

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Mahoro Peace Association (MPA-USA) and ISÔKO\_USA Call for Immediate Action as Civilians Endure Severe Humanitarian Crisis in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo**

Mahoro Peace Association (MPA-USA) and ISÔKO\_USA urgently call on the United States government and the international community to take immediate and decisive action in response to a rapidly escalating humanitarian crisis of monumental proportions affecting Banyamulenge and Tutsi civilian populations in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.

We are witnessing a human tragedy unfolding in real time. Children, mothers, and elders are facing hunger, displacement, and relentless insecurity. Entire families are living in fear, with limited access to food, healthcare, and humanitarian assistance. The scale of suffering demands urgent global attention and action to save thousands of lives on verge of being exterminated.

Mahoro Peace Association and ISÔKO\_USA will hold a peaceful public rally on **April 20, 2026, in Washington, D.C.**, to raise awareness and call for immediate intervention from U.S. and global leaders.

#### **Communities Under Extreme Threat**

Based on information from the ground and documentation we have compiled, communities in South Kivu—including Minembwe and the high plateau of Mulenge—are enduring persistent violence and severe deprivation.

Civilians are facing:

- Dire shortages of food and medical care
- Widespread displacement and destruction of homes
- Loss of livelihoods, including livestock
- Relentless insecurity linked to the presence of thousands of armed groups targeting innocent civilians

We have also received reports of abductions of civilians, the use of armed drones in populated areas, and communication disruptions, including internet shutdowns.

These reported conditions raise serious concerns under international humanitarian and human rights law. We call for independent verification and accountability.

#### **Our Urgent Call to Action**

We respectfully urge the United States and international partners to act immediately:

- **End Violence Against Civilians** — Take immediate steps to halt attacks affecting innocent populations

- **Provide Emergency Humanitarian Assistance** — Deliver life-saving aid to communities facing extreme hardship
- **Ensure Humanitarian Access** — Support de-escalation and demilitarization of key areas to allow aid delivery
- **Convene Congressional Hearings** — Examine the crisis with testimony from victims, experts, and officials
- **Support a Monitored Ceasefire** — Promote diplomatic engagement to reduce violence and protect civilians
- **Advocate for Arbitrarily Detained Civilians** — Support the release of individuals held without due process
- **Implement Targeted Sanctions** — Utilize tools such as the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act
- **Increase Transparency** — Require regular public reporting on conditions in eastern DRC
- **Strengthen Peace Efforts** — Expand support for regional and international mediation initiatives

## **Humanitarian Impact**

Based on compiled reports, the crisis has resulted in:

- Thousands of civilians killed
- Thousands more injured
- More than 500 villages destroyed
- 136 schools and 41 health centers damaged or destroyed
- 131 churches targeted
- Approximately 700,000 cattle looted or killed

## **Public Demonstration**

We invite the public, policymakers, and media to join us:

- **Date:** April 20, 2026
- **Location:** Washington, D.C.

## **About Mahoro Peace Association (MPA-USA)**

Mahoro Peace Association is a 501c3 U.S.-based community organization dedicated to promoting peace, advancing human rights, and protecting vulnerable communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo, with a particular focus on the Banyamulenge community.

## **About ISÔKO\_USA**

ISÔKO\_USA is a 501c3 U.S. diaspora-led organization engaged in human right advocacy, awareness, cultural and traditional educational and as well as the support for communities

affected by conflict in Democratic Republic of Congo, with a focus on Tutsi Congolese populations.

On behalf of the victims of grave human rights violations, we are raising our voices together because those enduring unimaginable suffering cannot be heard. For many of us, this crisis is not distant—it is deeply personal. We carry the scars of similar atrocities we survived before finding refuge in the United States, and today we are watching history repeat itself for our families and communities.

Every moment without action costs lives. Families are being torn apart. Children are growing up surrounded by fear, loss, and trauma that no child should ever know.

We urgently call on the United States and the international community to act now—with resolve, with compassion, and with the full weight of humanity—before more lives are lost and this tragedy deepens beyond repair.”

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### ***For more Information and Pictures***

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**Destructions of livelihood in Nord Kivu and South Kivu only targeting Tutsi and Banyamulenge villages and churches**

