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Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni told U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon he had spoken to M23 rebels in the Democratic Republic of Congo - a group his government is accused of supporting - and called for calm, a U.N. peacekeeping spokesman said on Monday.

Ban called Museveni on Sunday evening as the rebels advanced to Goma, the provincial capital of North Kivu province. "President Museveni, in his capacity as Chairperson of the International Conference of the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), indicated (to Ban) that he had spoken to the M23 rebels and called for calm," Dwyer said in a statement.

Ban spoke to Congo's foreign minister, Raymond Tshibanda, and Rwandan President Paul Kagame on Saturday. Foreign ministers from the Great Lakes regional body were due to meet on the conflict on Tuesday in Kampala, Dwyer said.