

Anti-Kabila protesters arrested

DRC police have arrested more than 100 people in a clampdown on protesters demanding that President Joseph Kabila leave office by the end of the year. A series of marches across the country by pro-democracy group Lucha, and backed by several leading opposition politicians, have been snuffed out by heavy police deployments. [Al Jazeera](#) reports, that Ida Sawyer, Central Africa director at US-based Human Rights Watch, said the group had confirmed 57 arrests in the eastern city of Goma, 24 in the capital Kinshasa and dozens more in seven other cities. **Kabila's refusal to step down when his mandate expired last December has fuelled rising violence and insecurity** in the DRC, but organised opposition has faltered since the death of his main opponent, Etienne Tshisekedi, in February.