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Return of 39 individuals from Rwanda to DRC

Kinshasa, July 30, 2026: The United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) notes that on 29 July 2026 Rwandan authorities returned to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) thirty-nine (39) individuals who had previously been repatriated to Rwanda under MONUSCO's Disarmament, Demobilization, Repatriation, Reintegration and Resettlement (DDRRR) programme.

MONUSCO confirms it was not present for the transfer of these individuals back to the DRC and is not involved in this return in any capacity.

Under its Security Council mandate, the Mission's DDRRR programme supports the voluntary disarmament, resettlement, and repatriation of foreign combatants in the DRC and their dependents.

Prior to any repatriation to Rwanda, MONUSCO conducts a thorough multi-stage screening process to assess eligibility. Only individuals assessed as eligible are placed on a proposed repatriation list, which is then transmitted to the Rwanda Demobilization and Reintegration Commission (RDRC) for its review and final approval before the individuals depart the DRC.

MONUSCO is committed to safeguarding the independence, integrity, and transparency of the DDRRR process and will continue working with all relevant stakeholders in the implementation of its Security Council mandate for DDRRR.

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