

**Embassy of India  
Kinshasa**

**Press Release**

**Sub: Blast in Goma, DR Congo**

- As per the information received from Indian Army unit attached with the UN peace keeping Mission in DR Congo(MONUSCO), 32 Indian soldiers attached with MONUSCO have been injured in Suspected IED attack on PT column of INDBATT-1 at Himbi today around 0615hrs. **All the injured Indian soldiers belong to 16 Punjab Regiment.** 14 personnel of INDBATT 1 have been evacuated to level-III Hospital, GOMA and 18 personnel are being managed at level-I hospital, Himbi. One child (local civilian) of approximately six to eight years, expired. In addition, one civilian was injured. First aid was provided to the injured Indian soldiers at level-I Hospital, Himbi.
- There was a gathering of agitated local crowd in front of Indbatt 1 and level-III Hospital. The situation is being managed with the help of Indbatt1 and provincial police force. Presently the Situation is under control. The incident site has been secured by Indbatt 1. UNMAS representatives have been called for forensic investigation of the site.
- The incident occurred at Himbi which is located in North Kivu(Capital GOMA) province in eastern DR Congo which is about 1600 Kms from Kinshasa, capital of DR Congo.
- Indian Embassy is in constant touch with Indian Army personal attached to MONUSCO in Goma. Further details are being obtained from MONUSCO office in Goma.
- Hotline has been setup by the Embassy as point of contact for the relatives of the injured Indian peacekeepers. For any information please contact the following telephone numbers.
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