THE SITUATION IN IVORY COAST

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> *Ivory Coast's President Laurent Gbagbo has dissolved the government and electoral commission, casting doubt on when long-delayed elections will occur.*
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> *Prime Minister Guillaume Soro has been asked to form a new government.*
> *Mr Gbagbo accused the electoral commission of fraudulently trying to add more than 400,000 people to the definitive electoral roll.*
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> *The opposition says most of them are from ethnic groups in the north, who were unlikely to support Mr Gbagbo.*
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> *In the past two weeks, presidential supporters have been trying to use the courts to remove thousands from the electoral roll, accusing them of being foreigners.*

This rather depressing news comes from the BBC, you can read the rest of the story here. Unfortunately, for the Kouya, the fault lines between the different ethnic groups/political parties run more or less through their area. We have heard reports of rioting and government buildings being burned down in Vavoua, the main Kouya town.

Please pray for a lasting and just peace for Ivory Coast.

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