

The United Nations Security Council has condemned in the strongest terms the attack on a convoy of the UN peacekeepers in the northwest of the Central African Republic (CAR), which resulted in one Rwandan peacekeeper killed and two others injured.

The attack took place this Monday, July, 13 2020 by alleged Return, Reclamation and Rehabilitation (3R) armed elements targeting a convoy of the Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) in Gedze, Prefecture of Nana-Mambéré.

In a statement, members of the Security Council expressed their deepest condolences and sympathy to the family of the peacekeeper killed, as well as to Rwanda and to MINUSCA. They wished the injured a speedy recovery.

The members of the Security Council condemned in the strongest terms all attacks, provocations and incitement to violence against MINUSCA by armed groups and other perpetrators.

The members of the Security Council reiterated that attacks against peacekeepers may constitute war crimes and reminded all parties of their obligations under international humanitarian law. They called on the Government of the Central African Republic to swiftly investigate this attack and bring the perpetrators to justice.

The members of the Security Council reiterated their full support for MINUSCA and expressed their deep appreciation to MINUSCA's troop- and police-contributing countries.

The members of the Security Council reiterated their strong support for the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Central African Republic, Mankeur Ndiaye, and for MINUSCA to assist the Central African Republic authorities and the people of the Central African Republic in their efforts to bring lasting peace and stability, as mandated by the Security Council in resolution 2499 (2019).