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to the Commission**

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Subject: Security at the Virunga National Park

Four ranger positions on the shores of Lake Edward in the Central Sector were attacked by Mai-Mai militia over the weekend. The coordinated attacks were carried out by over 120 rebels, beginning in the early hours of Saturday morning. It is believed this number represents a new coalition of Mai Mai rebels specifically targeting Virunga's rangers. Both rangers were captured by the rebels before being summarily executed.

An unfathomable total of 150 rangers have been lost in a decade here in Virunga, and over ten in the last year alone.

On 2 December 2015, MEPs called on the Commission to take action to help protect the park, to address the root causes of armed conflicts and corruption, and to support sustainable development and peace-building strategies in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

What is the Commission doing to increase the security in the Virunga National Park in the wake of Parliament's call for action?