

## UN appointed probe finds serious rights abuses after elections

UN News Service 10 June 2011 (...) Serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law were committed following last November's presidential election in Côte d'Ivoire, according to investigators tasked by the United Nations Human Rights Council with probing alleged abuses. The International Commission of Inquiry, which submitted its report to the Council in Geneva yesterday, said the violations were committed by both the Forces de Défense et de Sécurité (FDS), loyal to Côte d'Ivoire's former president Laurent Gbagbo, and the Forces Républicaines that fought for President Alassane Ouattara, who defeated Mr. Gbagbo in the elections.

The Commission also calls for the establishment of an independent mechanism on the human rights situation in Côte d'Ivoire, the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights ([OHCHR](#)) said in a statement issued today. The UN Human Rights Council will consider the report on Wednesday.

The Commission visited Côte d'Ivoire from 4 to 28 May, going to the commercial capital, Abidjan, and to the western, northern and southern regions of the country including Duékoué, Guiglo and Korogho. It also travelled to neighbouring Liberia where thousands of Ivorian refugees fled during the conflict.

Among its recommendations is that the Ivorian Government makes sure that the perpetrators of human rights violations are brought to justice. (...)

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