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This week saw Russ Feingold nominated as new [US Special Envoy to the Great Lakes Region](#) and the UK pledge US\$1.2 billion in aid to the DRC. Meanwhile, MONUSCO has refuted [M23](#) denials of child recruitment and expressed further concern over the rebel groups stated intention to try 11 young people detained during a special operation in Kiwanja. The M23's police camp in Buchizi was attacked by Nyatura this week, causing considerable displacement in this locality of Rutshuru.

In [Equateur](#), a large presence of Congolese military has sparked concerns amongst locals, whilst in [Province Orientale](#) 30 armed men surrendered to the FARDC, reportedly as part of a military demobilisation effort. In [North Kivu](#) clashes between the APCLS and FARDC have taken place in Masisi, though the Congolese army regained control of Kibua. In [South Kivu](#) FARDC also managed to dislodge the Raia Mukombozi from villages in the Mulumba groupment, and in [Katanga](#) armed hostilities have taken place between the FARDC and Bakata Katnaga, though accounts of the events remain conflicting and unconfirmed. The population of Kimpamba is reported to have chased 6 FARDC officers from the locality following allegations of abuse against civilians.

In the [Central African Republic](#) a cabinet reshuffle instigated by the international community in a bid to reduce militia influence at the heart of government has left Seleka rebel leaders in top positions in the executive. Meanwhile, 400 militiamen from the Convention des patriotes pour la justice et la paix (CPJP) led by the CAR's incumbent Minister for Youth, Art and Culture, have entered Bangui, reportedly to join the process of military reform in the country.

As the G8 summit got under way this week, the [African Development Bank](#) denounced the exploitative practices of developed world extraction and energy companies, specifically as regards payment of taxes in developing countries. Meanwhile, Tullow is reported to have seen [legal victory](#) at the hands of the UK courts in its compensation claim against Heritage oil in respect of the payment of capital gains dues accrued during transactions between the two.