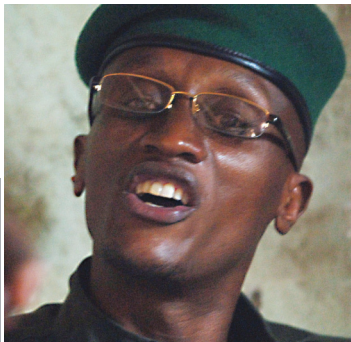


Thousands flee DR Congo fighting

Almost a quarter of a million people are believed to have fled into forest areas to escape fighting in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Despite a ceasefire, the government of President Joseph Kabila has refused to talk to the rebel Tutsi National Congress for People's Defense (CNDP)



CNDP leader **Laurent Nkunda** claims Tutsis suffer attacks from Hutu militias

CNDP opposes Kinshasa plans to invite foreign help in exploiting region's mineral resources

▲ 16 refugee camps in North Kivu

