

The United Nations Security Council: Topic A Primary Sources

The Situation in the DR Congo

Here are the primary sources that your moderator or legal chair thought would be helpful in gaining an understanding of the topic. These are by no means all of the sources available, just sources we wanted to highlight.

Source #1: Security Council Press Statement on Situation in Democratic Republic of Congo

The United Nations Security Council met on October 9th 2019 to discuss the situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo. This press statement discusses the Security Council's hope that the new president, Félix Tshisekedi, and his administration will maintain their campaign promises to pursue national unity and support the freedom of expression. The Security Council also states how they believe the DR Congo should maintain political stability during their political transition. The Security Council also calls for disarmament in the DR Congo in the statement. This statement is important to our topic because it is the most recent statement given by the Security Council about the situation in the DR Congo and how the Security Council wishes to proceed with combatting the issues in the nation.

<https://www.un.org/press/en/2019/sc13985.doc.htm>

Source #2: The World Bank's Overview of the DR Congo

The World Bank's overview of the DR Congo gives an outline of the nation's economics, politics, and society. It also discusses the World Bank's strategy towards sustainable development for the nation and its current projects within the borders. It shows that it has committed \$4.12 billion dollars to the country and describes how that money is being allocated. Not only this, but it also shows the successes that this money has already caused. It also discusses other organizations and NGOs, such as USAID and UNICEF, that have assisted in the development of the DR Congo. This source is important to our topic because not only does it give an overview of the nation but it also shows what groups and strategies can be utilized to work towards maintaining peace and sustainable development in the country.

<https://www.worldbank.org/en/country/drc/overview#4>

Source #3: The DR Congo Ebola Outbreak along with COVID – 19

This World Health Organization article discusses the current Ebola outbreak in the DR Congo, the second biggest outbreak of the virus to date, and how the outbreak could get worse in light of the new Coronavirus. Currently, the nation is not only trying to vaccinate for the Ebola virus, but it is also dealing with the quarantine of Coronavirus patients. This article follows a doctor from the nation as he describes how the nation and hospitals are handling the situation. It outlines the insecurities that doctors have regarding their safety in the nation and how this impacts issues such as disease control and medical availability. It also discusses what the World Health Organization is doing amidst the crisis and what other organizations are also contributing. This article is important to the topic because it gives an overview of the DR Congo's biggest public health threats and what the nation is doing about the issue. It also shows what the nation may need from organizations and the Security Council.

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/04/1061852>

Source #4: Democratic Republic of the Congo Refugee Crisis Explained

This article from the United Nations Refugee Agency outlines the refugee crisis in the DR Congo. It discusses various facets of the refugee crisis such as who the refugees are, where they are going, and what is causing the displacement. It also takes an interesting angle and discusses how the public health crisis within the nation also impacts the refugee crisis. Another reason why this article is helpful is that it discusses who is most vulnerable during the crisis. This will help the security council determine which groups of people have the most need in the region. This article is important to our topic because the refugee crisis in the DR Congo is not only a huge issue itself, but it also impacts many other problems within the nation and contributes to the overall insecurity of the country.

<https://www.unrefugees.org/news/democratic-republic-of-the-congo-refugee-crisis-explained/>

Source #5: DR Congo Basin Deforestation

This article discusses the current environmental crisis within the DR Congo involving deforestation of the Congo Basin. The Congo Basin Rainforest provides many natural resources to the people living in the DR Congo as well as many other countries. This article written by Molly Bergen, an expert in the field, shows what is going on in the rainforest, and how current trends will lead to negative impacts all throughout Africa, not just in the DR Congo. This article is also useful because it has a link to a summary of the author establishing her credibility. This article is very important to this topic because it discusses the environment of the DR Congo. The environment is often times overlooked when discussing instability of a region but it plays a vital role in stability and sustainable development of a nation.

<https://www.wri.org/blog/2019/07/congo-basin-deforestation-threatens-food-and-water-supplies-throughout-africa>

Source #6: Violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo

This outline of the violence in the DR Congo is from the Global Conflict Tracker. This article outlines what kind of violence is occurring in the nation and historical background of the issue. It also shows alerts regarding the DR Congo on the side of the page keeping an updated record of the nation's noteworthy incidents. This source is important to this topic because not only does it give historical background on the DR Congo, but it also is updated very often to show new incidences within the nation. This source can be continuously checked upon until the date of the conference for new information about the nation.

<https://www.cfr.org/global-conflict-tracker/conflict/violence-democratic-republic-congo>