

# West to secure Central African Republic aid

Diplomats from the U.S., the EU and the UN are calling for urgent aid efforts in the Central African Republic, as the security crisis in the poor, landlocked country becomes increasingly “desperate”

## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

■ **March 2013:** Central African Republic (CAR) descends into chaos after Seleka rebel coalition seizes capital, Bangui, and ousts President **Francois Bozize** (right)

■ **Mar 24:** Seleka leader **Michel Djotodia** (far right) declares himself interim president until elections in 2016. New regime proves powerless to stem waves of looting and killing

■ **Jun-Aug:** Security situation deteriorates, with renewed fighting between Seleka and Bozize supporters, and reports of human rights abuses by both sides



■ **Aug:** African Union bolsters existing peacekeeping effort in CAR – force to number 3,600 by Jan 2014

■ **Sep 25:** France calls for UN Security Council to adopt resolution to boost UN operations in CAR. Western diplomats commit to urgent buildup of peacekeeping force

Approximate area under control of Seleka rebels

Area of operations of Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) militant group

