



AFRICA/CENTRAL AFRICA - Precarious situation in Central Africa; Paris announces the sending of other 800 soldiers

Bangui (Agenzia Fides) - Tension in Bangui, capital of the Central African Republic, due to the spreading of rumors on the infiltration in the city of "anti Balaka", self-defense groups created to defend themselves against abuses committed by the former Seleka rebels.

The anti Balaka groups have already clashed with men of Seleka in other areas of the Country, particularly in the north-west, in the area of Bossangoa, and in the west, in Bouar.

Because of the precarious situation of Central Africa, France has announced that it is preparing to send other 800 soldiers in addition to the 410 French soldiers that ensure the safety of the airport in Bangui .

Their job is to provide support to the African military of MISCA (International Mission of Support for Central Africa)..

The fear of many observers is that Central Africa sinks into a sectarian conflict between Christians and Muslims (Seleka is made up largely of Muslims including foreigners) and that jihadist groups take advantage of the chaos. (L.M.) (Agenzia Fides 26/11/2013)