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African Union ex-presidents meet M23 rebels as fighting grinds on in eastern Congo



Explainer image: the African Union headquarters in Addis Ababa. Wang Guansen for Xinhua, Public domain via Wikimedia Commons. Context, not a photo of the event.

An African Union delegation of former presidents — Kenya's Uhuru Kenyatta, Ethiopia's Sahle-Work Zewde and Botswana's Mokgweetsi Masisi — met leaders of the Rwanda-backed AFC/M23 rebel group and called for continued engagement in the peace process.

Congo's government and AFC/M23 signed a declaration in Doha in July 2025 committing to a permanent ceasefire. Progress has been limited — a detainee release in August and the recent deployment of ceasefire observers — and clashes continue in South Kivu's highlands and North Kivu's Masisi territory.

The delegation urged respect for the Doha commitments, protection of civilians and safe humanitarian access, and met Rwanda's foreign minister before heading to Kinshasa.

DEPTH five layers, from what happened to the full picture

L1 WHAT HAPPENED

An African Union delegation of former presidents — Uhuru Kenyatta, Sahle-Work Zewde and Mokgweetsi Masisi — met leaders of the Rwanda-backed AFC/M23 rebel group in eastern Congo.

L2 WHO'S AFFECTED

Civilians in North and South Kivu, where clashes continue in South Kivu's highlands and North Kivu's Masisi territory. The delegation urged protection of civilians and safe humanitarian access.

L3 WHY IT'S QUIET

We don't have media-coverage data for this story yet, so we won't guess why it was quiet. It is here because the outlets below reported it and it drew little wider attention.

L4 DEEPER IMPACT

Peace has moved slowly: progress so far is limited to a detainee release in August and the recent deployment of ceasefire observers.

L5 FULL CONTEXT

Congo's government and AFC/M23 signed a declaration in Doha in July 2025 committing to a permanent ceasefire. The delegation urged respect for those commitments, and met Rwanda's foreign minister before heading to Kinshasa.

SOURCES Reuters (via The Star): African Union delegation meets Congo rebels, calls for continued peace efforts

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