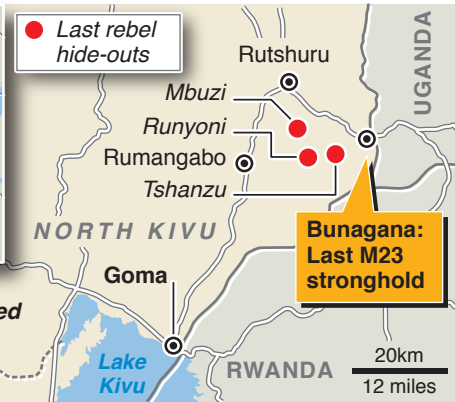


M23 rebels end insurgency in eastern Congo

The Democratic Republic of Congo's M23 rebel group declared an end to its 20-month rebellion hours after the government claimed military victory



At least 800,000 people displaced by fighting between DRC army and rebels since April 2012

DEMISE OF M23

■ April 2012: M23 rebels – mostly from Tutsi ethnic group with ties to Rwanda's leaders – desert from Congolese army after complaining that terms of 2009 peace deal ending previous rebellion have not been met

■ Oct: UN investigators accuse Rwanda of supporting M23

■ Nov: M23 briefly seizes control of regional capital, Goma

■ Mar 18, 2013: General Bosco Ntaganda – “The Terminator” – gives himself up after losing power struggle within M23. He faces war crimes charges at ICC in The Hague

■ Mar 28: UN approves new mission of 3,000 well-equipped African soldiers with tougher mandate to fight rebels in eastern Congo

■ Oct 4: U.S. withdraws military aid to Rwanda, accusing it of backing M23 rebels, believed to recruit minors

■ Oct 25: Congolese army launches offensive after peace talks break down over rebel demands for amnesty

■ Nov 5: M23 political leader **Bertrand Bisimwa** declares ceasefire – military leader **Sultani Makenga** flees into Rwanda or Uganda

