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UN Peacekeeping Force Using Drones in DRC

- For the past three months, the UN Peacekeeping force has been using two Italian-made drones with the UN logo painted on the side to monitor rebel-heavy hills.
- Since the UN approved an intervention mission last year, the peacekeeping force has relied on drone imagery to dismantle the rebel group M23.
- Source: The Economist

<http://www.economist.com/news/middle-east-and-africa/21599023-rebel-fighters-back-foot-optimism-growing-green-shoots-amid>

ICC: Katanga found guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity for village attack

- Katanga, a rebel leader from the DRC, was convicted of murder as a crime against humanity, murder as a war crime, deliberately directing an attack on a civilian population, destruction of property as a war crime and pillage as a war crime.
- Katanga was acquitted of five counts of rape and sexual slavery as a crime against humanity and a war crime and the use of children under the age of 15 taking direct part in hostilities as a war crime.
- Source: Amnesty International

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/news/drcicc-katanga-found-guilty-war-crimes-and-crimes-against-humanity-2014-03-07>

“The long-standing peacekeeping force in the country was boosted last year by 3,000 troops from various African countries, and was given the mission of actively fighting the rebels.”

Congolese Army Re-captures Rebel Held Town of Lukweti

- Alliance for a Free and Sovereign Congo (APCLS), a small ethnic rebel group, had controlled and used Lukweti as its headquarters for six years before the Congolese Army re-captured the town.
- The APCLS’ goal was to prevent Congolese Tutsis who had sought refuge in neighbouring Rwanda from returning to the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- Source: Yahoo! News

<http://news.yahoo.com/dr-congo-army-recaptures-rebel-held-town-six-170736476.html>