

## **Kasai - Kitchanga massacre: the list of suspects established by the military court of Goma**

### **Summary of the case**

In February 2013, at least 206 people were killed in Kitchanga in what was presented as mere clashes against armed groups. For the Congolese military justice, 14 officers and non-commissioned officers bear responsibility for these deaths.

This list of suspects was established after 465 people were interviewed.

The 812<sup>th</sup> Regiment had been officially based in Kananga since February 2013. It was transferred after the massacre.

The Congolese military court first interrogated these suspects in Kananga in 2013.

In the first quarter of 2016, when the Congolese military court inquired about the location of its fourteen suspects, the military officials replied that they were assigned to Katanga and Equateur Province. On the basis of information received by the FARDC staff, the military court drew up a chart entitled "Annex 1, list of the accused to be returned to Goma". This chart served as a basis for the list of suspects presented below.

None of these soldiers has been charged despite the accusations against them.

At least four of the suspected officers were in Kananga.

Other members of the 812<sup>th</sup> Regiment, such as Lieutenant-Colonel Jules Butoni Bihama, were in Kananga between August 2016 and May 2017. They have all been redeployed out of Kananga and Tshimbulu, since March 2016.

<b>Information gathered by the Goma military court in the first quarter of 2016</b>				
<b>Name and rank</b>	<b>Regimental number</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Assignment location</b>	<b>RFI comments</b>
Colonel Mudahunga Safari François	1-74-09-36817-23	1302 <sup>nd</sup> Regiment	Ecuador	-Nickname: Delta Mike, Mudahunga Gasaza  - An order from May 2015 assigned him to Zongo (Ecuador) in place of his namesake, Colonel Safari Isaac. This "permutation" seems effective only in mid-2016.
Lt Colonel Mukoko Binyere Musavuli	1-80-96-71287-02	2101 <sup>st</sup> Regiment	Katanga	No new information
Lt Colonel Muhire François  (Direct penal responsibility)	1-73-98-50030-24	2101 <sup>st</sup> Regiment	Katanga	- Seen in Kananga at the beginning of the Kamwina Nsapu crisis - Based in Tshimbulu between January and May 2017 - No new information regarding his new assignment location since then
Lt Col Bushu Kiromba Bernard	1-73-98-50120-86	2101 <sup>st</sup> Regiment	Katanga	- No new information regarding his new assignment location - Did not have the same regimental number when he was named Lt Colonel on 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2009 – 1-73-98-50030-24
Lt Col Bahizire Mungu Bimanga Adrien	1-65-97-01926-13	2101 <sup>st</sup> Regiment	Katanga	In Kananga between August 2016 and May 2017

Major Bazerake Akilimali Dieudonné  (Direct penal responsibility)	1-75-09-43714-12	2101 <sup>st</sup> Regiment	Katanga	No new information
Major Maombi Kalisa Gaston	1-75-96-07665-3  (Incomplete number)	2101 <sup>st</sup> Regiment	Katanga	- In Kasai-Central during first semester of 2017, no further information - Nickname: Maombi Khuye Safari - Regimental number 1-75-96-36321-61 when named Lt Colonel
Major Mitagato Karira Evariste	1-70-85-48414-48	2101 <sup>st</sup> Regiment	Katanga	No new information
Major Kamari Fizi Leonard  (Direct penal responsibility)	1-69-96-47992-7  (Incomplete number)	2101 <sup>st</sup> Regiment	Katanga	- No new information regarding his new assignment location - Regimental number 1-69-96-47995-27 when named Major on 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2009
Major Itsha Masudi Atshula	1-75-96-50775-62	2101 <sup>st</sup> Regiment	Katanga	In Kasai-Central during the first semester of 2017, no further information regarding new deployment
Captain Belesi Pasi Patrick	1-80-09-43598-82	2101 <sup>st</sup> Regiment	Katanga	No new information
Captain Sebatunzi Mbonimpa Aimable  (Direct penal responsibility)	1-73-01-5180  (Incomplete number)	2101 <sup>st</sup> Regiment	Katanga	No new information

Corporal Kazungu Mukulima Lambert	1-80-96-50718-94	2101 <sup>st</sup> Regiment	Katanga	- No new information regarding his assignment location - A source claims he is also known under the name Adolphe Tumaini
Corporal Mbangu Muhindo Mona	1-78-96-07585-71	2101 <sup>st</sup> Regiment	Katanga	- No new information - A source claims he is also known under the name Innocent Rukundo Mbanguste, based in Kananga during the crisis

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