

Rubavu: Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) fighter jet identified as Sukhoi-25 illegally entered into Rwandan airspace along Lake Kivu in the Western Province on Wednesday at around 12h00, and immediately returned to the DRC.

The Rwandan authorities protested the violation of its airspace to the DRC Government saying that today's incident is one in a series of provocations, including a similar airspace violation that occurred on 7 November 2022, when a DRC fighter jet of the same type briefly touched down at Rubavu Airport before flying back to DRC.

"These repeated violations are against the spirit of Luanda and Nairobi peace initiatives", according to a statement from the Office of the Government spokesperson.

A statement further said that the authorities in the DRC seem to be emboldened by consistent coddling by some in the international community who repeatedly heap blame on Rwanda for any and all ills in the DRC, while ignoring the transgressions originating from the DRC.

"These provocations must stop", the Rwandan government said.