

Cote d'Ivoire: Country and Guinea Discuss Reconciliation Efforts



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Ivory Coast President Alassane Ouattara arrived in Conakry on Thursday for a one day visit in which he and his Guinean counterpart Alpha Conde will discuss reconciliation efforts in their troubled countries. The neighbouring west African nations “both held presidential elections at the end of 2010 under high socio-political tension”, the Guinean presidency said in a statement.

Reconciliation efforts launched in the wake of political violence in both countries will be the main subject under discussion.

The visit comes a day after Ouattara’s predecessor Laurent Gbagbo was transferred to the International Criminal Court in The Hague for crimes against humanity including murder, rape and persecution.

Gbagbo refused to accept Ouattara’s victory in a presidential run-off vote on November 28 last year, prompting months of violence which left some 3,000 dead.

Guinea held a presidential run-off on November 7, 2010, which also sparked clashes leaving about a dozen people dead in a country which has often faced ethnic and political violence. – ANP/AFP
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