



UN defies demand to pull out of Ivory Coast

Ivorian President Laurent Gbagbo has called for a UN peacekeeping mission and 950 French troops to leave the country immediately. Incumbent Gbagbo has rejected international calls to stand down following a disputed presidential election, which the UN says was won by Alassane Ouattara

	Alassane Ouattara	Laurent Gbagbo	
	Premier 1990-93	President since 2000	
	Northern Muslim	Southern Christian	
	Backed by UN, African leaders, West, former rebels	Controls army and state broadcaster	

