



# Weekly Report

## Democratic Republic of the Congo

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### *Creating Peacekeeping Forces for the Future*

- UN peacekeeping is using new technologies such as drones and robots, and increasing the number of women in its missions to meet the challenges of 21<sup>st</sup> century warfare and provide best value for funding.
- MONUSCO was the first mission where drones were used to combat rebels in remote areas.
- Source: UN News Centre

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=47916#.U4ic5iihydW>

### *MONUSCO Honours 159 Peacekeepers Who Have Died in the DRC*

- MONUSCO has honoured the 159 peacekeepers that have died in the DRC since the beginning of the mission.
- To mark the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers on 29 May, a ceremony was held in Kinshasa honouring the 159 peacekeepers that have died and the 20,023 military peacekeepers currently serving in the DRC.
- Source: Defence Web

[http://www.defenceweb.co.za/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=34916&Itemid=111](http://www.defenceweb.co.za/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=34916&Itemid=111)

### *DRC Army Expels Rebels from North Kivu*

- After four days of heavy fighting, the DRC army has driven Uganda's Allied Democratic Force out of Lesse and Abya in North Kivu.
- Reports indicate the DRC army killed 64 rebels, captured one and seized hundreds of weapons and ammunition.
- Source: Star Africa

<http://en.starafrica.com/news/drc-army-expels-ugandan-rebels-from-north-kivu.htm>

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*"The United Nations is improving logistics and administrative practices, strengthening infrastructure and taking other steps to harness the power of our personnel," said Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. "Our goal is to ensure that peacekeeping is a cost effective, valuable investment that brings enormous benefits and, above all, saves lives."*

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