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HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND ABUSES DOCUMENTED

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DISTRIBUTION BY PERPETRATOR



GEOGRAPHIC CONCENTRATION

Provinces affected by conflict



MAIN PERPETRATOR

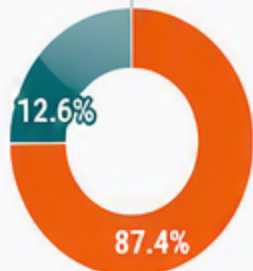


1. OVERVIEW BY CONTEXT

Provinces not affected by the conflict



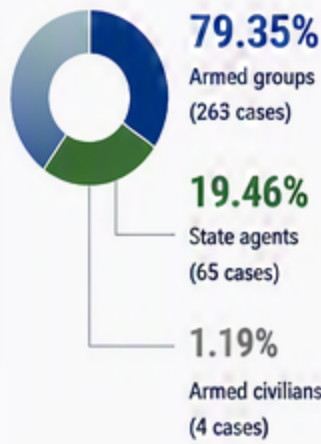
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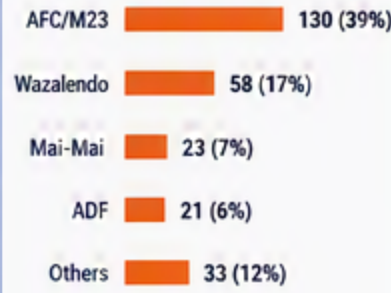
87.4% of violations and abuses documented in provinces affected by conflict

2. PRINCIPAL PERPETRATORS IN PROVINCES AFFECTED BY CONFLICT

By type of perpetrator



By armed group (265 cases)



State agents (65 cases)

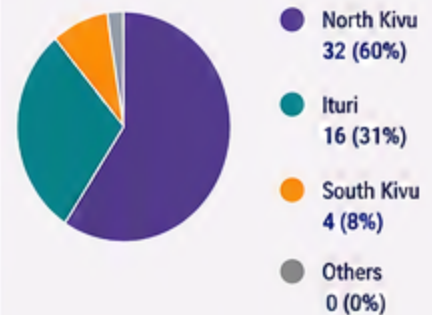


CONFLICT-RELATED SEXUAL VIOLENCE (CRSV)



slight decrease compared to March 2026 (46 cases impacting 70 victims)

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VICTIMS



PERPETRATORS (52 victims)

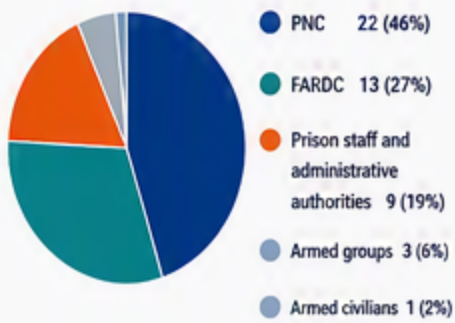


TYPES OF INCIDENTS (50 incidents)



3. HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN PROVINCES NOT AFFECTED BY CONFLICT

Perpetrators (48 violations)



Types of violations (48 violations)



Provinces most affected (number of violations / number of victims)

Kinshasa	17 / 106	Haut-Lomami	2 / 2
Haut-Katanga	7 / 9	Kwilu	2 / 53
Tshopo	6 / 10	Equateur	1 / 1
Kongo Central	5 / 9	Mai-Ndombe	1 / 1
Bas-Uele	3 / 24	Mongala	1 / 1
Lualaba	3 / 7		

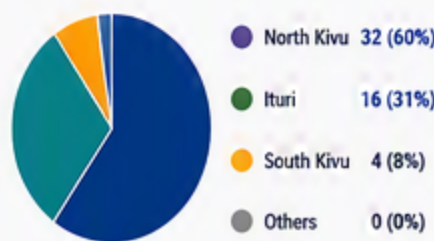
Example: On 23 April 2026 in Limete commune (Kinshasa), PNC officers entered homes without warrants, arrested young people without specifying the acts of which they were accused, beat them, and demanded illegal fines.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN PROVINCES AFFECTED BY CONFLICT

Types of violations (334 violations)



Geographic distribution of victims of conflict-related sexual violence (52 victims)



Perpetrators of sexual violence (52 victims)



CIVIC SPACE (Provinces affected by conflict)



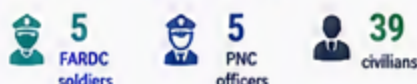
Areas most affected: South Kivu, North Kivu, Kongo Central

Example: On 5 April 2026 in Cirunga (Kabare), AFC/M23 elements arrested 10 people (8 men and 2 women) who were protesting their withdrawal.

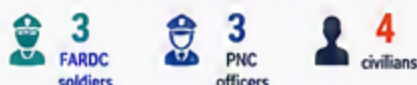
5. DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST IMPUNITY

66 judicial proceedings handled by military jurisdictions targeting FARDC soldiers, PNC officers and civilians.

CONVICTIONS



SENTENCES TO DEATH (April 2026)



These results confirm the role of military justice in addressing serious violations, while highlighting the persistent gap between the scale of violations and abuses and the scope of judicial responses.

6. ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION OF VICTIMS



- Supported by UNJHRO during the reporting period.
- Response and assistance mechanisms, despite insecurity and reduced resources, remain operational.
- Effectiveness depends on rigorous follow-up of judicial decisions and strengthened protection of victims and witnesses, including after proceedings.

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

- Medical care
- Psychosocial support
- Legal assistance
- Access to a comprehensive response remains uneven and needs to be strengthened.