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Report on the Security Situation in Bogoro and surroundings, Ituri province, DRC

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Security situation

1. The overall security situation of Ituri province remains volatile and unpredictable due to the active presence of armed groups (AGs) that continue to conduct sporadic attacks against civilians as well as lootings at roadblocks across the entire province.
2. In Ituri, Djugu and Mahagi territories, factions of the *Coopérative pour le développement du Congo* (CODECO) increased their attacks against FARDC, the armed group Zaïre and civilians. The *Forces démocratiques alliées* (ADF) continues to threaten civilians around Boga, Tchabi, and along the RN4, Komanda-Luna axis.
3. Bogoro is located in the Djugu territory, which is one of the most impacted by the ongoing inter-ethnic conflicts. The AGs like CODECO (Lendu), Zaire (Hema), the *Force de Résistance Patriotique de l'Ituri* (FRPI) (Lendu-Ngiti) and the *Front Patriotique et intégrationniste du Congo* (FPIC) (Bira) are very active in the area. The composition of the armed groups is based on the ethnical origins of their members and they are claiming to defend their ethnicity against the other even though the Hema denied the existence of a Hema AG (Zaire). The different AGs conduct attacks and retaliation attacks against civilians and FARDC positions. The most frequent and violent clashes are those involving CODECO and Zaire.

ICC in context

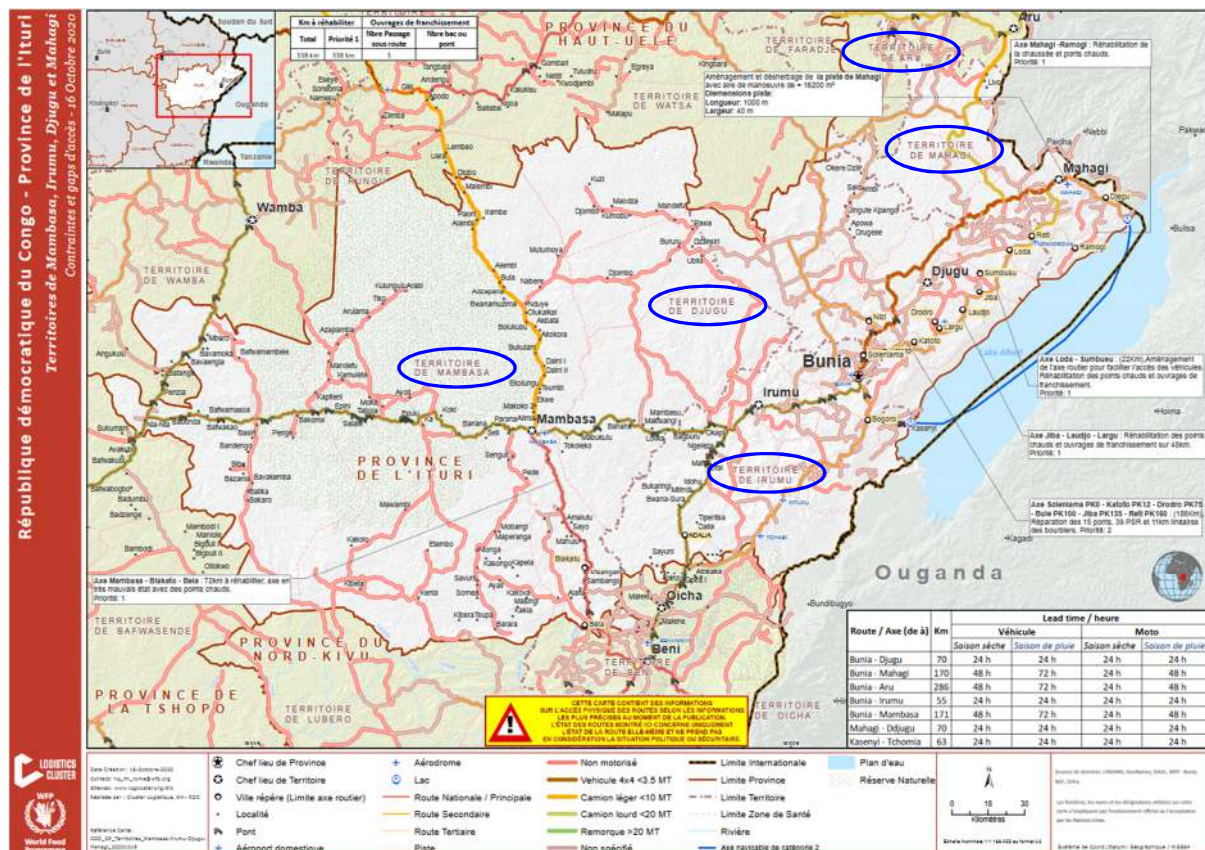
4. No direct hostile statement against the ICC has been observed from any local actors in the DRC. Although reparations activities continue, no links have been established between the ICC and the ongoing inter-ethnics conflict (looting, killing, abduction, rape, torching houses) in Ituri in general and particularly in Djugu territory.

5. The Court has neither experienced reprisals nor been targeted since the Chamber handed down a guilty verdict in March 2014 and sentenced Germain Katanga to a total of 12 years imprisonment. The Court's Country Office has not been at risk since then and the Court has neither been prevented from conducting its programme activities nor from discharging its mandate in Ituri and wider DRC.
6. The current security situation, [REDACTED]¹, is unrelated to the implementation of reparations. The actions of the leaders, [REDACTED], are in line with the principle that the main responsibility to protect the populations lies with the Government.

Forecast

7. In the upcoming days, the surge in violence across Djugu territory is likely to continue, and intercommunity tensions will grow considerably. IDP sites will continue to come under threat of CODECO attacks, particularly by *Union des révolutionnaires pour la défense du peuple congolais/Coopérative pour le développement du Congo* (URDPC/CODECO) combattants. The latest killings of Hema community members will likely trigger Zaire retaliatory attacks against Lendu community members. CODECO factions and Zaire will likely continue a series of tit-for-tat attacks in eastern and western Djugu with the risk of inter-community violence which could extend to Bunia town.

¹ [REDACTED].



Source: Logistics Cluster, World Food Programme, Territoires de Mambasa, Irumu, Djugu et Mahagi, 16 October 2020, <https://logcluster.org/map/rdc-carte-des-contraintes-daccs-province-ituri-13-octobre-2020> last accessed on 17 June 2021.