



AFRICA/CENTRAL AFRICA – Seven people killed by the rebels Seleka in the north-west of the Country

Bangui (Agenzia Fides) - Still chaos and violence in the Central African Republic, a country that has been defined recently at risk of "Somalization" by French President François Hollande. The uncontrolled elements of the coalition of the former rebels Seleka continue to harass and kill civilians, to the point that 5000 people took to the runway at the airport in the capital, Bangui, seeking protection from the French troops and the African mission that defend the structure. The French and African soldiers managed on the evening of 29 August to convince the inhabitants to return to their homes.

The news sent to Fides Agency from other parts of the Country provides evidence of a similar plight to that of the capital .

A note sent to Fides by local sources, near Ngaoundaye, a town of about 6,500 inhabitants, in the extreme north-west of the Country, just over 10 km from the border of Chad and 15 km from that of Cameroon, during the night of August 27, seven Peuls shepherds who were going to Mbaimboum to sell their cattle were attacked in the inhabitants fields of the Makele village by armed men who claim to belong to Seleka".

The attack caused two deaths and two injuries among the shepherds. The three who managed to escape warned the men of Seleka based in Ngaoundaye and Bang.

The latter went on the spot and started a search in the area of the village of Makele in search of the killers. "They cold bloodedly killed seven farmers who were quietly working in their fields and wounded two others", the sources told Fides. "They also set fire to nine houses". The "executioners" of Seleka also stole five oxen. (L.M.) (Agenzia Fides 30/08/2013)