

## **Geopolitical, International, and Security collected stories, week of 8 April**

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**[Ivory Coast, Internal Politics]** [\*Ivory Coast president can rule by decree\*](#) – Associated Press.

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