



Weekly Report

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- 2** Spokesperson for UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon praises the ICC decision against Katanga

“The decision taken by the ICC in the Katanga case sends another warning to armed groups, including the FRPI, to immediately cease attacks against the civilian population and lay down their arms,”
– Martin Kobler, the Secretary-General’s Special Representative and head of MONUSCO.

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- The International Criminal Court sentenced Germain Katanga, a former militia leader from the Force de Résistance Patriotique en Ituri (FRPI), to 12 years in prison for war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in the eastern DRC during a 2003 attack.
- Katanga was convicted on four counts of war crimes and one count of crimes against humanity, for murder, attacking a civilian population, destruction of property and pillaging.
- According to the UN peacekeeping mission in DRC, the FRPI is still active in the Ituri district and remains a threat to civilians.
- Source: UN News Centre

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=47872#.U4FAgyihydw>

Spokesperson for UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon praises the ICC decision against Katanga

- The Secretary-General released a press statement welcoming the ICC’s verdict convicting Germain Katanga of four counts of war crimes and one count of crimes against humanity.
- The Secretary-General reaffirmed the United Nations support of the ICC’s independent work as the centrepiece of the international criminal justice system.
- Source: UN Secretary General’s Office

<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2014/sgsm15695.doc.htm>