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### United Nations condemn attacks against its personnel in Kinshasa and calls for investigations

**Kinshasa, February 10, 2024:** The Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Head of MONUSCO, Ms Bintou Keita, condemns the series of attacks on United Nations staff in Kinshasa on Saturday February 10 and calls on the Congolese judicial authorities to launch investigations with a view to prosecuting the perpetrators. Several UN vehicles were set on fire.

Ms. Bintou Keita stressed that threats and attacks against UN staff and their families are unacceptable. These assaults have a negative impact on the implementation of the respective mandates of the agencies, funds, and programs of the United Nations system. As far as MONUSCO is concerned, these attacks are hampering its support to the Congolese Defence and Security Forces.

The United Nations also condemns the new wave of disinformation campaigns targeting its peacekeeping mission in the DRC.

The United Nations recalls that its personnel are in the Democratic Republic of Congo to help consolidate peace and improve living conditions for the population.