

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL PRESS CONFERENCE INVITATION

Central African Republic: Evidence of war crimes and crimes against humanity in Bangui

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Amnesty International's research on the ground over the last two weeks has left no room for doubt that war crimes and crimes against humanity have taken place, including extra-judicial executions and mutilation of bodies.

The delegation, which has just returned from Bangui, will present their findings, along with photos and video footage. The video footage includes images of looting and ransacking of a mosque, appalling conditions in the IDP camps and a mortuary. There are also sound bites from people affected by the violence.

Amnesty International is calling for a rapid deployment of a robust UN peacekeeping force with a clear mandate to protect civilians. The organisation is also calling on the UN to expedite its plans to set up a commission of inquiry to investigate war crimes, crimes against humanity and gross violations of human rights.

Speakers

Christian Mukosa – Central Africa Researcher

In the last 9 years, Christian has been on multiple Amnesty International missions to the Central African region including to the CAR. Christian has more than 17 years' experience of living in and working on human rights issues in (post) conflict countries in Africa.

Joanne Mariner – Senior Crisis Response Adviser

Joanne has documented human rights violations in crisis zones around the world for many years, first at Human Rights Watch and now at Amnesty International. A lawyer by training, Joanne is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and belongs to the board of advisors of the International Justice Resource Center and the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism in The Hague.

Susanna Flood – Media Director

Susanna Flood has led Amnesty International's media work for the last five years. Prior to joining Amnesty International, Susanna worked as Director of Public Relations at CNN.

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