



Weekly Report

Democratic Republic of the Congo

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Peace deal delayed

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- The peace deal set to be signed between the DRC government and the M23 rebel group was delayed on Monday due to disagreement over wording of the pact.
- The peace deal comes one week after the M23 rebel group gave up their 20 month insurgency by declaring a ceasefire.
- Source: Al Jazeera (<http://america.aljazeera.com/articles/2013/11/11/congo-m23-rebelspeacesigningdelayedoverwordingofpact.html>)

UN Security Council calls for immediate disarmament of M23 rebel group

- The United Nations Security Council has called for the immediate and permanent disarmament and demobilization of the M23 rebel group.
- The Security Council also expressed deep concern regarding the sustained regional threat posed by the Forces Démocratiques de Libération du Rwanda (FDLR).
- Source: UN News Centre (<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=46494&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo#.Uo05Ohgo7cs>)

Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict to meet with DRC government officials

- Leila Zerrougui will meet with DRC government officials, members of the diplomatic community and UN agencies to discuss protecting children in the conflict.
- Ms. Zerrougui will discuss the progress of implementation of the action plan signed by the government to end the recruitment and use of child soldiers by the Congolese armed forces.
- Source: La voix de l'Amérique (<http://www.lavoixdelamerique.com/content/les-jeunes-de-lest-de-la-rdc-particulierement-concernes-par-les-violences/1794233.html>)

"The Congo accord will address issues such as amnesty – for the act of rebellion, though not for crimes against humanity. It also allows for reintegration of vetted rebels into the army."
