



Weekly Report

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- A Malawi Defence Force Soldier serving in the Force Intervention Brigade died in the line of duty while recovering a UN military vehicle. A winch notch fell and killed the soldier.
- Source: Nyasa Times

<http://www.nyasatimes.com/2014/05/16/malawi-soldier-dies-under-un-mission-in-drc/>

UN Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict expresses disappointment over verdict in DRC's military rape

- The United Nations' Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict, Zainab Bangura, expressed her disappointment to the press on May 08, 2014, that the DRC's Operational Military Court in North Kivu only convicted two people of rape.
- The military rape trial related to charges committed in the city of Minova in eastern DRC two years ago.
- Zainab Bangura's office released a statement expressing regret that "the verdict does not reflect the magnitude of the crimes of sexual violence that were committed and fails to do justice to all victims who had the courage to bring this case to court."
- Source: UN News Centre

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=47755#.U3ZyWSihydw>

"Ms. Bangura saluted the bravery of the survivors and urged DRC authorities to pay reparations and take immediate measures 'to protect survivors, witnesses, and the legal counsel who worked tirelessly to seek justice for the hundreds of survivors, as well as for human rights defenders who advocated for accountability.'"
