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### Information the current security~human rights situation vis-à-vis indiscriminate violence

In June 2012 *BBC News* states:

“Angry crowds are demonstrating in the capital of Togo in a third day of protests against electoral reforms they say favour the ruling party. Two previous days of unrest in Lome saw violent clashes between security forces and thousands of demonstrators during which stones were thrown, tear gas was fired and about 30 people were injured” (*BBC News* (14 June 2012) *Togo protest: Lome rocked by electoral reform unrest*).

A report issued in August 2012 by *Reuters* notes:

“Police in Togo fired tear gas and rubber bullets to try to disperse thousands of opposition protesters in the capital Lome on Tuesday, as tensions over upcoming legislative elections boiled over” (*Reuters* (21 August 2012) *Togo police teargas opposition protesters in vote run-up*).

This documents also notes:

“It was the latest in a series of violent protests in the West African state, a former French colony with a history of tough crackdowns on dissent, since June, and was called by the opposition-led “Save Togo” campaign” (*ibid*).

In August 2012 *Agence France Presse* states:

“More than 100 people were wounded and 125 others arrested during demonstrations this week in Togo's capital that authorities dispersed with tear gas, leading to clashes, protest organisers said Friday” (*Agence France Presse* (24 August 2012) *Dozens arrested, wounded in Togo demos: organisers*).

No further information on this issue could be found among sources available

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