



THE M23 ADDRESS TO THE NATION

Dear compatriots,

The year 2022 has ended and we have now entered the new year 2023, on behalf of our entire organisation, we wish you all a happy new year.

The year 2022 has sadly ended on the same note as the previous ones, our country, the Democratic Republic of Congo is in turmoil. The DRC President has failed to live up to his 2018 election campaign's pledge to establish the rule of law in DRC, to eradicate corruption and to end insecurity in the East of our country.

The M23 Movement Presents its gratitude to the Leaders of East African Community and ICGLR for their efforts to finding lasting solutions to the current conflict in the East of DRC.

The M23 Movement lends its support to the regional's efforts and remains committed to Nairobi and Angola processes as evidenced by our latest withdrawal from KIBUMBA and planned withdrawal from other areas.

The above two peace processes needed to solve peacefully the ongoing conflict in the East of our country are getting jeopardised in purpose by:

1. Excluding the M23 from taking part in the said peace processes.
2. The DRC Government's coalition, constant violations of ceasefire. Here is a typical example:
Saturday, December 31st, 2022, during the planned meeting with the EACRF, ADHOC Verification Mechanism and EJVM, for the implementation of the resolutions derived from the Mini-Summit of Luanda, the coalition of FARDC, FDLR, APCLS, NYATURA, CODECO, PARECO, MAI-MAI and Mercenaries attacked our positions of KAMATEMBE, BWIZA and its surroundings.
3. Continued harassment, stigmatisations and the killings of the Congolese Tutsi as well as of those perceived as "Rwandans".

Dear compatriots,

The M23 is not a warmongering Movement as the DRC Government is portraying it. The M23 is a Congolese Movement that regroups within all Congolese, not like the DRC Government that has championed tribalism and nepotism.

The M23 condemns in strongest terms, the irresponsible behaviours of the DRC Government which have allowed the known genocide perpetrators to be embedded in the National Army and let ADF roaming freely with a license to kill our compatriots.

The incorporation of FDLR in the country's institutions and security apparatus has increased and spread with pace the genocide ideology, hate speech, xenophobia and communities' apartheid.

The M23 Movement yet again alerts that the DRC Government does not want peace and it is in search of military victory by all means. Saturday, December 31st, 2022, Colonel NYIBIZI, regiment's commander of NYANZALE distributed to FDLR and MAI-MAI KABIDO arms and munitions for an imminent attack in KISHISHE, despite the endless efforts by the regional's Leaders to peacefully resolve this ongoing conflict. (FDLR: 120 AK47, 8 PKM, 3 LAUNCHER 7 and theirs munitions. MAI-MAI KABIDO: 170 AK47, 5 PKM, 1 LAUNCHER 7 and theirs munitions)

Dear compatriots,

This current Government has failed to repatriate Congolese refugees scattered in refugees' camps in the region and beyond. It has abandoned our civilian populations in the hands of its allies to carry on slaughtering them. The M23 sympathise with our compatriots of ITURI, NORTH KIVU and SOUTH KIVU, hence, reminds the DRC Government that it is, its paramount responsibility to ensure security for all.

As we enter this electoral year, we calling upon our fellow Congolese to address the issues of bad governance, corruption, exclusion, hate speech targeting Congolese Tutsi, chaotic state of siege and by all means to claim back the money taken through RAM (Registration of Mobile Apparatus) by the President TSHISEKEDI's administration. The country as a whole should not allow elections delays nor any postponement.

The DRC Government is maintaining its warmongering option to overshadow its failure to resolve the insecurity issues in KWAMOUTH and KINSHASA, its arbitrary arrests of journalists and political opponents as well as the famine in KASAÏ.

To the MONUSCO,

We are urging it to cease all support to FARDC as, on its own report, the MONUSCO established the tight collaboration between FARDC-FDLR-Nyatura-APCLS, NDC-Renove, PARECO and MAI-MAI. Continuing to lend support will tarnish its image, hence, would made it a major player of the DRC Government's coalition.

To the International community,

The M23 implores your involvement to trample the ongoing genocide ideology, the spreading of the hate speech in DRC and to establish a direct dialogue between the M23 Movement and the DRC Government to address the root causes of conflict and insecurity in our country.

The M23 seeks the condemnation of the DRC Government for the externalisation of the ongoing conflict and the hiring of EUROPEAN MERCENARIES.

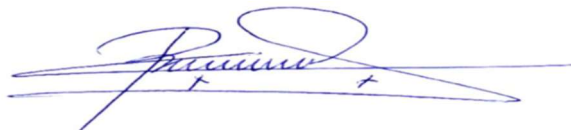
Dear compatriots,

The DRC Government has lamentably failed to fulfill all the pledges and promises made to the nation.

The M23 advocates for inclusion and diversity for all, thus, stands shoulder to shoulder with our compatriots, who are scattered in refugees' camps all over the world, in IDPs and those who have been abandoned by President TSHISEKEDI's administration.

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