

UN Peacekeeper Killed in Central African Republic Clashes with Rebels



United Nations, November 11 (RHC)-- The United Nations says one of its Cameroonian peacekeepers has been killed in the north of the Central African Republic in clashes with rebels.

UN spokesman, Stephane Dujarric, said on Tuesday that clashes took place between ex-Seleka rebels and the world body's Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the country at a checkpoint manned by the mission in the town of Batangafo.

The official said the clashes had followed an outbreak of violence between ex-Seleka elements and Christian anti-balaka militiamen at a camp for the internally-displaced in the town.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon condemned the killing and called for swift action to bring the perpetrators to justice.

The CAR plunged into chaos and sectarian violence in March that year after the Seleka and anti-balaka groups turned their guns on each other to dominate the nation's politics and vast mineral resources.

Tens of thousands of Muslims have fled the CAR over the past two years as the anti-balaka rebels keep committing widespread human rights abuses against them.

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