



# Weekly Report

## Democratic Republic of the Congo

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*“The Democratic Republic of Congo’s information minister says joint military offensives launched by the national army and the United Nations Mission to the country to protect unarmed civilians have sharply reduced the number of rebel groups from 55 to about 20.”*

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### ***DRC military offensives reduce number of armed rebel groups***

- The joint military initiatives in the Democratic Republic of the Congo between the national army and UN mission have successfully reduced the numbers of armed rebel groups from 55 to approximately 20.
- A new round of military offensives have been launched against the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda operating in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
- Source: Voice of America

<http://www.voanews.com/content/drc-military-offensives-reduces-number-of-armed-groups/1890655.html>

### ***UN: over 3,600 rapes reported in the DRC in four years***

- A UN published report documents the rapes of 3,645 women, children and men in the DRC from January 2010 to December 2013.
- Of the victims, ranging in age from two to eighty year olds, 73% were women, 25% were children and 2% were men.
- The rapes were perpetrated by members of armed groups operating in eastern Congo as well as state agents, including the FARDC military. FARDC soldiers were implicated in around one in three rapes.
- Source: Al Jazeera

<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/africa/2014/04/un-3600-raped-drc-four-year-period-20144923542487129.html>