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Press Release

Martin Kobler, Head of MONUSCO strongly condemns attacks by a group of armed men in Kinshasa, Lubumbashi and Kindu

Kinshasa, 31 December 2013: The United Nations Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUSCO) is gravely concerned by attacks carried out concomitantly by armed men on 30 December 2013 on the headquarters of the Congolese National Radio and Television Company, N'djili International airport and the headquarters of the Congolese Armed Forces, situated at Mont Ngaliema.

Other clashes were reported in Kindu, Maniema province and Lubumbashi, Katanga province, bringing the total number of deaths to roughly a hundred including three military personnel of the Congolese armed forces.

The Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Martin Kobler condemns in the strongest terms the concomitant, indiscriminate and unacceptable attacks perpetrated by armed men on the strategic sites of the Democratic Republic of Congo and expresses his sympathy to the Congolese Armed Forces.

While reiterating its wishes to see attacks on civilian populations brought to an end, MONUSCO calls on the Congolese officials to swiftly shed lights on such regrettable incidents pursuant to the constitutional order and legislation.