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Monusco Confirms arrest of Sadoke Kikunda Mayele

Kinshasa 6 October 2010 - In an earlier statement today MONUSCO relayed that it had received information alleging the mistaken identity of Sadoke Kikunda Mayele.

Mayele's identity was subsequently confirmed.

He was apprehended on 5 October 2010 in a joint action by MONUSCO NK Brigade and the DRC authorities, in conformity with MONUSCO's mandate to support Congolese justice.

Mayele is suspected for having participated in the mass rapes occurred in the Walikale area between 30 July and 2 August 2010.

On 5 October 2010 Mayele was transferred to the Military Prosecutor in Goma, North Kivu who had previously opened an investigation.

The establishment of the facts for which Sadoke Kikunda Mayele is being prosecuted falls within the exclusive purview of the competent judicial authorities.

MONUSCO will continue to support the Congolese authorities in their efforts to bring perpetrators of human rights violations to justice.