

Two Ugandan soldiers (UPDF) under the East African Regional Force (EACRF) were injured in attack by unknown insurgents on Monday morning.

According to a statement by the Ugandan contingent spokesperson, Capt Ahmad Hassan Kato, the logistics convoy was attacked at Rukoro- Burai in Rutshuru territory at around at around 10:00.

“The UPDF troops tactically fought fiercely through the ambush and continued with their mission to Bunagana,” Capt Kato said.

He noted that two Ugandan peacekeepers got minor injuries on the heads and have since been admitted to Kisoro hospital for treatment.

The contingent spokesperson said investigations into the incident have started to ascertain the identity of the armed military who attacked the convoy.

“We condemn such a cowardly act on the peace keepers and we also warn that such attacks must stop with immediate effect otherwise the EACRF mandate gives the peace keepers the powers to fight back in self defence,” Capt Kato said.

The Ugandan troops operating as part of an East African Regional Force (EACRF) force entered the east DR Congo border town of Bunagana March this year under the mission to supervise the gradual withdrawal of the M23 rebel group, which has conquered swathes of territory in eastern Congo since taking up arms again in late 2021.