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Growing insecurity in Butembo: MONUSCO Expresses Solidarity with Congolese Authorities

Kinshasa, August 12, 2022: MONUSCO condemns in the strongest terms possible the renewed violence in Butembo and expresses its solidarity with the Congolese authorities following the assassination of staff members of the defense and security forces as well as members of the civilian population in this city.

The Mission is extremely concerned about the growing hostility, threats against the population, sworn officers and United Nations personnel. It also deplores the numerous acts of vandalism observed there.

MONUSCO calls for restraint and responsibility from all political and civil society actors, customary and religious authorities, and local populations for the restoration of law and order in Butembo.

The Mission reiterates its determination to fulfill its mandate to protect civilians and support the Congolese defense and security forces.

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