



Alliance Fleuve Congo
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Le Coordonnateur

OPEN LETTER TO ALL SADC AND EAC STATE MEMBERS

Concern: The deployment of SADC troops in the Dem. Rep. of Congo in violation of SADC MUTUAL DEFENCE PACT- the Congolese crisis is primarily political, identity-based and internal. The solution remains political and must be among the Congolese themselves.

1. I am writing this letter in my capacity as Coordinator of a popular revolution represented by the **Alliance Fleuve Congo (AFC)** whose ambition is to restore democratic order in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, through all means, in accordance with the Article 64 section 1 of the Democratic Republic of Congo's Constitution which states that: **Every Congolese has the duty to thwart any individual or group of individuals who seize power by force or who exercise it in violation of the provisions of this Constitution.** Reason why we are taking the destiny of our country in our own hands.
2. For your information, the March 23 Movement (M23) is one of the components of the Alliance Fleuve Congo "AFC".
3. 04th January, 2024, SADC published a press release stating that: The Southern African Development Community (SADC) Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (SAMIDRC) was deployed on 15 December 2023 to support the Government of the DRC to restore peace and security in the eastern DRC, which has witnessed an increase in conflicts and instability **caused by the resurgence of armed groups by armed groups** operating in the Eastern DRC. The same press release stated that the deployment of the SAMIDRC is in accordance with the principle of collective self-defence and collective action outlined in the **SADC MUTUAL DEFENCE PACT (2003)**.
4. According to SADC MUTUAL DEFENCE PACT (2003) preamble (section 6), SADC recognised the sovereign equality of all States and their intention to strengthen the bonds that exist amongst them **on the basis of respect for their independence and non-interference in their internal affairs.** Also for the Article 1 point 2 of the same Pact, "armed attack" means **the use of military force in violation of the sovereignty, territorial and independence of a State Party.**

5. The SADC stated that the deployment of the SAMIDRC troops is in accordance with **the principle of collective self-defence**, but the collective Self-Defence and Collective Action mentioned in article 6 point 1 of the SADC Mutual Defence Act stated that **An armed attack** against a State Party shall be considered a threat to regional peace and security and such an attack shall be met with immediate collective action.
6. Our movement the AFC isn't **using military force in violation of the sovereignty, territorial and independence of the DRC. We are a Congolese constitutional revolution fighting the tyrannical regime of Mr. Felix Tshisekedi** characterised by the oppression of the people and the political elite, institutionalized tribalism, poor governance, discrimination, embezzlement of public funds and the latest electoral excesses in the Democratic Republic of the Congo have adulterated our democracy and undermined our community life. MR. Felix Tshisekedi has infantilised justice and turned it into a tool of personal power and a weapon of blackmail to serve terror. The fate reserved for all the political elite in contradiction with his regime is, at best, prison or exile, and at worst, death. By way of illustration, the following cases have occurred to date: The assassination of a **MP Chérubin Okende, Judge Raphaël Yanyi, Generals Delphin Kahimbi and Timothée Mukunto Kiyana** and the massacre of more than **150 members of a non armed** sect known as Agano la Uwezo/Wazalendo (Church of the Patriots, in Kiswahili) in Goma by the Republican Guards in August 2023 as documented and reported by Amnesty International on December 11, 2024.
7. This Far West Republic, which has crucified the Constitution and flouted republican norms, is becoming an appalling danger for the Congolese people, for the region and for humanity.
8. Mr Tshisekedi has recruited the genocidaires of the Forces de Defence et de Liberation du Rwanda (**FDLR**) into his personal guard, at the mining sites and on the war front, with no regard for the risks of exterminating the local population as a result, targeting mainly Congolese Tutsis. He is using manipulation and blame game shift to cover up his failure as an irresponsible head of a state.
9. **We are expressing our deep concern at the involvement of the SADC troops in the hostilities to fight side by side with FDLR in supporting the illegitimate Kinshasa's regime.** Taking part in the fighting, providing support to forces whose aim is to exterminate part of the national community through ethnic cleansing, which is being skilfully implemented in all the institutions of the republic and within local communities, is a clear sign of SADC desire to participate in the genocide of our people.
10. **AFC considers that the underlying causes of this crisis have eluded you and that you were misled to take the decision to send troops in the DRC.** In this context, to label our movement's members as foreign nationals is tantamount to manipulation, lies and propaganda by Mr. Tshisekedi.
11. We are not at war, nor in rebellion, but **WE ARE IN A CONSTITUTIONAL REVOLUTION.** Those who are fighting against Mr. Tshisekedi are indeed sons of the country, nationals of all the provinces, each affected by the depravity of the Kinshasa's regime, where

democracy and the Constitution are trampled underfoot in favour of a supposed messianic principle of the "salvation of the people".

- a) Since our revolution is national, it encompasses people of all ethnic and community backgrounds, including Congolese citizens who speak the Kinyarwanda language.
 - b) **This confusion, deliberately maintained at the very height of power, around the question of identity and above all the Kinyarwanda language, makes Mr. Tshisekedi a dangerous player for national cohesion and togetherness. The current main fact of the conflict in our country is the illegitimacy of the Felix Tshisekedi's regime.**
 - c) The war being waged by Mr. Tshisekedi is not a sovereign reflex on the part of the DRC, but a lucrative ploy by him and his biological family to occupy all our country's mineral deposits by selling off rare lands (strategic minerals). If you look at all the mining sites in DRC, you will see that from Ituri to Lualaba, via Rubaya (North Kivu), all the mining sites are/were occupied by the Mr. Tshisekedi's biological family.
12. For the aforementioned facts regarding the conflict in the DRC, we are urging SADC and EAC State Members who are meeting today in Tanzania for an extraordinary summit of Heads of State and Government to put pressure on Felix Tshisekedi's regime so that:
- He can stop the use of European mercenaries to kill Congolese people who are expressing their grievances;
 - He should stop to provide weapons and finance FDLR against Congolese Tutsi;
 - He should stop also to provide weapons to certain Congolese civilians to fight against other Congolese who aren't supporting his tyrannical regime.
13. Alliance Fleuve Congo believe that the Solution to the Congolese crisis is politically and our organisation is open for a direct dialogue between Kinshasa's regime and our organisation to solve the root cause of more than 30 years conflicts in our country.

Regards,

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Done at Goma on February 08, 2025



- Cc:- East African Community Chairperson**
- **SADC Chairperson**
 - **Africa Union Commission Chairperson**

