

Agreement between DR Congo and M23 fighters

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Why is in news?

DR Congo, M23 fighters agree roadmap for peace talks.

Peace Talks

- The Democratic Republic of Congo and the **Rwanda-backed M23 armed group** have agreed on a roadmap for peace talks
- The eastern DRC has been riven by decades of conflict, with multiple armed groups fighting over its mineral-rich territory.
- M23 has seized swathes of the region last year.
- The two sides signed a U.S.-brokered peace agreement late last year in the Qatari capital Doha, but fighting has continued.
- The talks also included representatives from the United States, Qatar, Switzerland, the African Union Commission and Togo, serving as African Union mediator.

About M23

- March 23 Movement is abbreviated as M23.
- It is also known as the Congolese Revolutionary Army.
- It is a predominantly **Tutsi rebel group**.
- It is a **Rwandan-backed Congolese rebel paramilitary group**.
- It is based in the eastern regions of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
- It operates mainly in the provinces of North and South Kivu, which border Uganda and Rwanda.
- The 1994 Genocide: After Hutu extremists killed roughly 800,000 **Tutsis and moderate Hutus in Rwanda**, a Tutsi-led rebel force took power.
- Rwanda (led by a Tutsi government) faces accusations from the UN and DRC of backing M23 troops and firepower.



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