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EDITORIAL

In the absence of President Kabila and the political leader of M23, in Kampala [talks](#) between the DRC Government and the rebel movement finally started, amid serious [tensions](#) and regarded with a considerable amount of scepticism by many Congolese.

At an extraordinary summit of the [SADC](#) South African nations pledged to provide 4,000 troops for the International Neutral Forces to be deployed in eastern DRC.

While in [Goma](#) the air and lake traffic resumed, Uganda reopened the [Bunagana](#) border post, presumably still controlled by M23.

Reportedly about 20 [Rwandan soldiers](#) are detained in Kinshasa after they were arrested in Goma in the ranks of the M23 rebels that occupied Goma.

The [UN](#) is investigating recent rapes and other human rights violations by both M23 and the Congolese army.

The [US](#) administration is criticized for its weak response to the crisis in the DRC, especially in its stance towards Rwanda.

In the [Central African Republic](#), the UFDR rebel group has taken up the arms again and reportedly seized three towns in the northeast.

A historic Africa-wide [treaty](#) protecting people displaced within their own countries (IDP) came into force last week.

The Ugandan parliament passed a controversial [petroleum bill](#), giving discretionary power to the Minister of Energy to grant or revoke oil licenses.