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## UN Human Rights Chief and Special Adviser on Prevention of Genocide disturbed by increase in violence and hate speech in eastern DRC

GENEVA/NEW YORK (17 June 2022) UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet and Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide Alice Nderitu today expressed their deep alarm about the impact of a recent increase in hostilities between the M23 armed group and the armed forces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) on the local population in the east of the country. The two top officials called for all attacks against civilians to stop immediately. The M23 resumed hostilities against DRC troops in November 2021. Since then, there have been multipl

The UN senior officials encouraged Parliament to expedite the process of discussion and adoption address and counter hate speech.

They welcomed the DRC