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Country Report on Terrorism 2021 - Chapter 5 - ISIS-Democratic Republic of the Congo

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Description: ISIS-Democratic Republic of the Congo (ISIS-DRC) was designated as an FTO on March 11, 2021. ISIS-DRC is responsible for many attacks across North Kivu and Ituri Provinces in eastern DRC. Under the leadership of Seka Musa Baluku, ISIS-DRC has been notorious in this region for its brutal violence against Congolese citizens and regional military forces.

Activities: In 2020, ISIS-DRC attacked the villages of Kamwiri, Kitsimba, and Lisasa in Beni, North Kivu Province, killing 21 people, abducting 20 others, and desecrating the Catholic Church in Lisasa. Also in 2020, ISIS-DRC launched an attack on Kangbayi Central Prison in Beni, freeing 1,337 detainees.

In 2021, ISIS-DRC attacked displacement camps near the towns of Boga and Tchabi in Ituri Province, killing 57 people and abducting 25 others. Also in 2021, ISIS-DRC conducted simultaneous suicide bombings in Kampala, Uganda, that killed three people and wounded 33 others.

Strength: ISIS-DRC was assessed in 2019 to have at least 400 fighters.

Location/Area of Operation: Democratic Republic of the Congo

Funding and External Aid: Although ISIS-DRC's sources of funding remain largely unknown, the group probably does receive some support from

ISIS. The group has seized weapons and ammunition from the Congolese military.

Associated documents

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