

U.N. worried by latest DRC abuses
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KINSHASA, Democratic Republic of Congo, July 29 (UPI) -- Members of the rebel March 23 Movement in the Democratic Republic of Congo are suspected of performing summary executions, a U.N. peacekeeping mission said.

M23 rebel commander Bosco Ntaganda turned himself into the International Criminal Court in April to face war crimes charges. The movement, which rebelled last year, is accused of using rape as a weapon of war and of conscripting child soldiers.

Abdallah Wafy, deputy special envoy to the DRC, said the U.N. peacekeeping mission in the country condemned violence linked allegedly to M23 fighters.

He said Saturday the peacekeeping mission received "reliable" reports the rebel force looted 20 houses and killed three men who were trying to escape forcible recruitment.

The U.S. government last week accused Rwanda of supporting M23. Ugandan rebels were reportedly fighting on the DRC side of the border as well.

The peacekeeping mission said more than 100,000 people in DRC were displaced by fighting that began last year. An estimated 2.6 million people are internally displaced and 6.4 million more are in need of some form of humanitarian assistance in the country.