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MONUSCO condemns the deadly attack on civilians in Bukavu on February 27, 2025

Kinshasa, February 28, 2025: The Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO), Mrs. Bintou Keita, condemns the attack using explosives against civilians in Bukavu (South Kivu), which resulted in the death of 13 people and left around one hundred others seriously injured. The tragedy occurred during a gathering organized by AFC/M23 at the Place de l'Indépendance in Bukavu.

Ms. Bintou Keita expresses her condolences to the families of the victims, the people, and the government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. She also wishes a speedy recovery to the injured. MONUSCO calls on Congolese authorities to promptly conduct investigations to identify the perpetrators of the attacks and bring them to justice.

Mrs. Keita also condemns the repeated attacks against civilians that continue in the Beni territory (North Kivu) by the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) and in Ituri by the Zaire militias and the Cooperative for the Development of Congo (CODECO). This climate of terror and the resulting trauma call for urgent action to restore a peaceful life free of violence.

She reiterates MONUSCO's readiness to contribute to the urgent implementation of Resolution 2773 (2025) and to support diplomatic efforts aimed at achieving a final and lasting resolution to the conflict.