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On 30 August 2013, the offensive attack by the Armed Forces of the Democratic Republic of Congo (FARDC) supported by the Force Intervention Brigade (FIB) over the past weeks, the government forces (FARDC), together with the FIB, took over the Triple Tower mountain where the M23 rebel forces had lodged themselves. The FARDC, supported by the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) and Tanzanian People's Defence Force (TPDF), are holding the ground at Triple Towers and the general area of Kibati to date. Since then, there has been a break in the offensive firing.

The SANDF is committed to update the media about the development in the eastern DRC through frequent media briefing.

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