

The Elders condemn attempted coup in Guinea

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The Elders condemn the attempted coup in Guinea and call on those behind it to immediately release President Alpha Condé. The UN and regional bodies including the AU and ECOWAS must urgently convene to agree on all necessary measures in response, before the situation deteriorates into violent conflict.

[Mary Robinson](#), Chair of the Elders and former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, said:

“Irrespective of the regrettable record of President Condé, the taking of power through the use of force can only lead to violence and instability. I call on those responsible to refrain from any action that could trigger an escalation in tensions. Looking ahead, it is vital that a political dialogue is established between all parties to address the underlying causes of instability in Guinea and ensure it can move forward on a democratic path towards unity, prosperity and peace.”

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