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Press release

FCDO Minister for State (Development and Africa), Rt Hon Andrew Mitchell MP, commented following a conversation with Rwanda Foreign Minister, Dr Vincent Biruta.



Statement by Rt Hon Andrew Mitchell MP, Minister of State (Development and Africa):

This morning I spoke to Foreign Minister of Rwanda, Dr Vincent Biruta. We had a constructive conversation about the deteriorating security situation in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) given the advances of M23, and the steps needed to end the conflict. I expressed my concerns about the worrying humanitarian situation and the impact on civilians is unacceptable.

The UK calls on all countries in the region to do all they can, including through the African-led peace processes, to stop the fighting and bring all parties back to the negotiating table.

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