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### CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC: THE FORGOTTEN CRISIS

#### VIDEO

WS. GREEN FOREST

VAR. SHOTS. JUSTIN SENDAMO &  
HIS FAMILY

SILHOUETTE OF ARMED MEN

WS. JUSTIN WALKING

FUNERAL PROCESSION

MOVING SHOT, VILLAGE

MS. FLAG

#### AUDIO

##### NARRATION

Deep in the heart of Africa...in a land of dense tropical forest lived a farmer, his wife and their nine children...all trying to live a peaceful life... but they were to come face-to-face with the violence sweeping vast portions of their country. (22")

This is the story of Justin Sendamo and his family... just a few of some one million victims affected by years of raging conflict...and crushing poverty. (13")

But in order to understand their story, one must first understand their homeland – the Central African Republic. (7")

This nation of 4.3 million people has seen staggering political instability with 11 coups and mutinies in just 10 years. (8")

PHOTOS OF GOVT. AND REBEL  
ARMIES  
UNHCR STAFF ARRIVING

In 2005, bloody rebellions in the north erupted between the government and rebel groups. (5.2")

Toby Lanzer, former United Nations Humanitarian Coordinator in the country. (4.4")

FOOTAGE OF PEOPLE FLEEING

TOBY LANZER: (English) **M**  
*"There are desperate, desperate tales of violence 300,000 people have been forced to flee their homes."* (6")

MEN WORKING AT  
CANAL/DRAINAGE

NARRATION  
It's a shattered nation...its infrastructure in near collapse. (3.4")

TOBY LANZER, FORMER UN  
HUMANITARIAN COORDINATOR  
IN C.A.R., ON CAMERA

TOBY LANZER: (English) **M**  
*"Imagine living in a country that has virtually no electricity... where drinking water is a distant dream... where the police force regularly runs out of fuel."* (11")

ABANDONED  
BUILDING/HOSPITAL WARD

NARRATION  
Police stations and school stand abandoned. Hospitals...deserted. (5.5")

SILHOUETTE OF ARMED MEN

And now, there's a new threat – bandits, or Zaraguinas as they're called. (5.5")

CAPT. GILBERT KAMZOUALAVE

CAPT. KAMZOUALAVE: (French) **M**  
*"When they arrive they start to take hostages*

ON CAMERA

*and to kill. Yes, they kill.” (5”)*

NARRATION

CAPT. KAMZOUALAVE WALKING

Captain Gilbert Kamzoulave is in charge of official military action against Zaraguinas in a region considered a bull’s eye of the bandits. (8”)

CAPT. KAMZOUALAVE ON CAMERA

CAPT. KAMZOUALAVE: (French) **M**  
*“These people are armed just like the military. They have AK-47s.” (5.3”)*

NARRATION

PHOTOS OF HEAVILY ARMED MEN

Believed to include criminals from Chad, Sudan and as far away as Niger – they’re ambushing trucks along trade routes, looting villages, and kidnapping people – especially children for ransom. (12.2”)

MOVING SHOT – VILLAGE

WS. LITTLE BOY WANDERING IN THE FIELD

It’s something Justin knows only too well. He was harvesting peanuts with his four-year-old son when he thought he heard a snake. It was a group of Zaraguinas...machine guns around their necks. (12”)

JUSTIN ON CAMERA

JUSTIN SENDAMO: (Sangho) **M**  
*“I took my son. He was on my chest and he put his tiny hands around my neck. He was so afraid. Then he started to weep. When I saw him, my tears started to flow.” (17”)*

MS. JUSTIN STANDING IN FRONT OF CAMERA	<u>NARRATION</u> Afraid of being arrested if seen, the Zaraguina demanded Justin go buy them a stockpile of supplies and haul them back to their base camp deep in the bush. They'd keep his son.... (10.5")
NIGHT SCENE/MOVING SHOT IN THE FOREST	Justin ran into the darkness, walking four desperate hours to the nearest market. At first light, he loaded up his sacks. (8.2")
LOCAL SELF-DEFENSE GROUP MARCHING	And that's when they stepped in. The local self-defense group, including Justin's oldest son, Edmond. The group agreed. Edmond says ...it was their responsibility to confront the criminals. (14")
VAR. SHOTS. LOCAL SELF-DEFENSE GROUP DURING DRILL	(Natsot leader: " <i>gauche</i> ")
ARMED MILITIAMEN	<u>NARRATION</u> With only some 5,000 government troops for protection in all of the country, self-defense groups like this are springing up throughout the north. (8")
BOWS & ARROWS, HOMEMADE GUNS, PIPE RIFLES	But their weapons: bows and arrows...guns made out of wood...pipes...and scrap metal....often held together by tape or string. (12")
PAN OF FOREST	

MOVING SHOT

With the clock ticking, Justin headed back to the forest...and the Zaraguina... trailed by nearly forty villagers. (6.8")

JUSTIN ON CAMERA

JUSTIN: (Sangho) **M**  
*"I dropped the provisions here, and the Zaraguina circled me and sat down."* (5.5")

PAN OF JUNGLE

MAN AIMING W/ HIS HANDS

LOUD CLAP

NARRATION  
Suddenly, the Zaraguina surrounding Justin spotted the villagers... and gunfire exploded. (6")

CU AK-47 RIFLE

NARRATION  
The Zaraguina pointed their AK-47s at Justin's four-year-old son...and fired. (6")

JUSTIN ON CAMERA

JUSTIN: (Sangho) **M**  
*"He was so little and was such a sweet boy. They killed him."* (5.5")

CU EDMOND

PAIR OF SLIPPERS

EDMOND: (Sangho) **M**  
*"The memories of the dead can never disappear. When I sleep I may forget, but then I wake."* (8.5")

WS. TWO YOUNG GIRLS WITH

BUCKETS OF WATER

NARRATION  
Hundreds of people have been kidnapped... some fifty killed. (3.7")

JUSTIN & HIS FAMILY

CHILDREN RUNNING FOLLOWING CAMERA Justin says he's just one of too many in agony in his broken country...afraid for themselves...and for their families. (8.3")

JUSTIN ON CAMERA

JUSTIN: (Sangho) **M**  
*"I want everyone to know what happened to me. I'm terrified...I can't be alone. I won't even walk with my children. I can't lose them too." (12.7")*

UN LOGO

NARRATION  
This report was prepared by Andi Gitow for the United Nations. (4)