



RWANDA

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Myanmar

Rwanda is a country which unfortunately has suffered through a genocide of its own. The effects of the Rwandan Genocide still greatly shape the countries politics and diplomacy today. Rwanda voted yes on resolution 74/246, which condemned the present actions of Myanmar, as well as the previously enacted racist policies since 1982 which systematically denied recognition and citizenship to the Rohingya people. The resolution also called for the government of Myanmar to allow Rohingya people to return to their homes safely.

Read more

<https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/3841021?ln=en>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rwandan_genocide

DRC

History of Relations

Ever since the Rwandan genocide, Rwanda has frequently been involved in conflicts on the territory of the DRC. Their involvement started when members of the previous Rwandan regime which perpetrated the genocide fled to the DRC, then a far-right dictatorship known as "Zaire", intending to use it as a base to retake the country. This intervention led to the overthrow of the Zairan regime, however when the succeeded DRC government demanded the departure of foreign troops, Rwanda and some of its allies refused, thus setting the stage for the current Conflicts in the eastern DRC.



Current Involvement

Rwanda supports armed groups such as M23 which operate in eastern congo and often make their money by stealing and subsequently trading congolese resources, an action condemned by the UN. Despite their quite obvious involvement, the government of Rwanda officially maintains that it is not involved and that the conflict in the DRC is an internal matter. Rwanda has both a political and an economic incentive to ensure its control of neighbouring regions of the DRC.

Read more

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kivu_conflict
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Democratic_Republic_of_the_Congo%E2%80%93Rwanda_relations

Lithium

Historically Rwanda has specialised in other minerals, however according to one expert involved in local mining has described Rwanda as having "interesting lithium hard-rock potential".

Read more

<https://www.rmb.gov.rw/updates/news-detail/east-africa-led-by-rwanda-is-frontier-for-technology-metals-mine-developers>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brian_Menell

