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### EDITORIAL

Delaying their [withdrawal](#) for several days, the M23 rebel movement finally pulled out of the city of Goma, in line with the deal brokered last week in Kampala. A day after that agreement the UN Security Council adopted a new [resolution](#) demanding an end to all outside support to M23, without mentioning Rwanda or Uganda.

The [UK](#) has frozen its budget aid to Rwanda because of concerns over "credible and compelling" reports that Rwanda has supported M23.

A new report by the [UN Group of Experts](#), leaked to the New York Times, states that Rwandan soldiers took part in the rebels' capture of Goma.

The [M23](#) soldiers, during their occupation of Goma, are reported to have almost systematically pillaged the city, and are accused of rape and killings as well.

Provincial authorities have [returned](#) to Goma, 280 policemen and one army battalion have been deployed, while some of the rebels remain on the outskirts of town. The M23 have warned they will [retake](#) the city, if the government fails to enter negotiations. The DRC government announced that a "dialogue" with M23 will start very soon now in Kampala.

The Ugandan Defence Minister says that 10 countries in the Great Lakes region, under the command of Tanzania, have resolved to form a [joint force](#) of 4000 troops to contain the insurgency.

IPIS has published an update to its '[Mapping conflict motives](#)' series, focusing on the intentions of M23. Among other comments and analyses on the events in eastern DRC, two articles discuss the role of the US Ambassador to the United Nations, [Susan Rice](#).

The [International Monetary Fund](#) has suspended \$240 million in planned loans to the DRC after the government failed to make public the contract of the 2011 sale of its stake in a mine run by the Eurasian Natural Resources Corporation.