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Special Envoy Djinnit, MONUSCO and ICGLR encourage the repatriation of FDLR combatants

Kisangani, 8 July 2015 – In his ongoing visit to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) from 6 July, the Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General for the Great Lakes region, Saïd Djinnit, went to Kisangani this Wednesday, accompanied by the Deputy Executive-Secretary of the International Conference on the Great Lakes region (ICGLR), Vicente Muanda, and the Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General in the DRC, David Gressly, as well as representatives of the Congolese Government. They visited the Bauma transit camp managed by the Congolese Government where 790 people, including former FDLR combatants, their families and other dependents, are currently housed, as part of the voluntary disarmament of the FDLR.

The Envoys welcomed the steps taken by the DRC, with the support of MONUSCO, to neutralize all the negative forces operating in eastern DRC, including FDLR, ADF and FRPI.

They reiterated the willingness of their respective organizations to continue working closely with DRC and Rwanda as well as the other regional organizations including the African Union and SADC to support the FDLR repatriation process.

Special Envoy Djinnit took the opportunity to stress the need to support the Great Lakes Region in its efforts aiming at ending conflicts and their consequences and engaging decisively in consolidating peace, stability and cooperation through the implementation of their commitments at national, regional and international levels, in line with the objectives of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework agreement for the DRC and the region signed in Addis-Ababa on 24 February 2013.

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