ARE THINGS ABOUT TO GET WORSE IN IVORY COAST?

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Global Voices have recently posted a chilling piece on the situation in Ivory Coast.

> *Over the last weeked, the situation in CÃ´te d'IvoireÂ has taken a turn for the worst. On Saturday March 19, leader of the Student Federation of CÃ´te d'IvoireÂ (FESCI), Charles BlÃ© GoudÃ©, called on the pro-Gbagbo youth movement Jeunes patriotes (Young Patriots) to enrol in the national Ivorian army (loyal to Gbagbo) this Monday, 21 March, by registering at the Armed Forces headquarters in Abidjan .*
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> *During his speech Â BlÃ© GoudÃ©, nicknamed the â€œMinister of the Streetsâ€ rallied his troops:*
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> > *Je demande Ã tous les jeunes de CÃ´te d'Ivoire qui se sentent aptes, qui sont prÃªts Ã mourir pour leur patrie, qui ne supportent plus l'humiliation que subit la CÃ´te d'Ivoire, de se rendre dÃ¨s lundi Ã 07H00 (locales et GMT) Ã l'Ã©tat-major pour se faire enrÃ´ler dans l'armÃ©e afin de libÃ©rer la CÃ´te d'Ivoire de ces bandits*
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> *I'm calling on the youth of CÃ´te d'Ivoire Â who feel apt, and are ready to die for their country, who cannot bear the humiliation imposed on CÃ´te d'Ivoire, to gather at the Army headquarters from 7am this Monday (local time) to be drafted in the army and thus liberate CÃ´te d'IvoireÂ from those bandits...*
> *... Is the worst yet to come? Will CÃ´te d'IvoireÂ be the stage for a civil war?Â To recruit and arm young volunteers is a terrifying move and a sinister reminder of the Interahamwe Hutu paramilitary organizationÂ during the 1994 Rwandan genocide.*
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> *Even if the bloodshed does not reach the magnitude of the Rwandan tragedy, widescale attacks on civilians are to be feared.*

Global Voices has been one of the best places to get regular, reliable information on the situation in Ivory Coast, if you are at all interested in the situation there, I strongly reccomend that you point your RSS reader in their direction or that you look up their special coverage ***CÃ´te d'Ivoire Unrest 2011*.**