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Congo Fighters Withdraw

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BUNIA, Congo, June 25 (AP) — Dozens of tribal fighters withdrew from this unstable northeastern Congolese town today, complying with a deadline set by a French-led international peacekeeping force in the area.

Most of the fighters appeared to have pulled out by Tuesday, the original deadline. The deadline was extended by a day when it became apparent some of the fighters from the Hema tribe were still in town.

Officers of the peacekeeping force said that soldiers would disarm any of the fighters who remained in Bunia after the deadline. Bunia is the main city in the resource-rich Ituri region.

The province has been the scene of some of the worst atrocities in the five-year-old civil war in Congo.

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