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ADF Rebels Kill 27 Civilians In Eastern DR Congo

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ARAC-International Global Media Partners - Military authorities in DR Congo said soldiers killed seven of the rebels and captured one alive.
At least 27 civilians were killed on Saturday, May 28, morning in Beni territory situated in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo by rebels of the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF).

“The 27 were killed in the village of Beu-Manyama near Mamove, Beni territory of North Kivu this Saturday. The ADF rebels are suspected to have carried out the massacre,” the Kivu Security Barometer (KSB), which has observers in the region revealed.

Military authorities in North Kivu confirmed the incident, disclosing that DR Congo soldiers killed seven of the rebels.

“By the time we arrived, it was already late because the ADF enemies had already killed more than 10 of our compatriots using machetes,” Capt. Anthony Mwalushayi, the army spokesperson in Beni, North Kivu, said.

“We have chased them away. I want to inform you that our soldiers have neutralised seven ADF rebels. One ADF fighter was captured during the mopping up operations in this zone which is in the west of the national highway number four where the enemies escaped to after having been dislodged from its fiefs.”

The Red Cross on Saturday, May 28, however, said more than 20 persons were killed by the rebels while several other persons were abducted.

“This afternoon, the casualty figure of the Beu-Manyama attack rose from 21 to 24 civilians killed,” said Philippe Bonane, chef of the Red Cross in Beni territory who was supervising the transfer of corpses to the mortuary.

Beu-Manyama village is 36 km from West Oicha, the chief town of Beni towards the border with the neighbouring province of Ituri.

This latest killing comes after one month of relative calm in Beni where the Congolese and Ugandan armies have since Nov. 30, 2021, been carrying out joint military operations against ADF rebels.

Meanwhile, 17 dismembered corpses thought to be those of ADF hostages were discovered in Irumu territory on Sunday, May 29.

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