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# **PRESIDENT OF BURKINA FASO IN HOSTAGE BY MILITARIES WHO MADE A PUTSCH**

## **GENERAL DIENDERE IN TRANSITION**

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**USPA NEWS** - Within one month of the presidential election, Burkina Faso has just experienced a coup, for the kidnapping yesterday President Blaise Compaore (After 27 years of reign in power) and his Prime Minister Zida by soldiers of the elite corps of the army. General Diendéré Gilbert was placed in transition

General Diendéré Gilbert was placed on Thursday to head the National Council of Democracy, set up new power by the military that toppled the Burkina Faso transitional authorities. He claims to have the support of the army. Diendéré Gilbert said on France 24 that he has had "no contact with Compaoré." He assured also that the former president had no role in this coup. The general also claimed to have the support of the army. Finally, he indicated that he intended to release the President and Prime Minister Kafando Zida, being held hostage by the military of Presidential Security Regiment (RSP). In several cities, the Burkinabe have openly expressed their hostility to the coup in spontaneous gatherings. Violent protests left one dead and 60 wounded, a doctor from the main hospital in Ouagadougou. The coup leaders have imposed a night curfew from 19 pm to 6 am and ordered the closure of land and air borders until further notice.

“¢ At least one person died and dozens were injured in clashes that broke out in Ouagadougou Thursday night. According to witnesses, soldiers made warning shots to disperse protesters who threw stones at the security forces. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon on Thursday urged the Burkinabe military "exercise restraint and to respect the human rights and security" of the population. The international community has strongly condemned these events and called for the immediate release of President Kafando, Prime Minister Zida, and all other officials in detention. The French Foreign Minister, Laurent Fabius, has meanwhile called on the French residing in the capital "remain confined in their homes." "There can not be any legality with the putschists", for his part, said Francois Hollande. The Secretary General of the UN Ban Ki-moon on Thursday urged the Burkinabe military "exercise restraint and to respect the human rights and security" of the population. Agencies, France TV, France 24. Ellis, See article also : PRESIDENT HOLLANDE AND FABIUS CONDEMN THE ATTEMPTED COUP IN BURKINA FASO SO DOES MP PASCAL TERRASSE - See more at: <http://www.uspa24.com/bericht-5369/president-hollande-and-fabius-condemn-the-attempted-coup-in-burkina-faso.html#sthash.O56aLWw8.dpuf>

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