



## Conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

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Recent clashes in the eastern [Democratic Republic of Congo \(DRC\)](#) have sparked international concern and worsened the already severe **humanitarian situation** in the area.

- Many fatalities and thousands displaced due to clashes between the Congolese army and the **Rwandan-supported M23 group** near **Goma in North Kivu province**.

### About:

- The DRC is 2<sup>nd</sup> **largest country in Africa** and the 11<sup>th</sup> largest in the world.
- It has a small coastline with the Atlantic Ocean. DRC is bounded to the north by the **Central African Republic and South Sudan**; to the **east by Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, and Tanzania**; to the **southeast by Zambia**; and to the **southwest by Angola**.
  - **Kinshasa**, the capital of the DRC, is located on the **Congo River**, the only river to **cross the equator twice** in Africa.
- The official language is **French**, but other languages include **Kituba, Lingala, Swahili, and Tshiluba**.
- **Katanga Plateau** is considered to be a rich mining region, which supplies cobalt, copper, tin, radium, uranium, and diamonds.



