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Information on people being abducted/arrested in South Kivu during the Summer of 2012, accused of being members of M23/What happened to those arrested; Information on M23 activity in South Kivu between October 2012-January 2013

A report issued in November 2012 by the *United Nations Security Council* points out that:

“M23 and its backers have adopted a strategy to expand their rebellion to South Kivu by supporting allied armed groups.” (United Nations Security Council (15 November 2012) *Final report of the Group of Experts on the DRC submitted in accordance with paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 2021 (2011) (S/2012/843)*, p.21).

In December 2012 a publication released by the *UNHCR* notes:

“Government troops, M23 rebels and other armed groups have all been accused of the rights abuses in South Kivu, including the rebel FDLR (Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda) and Mai Mai militia groups” (UNHCR (7 December 2012) *Democratic Republic of the Congo: Grave human rights abuses as thousands continue to flee in South Kivu*).

No further information on these issues could be found among sources available

References

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