After Kouame Koffi's daughter Grace was born in 2008, he swore he would not have any more children. Koffi's wife ...

[Côte d'Ivoire: Displaced persons receive emergency aid](#)

ICRC (press release)-Jul 18, 2014

In May 2014, an armed group from Liberia attacked the village of Fétai, western Côte d'Ivoire. Thirteen people died and several were injured.

[Media affiliation and circulation](#)

(Newspaper circulation figures represent average number of copies sold daily. Latest numbers as of December 31, 2013.)

[Fraternite Matin](#)

Government-owned and controlled daily newspaper with the widest circulation

22,723 daily

[Soir Info](#)

Independent daily

17,378

[Le Nouveau Reveil](#)

Daily owned by the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

12,546 daily

Le Temps - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of former President Gbagbo and his FPI party

11,883 daily

[L'Inter](#)

Independent daily that publishes mostly balanced news

10,457 daily

[Notre Voie](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

8,547 daily

[Le Quotidien d'Abidjan](#)

Daily close to former President Laurent Gbagbo

6,771 daily

[Le Patriote](#)

Daily owned by President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

6,523 daily

[Nord-Sud Quotidien](#)

Daily close to National Assembly President Guillaume Soro

3,054 daily

[Le Nouveau Courrier](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

2,999 daily

Le Mandat - (no current website)

Daily close to the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

2,833

[L'Expression](#)

Daily supportive of current president Alassane Ouattara

2,664 daily

[L'Intelligent d'Abidjan](#)

Privately-owned supportive of certain ministers within the government

2,571 daily

Le Jour Plus - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

2,221

=====

[Agence Ivoirienne de Presse](#)

Government-run news agency

[ONU CI FM](#)

UN-owned radio operated by the UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire

[RTI Television](#)

Government-run television and radio conglomerate

U.S. Embassy Cote D'Ivoire National Daily Press Review

JULY 18, 2014

Today's Top Stories

1. President Hollande urges Ivoirian opposition FPI party to participate in coming elections
2. "We must not tolerate impunity," President Hollande says
3. President Hollande's visit to strengthen economic ties with Cote d'Ivoire
4. Ambassador McCulley meets FPI's leader Affi N'Guessan

1. President Hollande urges Ivoirian opposition FPI party to participate in coming elections

- <http://fratmat.info/politique/item/17437-c%C3%B4te-divoire-france-fran%C3%A7ois-hollande-a-entam%C3%A9-une-visite-officielle-%C3%A0-abidjan>
- <http://fratmat.info/une/item/17462-fran%C3%A7ois-hollande-%E2%80%98le-fpi-veut-exister-il-doit-%C3%Aatre-pr%C3%A9sent-aux-%C3%A9lections%E2%80%99>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504134.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504128.html>

The web edition of *Fraternite Matin* quotes French President Francois Hollande as saying, "If the opposition FPI wants to survive, it must take part in the coming elections." He was speaking at a joint press conference with President Ouattara wrapping up his one day official visit to Cote d'Ivoire. According to the paper, he also said, "My role is not to meddle with Cote d'Ivoire's internal politics." He urged the Ivoirian authorities to ensure that the next elections are open and transparent. The paper notes that the French president's visit coincides with disagreements between the government and opposition party over the new independent electoral commission, the body that will be organizing the 2015 presidential elections.

According to a report in *Le Nouveau Reveil* (pp. 2&3) the French president used his visit to Cote d'Ivoire to "tell the truth to Ivoirian political leaders". The paper quotes the French president as saying, "Reconciliation will only come through parliamentary and presidential elections." According to the paper, these remarks targeted the party of the former president Laurent Gbagbo, which is threatening to boycott coming elections.

The leader of the opposition FPI party, Affi N'Guessan, and the French president agree on issues related to the 2015 presidential election claims *L'Expression* (p. 2). Affi N'Guessan is reported as saying the future of the party will depend on the coming battle, "If we fail, we perish."

Notre Voie (p. 2) also quotes Affi N'Guessan as saying, "We discussed issues related to opposition demands regarding freedom, human rights, and democracy in Cote d'Ivoire. We asked the French president to use his power to influence political decisions so that peace and democracy can come back to our country."

The French president completely ignored the gross human rights violations taking place in Cote d'Ivoire including the hundreds of political detainees who are still in jail and Ivoirians who are still living in exile, according to *Aujourd'hui* (p. 5).

A report in *Le Nouveau Courrier* (p. 5) quotes Affi N'Guessan as saying on his Facebook page that his party will not participate in an election at any price. The paper criticizes the way the opposition parties were treated during their meeting with the French president, saying their concerns were minimized.

2. "We must not tolerate impunity," President Hollande says

- <http://fratmat.info/une/item/17458-fran%C3%A7ois-hollande-%C3%A0-lassane-ouattara-%E2%80%98%E2%80%98%E2%80%99impunit%C3%A9-ne-doit-pas-%C3%AAtre-tol%C3%A9r%C3%A9e%E2%80%99%E2%80%99>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504120.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504121.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504111.html>

Fraternite Matin web edition reports that the French president Francois Hollande said that the government should provide equal justice. In reaction to criticism that the government in Cote d'Ivoire is promoting "winner's justice" Francois Hollande said, "All those who committed crimes must be brought to justice. However, according to the paper, the French president commended the authorities in Cote d'Ivoire for making significant progress in improving security in the country.

According to **Le Nouveau Reveil (pp. 2&3)** the French president was firm on justice issues saying, "Any person in power who committed crimes must be held accountable." He also said that France supports international justice from which no one should escape. The paper claims that these statements are directed at former president Laurent Gbagbo.

L'Inter (p. 3) quotes the French president as saying that all procedures related to crimes that have been committed must be allowed to proceed. He also said that approximately 3,000 people were killed in Cote d'Ivoire during the recent crisis and, "We will only resume cooperation with Cote d'Ivoire when justice is restored."

3. President Hollande's visit to strengthen economic ties with Cote d'Ivoire

- <http://fratmat.info/une/item/17439-visite-de-mhollande-%C3%A0-abidjan-une-opportunit%C3%A9-daffaires-selon-bernard-n%E2%80%99doumi>
- <http://rti.ci/infos Politique 7734 cote-d-ivoire-hollande-visite-en-bateau-le-pont-henri-konan-bedie-en-construction.html>
- <http://rti.ci/infos Politique 7736 cote-d-ivoire-quatre-ivoiriens-symboles-de-reussite-en-france-accompagnent-hollande-en-visite-officielle.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504055.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504135.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504110.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504108.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504099.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504103.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504102.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504067.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504054.html>

Fraternite Matin web edition reports says that French leaders of industry met with their Ivoirian counterparts. Speaking to reporters Bernard N'Doumi, Vice President of General Confederation of Cote d'Ivoire Companies (CGECI) said, "The visit of President Hollande to Abidjan is good business opportunity." Mr. N'Doumi also hopes that, "This visit will be an opportunity for CEO's from both countries to work together." According to the article, more than 40 business leaders traveled with President Hollande to Cote d'Ivoire. Gerard Wolf, Vice President of MEDEF, a French business association, commented, "This meeting will help consolidate the excellent business ties that already exist between the two countries."

A report in **Le Nouveau Reveil (pp. 6&7)** quotes another French business leader Patrick Lucas saying, "We are here to participate in the economic growth taking place in Cote d'Ivoire." Mr. Lucas

was speaking after a meeting with Ivoirian Prime Minister Daniel Kablan Duncan. He also commented, "About 800 French companies are already established in Cote d'Ivoire and we plan to bring more.

L'Expression (p. 6) reports that the visit of President Hollande to Cote d'Ivoire is likely to generate CFA 60 billion in investments. According to the paper, the two governments signed four agreements in areas including health, training, industry and tourism.

4. Ambassador McCulley meets FPI's leader Affi N'Guessan

A report in **Notre Voie (p. 3)** says that the leader of the opposition FPI party, Pascal Affi N'Guessan, met with Ambassador Terrence McCulley. The paper quotes sources as saying that the meeting was arranged at the request of the American ambassador and that issues relating to the liberation of former President Laurent Gbagbo and his wife and other political detainees were discussed.

[International Stories on Cote d'Ivoire](#)

[France's Francois Hollande starts Africa tour in Ivory Coast](#)

BBC News-22 hours ago

On his first stop in *Ivory Coast*, Francois Hollande is being accompanied by 50 French business leaders. France still has huge economic ...

[It's time for Africa again as Hollande starts three-nation visit](#)

FRANCE 24-21 hours ago

French President François Hollande on Thursday starts a three-nation West African visit to *Ivory Coast*, Niger and Chad as the French military ...

[Hollande in Côte d'Ivoire for talks dominated by trade](#)

RFI-21 hours ago Share

French president François Hollande flew into Abidjan in *Côte d'Ivoire* on Thursday morning at the start of a visit to be dominated by trade talks.

[Côte d'Ivoire convinces buyers to cut up yield targets for 10yr](#)

GlobalCapital-12 hours ago

Cote d'Ivoire took another step on the road to recovery with a hugely successful \$750m 10 year bond this week. Investors, analysts and ...

[Media affiliation and circulation](#)

(Newspaper circulation figures represent average number of copies sold daily. Latest numbers as of December 31, 2013.)

[Fraternite Matin](#)

Government-owned and controlled daily newspaper with the widest circulation

22,723 daily

[Soir Info](#)

Independent daily

17,378

[Le Nouveau Reveil](#)

Daily owned by the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

12,546 daily

Le Temps - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of former President Gbagbo and his FPI party

11,883 daily

[L'Inter](#)

Independent daily that publishes mostly balanced news

10,457 daily

[Notre Voie](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

8,547 daily

[Le Quotidien d'Abidjan](#)

Daily close to former President Laurent Gbagbo

6,771 daily

[Le Patriote](#)

Daily owned by President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

6,523 daily

[Nord-Sud Quotidien](#)

Daily close to National Assembly President Guillaume Soro

3,054 daily

[Le Nouveau Courrier](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

2,999 daily

Le Mandat - (no current website)

Daily close to the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

2,833

[L'Expression](#) _

Daily supportive of current president Alassane Ouattara

2,664 daily

[L'Intelligent d'Abidjan](#)

Privately-owned supportive of certain ministers within the government

2,571 daily

Le Jour Plus - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

2,221

=====

[Agence Ivoirienne de Presse](#)

Government-run news agency

[ONUCI FM](#)

UN-owned radio operated by the UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire

[RTI Television](#)

Government-run television and radio conglomerate

U.S. Embassy Cote D'Ivoire National Daily Press Review

JULY 17, 2014

Today's Top Stories

1. [President Ouattara signs law on defense partnership between Cote d'Ivoire and France](#)
2. [French President Hollande in Cote d'Ivoire for a three-day tour in West Africa](#)
3. [Afreximbank, two other banks to finance extension work at Abidjan port](#)

1. **President Ouattara signs law on defense partnership between Cote d'Ivoire and France**

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504042.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504007.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503716.html>

A report in **Fraternite Matin (p. 4)** says that President Alassane Ouattara has signed a defense partnership law between Cote d'Ivoire and France. The law, which was passed by the National Assembly on July 4, was signed yesterday during a cabinet meeting in Abidjan. In January 2012, President Ouattara and the then French President Nicholas Sarkozy signed a treaty establishing a defense partnership between their two countries. The paper explained that this law replaces the previous one signed in April 1961, one year after Cote d'Ivoire's independence. The new law is a result of negotiations between the two countries that began in July 2011.

France will provide training, equipment, intelligence information, and support to Cote d'Ivoire during peacekeeping operations according to **Le Patriote (p.4)**.

2. **French President Hollande in Cote d'Ivoire for a three-day tour in West Africa**

- http://rti.ci/infos/Politique/7724_cote-d-ivoire-le-sens-et-les-enjeux-de-la-visite-du-president-francois-hollande.html
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504051.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504009.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503970.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503959.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503923.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503905.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503882.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503852.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504053.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/504004.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503986.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503965.html>
- <http://www.linodrome.com/economie/16548-visite-du-president-francais-35-milliards-fcfa-pour-regler-le-probleme-d-eau-a-abidjan>
- <http://www.linodrome.com/videodrome/video/featured/francois-hollande-en-cote-d-ivoire-ce-que-les-ivoiriens-attendent-de-sa-viste>

Francois Hollande is set to arrive today around 6 :00 reports **Fraternite Matin (p. 5)**. According to the paper, the French president and his Ivoirian counterpart will have their first discussion at the Felix Houphouet-Boigny Airport. The French President will also visit the new bridge under construction in Abidjan. The heads of state will have a second discussion at the presidential palace later in the day and will attend the closing ceremony of the French-Ivoirian Economic Forum, taking place this week in Abidjan. The paper also notes that President Hollande may be meeting with Ivoirian political leaders and French nationals living in Cote d'Ivoire.

Nord-Sud Quotidien (pp. 2, 4&5) quotes the Minister of the Post Office, Information and Communication Technology, Bruno Kone as saying, "France is not coming to impose its presence on Cote d'Ivoire." The minister commented on the new defense partnership law between the two countries saying, "These decisions are not taken unilaterally by France. The objective of this visit is to reinforce cooperation between France and Cote d'Ivoire in many sectors." The paper also notes that economic issues will be at the top of the agenda during the French president's visit and adds that there are approximately 140 French companies in Cote d'Ivoire providing about 40,000 jobs. Since the end of the post-election crisis, the *Agence Francaise de Developpement* (AFD) has loaned 350 million Euros to Cote d'Ivoire (US \$ 40,600,000) for development projects including projects that support the economic reform. The paper also indicates that Francois Hollande is the fifth French President to visit Cote d'Ivoire since General de Gaulle came to the country in March 1953. According to **Le Patriote (p. 2)**, 135 French government officials and CEOs are accompanying Francois Hollande. The paper also reports that President Hollande will leave Cote d'Ivoire tomorrow at 8:00 am for Mali and Chad as part of his West African tour.

On the opposition side, **Notre Voie (pp. 2, 4&5)** claims that President Hollande is coming to a country rife with human rights violations including summary executions, torture, and forced removals. The paper denounces what it calls "selective justice" through which only supporters of President Laurent Gbagbo are being prosecuted for crimes committed during the 2011 political crisis. It quotes a member of parliament, Bertin Kouadio Konan, as telling the French president that he is visiting a country that is being "martyred." Kouadio, who is a member of the PDCI-RDA party of former president Henri Konan Bedie, spoke at a press conference in Abidjan and used the opportunity to present the political situation in Cote d'Ivoire, which, according to him, is characterized by corruption, tribalism, and violation of human rights.

An article in **Le Temps (pp. 6&7)** suggests that President Hollande is coming to finish the job started by his predecessor, Nicholas Sarkozy. The paper sees the current visit of the French president as a supporter of "abuses of authority" by President Sarkozy in 2010 during the Ivoirian presidential elections.

3. Afreximbank, two other banks to finance extension work at Abidjan port

- <http://lintelligentdabidjan.ci/component/content/article/435-a-la-une-de-lia/1205-port-d-abidjan-extension-des-infrastructures>

A report in **L'Intelligent d'Abidjan (p. 2)** says that the African Import Export Bank (Afreximbank) has signed an agreement with the government of Cote d'Ivoire to extend facilities at the port of Abidjan. According to the paper, the loan is estimated at 200 million Euros (US\$ 271,000,000) and was signed in Cairo and Abidjan recently. Two national banks, The Societe Generale de Cote d'Ivoire and Banque Atlantique, will also contribute to this project.

[International Stories on Cote d'Ivoire](#)
[Sexual Violence Fuels HIV Epidemic](#)

AllAfrica.com

Cote d'Ivoire: Sexual Violence Fuels HIV Epidemic. By Nina Benedicte Kouassi, 16 July 2014. Three years after the Ivory Coast post-election crisis of 2010 ...

[CORRECTED-Cote d'Ivoire sets final guidance on US\\$750m 10...](#)

Reuters Africa

(Corrects lead managers). By Robert Smith. LONDON, July 16 (IFR) - *Cote d'Ivoire*, rated B1 by Moody's and B by Fitch, has set final guidance ...

Orange opens IP PoP in Cote d'Ivoire

Telecompaper (subscription)

Orange has opened West Africa's first very large-capacity IP PoP. The facility in Abidjan, *Cote d'Ivoire*, is intended to deliver faster connection ...

Ivory Coast to Sell Post-Default Dollar Bonds

Wall Street Journal

Ivory Coast is pressing ahead with plans Wednesday to sell dollar bonds just three years after last defaulting on its debt. The country, which is ...

Ivory Coast Plans to Sell Post-Default Eurobonds Below Kenya

Bloomberg

Ivory Coast is selling a benchmark-sized dollar-denominated bond today as borrowing costs of the West African nation that defaulted on debt in 2011 ...

I.Coast auctions 80 pct of 2014/15 cocoa crop - finmin source

Reuters Africa

ABIDJAN (Reuters) - **Ivory Coast** had auctioned off 80 percent of its anticipated 2014/15 cocoa crop by early July, and it plans to set a farmer price of ...

Rains ease Ivory Coast's main cocoa growing area

Business Recorder

Rain showers eased last week across most of **Ivory Coast's** main cocoa growing regions, improving conditions for the development of flowers that will ...

Media affiliation and circulation

(Newspaper circulation figures represent average number of copies sold daily. Latest numbers as of December 31, 2013.)

Fraternite Matin

Government-owned and controlled daily newspaper with the widest circulation

22,723 daily

[Soir Info](#)

Independent daily

17,378

[Le Nouveau Reveil](#)

Daily owned by the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

12,546 daily

Le Temps - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of former President Gbagbo and his FPI party

11,883 daily

[L'Inter](#)

Independent daily that publishes mostly balanced news

10,457 daily

[Notre Voie](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

8,547 daily

[Le Quotidien d'Abidjan](#)

Daily close to former President Laurent Gbagbo

6,771 daily

[Le Patriote](#)

Daily owned by President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

6,523 daily

[Nord-Sud Quotidien](#)

Daily close to National Assembly President Guillaume Soro

3,054 daily

[Le Nouveau Courrier](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

2,999 daily

Le Mandat - (no current website)

Daily close to the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

2,833

[L'Expression](#) _

Daily supportive of current president Alassane Ouattara

2,664 daily

[L'Intelligent d'Abidjan](#)

Privately-owned supportive of certain ministers within the government

2,571 daily

Le Jour Plus - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

2,221

=====

[Agence Ivoirienne de Presse](#)

Government-run news agency

[ONUCI FM](#)

UN-owned radio operated by the UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire

[RTI Television](#)

Government-run television and radio conglomerate

U.S. Embassy Cote D'Ivoire National Daily Press Review

JULY 16, 2014

Today's Top Stories

1. President Ouattara and former president Bedie meet over political issues
2. Two factions fighting over FPI's leadership
3. Government and UNHCR meet over delayed repatriation of Ivoirian refugees
4. International Finance Corporation commits US \$1billion to support investments in Cote d'Ivoire
5. Printing of ID card begins

1. **1. President Ouattara and former president Bedie meet over political issues**

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503932.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503951.html>
- <http://www.koaci.com/cote-divoire-chez-bedie-ouattara-invite-lopposition-rejoindre-train-lemurgence-93188.html>

Several newspapers today report on a meeting yesterday between President Alassane Ouattara and former President Henri Konan Bedie.

"We discussed internal issues and we shared the same point of view," ***Fraternite Matin (p. 7)*** quotes Bedie as saying after the meeting. Bedie, whose PDCI – RDA party is a member of the ruling RHDP coalition, is also quoted as saying, "We've agreed to continue the discussion and to work together hand in hand to reinforce peace in our country." Regarding the composition of the independent electoral commission, Bedie said, "The opposition should understand that the train is out of the station, and it is in the interest of all to be on board."

Le Nouveau Reveil (p. 2) suggests that the meeting between the two leaders may indicate the beginning of political agreements ahead of the 2015 elections and recalls that Bedie, who returned last week from Paris, told the reporters that he will be meeting with President Ouattara very soon to adjust the power balance in the ruling coalition.

Bedie and Ouattara are reading from the same page politically, according to ***Le Patriote (p. 2)***.

2. **Two factions fighting over FPI's leadership**

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503953.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503934.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503929.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503927.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503914.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503869.html>
- <http://www.koaci.com/cote-divoire-chez-bedie-ouattara-invite-lopposition-rejoindre-train-lemurgence-93188.html>
- <http://www.linfodrome.com/vie-politique/16500-crise-au-fpi-voici-l-homme-d-affi-pour-liberer-gbagbo>
- <http://l'intelligentdabidjan.ci/component/content/article/435-a-la-une-de-lia/1188-pourquoi-nous-devons-soutenir-le-camarade-pascal-affi-n-guessan-presiden-du-fpi>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/fpi-laurent-akoun-assomme-affi-23879.html>

A report in ***Fraternite Matin (p. 9)*** says Laurent Akoun, a leading member of the opposition FPI party, has denounced recent nominations made by party leader Pascal Affi N'Guessan. Speaking at a press conference yesterday in Abidjan, Akoun described the nominations as "null and void" and

claimed they have triggered discontent among the supporters of the party. He called on the party's executive committee to check whether the nominations conform with the party's principles.

Le Temps (p. 4) quotes Akoun as saying that the recent nominations demonstrate that Affi N'Guessan is no longer prepared to fight for former President Laurent Gbagbo who is facing trial at the International Criminal Court for crimes against humanity.

The current situation within the opposition party is a "war between two factions" according to **Le Patriote (p. 3)**. The paper claims that Akoun, who was the Secretary General in the previous administration, is now contesting the leadership of Affi N'Guessan and quotes Akoun as saying, "Those who refuse to live with the decision of the majority will have to quit the party."

Akoun's statement is a "coup d'etat" against Affi N'Guessan according to **Le Nouveau Reveil (p. 7)**. The paper suggests that yesterday's press conference called by Akoun and other leaders of the party confirms what had previously been rumors of infighting within the party.

L'Intelligent d'Abidjan (pp. 6&7) carries a contribution signed by Jonas Sery Guede, a supporter of the FPI, calling for the party members to rally behind Affi N'Guessan. He said, "Affi is fighting for the survival, the dignity, and the honor of the party." He also called the recent infighting "ridiculous" and said it could lead to the total disintegration of the party.

According to **Soir Info (p. 4)**, recent events clearly show that the leadership of Affi N'Guessan is likely to come to an end; however, the paper acknowledges that yesterday's press conference will not bring him down soon, as he still has significant support in the party.

3. Government and UNHCR meet over delayed repatriation of Ivoirian refugees

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503886.html>

Fraternite Matin (p. 7) reports that Ivoirian officials and UNHCR met to discuss the fate of 400 Ivoirian refugees who were turned back at the Liberian border a few days ago. According to the paper, the two sides are committed to taking steps, including strict medical examinations, to screen the refugees during their repatriation to Cote d'Ivoire. The measures will also include continued medical checkups for the refugees after their return. A government official is reported as saying that the repatriation of Ivoirians living abroad is a top priority for the government, so that they can participate in the on-going reconciliation and reconstruction process.

4. International Finance Corporation commits US \$1billion to support investments in Cote d'Ivoire

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503930.html>
- <http://l'intelligentd'abidjan.ci/component/content/article/392-ministere/1195-2014-07-16-07-40-26>

Fraternite Matin (p.12) reports that Prime Minister Daniel Kablan Duncan met with Ms. Colbert Cassandra, the Country Director of International Finance Corporation (IFC) to review the institution's economic investment in Cote d'Ivoire. Cassandra is reported as saying that during the past three years the IFC invested one billion U.S. dollars in Cote d'Ivoire including public infrastructure renovation, support for agricultural industry, mining, petrol and financial services. Ms. Cassandra is reported to have said that the IFC is planning to invest more in sectors such as energy, road construction, and economic development.

5. Printing of ID card begins

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503956.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503944.html>
- <http://www.linodrome.com/societe-culture/16516-identification-de-la-population-la-delivrance-des-cartes-nationales-d-identite-a-demarre>

The Minister of Interior and Security, Hamed Bakayoko, launched an program to provide ID cards to Ivoirians according to ***Fraternite Matin* (p. 8)**. Bakayoko called on the identification department to ensure that the process is successfully implemented. According to the minister, identification cards were last issued in 2009 and the new process will provide cards to those who do not have them. Bakayoko said, "For a long time people tried to make national identity cards an electoral game. Identity cards have nothing to do with elections, but just help to identify a person." According to ***L'Expression* (p. 4)** the new identification process will help approximately three million Ivoirians get their ID cards. The paper also says that the new cards will have a security components, such the use of thumb prints, to ensure that that stolen cards cannot be used._

[International Stories on Cote d'Ivoire](#)

[Côte d'Ivoire may lose 115000 tonnes of banana export to rainfall...](#)

Premium Times-15 hours ago

Cote d'Ivoire's Minister of Agriculture, Coulibally Sangafowa, said Tuesday that the country may lose about 115,000 tonnes of banana meant for ...

[Ivory Coast blocks refugees amid Ebola fears](#)

BBC News-18 hours agoShare

Ivory Coast has blocked 400 refugees who fled to Liberia from returning home because of fears they could spread the Ebola virus, a UN official ...

[Ebola fear prompts Ivory Coast to block refugees](#)

Blouin News Blogs (blog)-12 hours ago

Ivorian refugees returning from Liberia were blocked from returning to their homeland by the *Ivory Coast* government on Tuesday because of ...

[Ebola Virus Death Toll Up to 603; Ivory Coast Closes Border to ...](#)

Headlines & Global News-14 hours ago

International health officials are still experiencing trouble in halting the spread of cases and now *Ivory Coast* turned away 400 refugees who ...

[Ivory Coast: Seek Stability First And Economic Growth Shall Be ...](#)

Ventures Africa-17 hours ago

The good news does not still end there; *Ivory Coast*, for the first time, ... Expected to be issued this month, the bond will mark *Ivory Coast's* first ...

[Cote d'Ivoire begins marketing 10-year US dollar bond](#)

Reuters Africa-30 minutes ago

LONDON, July 16 (IFR) - *Cote d'Ivoire*, rated B1 by Moody's and B by Fitch, has opened books on a debut 10-year US dollar bond at a yield of ...

-

[Media affiliation and circulation](#)

(Newspaper circulation figures represent average number of copies sold daily. Latest numbers as of December 31, 2013.)

[Fraternite Matin](#)

Government-owned and controlled daily newspaper with the widest circulation

22,723 daily

[Soir Info](#)

Independent daily

17,378

[Le Nouveau Reveil](#)

Daily owned by the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

12,546 daily

Le Temps - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of former President Gbagbo and his FPI party

11,883 daily

[L'Inter](#)

Independent daily that publishes mostly balanced news

10,457 daily

[Notre Voie](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

8,547 daily

[Le Quotidien d'Abidjan](#)

Daily close to former President Laurent Gbagbo

6,771 daily

[Le Patriote](#)

Daily owned by President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

6,523 daily

[Nord-Sud Quotidien](#)

Daily close to National Assembly President Guillaume Soro

3,054 daily

[Le Nouveau Courrier](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

2,999 daily

Le Mandat - (no current website)

Daily close to the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

2,833

[L'Expression](#) _

Daily supportive of current president Alassane Ouattara

2,664 daily

[L'Intelligent d'Abidjan](#)

Privately-owned supportive of certain ministers within the government

2,571 daily

Le Jour Plus - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

2,221

=====

[Agence Ivoirienne de Presse](#)

Government-run news agency

[ONU CI FM](#)

UN-owned radio operated by the UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire

[RTI Television](#)

Government-run television and radio conglomerate

U.S. Embassy Cote D'Ivoire National Daily Press Review

JULY 15, 2014

Today's Top Stories

1. President Ouattara calls on Ivoirians to respect measures to prevent Ebola outbreak
2. Ivoirian refugees in Liberia stopped from returning home
3. Pro-government and opposition media speculate as President Hollande is expected in Cote d'Ivoire

1. President Ouattara calls on Ivoirians to respect measures to prevent Ebola outbreak

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503877.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503758.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503756.html>

Speaking at the inauguration of a hospital in the Adjame district of Abidjan, President Ouattara urged Ivoirians to respect measures put in place to prevent the outbreak of Ebola in Cote d'Ivoire (***Fraternite Matin p. 5***). He reminded the population that the Ebola epidemic is wreaking havoc on neighboring countries including Guinea, Sierra Leone, and Liberia and said that the measures put in place by the Ministry of Health and the Fight Against HIV are important to protect the population.

In a related development, a report in ***Soir Info (p. 9)*** noted that authorities in the central western region of Vavoua recently seized bush animal meat and incinerated it as required by the Ministry of Health to prevent an Ebola outbreak. According to the paper, this is the third time such operations have been used recently to comply with measures put in place to stop the spread of the virus.

2. Ivoirian refugees in Liberia stopped from returning home

- <http://www.koaci.com/cote-divoire-abidjan-empeche-retour-refugies-liberia-grosse-colere--93158.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503834.html>

Four hundred Ivoirian refugees living in Liberia were prevented from returning home a couple of days ago reports ***Fraternite Matin (p. 9)***. According to the paper, a U.N. High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) convoy carrying the refugees was turned back at the border. The paper reports local authorities in the western region as saying that the decision was made in order to prevent the spread of Ebola to Cote d'Ivoire. The paper also reports the authorities as saying that there was no medical personnel at the border post to check the health condition of the refugees.

Le Nouveau Courrier (p. 5) accused the government of Cote d'Ivoire of preventing 400 refugees from coming home. The paper quotes the UNHCR Country Director for Cote d'Ivoire, Mohamed Toure, as saying, "The decision to send the refugees back was a violation of a tripartite agreement signed between Cote d'Ivoire, Liberia and the UN." Toure is also reported to have said that using the Ebola outbreak as a pretext is not convincing.

3. Pro-government and opposition media speculate as President Hollande is expected in Cote d'Ivoire

- <http://www.koaci.com/cote-divoire-abidjan-empeche-retour-refugies-liberia-grosse-colere--93158.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503852.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503821.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503878.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503855.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503882.html>
- http://rti.ci/infos_Politique.html

An article in **L'Inter (p. 3)** suggests that political parties in Cote d'Ivoire are trying to take advantage of the July 17 visit of French President Hollande to the country. The paper quotes the ruling RDR spokesperson, Joel N'Guessan, as saying that the French president is coming to Cote d'Ivoire "to support President Ouattara's efforts toward reconstruction and reconciliation." N'Guessan also said, "President Hollande is not coming to resolve the problem of people who are in jail for committing gruesome crimes."

A report in **Notre Voie (p. 4)** says that President Ouattara should be concerned about the visit of his French counterpart. The paper notes that the French president will meet with Ivoirian opposition who will inform him about the "truth and realities" in Cote d'Ivoire including the fact that many political prisoners are still languishing in jail. The paper also claims that "Ouattara's dictatorial stance" is preventing opposition parties from holding political demonstrations in the country.

LG Infos (p. 9) published a list of people believed to be in prison in connection with the 2011 political crisis in Cote d'Ivoire.

According to **Le Quotidien d'Abidjan (pp. 3 & 5)** the visit of President Hollande to Cote d'Ivoire could lead to a general amnesty for all detainees close to former President Laurent Gbagbo including former First Lady Simone Gbagbo.

The visit of the French President Francois Hollande, the first since he was elected, is designed to enhance the relationship between France and Cote d'Ivoire badly damaged under the previous administration, reports **Le Nouveau Reveil (p. 3)**.

International Stories on Cote d'Ivoire

EJF and Côte d'Ivoire Collaborate on Combating Illegal Fishing

TheFishSite.com-22 hours ago

COTE D'IVOIRE - A high profile event held in Abidjan on 10 July 2014 raised awareness of IUU fishing in **Côte d'Ivoire** and highlighted ...

Ivory Coast rains ease, offering cocoa farmers a respite

Reuters Africa-17 hours ago

By Loucoumane Coulibaly. ABIDJAN (Reuters) - Rain showers eased last week across most of **Ivory Coast's** main cocoa growing regions, ...

New terminal to be built at Abidjan Port in Côte d'Ivoire

African Review-2 hours ago

port-christianlambert-flickr With the new container terminal, Abidjan Port's capacity would increase significantly. (Image source: Christian ...

Senegal follows Ivory Coast on bond sales trail

Financial Times-14 hours ago

Senegal is meeting with investors in the US and Europe this week to pitch a new \$500m government bond, days after the **Ivory Coast** began a ...

-

Media affiliation and circulation

(Newspaper circulation figures represent average number of copies sold daily. Latest numbers as of December 31, 2013.)

Fraternite Matin

Government-owned and controlled daily newspaper with the widest circulation

22,723 daily

[Soir Info](#)

Independent daily

17,378

[Le Nouveau Reveil](#)

Daily owned by the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

12,546 daily

Le Temps - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of former President Gbagbo and his FPI party

11,883 daily

[L'Inter](#)

Independent daily that publishes mostly balanced news

10,457 daily

[Notre Voie](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

8,547 daily

[Le Quotidien d'Abidjan](#)

Daily close to former President Laurent Gbagbo

6,771 daily

[Le Patriote](#)

Daily owned by President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

6,523 daily

[Nord-Sud Quotidien](#)

Daily close to National Assembly President Guillaume Soro

3,054 daily

[Le Nouveau Courrier](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

2,999 daily

Le Mandat - (no current website)

Daily close to the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

2,833

[L'Expression](#)

Daily supportive of current president Alassane Ouattara

2,664 daily

[L'Intelligent d'Abidjan](#)

Privately-owned supportive of certain ministers within the government

2,571 daily

Le Jour Plus - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

2,221

=====

[Agence Ivoirienne de Presse](#)

Government-run news agency

[ONUCI FM](#)

UN-owned radio operated by the UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire

[RTI Television](#)

Government-run television and radio conglomerate

U.S. Embassy Cote D'Ivoire National Daily Press Review

JULY 14, 2014

Today's Top Stories

1. **Infighting within opposition FPI party continues**
2. **Opposition alliance set conditions to nominate representatives for electoral commission**
3. **Ivoirian leaders urged to get involved in disarmament program**

1. Infighting within opposition FPI party continues

- <http://www.linodrome.com/revue-de-presse-nationale/16481-et-de-6-pour-qbagbo-le-fpi-entre-doute-et-espoir>
- <http://lintelligentdabidjan.ci/societe>

The infighting within the Ivoirian opposition FPI party is again one of the major issues in today's press. According to a report in **Fraternite Matin (pp. 4&5)** the fighting is primarily between supporters of the party president Pascal Affi N'Guessan and another faction believed to be made up of hardliners. Affi N'Guessan supporters claim that the recent nominations by the party leader were designed to reposition the party in the current political scene and that, while it is fighting for the release of former president Gbagbo, the party should also participate in the coming presidential elections. Those who oppose Affi N'Guessan saw his recent nominations as a betrayal of the party's principles and the paper quotes his opponents as calling for a congress to oust the current party president.

Le Patriote (p. 8) publishes a letter allegedly signed by the former First Lady, Simone Gbagbo which says, "Affi N'Guessan does not respect the principles of our party."

According to **L'Inter (p. 5)**, members of the opposition party are divided between reformers who are prepared to engage in the on-going political discussions and participate in the coming elections and hardliners who reject this position.

2. Opposition alliance set conditions to nominate representatives for electoral commission

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503755.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503784.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503710.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503659.html>
- <http://www.linodrome.com/vie-politique/16478-composition-de-la-nouvelle-cei-ce-que-le-fpi-et-ses-allies-demandent>

Weekend newspapers reported on conditions set by the Alliance for Democratic Forces, an opposition coalition which includes the FPI party, for their participation in the upcoming elections. **Le Nouveau Reveil (p. 2)** reports the Alliance as demanding that the government and the opposition discuss the commission, which it claims is not balanced. The Alliance is also said to require that negotiations focus on how to enable the opposition to become the head of the electoral commission. The paper quotes Daniel Aka Ahizi, the spokesperson for the Alliance, as saying that it has informed the government about their intention to join the electoral commission provided that these conditions are met.

A report in **L'Inter (p. 3)** said that Dr. Christophe Kouame the head of the Ivoirian Convention of Civil Society (CSCI) protested the appointment of the civic society member of the commission without consultation with members of civil society. Dr. Kouame called for a "transparent selection" process for this member.

According to **L'Intelligent d'Abidjan (p. 7)** another civic organization, Action for the Protection of Human Rights (APDH), is also protesting the structure of the electoral commission. APDH claims that the new commission does not conform with the provisions of the African Charter on Democracy,

Elections and Good Governance, developed by the African Union. The statement refers to article 17 and 22 of this charter as saying, "A member state shall put in place an independent and impartial electoral commission."

3. Ivoirian leaders urged to get involved in disarmament program

The head the Authority for Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Fidele Sarassoro called on Ivoirian political leaders to get involved in the disarmament process, reports ***Fraternite Matin (p. 6)***. Sarassoro made the call during a site visit in the north eastern town of Bondoukou to which political leaders from President Alassane Ouattara's RDR, the PDCI of former president Henri Conan Bedie, the FPI of former president Laurent Gbagbo and representatives of other political parties were invited. Sarassoro said, "It is important for our leaders at the community and political levels to get involved in the disarmament process. Their involvement will enable the Authority for Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration to maintain contact with the former combatants who are being disarmed." According to Sarassoro, since the beginning of the disarmament process in 2011, more than 22,000 guns and more than 600,000 bullets have been collected and 20,000 of the guns collected are not functional. He also announced that approximately 21,000 former combatants have turned in their guns.

According to a report in ***Le Nouveau Reveil (p. 6)*** the European Union has committed more than 9 million CFA (US\$ 18,698) to this process. The money will be used to provide training and jobs for former combatants.

Soir Info (p. 6) reports that the ongoing disarmament program involves former fighters from both the Gbagbo and Ouattara camps and notes that the program offers the two factions the opportunity to live together.

[International Stories on Cote d'Ivoire](#)

[ECOWAS Heads depart Accra](#)

Ghana Broadcasting Corporation

Others who left last night were the Presidents of La **Cote D'Ivoire**, Burkina Faso, Benin and Togo. Those of Guinea Bissau, Senegal, and Niger also left ...

[UN supports reintegration of ex-combatants in Cote d'Ivoire](#)

GlobalPost

ABIDJAN, July 12 (Xinhua) -- United Nations Operation in **Cote d'Ivoire**(ONUCI) supports reintegration and re-socialization activities of ex-combatants ...

[Ivory Coast stallholders turn to digital marketplace](#)

BBC News-Jul 10, 2014

While there are other e-commerce sites in *Ivory Coast* - such as Jumia, Africa's answer to Amazon, as well as Wasiri and Sigata - Kaymu is the ...

[Ivory Coast rainy season death toll reaches 39](#)

Yahoo News-Jul 11, 2014

Abidjan (AFP) - Flooding and landslides during the *Ivory Coast's*rainy season have killed 39 people over the last month, officials said Friday.

[Default Forgiven as Ivory Coast Hits Eurobond Sales Trail](#)

Bloomberg-Jul 10, 2014

Ivory Coast dollar debt returned 10 percent this year, according to Bank ... "Ivory Coast has recovered on all fronts post-civil war, both in terms of ...

[Media affiliation and circulation](#)

(Newspaper circulation figures represent average number of copies sold daily. Latest numbers as of December 31, 2013.)

[Fraternite Matin](#)

Government-owned and controlled daily newspaper with the widest circulation

22,723 daily

[Soir Info](#)

Independent daily

17,378

[Le Nouveau Reveil](#)

Daily owned by the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

12,546 daily

Le Temps - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of former President Gbagbo and his FPI party

11,883 daily

[L'Inter](#)

Independent daily that publishes mostly balanced news

10,457 daily

[Notre Voie](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

8,547 daily

[Le Quotidien d'Abidjan](#)

Daily close to former President Laurent Gbagbo

6,771 daily

[Le Patriote](#)

Daily owned by President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

6,523 daily

[Nord-Sud Quotidien](#)

Daily close to National Assembly President Guillaume Soro

3,054 daily

[Le Nouveau Courrier](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

2,999 daily

Le Mandat - (no current website)

Daily close to the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

2,833

[L'Expression](#) _

Daily supportive of current president Alassane Ouattara

2,664 daily

[L'Intelligent d'Abidjan](#)

Privately-owned supportive of certain ministers within the government

2,571 daily

Le Jour Plus - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

2,221

=====

[Agence Ivoirienne de Presse](#)

Government-run news agency

[ONUCI FM](#)

UN-owned radio operated by the UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire

[RTI Television](#)

Government-run television and radio conglomerate

U.S. Embassy Cote D'Ivoire National Daily Press Review

JULY 11, 2014

Today's Top Stories

1. Member of ruling RHDP coalition rejects opposition's demand to head electoral commission
2. FPI divided after recent nominations by party's leader Affi N'Guessan
3. Government announces more investments in mining sector
4. Ebola disease, security, economic issues high on agenda at ECOWAS Summit in Ghana

1. Member of ruling RHDP coalition rejects opposition's demand to head electoral commission

- <http://www.linfodrome.com/vie-politique/16464-elections-2015-le-bureau-de-la-commission-centrale-de-la-cei-se-dessine>

Maurice Guikahue, the Executive Secretary of the PDCI-RDA party said, "There is no mechanism that requires that the presidency of the independent electoral commission should be given to the opposition parties." Guikahue, who was quoted by *Fraternite Matin (p. 6)* also said members of the electoral commission should elect their own president. The leader of the PDCI-RDA, which is a member of the ruling RHDP coalition, was reacting to a demand made by the opposition FPI party that the chairmanship should be given to the opposition. Guikahue described this demand as "blackmail." In a related development, the paper carries an article indicating that the Alliance of Democratic Forces of Cote d'Ivoire, which includes the FPI party, is set to meet today to discuss their nominations to the commission.

2. FPI divided after recent nominations by party's leader Affi N'Guessan

- <http://www.linfodrome.com/revue-de-presse-nationale/16452-la-maison-de-gbagbo-brule-le-pouvoir-fouette-d-autres-chats>
- <http://www.linfodrome.com/vie-politique/16435-fpi-gbagbo-donne-des-consignes>
- <http://www.linfodrome.com/vie-politique/16406-presidentielle-2015-brouille-entre-les-partisans-de-laurent-gbagbo>

A report in *Le Temps (p. 5)* notes that former first lady Simone Gbagbo has disapproved of recent nominations by party leader Pascal Affi N'Guessan. According to the paper, her cabinet director, Corentin Akpa, announced that the former first lady, who is still detained in the northern town of Odienne, has resigned from the party leadership. In a letter quoted by the paper she said, "The president had neither the kindness nor the courtesy to seek my point of view before making the new nominations."

Pascal Affi N'Guessan, president of the party, promised to bring back party unity according to *Notre Voie (p. 2)*. The paper notes that he made the promise during a closed door meeting held yesterday. A source close to the meeting said that disagreements about nominations are causing infighting within the party. In a commentary, the paper called on the party leaders to bury their differences in order to move forward.

Aujourd'hui (p. 7) claims that party heavy weights, including Party Vice President, Aboudramane Sangare and Alphonse Douati, another leading member, boycotted yesterday's meeting.

According to *Soir Info (p. 5)* the party of the former president Laurent Gbagbo is "a mess." The paper explains that the decision by the former first lady to resign and reports that the hard liners boycotted the meeting are evidence that the party is on the verge of collapse.

3. Government announces more investments in mining sector

- http://rti.ci/infos_economie_7516_abidjan-abrite-un-atelier-regional-sur-les-mines-d-afrique.html

- <http://fratmat.info/une/item/17182-secteur-industriel-le-potentiel-minier-ivoirien-%C3%A9valu%C3%A9-%C3%A0-800-milliards-de-dollars>
- <http://fratmat.info/economie/item/17164-nouvelle-politique-industrielle-le-ministre-jean-claude-brou-d%C3%A9voile-la-strat%C3%A9gie>

The Minister of Mining Jean Claude Brou announced more investments to boost the Ivoirian mining industry, reports **Fraternite Matin (p. 16)**. The minister said, "The government's goal is to increase the percentage of income generated to the gross domestic product by the sector from 25 percent in 2014 to 40 percent in 2020."

A report in **Le Nouveau Reveil (p. 8)** says that Cote d'Ivoire's gold reserves are estimated at 500 tons as of 2013. The Minister of Mining is reported as saying that the government will put together a CFA 150 billion program (about US \$300 million) to streamline the mining industry.

Meanwhile **Le Temps (p. 8)** reports that illegal gold mining continues in Cote d'Ivoire. The paper quotes the minister as saying that in the northern and central regions traditional chiefs are giving permission for illegal mining making it difficult for the government to evaluate the quantity of gold that is being mined.

4. Ebola disease, security, economic issues high on agenda at ECOWAS Summit in Ghana

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/503679.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/p/197633.html>

The 45th Summit of heads of state of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) opened yesterday in Accra, Ghana. Ivoirian President Alassane Ouattara attended the conference, which is dominated by the Ebola outbreak, reports **Fraternite Matin (p. 4)**. Other issues on the agenda include security, a recommendation for biometric ID cards for ECOWAS citizens, and the abolition of resident permit requirements for citizens in member countries. According to the paper, the conference also agreed to put in place a common external tariff by January 2015 within the region.

International Stories on Cote d'Ivoire

Ivory Coast [gold output to reach 22 tons by 2016](#)

Reuters Africa - 1 hour ago

ABIDJAN (Reuters) - **Ivory Coast** gold output is expected to reach 22 tons in 2016, an increase of around 30 percent from 2014 estimates, ...

Ivory Coast [stallholders turn to digital marketplace](#)

BBC News - 9 hours ago

While there are other e-commerce sites in **Ivory Coast** - such as Jumia, Africa's answer to Amazon, as well as Wasiri and Sigata - Kaymu is the ...

[Default Forgiven as Ivory Coast Hits Eurobond Sales Trail](#)

Bloomberg - 23 hours ago

Ivory Coast dollar debt returned 10 percent this year, according to Bank ... "**Ivory Coast** has recovered on all fronts post-civil war, both in terms of ...

ECOWAS Meeting [Opens Today In Accra](#)

spyghana.com - 23 hours ago

The political and security situation in the sub-region especially in Mali and Guinea Bissau, was the main topic at a **meeting** of **ECOWAS** Foreign ...

[Ebola overshadows Ecowas Accra summit](#)

StarAfrica.com - 13 hours ago

The summit comes few days after the World Health Organization (WHO) held a **meeting in Accra** and demanded at least \$10 million urgently ...

[Media affiliation and circulation](#)

(Newspaper circulation figures represent average number of copies sold daily. Latest numbers as of December 31, 2013.)

[Fraternite Matin](#)

Government-owned and controlled daily newspaper with the widest circulation

22,723 daily

[Soir Info](#)

Independent daily

17,378

[Le Nouveau Reveil](#)

Daily owned by the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

12,546 daily

Le Temps - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of former President Gbagbo and his FPI party

11,883 daily

[L'Inter](#)

Independent daily that publishes mostly balanced news

10,457 daily

[Notre Voie](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

8,547 daily

[Le Quotidien d'Abidjan](#)

Daily close to former President Laurent Gbagbo

6,771 daily

[Le Patriote](#)

Daily owned by President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

6,523 daily

[Nord-Sud Quotidien](#)

Daily close to National Assembly President Guillaume Soro

3,054 daily

[Le Nouveau Courrier](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

2,999 daily

Le Mandat - (no current website)

Daily close to the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

2,833

[L'Expression](#)

Daily supportive of current president Alassane Ouattara

2,664 daily

[L'Intelligent d'Abidjan](#)

Privately-owned supportive of certain ministers within the government

2,571 daily

Le Jour Plus - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

2,221

=====

[Agence Ivoirienne de Presse](#)

Government-run news agency

[ONU CI FM](#)

UN-owned radio operated by the UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire

[RTI Television](#)

Government-run television and radio conglomerate

U.S. Embassy Cote D'Ivoire National Daily Press Review

JULY 10, 2014

Today's Top Stories

1. USAID funds rehabilitation of Yopougon's town hall
2. Government announces 15 members of electoral commission out of 17
3. Rumors about former first lady's resignation from FPI's executive committee
4. Human rights activists call for the end of torture in Cote d'Ivoire
5. Cote d'Ivoire ranks B1 by Moody's Investors Service

1. USAID funds rehabilitation of Yopougon's town hall

Fraternite Matin (p. 13) reports that the renovated town hall in Yopougon, seriously damaged during the post-electoral crisis, will be reopening next week thanks to a 59 million CFA (US \$122,636) financial contribution from USAID. At the official opening ceremony on the July 8, Jill Morris, head of the Citi/USAID program, stated that the reconstruction of the town hall is a prime example of the USAID's commitment to supporting social and communal welfare in Cote d'Ivoire.

2. Government announces 15 members of electoral commission out of 17

- <http://www.linodrome.com/vie-politique/16447-nouvelle-cei-voici-les-15-membres-dont-un-pro-gbagbo-sur-les-17-designes>
- <http://fratmat.info/une/item/17146-nouvelle-cei-les-membres-de-la-commission-centrale-connus-le-fpi-attendu>

A report in **Fraternite Matin (p. 4)** says that the government announced 15 members of the independent electoral commission (CEI). According to government spokesperson Bruno Kone, Minister of Posts, Technology, Information and Communication, the remaining two members will be appointed by the opposition FPI party and its allies. Kone also said that the announcement of the fifteen members should be seen as an olive branch offered by President Alassane Ouattara. He also said the President wants the commission to be representative of all Ivoirian political forces and major stakeholders and underscored that the composition of the commission takes into account recommendations made by international organizations including the National Democratic Institute (NDI).

Le Nouveau Reveil (pp. 3,5&6) reports on the reaction from Kabran Appiah, leader of the League of Patriotic Movements (LMP), who said political parties should avoid any situation that could lead to conflict and delay the country's development. According to the paper, Appiah was reacting to the failure of the government and opposition to reach consensus on the structure of the commission. The government spokesperson is reported by **Nord-Sud Quotidien (p. 2)** as saying, "The opposition FPI party has a few days to nominate its members for the electoral commission."

In the opposition press, **Notre Voie (p. 5)** claims that the electoral commission is designed according to President Ouattara's "will" and questions its independence. The paper notes that the commission as it was announced yesterday is "neither new, nor credible, nor impartial."

Le Nouveau Courrier (p. 5) calls the commission "Ouattara's electoral machinery" and deplores the fact that some controversial members who served in the previous commission will be sitting on the new one. The paper says that the party of former President Laurent Gbagbo will not approve an "electoral masquerade." It also notes that with lack of balance within the commission it is clear that President Ouattara is moving to "highjack" power in 2015.

With the announcement of the fifteen members of the electoral commission yesterday **Le Temps (p. 5)** believes that President Ouattara is "fueling the fire."

L'Inter (p. 4) believes that after the announcement of the structure of the new electoral commission the battle for the 2015 presidential election has begun. The paper also suggests that the coming election could lead to fierce competition between President Ouattara's RDR party and the PDCI-RDA of former President Henri Konan Bedie. According to the paper, Bedie's party will lobby for its representative, Youssouf Bakayoko, the chairman of the previous electoral commission, to keep that position.

3. Rumors about former first lady's resignation from FPI's executive committee

Fraternite Matin (p. 10) quotes social media reports as saying that former first lady Simone Gbagbo may have resigned from the opposition FPI's executive committee. Reports on Facebook indicate that she is said to have announced that she is "not concerned about recent nominations by Pascal Affi N'Guessan." A source close to the party described the Facebook reports as rumors.

According to **Soir Info (p. 3)** the rumors are the result of discord linked to an internal reshuffling within the party.

4. Human rights activists call for the end of torture in Cote d'Ivoire

Ivoirian human rights organizations are calling for revisions to the country's criminal code in order to stop torture, according to **Fraternite Matin (p. 10)**. This was announced yesterday by the Ivoirian Coalition for International Criminal Court (CI-CPI) during a conference in Abidjan on "The Situation of Torture around the World: the Case of Cote d'Ivoire." The report also says that the call was made ahead of World International Justice Day, which falls on July 17. The President of CI-CPI, Ali Ouattara, said human rights activists in their fight against torture, are confronted with many challenges related to insecurity and lack of confidence in the country, which prevent victims from speaking out.

Le Patriote (p. 2) quotes Mr. Ali Ouattara as saying that, "New provisions in Cote d'Ivoire's criminal code decriminalizes torture."

According to **Notre Voie (p. 3)** about 300 Ivoirians were subject to torture between October 2010 and May 2011. In addition, during the same period, reports the paper, more than 1000 people were subject to "inhuman treatment."

"We need to review our criminal code," **Nord-Sud Quotidien (p. 4)** quotes Ali Ouattara as saying, "in order to put an end to torture and any other inhuman or degrading mistreatment."

A report in **Soir Info (p. 4)** quotes Siaka Fofana, an official from the Ministry of Justice, Human Rights, and Public Liberties, as saying that the government is ready to review the criminal code to stop torture and mistreatment of detainees.

5. Cote d'Ivoire ranked B1 by Moody's Investors Service

- http://rti.ci/infos_economie_7661_l-agence-moody-s-attribue-pour-la-premiere-fois-la-note-b1-a-la-cote-d-ivoire
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/la-cote-d-ivoire-notee-quot-b1-quot-pour-la-premiere-fois-par-moody-s-23405.html>

Cote d'Ivoire has been ranked B1 by Moody's Investors Service according to **Le Patriote (p. 8)**. The paper notes that Moody's ranking is based on a positive assessment of Cote d'Ivoire's economy, which is based on exports of agricultural products, local industry, and the growing energy sector. The paper also reports that economic growth in Cote d'Ivoire is approximately 9% compared to 6% on average in most countries in sub-Saharan Africa.

Le Nouveau Reveil (p. 6) indicates that this is the first time that Moody's has ranked Cote d'Ivoire B1. Other countries with this ranking include Senegal, Ghana, Zambia, Mozambique, and Kenya.

[International Stories on Cote d'Ivoire](#)

[Cote D'Ivoire mandates for US dollar bond - lead](#)

Reuters Africa

LONDON, July 8 (IFR) - Cote D'Ivoire has hired BNP Paribas, Citigroup and Deutsche Bank for a potential debut 144A/Reg S US dollar bond...

[WHO TasP Guidelines Will Benefit Few in the Ivory Coast](#)

AIDSmeds.com HIV/AIDS Treatment News-15 hours ago

The World Health Organization's (WHO) 2013 guidelines for using antiretrovirals (ARVs) to prevent the transmission of HIV will benefit a mere ...

[DekelOil quarterly production places palm oil producer firmly in the black](#)

Proactive Investors UK

DekelOil (LON:DKL) has its pedal to the metal now its palm oil mill in Côte d'Ivoire is in production. And this will have a direct impact on the bottom line ...

[IVORY COAST - Call goes out to Bouygues](#)

Africa Intelligence (subscription)

The American pension fund Emerging Capital Partners (ECP) which controls Finagestion, the holding concern of Compagnie Ivoirienne d'Electricite ...

[Ivory Coast increases budget on higher cocoa, gas, port revenues](#)

Reuters Africa-1 hour ago

ABIDJAN (Reuters) - Ivory Coast has increased its 2014 budget by nearly 4 percent on expectations of higher earnings from cocoa, natural gas ...

Media affiliation and circulation

(Newspaper circulation figures represent average number of copies sold daily. Latest numbers as of December 31, 2013.)

[Fraternite Matin](#)

Government-owned and controlled daily newspaper with the widest circulation

22,723 daily

[Soir Info](#)

Independent daily

17,378

[Le Nouveau Reveil](#)

Daily owned by the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

12,546 daily

Le Temps - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of former President Gbagbo and his FPI party

11,883 daily

[L'Inter](#)

Independent daily that publishes mostly balanced news

10,457 daily

[Notre Voie](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

8,547 daily

[Le Quotidien d'Abidjan](#)

Daily close to former President Laurent Gbagbo

6,771 daily

[Le Patriote](#)

Daily owned by President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

6,523 daily

[Nord-Sud Quotidien](#)

Daily close to National Assembly President Guillaume Soro

3,054 daily

[Le Nouveau Courrier](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

2,999 daily

Le Mandat - (no current website)

Daily close to the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

2,833

[L'Expression](#) _

Daily supportive of current president Alassane Ouattara

2,664 daily

[L'Intelligent d'Abidjan](#)

Privately-owned supportive of certain ministers within the government

2,571 daily

Le Jour Plus - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

2,221

=====

[Agence Ivoirienne de Presse](#)

Government-run news agency

[ONU CI FM](#)

UN-owned radio operated by the UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire

[RTI Television](#)

Government-run television and radio conglomerate_

U.S. Embassy Cote D'Ivoire National Daily Press Review

JULY 9, 2014

Today's Top Stories

1. **Three opposition parties name representatives in electoral commission**
2. **NDI recommendations for electoral reform**
3. **USD party elects new president**
4. **Local committees for conflicts resolution set up in western Cote d'Ivoire**
5. **West African heads of state due to meet tomorrow in Accra over conflicts resolution and security in the region**

1. **Three opposition parties name representatives in electoral commission**

A report in *Fraternite Matin* (p. 7) says that three small opposition parties, CAP-UDD, MNC-Alternative, and RPC-Paix, members of an alliance League of Movements for Progress (LMP), have submitted the name of their representative for the electoral commission. According to the paper, the deadline for submission of names was July 3. The paper quotes the spokesperson for the LMP alliance, Aime Kabran Appia, as saying, "We have submitted the name of our representative for the electoral commission. The law on the electoral commission was passed. There is no need to contest this law. What we need to do is ensure that is implemented."

2. **NDI recommendations for electoral reform**

- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/les-10-recommandations-du-ndi-pour-des-elections-transparentes-en-cote-d-ivoire-en-2015-23324.html>

Recommendations made in December 2013 by the National Democratic Institute (NDI), an American non-profit organization, are the subject of debate in many newspapers today.

According to *L'Inter* (p. 5) the recommendations included that electoral reform should allow for contributions from civil society, religious leaders, and opposition parties. The paper also notes that NDI recommended that the new electoral commission should all include political stakeholders in order to ensure transparency.

Soir Info (p. 5) quotes the government as saying that the structure of the new electoral commission has taken the NDI recommendations into account. It also reports that the opposition FPI party said the recommendations were ignored by the government.

3. **USD party elects new president**

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/502527.html>

The Union for Social Democracy (USD) elected a new president, Henri Niava, reports *Fraternite Matin* (p. 8). The new president said that his party plans to be established throughout the country and will work with the Alliance for Democratic Forces to present a candidate for the 2015 presidential elections.

Le Nouveau Courrier (p. 4) reports the new USD president as saying that the party will soon join the on-going government/opposition dialogue.

4. **Local committees for conflicts resolution set up in western Cote d'Ivoire**

Le Nouveau Courrier (p. 4) reports that on July 4 the NGO Anni Yakilayi installed committees for peaceful management of conflicts in the villages of Guire and Koragui. The initiative is part of a U.N. funded project to promote democratic dialogue and social cohesion in western Cote d'Ivoire. The paper reports Anni Yakilayi's president, Diamonde Yacouba as stating that the committees will now regulate the internal problems in these communities.

5. West African heads of state due to meet tomorrow in Accra over conflicts resolution and security in the region

- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/reunion-jeudi-des-dirigeants-ouest-africain-pour-discuter-des-questions-securitaires-23306.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/v/17926.html>
- <http://www.koaci.com/cedea0-sommet-chefs-detat-accra-avec-dimportants-sujets-lordre-jour-93010.html>

President Allasane Ouattara and his West African counterparts will be meeting tomorrow in Accra, Ghana as part of the 45th Summit of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) reports ***Fraternite Matin (p. 6)***. The paper notes that the agenda for the summit will include conflict resolution and security in the region, a review of the situation in Mali and recommendations for the mediation and security council of the regional body.

[International Stories on Cote d'Ivoire](#)

[Ivory Coast Cocoa Farmers Unable to Deliver Beans on Rain](#)

Bloomberg

Floods in Ivory Coast, the world's biggest cocoa producer, are keeping trucks from delivering cocoa beans from some farms. Rain averaged 12 ...

[Ivory Coast mandates, sets investor meetings](#)

GlobalCapital

Ivory Coast has mandated BNP Paribas, Citi and Deutsche Bank to organise a series of fixed income investor meetings in London and the US ...

[Moody's assigns first-time B1 rating to Ivory coast, outlook positive](#)

Reuters

Ratings agency Moody's assigned Ivory Coast a first-time rating of B1 with a positive outlook, citing high growth prospects but flagged low per capita income and weak institutional strength.

[A world of rhythm at Nuits d'Afrique](#)

Montreal Gazette

Festival's 28th edition showcases reggae, kompa, salsa and a multitude of other genres. Ivory Coast roots-reggae superstar Tiken Jah Fakoly has been hugely popular in Montreal ever since 2002, the year he was bedridden in a local hotel room after contracting malaria in Africa.

[Two Burkinabes arrested with guns](#)

GhanaWeb

The two, Sulleyman Porjoh, 42 and Yakubu Sare, 33, claimed they were travelling from Cote d'Ivoire where they were resident, en route to Benin.

-

Media affiliation and circulation

(Newspaper circulation figures represent average number of copies sold daily. Latest numbers as of December 31, 2013.)

[Fraternite Matin](#)

Government-owned and controlled daily newspaper with the widest circulation

22,723 daily

[Soir Info](#)

Independent daily

17,378

[Le Nouveau Reveil](#)

Daily owned by the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

12,546 daily

Le Temps - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of former President Gbagbo and his FPI party

11,883 daily

[L'Inter](#)

Independent daily that publishes mostly balanced news

10,457 daily

[Notre Voie](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

8,547 daily

[Le Quotidien d'Abidjan](#)

Daily close to former President Laurent Gbagbo

6,771 daily

[Le Patriote](#)

Daily owned by President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

6,523 daily

[Nord-Sud Quotidien](#)

Daily close to National Assembly President Guillaume Soro

3,054 daily

[Le Nouveau Courrier](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

2,999 daily

Le Mandat - (no current website)

Daily close to the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

2,833

[L'Expression](#) _

Daily supportive of current president Alassane Ouattara

2,664 daily

[L'Intelligent d'Abidjan](#)

Privately-owned supportive of certain ministers within the government

2,571 daily

Le Jour Plus - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

2,221

=====

[Agence Ivoirienne de Presse](#)

Government-run news agency

[ONUCI FM](#)

UN-owned radio operated by the UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire

[RTI Television](#)

Government-run television and radio conglomerate

U.S. Embassy Cote D'Ivoire National Daily Press Review

JULY 8, 2014

Today's Top Stories

1. Ruling RDR's spokesperson says next year's elections will go ahead despite FPI's boycott of electoral commission
2. Ivoirian Social Democracy party holds congress
3. Prime Minister Duncan in London to seek donors' support for Cote d'Ivoire's economy
4. Civil society groups working on peace prevention strategy

1. Ruling RDR's spokesperson says next year's elections will go ahead despite FPI's boycott of electoral commission

- <http://www.connectionivoirienne.net/100976/les-elections-auront-lieu-en-cote-divoire-malgre-les-absences-boycotts>

In a statement issued yesterday, the spokesperson for the ruling RDR party, Joel N'Guessan, said, "Next year's elections will take place even if the opposition FPI party boycotts the independent electoral commission," according to **L'Expression (p. 4)**. The statement also says that the FPI decision to boycott the electoral commission is, "The worst option that a party or group of political parties could choose."

Le Patriote (p. 3), another pro-government newspaper, comments that the FPI is wrong to boycott the commission and wonders whether it will boycott all the upcoming elections including the presidential, legislative, municipal and regional elections organized by the commission.

However, **Nord-Sud Quotidien (p. 3)** claims that the FPI is likely to reconsider the decision and quotes an insider as saying that the party of the former President Laurent Gbagbo is demanding another week to identify its representatives to the electoral commission.

According to a report in **L'Inter (p. 2)**, opposition parties demanded that they be able to appoint the president of the commission at a meeting yesterday with the Minister of Interior and Security, Hamed Bakayoko. The paper quotes sources saying that the appointment of an opposition member as president would create balance in the composition of the commission.

Le Nouveau Courrier (p. 3) described yesterday's meeting as designed to put pressure on the government in advance of French President Francois Hollande's visit to Cote d'Ivoire later this month. The paper believes that it was a surprise to see the government suddenly open to discussion of the structure of the electoral commission, while it had said earlier that the debate on the issue was closed. The paper also described yesterday's meeting as a "political ruse" designed to make the administration look good to the French president.

2. Ivoirian Social Democracy party holds congress

A report in **Fraternite Matin (p. 6)**, says that Cote d'Ivoire's Union for Social Democracy party (USD) is organizing a congress this week in Abidjan, "To enable the party to make a comeback on the country's political scene," said Henri Niava, the President of the party's transition committee. The paper notes that the party had been inactive since the 2010 post-electoral crisis. Party leaders called for the release of all political prisoners who have been jailed recently. According to the paper, USD is supported by the FPI as well as smaller parties close to the opposition.

Le Nouveau Courrier (p. 3) reports that the USD will elect executive members today and quotes Niava as saying that with this new congress USD officially joins the Alliance of Democratic Forces of Cote d'Ivoire, a coalition of opposition parties that includes the FPI.

3. Prime Minister Duncan in London to seek donors' support for Cote d'Ivoire's economy

- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/la-cote-d-ivoire-a-la-recherche-de-500-millions-usd-sur-le-marche-international-22580.html>

Fraternite Matin (p. 15) reports that Prime Minister Kablan Duncan left Abidjan yesterday for a visit to London where he will be meeting international donors. The Prime Minister who is also the Minister of Economy and Finance is seeking CFA 250 billion (\$518 million) to support Cote d'Ivoire's 2014 budget. The so called "road show" will also take the Prime Minister to the United States, where he will present Cote d'Ivoire's economic development strategy and planned economic reforms to international institutions.

4. Civil society groups working on peace prevention strategy

According to **Fraternite Matin (p. 10)**, the Alliance of African initiatives for Peace and Security in West Africa, collaborating with the Gorée Institute – based in Dakar, Senegal – held a meeting for civil society organizations in Abidjan yesterday. The goal of this meeting was to establish a strong network capable to put in place efficient strategies for prevention of institutional instability. The Ivorian network for prevention conflicts within ECOWAS has also been created for the same goal, the paper reports Anne Bera-Dasse, the representative of the Alliance of African initiatives for Peace and Security in West Africa as saying.

International Stories on Cote d'Ivoire

[Apollo Consolidated releases Seguela assay results](#)

African Mining

... announced the assay results from the recently completed maiden reverse circulation drilling programme at the Seguela gold project in **Cote d'Ivoire**.

<http://www.africanmining.com/news.php?id=2430>

Healthy cocoa flowers good omen for next Ivory Coast crop

<http://af.reuters.com/article/investingNews/idAFKBN0FC1MX20140707>

-

Media affiliation and circulation

(Newspaper circulation figures represent average number of copies sold daily. Latest numbers as of December 31, 2013.)

[Fraternite Matin](#)

Government-owned and controlled daily newspaper with the widest circulation

22,723 daily

[Soir Info](#)

Independent daily

17,378

[Le Nouveau Reveil](#)

Daily owned by the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

12,546 daily

Le Temps - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of former President Gbagbo and his FPI party

11,883 daily

[L'Inter](#)

Independent daily that publishes mostly balanced news

10,457 daily

[Notre Voie](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

8,547 daily

[Le Quotidien d'Abidjan](#)

Daily close to former President Laurent Gbagbo

6,771 daily

[Le Patriote](#)

Daily owned by President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

6,523 daily

[Nord-Sud Quotidien](#)

Daily close to National Assembly President Guillaume Soro

3,054 daily

[Le Nouveau Courrier](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

2,999 daily

Le Mandat - (no current website)

Daily close to the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

2,833

[L'Expression](#) _

Daily supportive of current president Alassane Ouattara

2,664 daily

[L'Intelligent d'Abidjan](#)

Privately-owned supportive of certain ministers within the government

2,571 daily

Le Jour Plus - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

2,221

=====

[Agence Ivoirienne de Presse](#)

Government-run news agency

[ONU CI FM](#)

UN-owned radio operated by the UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire

[RTI Television](#)

Government-run television and radio conglomerate

U.S. Embassy Cote D'Ivoire National Daily Press Review

JULY 7, 2014

Today's Top Stories

1. **U.S. Embassy marks 238th anniversary of American Independence**
2. **American firm wins solid waste collection bid**
3. **President Ouattara and his ally, Bedie speak about new electoral commission**

1. **U.S. Embassy marks 238th anniversary of American Independence**

- <http://rti.ci/interviews.php?categorie=Interviews&id=7608&titre=terence-mc-culley-ambassadeur-des-etats-unis-nous-celebrons-les-valeurs-democratiques-et-la-liberte-d-expression>
- http://rti.ci/infos_musique_7575_le-groupe-de-jazz-americain-stephane-wrembel-band-en-tournee-en-cote-d-ivoire.html
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/502390.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/502428.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/502407.html>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/les-etats-unis-prets-a-soutenir-les-programmes-prioritaires-de-developpement-de-la-cote-d-ivoire>

Several newspapers today and over the weekend reported on the reception organized by Ambassador Terence McCulley to mark the 238th anniversary of the American independence on Friday and the concert by the Stephane Wrembel Band, an American jazz group, in Yopougon on Saturday. A report in the weekend issue of ***Fraternite Matin* (p. 23)** says that Prime Minister Daniel Kablan Duncan, other government officials, members of the diplomatic corps and the civil society community joined Ambassador McCulley on Friday to celebrate the Fourth of July. The report highlights the Ambassador's speech saying, "The private sector must be the engine for the growth of the Ivoirian economy...We seek partnership not dependency; we seek to build capacity not undermine local initiative." The article also notes that the Minister of Labor, Social Affairs, and Professional Training, Dosso Moussa, who spoke on behalf of the minister of foreign affairs, underscored the volume of American investments in Cote d'Ivoire, saying "American investments have increased, making the U.S. one of Cote d'Ivoire's biggest economic partners."

***L'Inter* (p. 5)** published the Ambassador's speech in its entirety.

A report in ***Soir Info* (p. 4)** quoted the Ambassador as saying, "The United States stands ready to deploy its programs and resources in support of your national priorities, from public health to justice, from food security to national security, and from the battle to contain malaria to the daily struggles of the thousands of Ivoirians living with HIV and AIDS. Côte d'Ivoire is a country blessed with both abundant human and natural resources, and we therefore we seek partnership not dependency; we seek to build capacity not undermine local initiative."

Pro-government newspaper ***Le Nouveau Reveil* (p. 13)** notes that the celebration of the 238th anniversary of the American independence offered an opportunity for all Ivoirian political stakeholders to unite. According to the paper, government officials and opposition leaders including FPI leader, Affi N'Guessan, attended the reception at the Embassy.

***Nord-Sud Quotidien* (p. 6)**, also a pro-government newspaper, reports Ambassador McCulley as commenting on the democratic process underway in Cote d'Ivoire, "Cote d'Ivoire and the United States are on the same road."

On the opposition side, a report in ***Le Nouveau Courrier* (p. 9)** quoted the ambassador as saying, "The government must satisfy the needs of Ivoirians" and reported that he commented that heads of

American businesses will only come to Cote d'Ivoire if there is a peaceful environment which guarantees economic growth of the country.

Le Mandat (p.10) reported on the Stephane Wrembel band's concert in Yopougon on Saturday. The paper notes that the four jazz musicians were able to engage the crowd, despite the fact that jazz is a new kind of music to most Ivoirians.

L'Inter (p. 7) described the concert in Yopougon as unusual and pointed out that it was an opportunity for Ivoirians to discover American culture especially "music made in America."

2. American firm wins solid waste collection bid

- <http://news.abidjan.net/p/196247.html>

Fraternite Matin (p. 11) reported that an American firm, Wise Solutions CDI Inc., won the bid for a waste management contract in Abidjan and that an agreement was signed on Friday. The paper notes that this followed protracted negotiations as the government wanted to ensure that the American firm had the technical capability to do the job. The paper quotes the Minister of Environment and Health, Remi Allah Kouadio, as saying, "The proposal from the American firm was pertinent, and we hope that the results on the ground will reflect the technical capacity of the company." The company will collect an estimated 1.2 million tons of waste per year in the district of Abidjan.

Wise Solutions will collect waste in the Ivoirian capital for the next 15 years, reports **Le Nouveau Courrier (p. 12)**. In addition to solid waste collection, the agreement includes a public awareness campaign to sensitize the population to the importance of keeping their neighborhoods clean. The head of the American company, Alan Kenneth Wong, reportedly said that the company will manage 80 percent of the solid waste in Abidjan and create more than 4,000 jobs.

3. President Ouattara and his ally, Bedie speak about new electoral commission

- <http://www.linfordrome.com/vie-politique/16391-ouattara-a-propos-de-la-cei-c-est-la-meilleure-commission-que-la-cote-d-ivoire-ait-connue>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/502418.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/502382.html>
- <http://www.connectionivoirienne.net/100922/cote-divoire-bedie-invite-fpi-renoncer-au-boycott-nouvelle-cei-ouattara>

Several newspapers today note that President Ouattara returned from Paris yesterday after a private visit to the French capital.

Fraternite Matin (pp. 6&7) also quotes that the president, speaking about recent political developments in Cote d'Ivoire, as saying, "The new independent electoral commission is the best that Cote d'Ivoire has ever had ...and will guarantee checks and balances to allow all stakeholders to share their points of view...I am committed to peaceful, transparent, and credible elections."

"It is in the interest of each party, including the opposition FPI, to join the electoral commission," **L'Inter (p. 2)** reports the president as saying. The paper also reports that President Ouattara confirmed that French President Francois Hollande is expected in Cote d'Ivoire on July 17.

In its weekend issue, **Le Nouveau Reveil (p. 3)** quotes former president Henri Konan Bedie as calling on the opposition FPI party to pick its representative for the new electoral commission. He is also reported as saying, "I believe the structure of the new electoral commission is appropriate and good."

Soir Info (p.5) also quotes the former president as saying, "The new electoral commission will guarantee credible elections in Cote d'Ivoire."

[International Stories on Cote d'Ivoire](#)

[Ibrahim Toure laid to rest in Abidjan](#)

SuperSport (blog)

Ibrahim Oyala Toure, younger brother to **Ivory Coast** international duo Yaya and Kolo Toure, who died in Manchester on June 19, was buried in ...

[Heavy rains cut access to Ivory Coast's port of San Pedro](#)

Reuters Africa

By Ange Aboa. ABIDJAN (Reuters) - Road damage caused by weeks of heavy rainfall is hampering access to top cocoa grower **Ivory Coast's** port of ...

[NDC chapter of Cote D'Ivoire Executives inaugurated](#)

Vibe Ghana

NDC The Executives of the National Democratic Congress (NDC) chapter in **Ivory Coast**, Cote D'Ivoire was last week inaugurated with the task to work ...

[Vivo Energy expands in Ivory Coast and Mozambique](#)

bunkerworld (subscription)

It said that in **Ivory Coast** "supplies are managed at the main quays of the Abidjan port." Vivo Energy described the moves as part of its "growth ...

[Ivoirian floods highlight disaster preparedness shortcomings](#)

IRINnews.org

ABIDJAN, 4 July 2014 (IRIN) - Recent heavy downpours and flooding in **Côte d'Ivoire** have killed dozens of people, washed away houses and once ...

[Project to modernise universities after years of closure](#)

University World News

With the need for **Côte d'Ivoire** to rebuild its higher education and research system following violent crises that closed public universities for two years, ...

[Media affiliation and circulation](#)

(Newspaper circulation figures represent average number of copies sold daily. Latest numbers as of December 31, 2013.)

[Fraternite Matin](#)

Government-owned and controlled daily newspaper with the widest circulation

22,723 daily

[Soir Info](#)

Independent daily

17,378

[Le Nouveau Reveil](#)

Daily owned by the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

12,546 daily

Le Temps - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of former President Gbagbo and his FPI party

11,883 daily

[L'Inter](#)

Independent daily that publishes mostly balanced news

10,457 daily

[Notre Voie](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

8,547 daily

[Le Quotidien d'Abidjan](#)

Daily close to former President Laurent Gbagbo

6,771 daily

[Le Patriote](#)

Daily owned by President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

6,523 daily

[Nord-Sud Quotidien](#)

Daily close to National Assembly President Guillaume Soro

3,054 daily

[Le Nouveau Courrier](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

2,999 daily

Le Mandat - (no current website)

Daily close to the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

2,833

[L'Expression](#)

Daily supportive of current president Alassane Ouattara

2,664 daily

[L'Intelligent d'Abidjan](#)

Privately-owned supportive of certain ministers within the government

2,571 daily

Le Jour Plus - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

2,221

=====

[Agence Ivoirienne de Presse](#)

Government-run news agency

[ONU CI FM](#)

UN-owned radio operated by the UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire

[RTI Television](#)

Government-run television and radio conglomerate

U.S. Embassy Cote D'Ivoire National Daily Press Review
JULY 3, 2014

Today's Top Stories

1. Prime Minister Daniel Kablan Duncan commends performance of the Ivoirian Treasury
 2. Gbagbo's FPI will not participate in the reshuffling of the electoral body, calls for further negotiation
 3. Cote d'Ivoire and Guinea work to reinforce cooperation
 4. Capacity building: Interior Minister Hamed Bakayoko signs agreement with French public service authority
 5. Ebola: a high-profile meeting set up in Ghana to counter the threat
- 1. Prime Minister Daniel Kablan Duncan commends performance of the Ivoirian Treasury**
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/duncan-s-enquiert-des-realites-des-travailleurs-de-la-direction-generale-du-budget-et-des-finances-22923.html>
 - <http://www.connectionivoirienne.net/100847/finances-publiques-tentative-fraude-sera-sanctionnee-duncan>
 - <http://www.linodrome.com/economie/16353-economie-nationale-kablan-duncan-passe-en-revue-les-outils-de-gestion-des-finances-publiques>

According to a report in **Fraternite matin (p. 16)** Ivoirian Prime Minister Daniel Kablan Duncan, who is also in charge of the finance, economy and budget portfolios visited the offices under his command to better understand the government's integrated budget, finance, and management tools, including the SOLDE An 2000 and SIGMAP software programs. He commended the performance of these services over the recent months saying, "I would like to underscore that you have taken important steps to streamline public expenses and optimize our resources." He also called for better control of expenses.

L'Intelligent d'Abidjan (p. 5) adds that Duncan said that the 2014 budget is being carried out according to plan with a one or 2.3 percent rate of investment so far.

2. Gbagbo's FPI will not participate in the reshuffling of the electoral body, calls for further negotiation

- <http://www.linodrome.com/vie-politique/16295-reuni-en-comite-central-le-fpi-rejette-la-nouvelle-cei>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/502242.html>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/situation-politique-12-partis-de-l-opposition-desapprouvent-la-nouvelle-cei-22935.html>

Fraternite Matin (p. 6) reports that former President Gbagbo's FPI party and its allies issued a statement yesterday that they will not take part in the reshuffling of the new *Commission Electorale Independente*(CEI). Government spokesperson, Minister of Postal Services and Information and Communication Technologies, Bruno Kone, said the FPI decision to boycott the commission is a mistake and that the president has been negotiating to find common ground on the composition of the CEI. He also noted that though the former CEI had eleven government appointed members, the current composition includes only four.

The alliance of opposition parties called *Alliance Democratique* met on Tuesday, according to **Le Quotidien d'Abidjan (p. 5)** and called on the government to continue negotiating further with the opposition on the composition of the party.

Le Temps (p. 3) notes that the alliance has rejected the new format of the CEI completely and calls for a more balanced CEI.

Part of the opposition, led by Cap-UDD the party of Gervais Coulibaly a supporter of Laurent Gbagbo, would like take part in the CEI, reports **Le Nouveau Reveil (p. 5)**.

3. Cote d'Ivoire and Guinea work to reinforce cooperation

<http://fratmat.info/une/item/16957-coop%C3%A9ration-ci-guin%C3%A9-la-2e-session-de-la-commission-mixte-sest-ouverte-ce-mercredi>

An event yesterday brought together the Secretary General of the Ivoirian Foreign Ministry, Claude Beke, and El Haj Mohamed II Sisse, the Secretary General of the Guinean Ministry of International Cooperation, **Fraternite matin (p. 7)** reports. The paper reports that President Ouattara and his Guinean counterpart, President Alpha Conde, agreed to cooperate further in the areas of agriculture, culture, and health and fight child trafficking along the border between the two countries.

L'Intelligence d'Abidjan (p. 4) notes that this meeting will reactivate a task force set up to monitor cooperation between the two countries, which last met in April 11-13 in Conakry.

4. Capacity building: Interior Minister Hamed Bakayoko signs agreement with French public service authority

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/502237.html>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/hamed-bakayoko-en-visite-de-travail-en-france-creation-d-un-centre-de-formation-pour-les-agents-des-collectivites-territoriales-22932.html>

According to **Nord Sud Quotidien (p. 2)** Interior Minister Hamed Bakayoko is in France where he has brokered an agreement to provide training for Ivoirian municipal police and government administrators by French instructors from the Centre Nationale de la Fonction Publique Territoriale (CNFPT). The program is designed to support the government's decentralization policy.

L'Inter (p. 3) adds that part of the agreement includes the creation of a training center in Abidjan. The training will focus on economic development, provision of public services, and youth empowerment at the local level.

5. Ebola: a high-profile meeting set up in Ghana to counter the threat

- <http://www.koaci.com/epidemie-debola-morts-veille-dune-reunion-durgence-accra-92872.html>

Fraternite matin (p. 14) reports that a high profile meeting is bringing together health experts from eleven West African countries, the World Health Organization and Doctors without Borders in Ghana to seek ways to counter the recent outbreak of Ebola in West Africa, which has claimed the lives of 467 people in Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. According to Dr. Luis Sambo, Regional Director of WHO for Africa, the epidemic is spreading in the region. He called for a larger effort to address the outbreak and said that suspected cases must be handled properly and confirmed cases treated appropriately.

A statement from the meeting, according to **Soir Info (p. 2)** indicated that this is the largest outbreak of Ebola in terms of people infected and countries affected and that decisions that come out of this meeting are essential to addressing this and future occurrences of the disease.

[International Stories on Cote d'Ivoire](#)

[Coconut Water is the Hottest new Health Trend, but Researchers Need to Race Against the Clock ...](#)
DigitalJournal.com

This emerging coconut lethal yellowing outbreak in **Côte d'Ivoire**, has been associated with a phytoplasma that destroyed circa one million coconut ...

[French President expected in C/Ivoire 17 July](#)

StarAfrica.com

French president, Francois Holland will begin an official visit to **Cote d'Ivoire** on 17 July as part of a whistle-stop tour of Africa, reliable sources ...

[Plasmodium falciparum infection and clinical indicators in relation to net coverage in central Cote d ...](#)
7thSpace Interactive (press release)

fever) were measured among children in three villages of central **Cote d'Ivoire** (Bozi, N'Dakonankro and Yoho) and associations with net coverage ...

[Media affiliation and circulation](#)

(Newspaper circulation figures represent average number of copies sold daily. Latest numbers as of December 31, 2013.)

[Fraternite Matin](#)

Government-owned and controlled daily newspaper with the widest circulation

22,723 daily

[Soir Info](#)

Independent daily

17,378

[Le Nouveau Reveil](#)

Daily owned by the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

12,546 daily

Le Temps - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of former President Gbagbo and his FPI party

11,883 daily

[L'Inter](#)

Independent daily that publishes mostly balanced news

10,457 daily

[Notre Voie](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

8,547 daily

[Le Quotidien d'Abidjan](#)

Daily close to former President Laurent Gbagbo

6,771 daily

[Le Patriote](#)

Daily owned by President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

6,523 daily

[Nord-Sud Quotidien](#)

Daily close to National Assembly President Guillaume Soro

3,054 daily

[Le Nouveau Courrier](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

2,999 daily

Le Mandat - (no current website)

Daily close to the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

2,833

[L'Expression](#) _

Daily supportive of current president Alassane Ouattara

2,664 daily

[L'Intelligent d'Abidjan](#)

Privately-owned supportive of certain ministers within the government

2,571 daily

Le Jour Plus - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

2,221

=====

[Agence Ivoirienne de Presse](#)

Government-run news agency

[ONU CI FM](#)

UN-owned radio operated by the UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire

U.S. Embassy Cote D'Ivoire National Daily Press Review

JULY 2, 2014

Today's Top Stories

1. Government announces new steps to protect vulnerable people during raining season
2. Reactions after FPI opposition decides to boycott electoral commission
3. Dailies speculate ahead of French President Hollande's visit to Cote d'Ivoire
4. Cote d'Ivoire-Guinea (Conakry) joint cooperation commission set to meet today in Abidjan
5. Swine rearing accounts for about US \$4 million revenue per year in Cote d'Ivoire

1. Government announces new steps to protect vulnerable people during raining season

- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/pluies-diluviennes-ouattara-sollicite-les-militaires-pour-la-mise-en-oeuvre-des-mesures-preventives-22859.html>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/communique-du-gouvernement-relatif-aux-mesures-de-lutte-contre-les-sinistres-engendrees-par-les-pluies-du-mois-de-juin-2014-22856.html>

The government decided yesterday to institute new measures to protect vulnerable people during the ongoing rainy season, reports *Fraternite Matin* (p. 9). These measures include medical assistance and protection for people living in shanty towns. It is also planning to relocate vulnerable people and provide them with resettlement funds. The statement that was issued after the cabinet meeting also says that government forces will be used to protect the population.

2. Reactions after FPI opposition decides to boycott electoral commission

The decision of the main Ivoirian opposition party (FPI) to boycott the independent electoral commission could lead to political unrest comments *Soir Info* (p. 5). The paper refers to a statement made recently by the opposition calling on the Ivoirian population to prepare to "liberate former President Laurent Gbagbo and fight for liberty, justice, reconciliation, and peace." The paper also reports that the opposition party announced public demonstrations to protest the electoral commission reforms for the 2015 presidential elections.

In a related development, *L'Inter* (p. 4) quotes the leader of the FPI party Pascal Affi N'Guessan as saying, "When a law is bad we need to change it." Affi N'Guessan, who was reacting to recent electoral commission reforms, also said it does not reflect people's aspirations.

Le Patriote (pp. 2&3), comments that the decision by the opposition party to boycott the electoral commission is part of its plan to stay away from next year's presidential election and that it is part of the party's tactics to blackmail the government.

L'Expression (p. 2) comments that the opposition's continued boycotting of government decisions will doom the party to disappear from the country's political arena.

3. Dailies speculate ahead of French President Hollande's visit to Cote d'Ivoire

- <http://www.linfordrome.com/vie-politique/16338-francois-hollande-en-cote-d-ivoire-le-17-juillet-voici-ce-qu-il-vient-faire-chez-ouattara>

A report in *Le Nouveau Courrier* (p. 5) says that the visit of President Francois Hollande to Cote d'Ivoire will be an opportunity for the opposition FPI party to voice its political grievances. The paper reports that the party will protest government's decision to unilaterally reform the electoral commission and described the reconciliation process launched by the government as a "political ruse"

saying that the government did not respect decisions that made during its dialogue with opposition parties. It also speculates that the opposition will use Hollande's visit to demand that the government liberate political prisoners and unfreeze opposition party member bank accounts.

Ivoirian Minister of Interior and Security Hamed Bakayoko met yesterday with French Prime Minister Manuel Valls ahead of President Holland's visit to Cote d'Ivoire, reports **Fraternite Matin (p.6)**. The two discussed preparations for this visit and the reinforcement of bilateral relations between France and Cote d'Ivoire.

4. Cote d'Ivoire-Guinea (Conakry) joint cooperation commission set to meet today in Abidjan

Fraternite Matin (p. 6) reports that experts from Guinea (Conakry) are due to meet today with their Ivoirian counterparts as part of a joint commission. The paper recalled that in 2013 the Guinean military crossed into Cote d'Ivoire to settle in a village on the border between the two countries. According to the paper, dialogue between the two governments helped resolve this dispute peacefully. Today's meeting will address partnerships between the two countries in various sectors including economy, education, health, transport, mining and energy, agriculture, and defense and security.

5. Swine rearing accounts for about US \$4 million revenue per year in Cote d'Ivoire

Emmanuel Charles Yace, the head of the Union of Swine Farmers, announced that swine rearing accounts for approximately \$4 million of revenue per year in Cote d'Ivoire, according to **Fraternite Matin (p. 4)**. Yace is also reported as saying that the sector brings together more than 1,500 farmers and provides more than 30,000 jobs in Cote d'Ivoire. Yace was speaking ahead of the national swine fair that is taking place this week in Cote d'Ivoire.

[International Stories on Cote d'Ivoire](#)

IVORY COAST - IMC seeks to set up shop

Africa Intelligence (subscription)

The international consulting group is currently approaching a number of consulting firms, including in **Ivory Coast**, to decide on which country it will ...

[Côte d'Ivoire's return to peace heralds new investments](#)

BDlive

GROWTH: **Côte d'Ivoire** President Alassane Ouattara has lined up \$19bn in pledges for infrastructure projects and says the economy will grow at an ...

[Morocco, Côte d'Ivoire sign new agreement on agricultural cooperation](#)

Morocco World News

Rabat – Morocco and **Côte d'Ivoire** signed, on Tuesday in Rabat, a new cooperation agreement on agricultural research, mechanization and ...

-

[Media affiliation and circulation](#)

(Newspaper circulation figures represent average number of copies sold daily. Latest numbers as of December 31, 2013.)

[Fraternite Matin](#)

Government-owned and controlled daily newspaper with the widest circulation

22,723 daily

[Soir Info](#)

Independent daily

17,378

[Le Nouveau Reveil](#)

Daily owned by the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

12,546 daily

Le Temps - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of former President Gbagbo and his FPI party

11,883 daily

[L'Inter](#)

Independent daily that publishes mostly balanced news

10,457 daily

[Notre Voie](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

8,547 daily

[Le Quotidien d'Abidjan](#)

Daily close to former President Laurent Gbagbo

6,771 daily

[Le Patriote](#)

Daily owned by President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

6,523 daily

[Nord-Sud Quotidien](#)

Daily close to National Assembly President Guillaume Soro

3,054 daily

[Le Nouveau Courrier](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

2,999 daily

Le Mandat - (no current website)

Daily close to the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

2,833

[L'Expression](#) _

Daily supportive of current president Alassane Ouattara

2,664 daily

[L'Intelligent d'Abidjan](#)

Privately-owned supportive of certain ministers within the government

2,571 daily

Le Jour Plus - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of President Ouattara's Rally of the Republicans Party

2,221

=====

[Agence Ivoirienne de Presse](#)

Government-run news agency

[ONU CI FM](#)

UN-owned radio operated by the UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire

[RTI Television](#)

Government-run television and radio conglomerate

U.S. Embassy Cote D'Ivoire National Daily Press Review

JULY 1, 2014

Today's Top Stories

1. French President Francois Hollande expected in Abidjan on July 17
2. Resignation of ICC judge sparks debate in Ivoirian media
3. Search for Common Ground launches campaign on reintegration of exiled people
4. Minister of Health and Fight against HIV/AIDS meets with partners

1. French President Francois Hollande expected in Abidjan on July 17

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/502069.html>

Ivoirian newspapers today announce that French President Francois Hollande is expected in Abidjan for an official visit on July 17. According to **Fraternite Matin (p. 6)** he will be accompanied by leading entrepreneurs and the Minister of Defense, Yves Le Drian. The paper attributes this information to the French weekly *Jeune Afrique* and reports that economic issues and bilateral trade between France and Cote d'Ivoire will be at the top of the agenda for this visit. One hundred and forty French companies are based in Cote d'Ivoire, according to the paper. The two heads of state will also discuss Cote d'Ivoire's debt relief plan under the World Bank/IMF Highly Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) initiative.

In a related development, **Le Patriote (p. 2)** reports that Ivoirian Minister of Interior and Security, Hamed Bakayoko, met with his French counterpart, Bernard Cazeneuve, in Paris yesterday. The two discussed security issues and French support to improve the security situation in Cote d'Ivoire since the 2011 political violence. French sources are quoted as saying that the two ministers also discussed the fight against terrorism and drug smuggling.

2. Resignation of ICC judge sparks debate in Ivoirian media

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/502113.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/502107.html>
- <http://www.connectionivoirienne.net/100769/apres-avoir-confirme-les-charges-contre-gbagbo-juge-hans-peter-kaul-demissionne>
- <http://www.linodrome.com/vie-politique/16321-cour-penale-internationale-un-juge-de-l-affaire-gbagbo-demissionne>

Fraternite Matin (p. 6) reports the resignation of Hans-Peter Kaul, a judge with the International Criminal Court (ICC), a member of the chamber which found former President Laurent Gbagbo to be involved in crimes against humanity in a pre-trial decision late last month. Judge Kaul and two other judges confirmed that, based on a review of more than 100 witness statements, the former president will face four charges of murder, rape, attempted murder, and persecution. The statement says from the ICC said that Judge resigned, "for health reasons."

On the opposition side, **Notre Voie (p. 4)** speculates that the decision by Judge Kaul to resign is based on political motivations and other disagreements between the judges.

LG Infos (p. 7), another opposition newspaper, writes that the resignation is likely a sign of the judge's frustration with the process.

3. Search for Common Ground launches campaign on reintegration of exiled people

Le Nouveau Reveil (p. 6) reports that Search for Common Ground, an American non-profit organization, has launched a campaign to help reintegrate people returning from exile into their communities in the western Cavally region to help improve social cohesion and national reconciliation.

4. Minister of Health and Fight against HIV/AIDS meet with partners

- <http://lebanco.net/banconet/bco22607.htm>

Raymonde Goudou-Coffie, Minister of Health and the Fight Against AIDS, met with PEPFAR and other partners helping Cote d'Ivoire in the fight against HIV/AIDS, according to **Fraternite Matin (p. 13)**. International partners, reports the paper, contribute over eighty percent of the funding to combat HIV/AIDS. Among the programs mentioned by Goudou-Coffie was Spotlight SIDA, a TV program recently launched by state television RTI and Voice of America with the financial support of PEPFAR.

International Stories on Cote d'Ivoire

Cote d'Ivoire: Africa records mixed results in World Bank assessment

African Manager

The Country Policy and Institutional Assessment (CPIA) of the World Bank, which measures yearly the performance of poor countries, shows that 20% ...

Dubai-based chocolate brand Delice launches in Harrods

gulfnews.com

... Room on July 1, Delice plans to open outlets in Azerbaijan (October), Saudi Arabia (November) and **Cote d'Ivoire** through franchise agreements.

Malaika gears up for Ivory Coast tour

Daily Sun

"As I speak to you, I am on my way to **Ivory Coast** for my tour of that country. You may not believe it but the demand for fuji music in that country is ...

Abidjan Rebounds as Bank's Return Fuels Optimism After Turmoil

Businessweek

Construction foreman Hilaire Adou doubled his staff to meet a September deadline to build 45 houses in Abidjan, **Ivory Coast's** commercial capital, ...

From immigrant to MP: Three politicians reflect on their citizenship experience

GlobalPost

Currently, there are 40 members of Parliament who were born elsewhere, in places such as **Ivory Coast**, Poland and India. The Canadian Press spoke ...

Egypt's embassies celebrate 30 June Revolution first anniversary

Ahram Online

Egypt's embassies in Spain, China, Finland, Congo and **Ivory Coast** are celebrating the anniversary of the 30 June Revolution, marking the mass ...

Rains boost Ivory Coast cocoa main crop, could harm mid-crop

Reuters Africa

ABIDJAN (Reuters) - Heavy rains last week in most of **Ivory Coast's** main cocoa growing regions has aided the development of the next main crop ...

Abidjan Rebounds as Bank's Return Fuels Optimism After Turmoil

Businessweek

Construction foreman Hilaire Adou doubled his staff to meet a September deadline to build 45 houses in Abidjan, **Ivory Coast's** commercial capital, ...

[From immigrant to MP: Three politicians reflect on their citizenship experience](#)

GlobalPost

Currently, there are 40 members of Parliament who were born elsewhere, in places such as **Ivory Coast**, Poland and India. The Canadian Press spoke ...

[Media affiliation and circulation](#)

(Newspaper circulation figures represent average number of copies sold daily. Latest numbers as of December 31, 2013.)

[Fraternite Matin](#)

Government-owned and controlled daily newspaper with the widest circulation

22,723 daily

[Soir Info](#)

Independent daily

17,378

[Le Nouveau Reveil](#)

Daily owned by the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

12,546 daily

Le Temps - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of former President Gbagbo and his FPI party

11,883 daily

[L'Inter](#)

Independent daily that publishes mostly balanced news

10,457 daily

[Notre Voie](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

8,547 daily

[Le Quotidien d'Abidjan](#)

Daily close to former President Laurent Gbagbo

6,771 daily

[Le Patriote](#)

Daily owned by President Ouattara’s Rally of the Republicans Party

6,523 daily

[Nord-Sud Quotidien](#)

Daily close to National Assembly President Guillaume Soro

3,054 daily

[Le Nouveau Courrier](#)

Daily close to the FPI party of former President Laurent Gbagbo

2,999 daily

Le Mandat - (no current website)

Daily close to the PDCI-RDA Party of former President Henri Konan Bedie

2,833

[L’Expression](#) _

Daily supportive of current president Alassane Ouattara

2,664 daily

[L’Intelligent d’Abidjan](#)

Privately-owned supportive of certain ministers within the government

2,571 daily

Le Jour Plus - (no current website)

Privately owned daily supportive of President Ouattara’s Rally of the Republicans Party

2,221

=====

[Agence Ivoirienne de Presse](#)

Government-run news agency

[ONU CI FM](#)

UN-owned radio operated by the UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire

[RTI Television](#)

Government-run television and radio conglomerate