

A woman in a yellow t-shirt and a patterned wrap stands in profile, looking towards a wall with significant damage and debris. The ground is covered in rubble, including a large metal barrel and scattered wood.

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A makeshift settlement with several tents made of plastic and fabric. In the foreground, a car is on fire, with flames and smoke rising. A person is walking in the background among the tents.

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“AFTER THE DUÉKOUÉ MASSACRE, WE WERE FORCED TO LEAVE OUR HOMES. THE AUTHORITIES AND THE UN HAD PROMISED TO PROTECT US. NOW, AFTER MORE THAN A YEAR, WE BURY OUR DEAD AGAIN. WE CANNOT RETURN TO THE VILLAGES WHERE DOZOS PATROL OUR PLANTATIONS.

**IS THERE STILL A PLACE FOR US SOMEWHERE?”**

A survivor of the attack on Nahibly camp on 20 July 2012

During and after the crisis in Côte d'Ivoire following the disputed presidential elections in November 2010, people in the west of the country were victims of grave human rights violations and abuses. Despite commitments by the authorities to combat impunity and ensure that perpetrators would be held to account, no one has been brought to justice.

In March 2011, hundreds of people were killed and thousands displaced during attacks by the Forces Républicaines de Côte d'Ivoire (FRCI) on Duékoué, supported by Dozos fighters. Following the end of the crisis and the arrest of former President Laurent Gbagbo in April 2011, violence and stigmatization of internally displaced people by political and military authorities increased.

Just over a year after the massacre, Nahibly camp in the western region, home to over 4,000 internally displaced people, was attacked in July 2012 by members of the FRCI and Dozos fighters. Impunity remains for those responsible for both attacks.

**TAKE ACTION NOW**  
SIGN THE POSTCARD BELOW AND SEND IT TO THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE

*Image:* A woman looks at the remains of a body in Duékoué, April 2011.  
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Dear **M. Gnénéma Mamadou Coulibaly**,

I am very concerned about the situation of the population in the west of Côte d'Ivoire, and especially those who were victims of international crimes in Duékoué in 2011 and in Nahibly in 2012. For years they have been living in an unstable region, and were victims of grave human rights violations during and following the post-election crisis. Two years after the crisis, they are still denied justice and reparation.

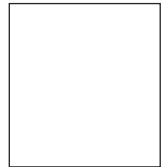
I urge you to:

- hold to account the individuals responsible for international crimes committed in Duékoué in March and April 2011;
- support initiatives for an investigation by an international commission of inquiry on crimes committed in Nahibly in July 2012;
- provide victims and families of victims of international crimes in Duékoué and in Nahibly with appropriate compensation and reparation.

Yours sincerely,

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_



**M. Gnénéma Mamadou Coulibaly**  
**Ministre de la Justice**  
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**Abidjan**  
**Côte d'Ivoire**

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*Image:* Camp for internally displaced people in Nahibly, a few hours after it was destroyed in July 2012. © Private  
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