



# Weekly Report

## Democratic Republic of the Congo

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### ***DRC grants amnesty to members of the M23 rebel group in exchange for a commitment not to reoffend***

- The DRC government has granted amnesty under Congolese law to 51 individuals in exchange for a commitment not to reoffend.
- Among the recipients are members of the M23 rebel delegation who entered into the Kampala talks with the DRC government, 15 persons accused of carrying out attacks in Kinshasa in February 2011, 10 fighters from the rebel group Popular Resistance Army of dissident General Faustin Munene and 10 fighters of Ngbanda Honoré who is exiled in France.
- Wivinie Matipa, the Congolese Minister of Justice and Human Rights said that the recipients had to fill out a form committing them not to reoffend.
- Source: New Vision

<http://www.newvision.co.ug/news/654768-drc-releases-list-of-m23-amnesty-beneficiaries.html>

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*“According to Wivine Matipa, the Congolese Minister of Justice and Human Rights, those granted amnesty in exchange for an act of commitment not to offend.”*

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### ***UN pledges support for the DRC's upcoming elections***

- The United Nations Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo will provide technical and logistical support for upcoming elections.
- The Mission will strive to avoid the technical errors made in the November 2011 Presidential and parliamentary elections, which were marred by violence.
- In 2011, the UN registered 345 violations committed during the electoral period, affecting at least 728 victims and killing at least 41 individuals.
- Source: UN News Centre

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=47633#.U1p8NFehydw>