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COI QUERY RESPONSE – GUINEA

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1. Treatment by the state of UGDF members and supporters who participated in the organisation of demonstrations (and in particular demonstrations that occurred in October 2019) (September 2021-May 2023)

Brief background information

On 5 September 2021, the National Committee of the Rally for Development (CNRD) overthrew the government in a military coup d'état.¹ Alpha Condé, who was serving a third term as President, was arrested.² The military government dissolved the National Assembly and suspended the constitution.³ In October 2021, Colonel Mamady Doumbouya, head of the special forces, was sworn in as interim President.⁴

In October 2021, the CNRD agreed with the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) to a two-year transition period for the restoration of the constitutional and electoral order.⁵ However, the timeframe and the implementation of the transition period was subject to debate.⁶ In January 2022, the CNRD established an 81-member National Transitional Council (CNT).⁷

¹ AI, Amnesty International Report 2022/23, The State of the World's Human Rights; Guinea 2022, 27 March 2023, [url](#); Belgium, CGRS-CEDOCA, Guinée: La situation ethnique [Guinea: Ethnic situation], 23 March 2023, [url](#), p. 4; International Crisis Group, Condé's Removal Clears the Way for Army to Regain Control of Guinea, 9 September 2021, [url](#)

² Freedom House, Freedom in the World 2022 - Guinea, 24 February 2022, [url](#); International Crisis Group, Condé's Removal Clears the Way for Army to Regain Control of Guinea, 9 September 2021, [url](#)

³ USDOS, 2022 Country Report on Human Rights Practices: Guinea, 20 March 2023, [url](#), p. 1; Freedom House, Freedom in the World 2022 - Guinea, 24 February 2022, [url](#)

⁴ USDOS, 2022 Country Report on Human Rights Practices: Guinea, 20 March 2023, [url](#), p. 1; Freedom House, Freedom in the World 2022 - Guinea, 24 February 2022, [url](#); International Crisis Group, Tracking Conflict Worldwide: Guinea: September 2021 – April 2023, n.d., [url](#)

⁵ AI, Amnesty International Report 2022/23, The State of the World's Human Rights; Guinea 2022, 27 March 2023, [url](#); USDOS, 2022 Country Report on Human Rights Practices: Guinea, 20 March 2023, [url](#), p. 1

⁶ AI, Amnesty International Report 2022/23, The State of the World's Human Rights; Guinea 2022, 27 March 2023, [url](#); Germany, BAMF, Briefing Notes Summary: Guinea – January to June 2022, 1 July 2022, [url](#), pp. 1 – 2; International Crisis Group, Tracking Conflict Worldwide: Guinea: September 2021 – April 2023, n.d., [url](#)

⁷ USDOS, 2022 Country Report on Human Rights Practices: Guinea, 20 March 2023, [url](#), p. 1; Germany, BAMF, Briefing Notes Summary: Guinea – January to June 2022, 1 July 2022, [url](#), pp. 1 – 2; International Crisis Group, Tracking Conflict Worldwide: Guinea: September 2021 – April 2023, n.d., [url](#)



Treatment of UGDF members by the state

International Crisis Group reported on September 2021 that, following Alpha Condé's removal, street celebrations spontaneously took place, particularly in Conakry's suburbs and Labé, 'strongholds' of the Union of Guinea's Democratic Forces (UGDF)/Union des forces démocratiques de Guinée (UFDG).⁸

Human Rights Watch reported that, on 5 and 8 September 2021 the UGDF published two statements, noting that Condé's government lacked legitimacy.⁹

Cellou Dalein Diallo, president of the UGDF, in an interview with Deutsche Welle (DW) on 9 September 2021, referred to the military coup as a 'patriotic act' and noted that he was willing to trust the leaders of the coup. Diallo further explained that access was allowed to the offices and the headquarters of the party, after their closure for a period of ten months.¹⁰ Following the coup, a travel ban, that had been imposed on Diallo, as well as on Fodé Oussou Fofana, vice-president of the UGDF, under the Alpha Condé's former governance, was lifted.¹¹

On 7 September 2021, the new military authorities released 79 political prisoners, including members of the opposition parties, who were arrested following Alpha Condé's re-election in 2020. Among the released detainees was the leader of the UGDF, Abdoulaye Bah.¹²

In November 2021, the formation of the transitional government was completed, under Mohamed Béavogui, who was appointed Prime Minister of the transition.¹³ The new transitional government also included three members of Alpha Condé's political opposition, including Ousmane Gaoual Diallo,¹⁴ who was appointed as Minister of Urban Planning, Housing and Regional Development.¹⁵ The UGDF however was not consulted nor informed beforehand concerning this appointment.¹⁶

⁸ International Crisis Group, Condé's Removal Clears the Way for Army to Regain Control of Guinea, 9 September 2021, [url](#)

⁹ HRW, Guinea: Leaders Should Respect Fundamental Rights, 15 September 2021, [url](#)

¹⁰ DW, Guinea's opposition leader supports military, 7 September 2021, [url](#)

¹¹ USDOS, 2021 Country Report on Human Rights Practices: Guinea, 12 April 2022, [url](#), p. 19; Belgium, CGRS-CEDOCA, Guinée: L'opposition politique sous la transition [The political opposition under the transition], 25 August 2022, [url](#), p. 13

¹² HRW, Guinea: Leaders Should Respect Fundamental Rights, 15 September 2021, [url](#); France 24, Coup d'État en Guinée: des prisonniers politiques libérés et accueillis par une liesse populaire [Coup d'état in Guinea: political prisoners freed to public applause], 8 September 2021, [url](#)

¹³ RFI, Guinée: le gouvernement de transition est désormais complet [Guinea: the transitional government is now complete], 5 November 2021, [url](#); DW, Guinée: décryptage du nouveau gouvernement de transition [Guinea: deciphering the new transitional government], 5 November 2021, [url](#)

¹⁴ Ousmane Gaoual Diallo is a member of the UGDF, led by Cellou Dalein Diallo. Jeune Afrique, Guinée: Mamadi Doumbouya a (enfin) un gouvernement [Guinea: Mamadi Doumbouya (finally) has a government], 5 November 2021, [url](#)

¹⁵ Jeune Afrique, Guinée: Mamadi Doumbouya a (enfin) un gouvernement [Guinea: Mamadi Doumbouya (finally) has a government], 5 November 2021, [url](#)

¹⁶ Jeune Afrique, Guinée: Mamadi Doumbouya a (enfin) un gouvernement [Guinea: Mamadi Doumbouya (finally) has a government], 5 November 2021, [url](#); RFI, Guinée: le gouvernement de transition est désormais complet [Guinea:



In January 2022, the UGDF and other political parties created a platform, called Collectif des Partis Politiques (CPP), noting their distrust regarding delays in the transition period.¹⁷ The aim of this coalition was to adopt common positions, and actively contribute and participate in the consultations of transition issues, including the Constitution, the electoral process, the timetable and duration of the transition.¹⁸ According to local media, Diallo was appointed as spokesperson of the CPP.¹⁹

In February 2022, the CNRD seized properties considered state-owned, including Diallo's private residence. On 26 March 2022, his residence was demolished.²⁰ According to the official reason provided, Diallo unlawfully acquired the property, which belonged to the state, during the period he served in government position in the past.²¹

Media sources, dated since May 2022, reported that Diallo was summoned on different occasions by the Court to Repress Economic and Financial Crimes (CRIEF) to appear in court.²² The court was investigating the liquidation of a former national company, Air Guinée, in 2002, when Diallo was serving as Minister of Transport.²³ According to the media, Diallo was suspected of having embezzled the sum of 5 million US dollars.²⁴ According to local

the transitional government is now complete], 5 November 2021, [url](#); DW, Guinée: décryptage du nouveau gouvernement de transition [Guinea: deciphering the new transitional government], 5 November 2021, [url](#)

¹⁷ Jeune Afrique, Guinée: fin de la lune de miel entre Mamadi Doumbouya et la classe politique [Guinea: end of the honeymoon between Mamadi Doumbouya and the political class], 14 January 2022, [url](#); RFI, Guinée: une centaine de partis politiques lancent une plateforme commune [Guinea: a hundred political parties launch a common platform], 4 January 2022, [url](#); Guinee7, Guinée: Les partis politiques font front commun face au CNRD [Guinea. Political parties unite against CNRD], 3 January 2022, [url](#)

¹⁸ Jeune Afrique, Guinée: fin de la lune de miel entre Mamadi Doumbouya et la classe politique [Guinea: end of the honeymoon between Mamadi Doumbouya and the political class], 14 January 2022, [url](#); Guinee7, Guinée: Les partis politiques font front commun face au CNRD [Guinea. Political parties unite against CNRD], 3 January 2022, [url](#)

¹⁹ GuinéeNews, Transition : à peine désigné porte-parole du CPP, le choix de Dalein divise déjà [A short time after his appointment as CPP spokesman, the choice of Dalein is already divisive], 18 January 2022, [url](#); Guinee7, Cellou Dalein Diallo et Dr Makalé Traoré, choisis porte-paroles du collectif des partis politiques [Cellou Dalein Diallo and Dr Makalé Traoré chosen as spokespersons for the political parties' coalition], 17 January 2022, [url](#)

²⁰ USDOS, 2022 Country Report on Human Rights Practices: Guinea, 20 March 2023, [url](#), pp. 10 – 11; Germany, BAMF, Briefing Notes Summary: Guinea – January to June 2022, 1 July 2022, [url](#), p. 2

²¹ Germany, BAMF, Briefing Notes Summary: Guinea – January to June 2022, 1 July 2022, [url](#), p. 2

²² GuinéeNews, Aly Touré sur l'affaire Air Guinée: « il y a matière à faire des investigations supplémentaires » [Aly Touré on the Air Guinea case: "there is space for further investigation"], 10 November 2022, [url](#); Guinee 360, Convocation de Cellou à la CRIEF: « Il a été impossible de lui coller un dossier fiable jusqu'à ce jour » [Cellou's summons to the CRIEF: "It has been impossible to file a reliable case on him so far"], 15 July 2022, [url](#); RFI, Guinée: l'opposant Cellou Dalein Diallo convoqué pour la seconde fois par la CRIEF [Guinea: opposition Cellou Dalein Diallo summoned for the second time by CRIEF], 16 July 2022, [url](#); VOA, L'opposant Cellou Dalein Diallo ignore une convocation par la justice guinéenne [The opposing Cellou Dalein Diallo ignores a summons by the Guinean justice], 13 June 2022, [url](#);

²³ RFI, Guinée: l'opposant Cellou Dalein Diallo convoqué pour la seconde fois par la CRIEF [Guinea: opposition Cellou Dalein Diallo summoned for the second time by CRIEF], 16 July 2022, [url](#); VOA, L'opposant Cellou Dalein Diallo ignore une convocation par la justice guinéenne [The opposing Cellou Dalein Diallo ignores a summons by the Guinean justice], 13 June 2022, [url](#);

²⁴ RFI, Guinée: l'opposant Cellou Dalein Diallo convoqué pour la seconde fois par la CRIEF [Guinea: opposition Cellou Dalein Diallo summoned for the second time by CRIEF], 16 July 2022, [url](#); GuinéeNews, CRIEF : voici les



media, Diallo, as of November 2022, did not respond in the summons and did not appear in court.²⁵

Deutsche Welle on 18 May 2022 reported that Diallo was forced to leave Conakry.²⁶ A June 2022 article by Jeune Afrique reported that, as of that time, Diallo had been living abroad for more than three months.²⁷ According to local media, dated up to 9 May 2023, Diallo was reported to be outside of the country.²⁸

In October 2022, nine opposition politicians, following their participation in protests against the military regime that took place on 20 and 21 October 2022, were accused of taking part in ‘illegal demonstration, aiding and abetting the destruction of public and private property and malicious injury’ by the court of first instance in Dixinn, Conakry.²⁹ Sources also reported that the politicians had been placed under judicial supervision and were required to present themselves to the court on a weekly basis.³⁰ Among the above opposition politicians were three members of the UGDF, Fodé Oussou Fofana, Bano Sow and Cellou Baldé.³¹

Treatment of UGDF supporters by the state

In a 7 May 2022 correspondence with the Belgian COI research Unit, CEDOCA, the leadership of the UGDF indicated that they were not aware ‘of any activists in detention since the last regime’.³² The same UGDF source also indicated, regarding threats against supporters, that ‘for the moment, there are no supporters expressing concern. However, official speeches are sometimes threatening. Only President Cellou has been summoned by the CRIEF’.³³ The source did not provide any further information or clarification regarding the above-mentioned official speeches.

véritables raisons de la convocation de Cellou Dalein [CRIEF: here are the real reasons for Cellou Dalein's summons], 7 July 2022, [url](#)

²⁵ GuinéeNews, Aly Touré sur l'affaire Air Guinée: « il y a matière à faire des investigations supplémentaires » [Aly Touré on the Air Guinea case: “there is space for further investigation”], 10 November 2022, [url](#)

²⁶ DW, En Guinée : 58 partis politiques s'opposent à la transition [In Guinea: 58 political parties oppose the transition], 18 May 2022, [url](#)

²⁷ Jeune Afrique, Guinée: Cellou Dalein Diallo en fuite ou en voyage? [Guinea: Cellou Dalein Diallo on the run or traveling?], 17 June 2022, [url](#)

²⁸ Guinée 360, Reprise des manifs: Dalein exhorte ses militants à répondre à l'appel des forces vives [Resumption of demonstrations: Dalein urges his supporters to respond to the call of the Forces Vives], 9 May 2023, [url](#);

Guinée114, Poursuites contre Mohamed Mara et son patron: Cellou Dalein dénonce «la folie libéricide de la junte guinéenne» [Lawsuits against Mohamed Mara and his boss: Cellou Dalein denounces “the hostile madness of the Guinean junta”], 18 February 2023, [url](#); Guineematin, Cellou Dalein Diallo à ses militants: «la victoire sera de notre côté» [Cellou Dalein Diallo to his supporters: “victory will be on our side”], 14 January 2023, [url](#)

²⁹ Germany, BAMF, Briefing Notes Summary: Guinea – July to December 2022, 1 January 2023, [url](#), p. 4

³⁰ Germany, BAMF, Briefing Notes Summary: Guinea – July to December 2022, 1 January 2023, [url](#), p. 4;

³¹ Guinée 360, TPI Dixinn : les membres du quatuor placés sous contrôle judiciaire [TPI Dixinn: the members of the quartet placed under judicial supervision], 27 October 2022, [url](#); Guinée7, Urgent. Fodé Oussou, Mamadou Sylla et Cie inculpés et placés sous contrôle judiciaire [Urgent. Fodé Oussou, Mamadou Sylla and Co. charged and placed under judicial supervision], 27 October 2022, [url](#)

³² Belgium, CGRS-CEDOCA, Guinée: L'opposition politique sous la transition [The political opposition under the transition], 25 August 2022, [url](#), p. 19

³³ Belgium, CGRS-CEDOCA, Guinée: L'opposition politique sous la transition [The political opposition under the transition], 25 August 2022, [url](#), p. 20



During a 25 May 2022 interview with CEDOCA, representatives of the National Front for the Defense of the Constitution (FNDC, Front national pour la défense de la Constitution), a coalition of Guinean civil society organisations and opposition parties, indicated that militants and supporters of the FNDC and UGDF were not directly threatened, but that ‘threats are likely to materialize when protests take place’. According to the FNDC, the ‘only tangible threat’ has been a ‘document’ issued on 4 May 2022 by the Attorney General of the Conakry Court of Appeal, Alphonse Charles Wright.³⁴ According to the FNDC, this document contains provisions on the initiation of legal proceedings against officials of the former government, however, also allows:

‘To initiate legal proceedings against all natural or legal persons having participated in the destruction of both private and public buildings during political demonstrations;
To initiate legal proceedings against all persons who, in violation of the legal provisions, have organized marches or protests on public roads or public spaces which have caused the commission of the alleged offenses, subject to this proceedings’.³⁵

According to CEDOCA, at the same electronic correspondence on 7 May 2022, the UGDF referred to the above document issued by the public prosecutor and stated that the public prosecutor intended to prosecute organisers of the demonstrations involved in killings.³⁶ Additional information could not be found among the sources consulted by the EUAA within the time constraints of this query.

In August 2022, it was reported that military authorities dissolved the FNDC.³⁷ The USDOS report on Guinea indicated that ‘the minister of territorial administration justified his decision on the grounds that the collective protesting against the CNRD’s actions “undermine national unity, public peace, and living together.” Moreover, he noted, the FNDC did not appear on the list of NGOs approved in the country’.³⁸

In May 2022, military authorities banned political protests.³⁹ Despite the ban, the UGDF leadership called its supporters to participate in protests that occurred throughout 2022 and 2023.⁴⁰

³⁴ Belgium, CGRS-CEDOCA, Guinée: L’opposition politique sous la transition [The political opposition under the transition], 25 August 2022, [url](#), p. 19

³⁵ Wright, A. C., in Belgium, CGRS-CEDOCA, Guinée: L’opposition politique sous la transition [The political opposition under the transition], 25 August 2022, [url](#), p. 19

³⁶ Belgium, CGRS-CEDOCA, Guinée: L’opposition politique sous la transition [The political opposition under the transition], 25 August 2022, [url](#), pp. 19 – 20

³⁷ USDOS, 2022 Country Report on Human Rights Practices: Guinea, 20 March 2023, [url](#), p. 19; HRW, Guinea: Government Dissolves Opposition Coalition, 11 August 2022, [url](#)

³⁸ USDOS, 2022 Country Report on Human Rights Practices: Guinea, 20 March 2023, [url](#), p. 19

³⁹ Belgium, CGRS-CEDOCA, Guinée: L’opposition politique sous la transition [The political opposition under the transition], 25 August 2022, [url](#), p. 11; VOA, Guinea Junta Bans Political Protests, 14 May 2022, [url](#); International Crisis Group, Tracking Conflict Worldwide: Guinea: September 2021 – April 2023, n.d., [url](#)

⁴⁰ DW, Les forces vives de Guinée appellent à manifester à Conakry [The Forces Vives of Guinea call for demonstrations in Conakry], 9 May 2023, [url](#); Jeune Afrique, En Guinée, un mort après la répression d’une manifestation du FNDC [In Guinea, one dead after the repression of an FNDC demonstration], 17 February 2023,



Information on the treatment of UGDF members/supporters in particular during protests could not be found among the sources consulted by EUAA within time constraints. The following information on the treatment of protesters in general could be of relevance.

Sources reported that military authorities responded to the demonstrations with violence, including civilian casualties and arrests of protesters.⁴¹ During protests taking place in May 2023, opposition groups noted, in a joint statement, that 7 people were killed, 32 were injured by gunshots, and 56 were arrested.⁴² Police authorities denied that people have been killed during the protest.⁴³ According to media sources, the Minister of Territorial Administration noted in a statement broadcast on national television that as of 15 May 2023, the authorities requisitioned the army to support the police and gendarmerie forces in response to the demonstrations.⁴⁴ The Minister also warned of the application of anti-terrorist laws, which carry a sentence of life imprisonment for anyone who acts in purpose to ‘intimidate, provoke a situation of terror, create a feeling of insecurity among the population’ or ‘create a situation of crisis’, according to the penal law.⁴⁵

2. Treatment by the state of UGDF members/supporters with pending arrest warrants issued prior to September 2021 (September 2021-May 2023)

Information on the treatment by the state of UGDF members/supporters with pending arrest warrants issued prior to September 2021 could not be found among the sources consulted by EUAA within time constraints. The following information, however, may be relevant.

Following the coup d'état and the dissolution of the Constitution, in September 2021 the CNRD published the Transition Charter.⁴⁶ USDOS noted that, while the Transition Charter prohibited arbitrary arrest and detention, the authorities did not always observe these

[url](#); Belgium, CGRS-CEDOCA, Guinée: L'opposition politique sous la transition [The political opposition under the transition], 25 August 2022, [url](#), p. 21; International Crisis Group, Tracking Conflict Worldwide: Guinea: September 2021 – April 2023, n.d., [url](#)

⁴¹ Al Jazeera, Guinea's suppression of protests stokes anger against military, 25 May 2023, [url](#); Germany, BAMF, Briefing Notes Summary: Guinea – July to December 2022, 1 January 2023, [url](#), pp. 1 – 4; Belgium, CGRS-CEDOCA, Guinée: L'opposition politique sous la transition [The political opposition under the transition], 25 August 2022, [url](#), p. 22; International Crisis Group, Tracking Conflict Worldwide: Guinea: September 2021 – April 2023, n.d., [url](#)

⁴² DW, Guinea's opposition demands a return to civilian rule, 12 May 2023, [url](#); Al Jazeera, At least seven people killed by police gunfire in Guinea protests, 11 May 2023, [url](#); Guinee 360, Manif des Forces vives : les organisateurs font état de sept (7) morts et plusieurs blessés [Forces vives demonstration: organizers report seven (7) dead and several injured], 10 May 2023, [url](#)

⁴³ TV5Monde, Guinée: la police nie qu'il y a eu 7 morts pendant les manifestations [Guinea: police deny 7 people were killed during protests], 11 May 2023, [url](#)

⁴⁴ Jeune Afrique, En Guinée, l'armée réquisitionnée face aux manifestations, 18 May 2023, [url](#); Africa News with AFP, Guinea's junta requisitions army in face of protests, threatens to apply anti-terrorism law, 18 May 2023, [url](#); Guinee7, Manif des forces vives/ Mory Condé fait recours à l'armée [Forces vives demonstrations/ Mory Condé calls in the army], 17 May 2023, [url](#)

⁴⁵ Jeune Afrique, En Guinée, l'armée réquisitionnée face aux manifestations, 18 May 2023, [url](#)

⁴⁶ Guinea, Charte de la transition, 27/09/2021, [url](#)



obligations, including the requirement for arrest warrant, while it was reported that in many cases people stayed in prolonged detention before being charged.⁴⁷

The Criminal Procedure Code of 2016 includes provisions on issuing arrest warrants.⁴⁸

3. Information on the activities of the UGDF youth/group in Conakry, particularly in the Kaporo-Rail/Ratoma commune (May 2021-May 2023)

Information on the activities of the UGDF youth/group in Conakry, particularly in Kaporo-Rail/Ratoma could not be found among the sources consulted by EUAA within time constraints. The following information, looking into the latest activities and engagements of the UGDF in general in Guinea, may be relevant.

The UGDF joined the Forces Vives de Guinée (FVG), a coalition of political parties and civil society organisations, to request a dialogue with the National Committee of the Rally for Development (CNRD) to bring civilian rule back to Guinea; and obtain permissions to demonstrate.⁴⁹ The latter request was prompted by the ban in May 2022 issued by the CNRD on public demonstrations.⁵⁰ The FVG called the population to join a series of protests during May 2023.⁵¹ Diallo, leader of UGDF, encouraged supporters and militants of the FVG to participate in the demonstrations.⁵²

During the demonstrations participants demanded authorities to stop [informal translation] ‘judicial harassment’ of political and civil society actors; apply the decisions taken during the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) summit at Addis-Abeba leading to the organisation of an inclusive dialogue; lift the ban on public demonstration; and release political prisoners.⁵³ On 10 May 2023, FNDC members Oumar Sylla (also known as Foniké Mangué), Ibrahima Diallo, and Mamadou Billo Bah, were released.⁵⁴ On the same day, protests were met

⁴⁷ USDOS, 2022 Country Report on Human Rights Practices: Guinea, 20 March 2023, [url](#), pp. 7 - 8

⁴⁸ Guinea, Portant Code de procédure pénale, 2016, available at: [url](#)

⁴⁹ TV5 Monde, Qui sont les Forces Vives de Guinée, qui s'opposent à la junte militaire? [Who are the Forces Vives de Guinée opposing the military junta?], 16 May 2023, [url](#)

⁵⁰ Presidence_gn, [Twitter], posted on 14 May 2022, [url](#) ; AI, Guinée. Interdiction de manifester «jusqu'aux périodes de campagnes électorales» [Guinea. Ban on demonstrations 'until the election campaign period'], 18 May 2022, [url](#)

⁵¹ Guinee360, Reprise des manifs: Dalein exhorte ses militants à répondre à l'appel des forces vives [Resumption of demonstrations: Dalein urges his supporters to respond to the call of the Forces Vives], 9 May 2023, [url](#);

Laguinee.info, Guinée : les FVG annoncent des manifestations les 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 et 25 mai dans le Grand Conakry [Guinea: the FVG announce demonstrations on 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 and 25 May in the Grand Conakry], 3 May 2023, [url](#)

⁵² Cellou_UFDG, [Twitter], posted on 9 May 2023, [url](#)

⁵³ VOA Afrique, Heurts entre jeunes anti-junte et forces de l'ordre en Guinée: une dizaine de blessés [Clashes between anti-junta youths and police in Guinea: a dozen injured], 10 May 2023, [url](#); Laguinee.info, Guinée : les FVG annoncent des manifestations les 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 et 25 mai dans le Grand Conakry [Guinea: the FVG announce demonstrations on 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 and 25 May in the Grand Conakry], 3 May 2023, [url](#)

⁵⁴ Africa News with AFP, Guinea: Release of three civil society figures in prison for months, 11 May 2023, [url](#); Jeune Afrique, En Guinée, les responsables du FNDC libérés, 11 May 2023 [url](#)



with violence,⁵⁵ and sources report between 2⁵⁶ and 7⁵⁷ casualties. FVG announced a temporary suspension of the protests during the month of June 2023 to allow [informal translation] ‘students to prepare and pass their end of the year exams, and on the other hand, Muslim pilgrims to perform the Hadj’.⁵⁸

According to GuineeNews.org, an online newspaper reporting on Guinea’s news, UGDF has been holding weekly meetings at the group’s office located in the commune of Ratoma in Conakry.⁵⁹ A 2018 article from the *Guinée Actuelle* noted that the road *Le Prince*, an area of the Ratoma commune, was [informal translation] ‘the centre of all socio-political protests in the capital since June 2006’, adding that residents had a reputation for being mostly favourable to the UGDF.⁶⁰

CEDOCA reported that, according to a representative of a Guinean political party interviewed on 29 November 2022 [informal translation] ‘Ratoma has almost become a traditional commune of UGDF’.⁶¹

⁵⁵ Article 19, Guinea: Pattern of bloody crackdown on protesters must end, 12 May 2023, [url](#)

⁵⁶ AI, Guinée : Amnesty International demande une enquête sur les morts par balle lors du rassemblement des Forces vives [Amnesty International calls for an investigation into the firearm deaths during the Forces Vives rally], 12 May 2023, [url](#)

⁵⁷ Forces Vives de Guinée, Communiqué des Forces Vives de Guinée sur la Manifestation du mercredi 10 mai 2023 - Bilan provisoire [Statement of Forces Vives de Guinée on the demonstration of Wednesday 10 May 2023 – Provisional balance, 10 May 2023, available at: [url](#), p. 1

⁵⁸ Forces Vives de Guinée, Communiqué des Forces Vives de Guinée [Statement of Forces Vives de Guinée on the demonstration of Wednesday 10 May 2023 – Provisional balance, 31 May 2023, available at: [url](#)

⁵⁹ GuineeNews.org, L’UFDG prévient après la suspension de la participation des forces vives au dialogue: «nous n’accepterons pas ce qui n’est pas acceptable» [The UFDG warns after the suspension of the participation of the Forces Vives in the dialogue: ‘we will not accept what is not acceptable’], 29 April 2023, [url](#)

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