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Opposition coalition Forces vives calls for massive rallies to take place on 5 September in protest of the constitutional referendum, scheduled for 21 September. Mali and Guinea sign several agreements to better facilitate cross-border traffic of persons, goods and cattle while also agreeing to fight cross-border crime. Autorité guinéenne de l'aviation civile (AGAC) (Guinea aviation authority) and Gewan Africa sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on 29 July aimed at re-launching the once state-run flag carrier Air Guinée, which closed in 2002.

Opposition calls for massive rallies on 5 September

Opposition coalition **Forces vives** on 10 August called for massive demonstrations against the military junta and its proposed new constitution on 5 September, the same day on which the 2021 coup d'état occurred, and ahead of the constitutional referendum on 21 September. The Forces vives [believes](#) that General **Mamadi Doumbouya's** (2021-present) actual project is to get himself elected and remain in the presidency for the rest of his life. What the proposed constitution does is to guarantee Doumbouya, if elected, the presidency until 2040. However, Guinean heads of state have historically amended the constitution to remain in power.

The biggest opposition complaint is that Doumbouya being able to run violates his junta's own transition charter, which explicitly forbids anyone working in any of the transitional institutions (junta, cabinet, council) to run for office. The junta banned all public protests in 2022 and a report published by **United Kingdom (UK)**-headquartered **Amnesty International** in [2024](#) calculated that the violent repression of demonstrations killed at least 47 people.

The territorial administration and decentralisation ministry has [also](#) suspended three political parties (including former president **Alpha Condé's** (2010-2021) **Rassemblement du peuple de Guinée (RPG)** and former prime minister **Cellou Dalein Diallo's** **Union des forces démocratiques de Guinée (UFDG)** for 90 days. Both Diallo and Condé remain in exile. Territorial administration and decentralisation minister, General **Kalil Condé**, reported that these parties were not compliant with the rules and regulations governing political parties, necessitating their suspension. However, the parties' suspension is in line with the junta's tactic of clamping down on the opposition and especially those that could rally support against the junta and the proposed referendum.

Delegations from Guinea and Mali meet to discuss strengthening cooperation

Guinea's security and civil protection minister **Bachir Diallo** and the **Mali**ans abroad and African integration minister **Moussa ag Attaher** [met](#) in Conakry on 15 August to discuss and sign fresh cooperation agreements concerning a number of common issues connected with their 800km border. Next to fighting cross-border crime and containing terrorism, the agreements mostly cover cross-border movement of persons, good and cattle.

The cattle issue is particularly sensitive. There exists a [protocol](#) that nominally regulates the practice known as 'transhumance', the movement of cattle, principally from Mali into Guinea. Indicative of the sensitivity of the issue, in April 2024, when **Kankan Region** (Guinea) governor General **Aboubacar Diakité**, sent a large herd back to Mali, the action sparked outrage among the Malian cattle herders. Cattle is a very large business in the region; worth millions of dollars and cattle movement is essential for maintaining and indeed marketing the herds. Farmers have complained about cattle trespassing

on their lands and there have been conflicts over land use in the past. The new agreement seeks to reinforce an existing 2022 accord governing cross-border cattle movement already in place.

Another sensitive issue is the long-standing complaints by traders and transporters regarding harassment by uniformed personnel on the roads. They are made to pay taxes that are uncounted for and fines that cannot be justified. So far, none of the agreements governing the free movement of people and good put in place either on a bilateral basis or among several countries within for instance the framework of the **Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)** - of which Mali is no longer a member - have led to tangible results on the region's trunk roads. Progress can only be guaranteed if there is a system of incentives in place that stops the unethical behaviour of government officials and a system of sanctions if incentives do not work, which is far from being the case.

Terrorism has not been an issue in Guinea but there are concerns about crime as it related to smuggling and illegal gold panning. A follow-up meeting in the Malian capital **Bamako** will monitor progress made in these and the other areas that came under discussion in Conakry.

Plans to revive Air Guinée underway

The **Autorité guinéenne de l'aviation civile (AGAC)** (Guinea aviation authority) and investment company **Gewan Africa** [signed](#) a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on 29 July aimed at re-launching the once state-run flag carrier **Air Guinée**, which closed in 2002 after 42 years in operation. Gewan Africa is a subsidiary of **Gewan Holding**, an **Abu Dhabi**-based investment conglomerate. The MoU also covers the further modernisation of the **Ahmed Sékou Touré International Airport** in Conakry and four regional airports – **Labé, Mamou, Faranah** and **N'zérékoré**.

Re-establishing the national airline is a [priority](#) for transport minister **Ousmane Gaoual Diallo** and has the special attention of Doumbouya, who regards the re-creation of Air Guinee also as a step towards regaining national sovereignty.

Air Guinée was created in 1960 and ran services into nine domestic and eight regional destinations, including **Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire)**, **Monrovia (Liberia)**, **Freetown (Sierra Leone)**, **Dakar (Senegal)**, **Lagos (Nigeria)** and **Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of Congo)**. Beset by perennial financial problems the company was first privatised in 1992 before it folded completely ten years later. Plans to have it revived have been in circulation since 2016 but fell at the first hurdle, which was finding financiers with sufficient confidence in the plans. Both **Ethiopian Airlines** and **Rwanda's RwandAir** ended their [cooperation](#) with earlier efforts for reasons that are likely to have been connected with the state of the regional aviation market.

With two important public-private airlines in the region, **Air Côte d'Ivoire** and **Senegal Airlines**), several Nigerian companies and the regional subsidiary of Ethiopian Airlines, **Togo-based ASKY** already in place, the market looks saturated. The **West African** aviation market has potential but growth will not occur until the prices of the prohibitively expensive tickets are reduced, which can only occur as the result of increased competition. None of the existing airlines' owners will allow this to occur. As an illustration, Conakry's airport in 2024 received just under 800,000 passengers, less than half that of Abidjan's two million and a very small number given a regional consumer base of at least 350 million.

Planner

21 Sep 2025 **(Guinea)** Constitutional referendum

Dec 2025 **(Guinea)** Presidential and legislative elections expected

2026 **(Guinea)** 4th **Guinea Investment Forum**

Chronology

26 Aug 2025 **Conakry (Guinea)** *Agence Ecofin*. **Banque Centrale de la République de Guinée** (central bank) first deputy governor **Mohamed Lamine Conté** says that nearly 94% of banknotes put into circulation do not return to the banking system, causing a liquidity shortage;

25 Aug 2025 **Conakry (Guinea)** *Mining.com*. **Australia**-headquartered **Rio Tinto** suspends operations at the **Simandou** project following an incident that killed a contract worker on site;

23 Aug 2025 **Conakry (Guinea)** *Jeune Afrique*. The junta suspends three major opposition parties – the former ruling **Rassemblement du Peuple de Guinée**, **Union des Forces Démocratiques de Guinée** and **Parti du Renouveau et du Progrès** – for 90 days, citing failures to meet administrative obligations such as holding congresses or maintaining bank accounts;

22 Aug 2025 **Conakry (Guinea)** *RFI*. Guineans working on mines, for some of which the junta has revoked operating licences or mining permits, express concern over mass job losses;

22 Aug 2025 **Conakry (Guinea)** *APA News*. Government issues an official update, noting that a landslide in **Manéah** killed at least 15 people, injuring 12 more, while ten remain missing;

21 Aug 2025 **Conakry (Guinea)** *Vision Guinée*. Supreme court says it will rule on a dispute between the opposition **Union des Forces Démocratiques de Guinée** and the territorial administration and decentralisation ministry related to the postponement of the party's congress on 28 August;

18 Aug 2025 **Conakry (Guinea)** *Africaguinee*. General **Mamady Doumbouya** hosts the inaugural session of the **Conseil Supérieur de Défense Nationale (CSDN)** (high council for national defence), during which he defines objectives for Guinea's security and stability;

15 Aug 2025 **Conakry (Guinea)** *Africaguinee*. General **Mamady Doumbouya** appoints former post, telecommunications and digital economy minister **Oumar Saïd Koulibaly** – who served under former president **Alpha Condé** – as the new director general of the airport management company, **Société de Gestion et d'Exploitation des Aéroports de Guinée (SOGEAG)**;

13 Aug 2025 **Conakry (Guinea)** *APA News*. Guinea and **Mali** meet to discuss strengthening border cooperation, facilitating the free movement of people and goods, and preventing tensions related to the use of cross-border resources;

10 Aug 2025 **Conakry (Guinea)** *Vision Guinée*. Opposition coalition **Forces Vives de Guinée** releases a statement calling for demonstrations starting 5 September against the ruling junta and the proposed constitution;

5 Aug 2025 **Conakry (Guinea)** *Mining Weekly*. Guinea revokes the bauxite concession awarded to **Emirates Global Aluminium (EGA)** subsidiary **Guinea Alumina Corporation** and transfers it to a local state-backed firm, **Nimba Mining**;

1 Aug 2025 **Conakry (Guinea)** *RFI*. Heavy rains in Conakry kill at least seven people, highlighting the city's vulnerability to extreme weather;

31 Jul 2025 **Conakry (Guinea)** *Guinee News*. **Autorité Guinéenne de l'Aviation Civile (AGAC)** (Guinean civil aviation authority) and **Abu Dhabi**-based **Gewan Holding's African arm** – **Gewan Africa** – sign a memorandum of understanding to revive national carrier **Air Guinée**;

28 Jul 2025 **Conakry (Guinea)** *Energy Capital & Power*. Agriculture and livestock minister and **Australia**-headquartered **Rio Tinto** sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to launch a partnership focused on agricultural and pastoral development along the **Simandou** corridor;

28 Jul 2025 **Conakry (Guinea)** *Vision Guinée*. Flooding in several areas of the country kills at least 15 people and directly affects a further 7,705;

28 Jul 2025 **Conakry (Guinea)** *Financial Afrik*. **Australia**-headquartered **Asara Resources** raises approximately \$16.7m through an institutional placement to accelerate exploration work at its **Kada** gold project in Guinea;

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