



Weekly Report

Democratic Republic of the Congo

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- 1** DRC government signs peace accord with M23 rebel group
- 2** UN peacekeeping forces launch operations against FDLR militia along DRC border

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- On 12 December the government of the DRC signed a peace deal with the M23 rebel movement.
- Separate documents were signed by each side. The document signed by the M23 rebel group confirmed dissolution of the group, while the government document committed the state to work towards disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration of M23 members.
- Source: BBC

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-25357821>

UN peacekeeping forces launch operations against FDLR militia along DRC border

- The FDLR, a Rwandan Hutu rebel militia operate along the border of the DRC.
- The UN peacekeeping force in the DRC, MONUSCO, has launched operations against the FDLR in an effort to stabilize the border and secure a road between two Congolese towns.
- Source: News 24

<http://www.news24.com/Africa/News/UN-troops-act-against-DRCs-Rwanda-rebels-20131210>

*“This [peace accord] constitutes a positive step towards ending cycles of deadly conflicts that have caused immense suffering to the Congolese people.” –
Ban Ki Moon*
