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## THE EU'S UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR RWANDA MUST END NOW

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On 26 January, the M23 rebellion, supported by the Rwandan army, took over the eastern DR Congo city of Goma. This marked a major escalation of the Congolese conflict.

The M23 rebellion had (re)started its activities in November 2021; and particularly over the last two years dramatically expanded its territory over eastern Congo.

This had stark humanitarian consequences: in the first half of 2024 alone, the group caused over two million people to be displaced. It quickly became clear that M23 was supported by Rwanda: a string of UN reports have proven the direct military support from the Rwandan army for M23: a conservative estimate of last year did put the presence of Rwandan troops at between 3,000 and 4,000.

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