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- Peace has resumed following fighting between the DR Congo Armed forces (“FARDC”) and the Federal Republican Forces (“FRF”) in the plateaus of Minembwe. The fighting resulted in the recapturing of two strongholds (Mikenge and Kamombo) from the FRF and the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda (“FDLR”) by the FARDC. Two FARDC fighters were killed and another four were injured during the clash. In addition, two FRF soldiers and one Burundian were captured.

(Radio Okapi website, Kinshasa, in French 11 Feb 10)

- The DR Congo government has provided all remaining armed groups in Nord-Kivu with a forty-five day ultimatum to lay down arms and begin the reintegration process. The groups have already declared that they are prepared to carry on in this process so long as the government upholds its promises to them.
- Approximately three thousand members of these groups are anticipated to participate in this process. The process is expected to take a month and a half from the time of the ultimatum. Teams composed of the Military Integration Structure (“SMI”), the Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration (“DDR”), the United Nations Development Program (“UNDP”), and finally the local military officials will participate in processing their reintegration.

(Radio-Television Nationale Congolaise TV, Kinshasa, in French 1230 GMT 12 Feb 10)

- Humanitarian organizations and the DR Congo government have established a joint task-force to assist the displaced persons from Dongo locality, Equateur Province.
- A search was undertaken yesterday in the DR Congo in the Major Vangu Barracks in Lubumbashi, Katanga Province where weapons and hashish were discovered and one Malian and Senegalese were arrested in the course of the search.

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- According to administrative sources, on February 12 in Kisembe of Mulombozi area, Mwenga territory seven women were killed by FDLR fighters. Currently the FARDC are following the attackers into the forest (under the auspices of the Amani Leo operation).
- The soldiers have indicated that five victim’s bodies have been discovered and that eight persons were abducted by the FDLR and have yet to be discovered.

(Radio Candip, Bunia, in French 1530 GMT 13 Feb 10)

- Today in Komanda location the military court of Ituri District began to hear ten cases. It was explained that this court will be examining crimes perpetrated by the FARDC such as rape

and murder. It was also stated that these examinations will be funded by the European Union sponsored 'REJUSCO'.

- It was declared by police in Aru Territory, Ituri District that a rival community, Adumi village, set fifteen homes alight and killed two people in Edipe village this week. They reported that these events occurred after Edipe village residents killed a man from Adumi village who was accused of attacking and raping a young married woman from Edipe village.