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MONUSCO condemns deadly attacks against civilians in Ituri, North Kivu and South Kivu

Kinshasa, 09 May 2026 – The United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) strongly condemns the recent wave of deadly attacks targeting civilians in Ituri, North Kivu and South Kivu provinces.

Dozens of civilians have been killed in recent days in attacks in the territories of Irumu, Djugu and Mambasa in Ituri, as well as around Oicha in the neighbouring province of North Kivu, and in the Bafuliru Chiefdom in South Kivu. These incidents once again highlight the persistent threat posed by the ongoing conflict to civilian populations in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo.

MONUSCO condemns all attacks against civilians, which continue to worsen insecurity, fear and vulnerability among communities already severely affected by conflict.

The Mission also notes with grave concern reports of air strikes and bombardments that allegedly took place on 8 May 2026 in the areas of Kilolirwe and Mushaki in North Kivu, which resulted in civilian casualties.

MONUSCO recalls that all parties are obliged to protect civilians, respect international humanitarian law, international human rights law and other applicable norms of international law and take all necessary precautions to avoid civilian casualties and damage to civilian objects.

MONUSCO reiterates its call on all actors to immediately cease attacks against civilians, and to act in full compliance with applicable international law. Those responsible for violations of international humanitarian law and abuses of human rights must be brought to justice.