

JOINT COMMUNIQUE

THE SECOND MEETING OF THE RWANDAN AND DRC CHIEFS OF DEFENCE STAFF 16 JUNE 08 AT RUBAVU, RWANDA

1. At the request of the Chief of General Staff Rwandan Defence Forces General James Kabarebe, Lieutenant General Dieudonné Kayembe, the Chief of General Staff of the FARDC, attended a meeting in Rubavu-Rwanda under the facilitation of the MONUC force Commander Lieutenant General Babacar Gaye on 16 June 2008.
2. The aim of the meeting was to discuss the FARDC – MONUC Joint Operational Plan against the Ex-FAR/Interahamwe as well as to discuss the presence of the FDLR close to DRC-Rwanda border in order to take concrete measures to neutralize them.
3. The meeting reiterated the commitment of both countries to support the said plan and reiterated their determination to fight the negative forces in particular the FDLR. To this end, two countries undertook to continue to exchange intelligence through the Intelligence Fusion Cell and the Joint Planning Cell as established in Kisangani.
4. The meeting highlighted the value and importance of these meetings and should be organized on a regular basis to assess progress and ensure that the operations remain on track.

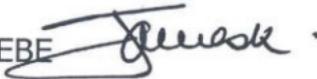


5. The meeting stressed the common menace posed by Ex-FAR/Interahamwe and underscored the need to continue holding regular meetings.
6. The two Chiefs reiterated their commitment to the spirit of Tripartite Plus, the Nairobi Communiqué and UNSC resolution 1804 of 13th March 2008.
7. The meeting was held in friendly atmosphere and expressed thanks for the warm reception and hospitality.

Done at Rubavu, Rwanda on 16th June 2008.

The Chief of General Staff, RDF

James KABAREBE
General



Chief of General Staff, FARDC

Dieudonné KAYEMBE
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MONUC Force Commander

Babacar GAYE
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