

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

The Democratic Republic of the Congo also known as DR Congo, the DRC, DROC, Congo-Kinshasa, or simply the Congo, is a country located in Central Africa.

A new election took place in October , which Kabila won, and on December he was sworn in as President. By late Mobutu had successfully neutralized his political opponents and rivals, either through co-opting them into his regime, arresting them, or rendering them otherwise politically impotent. The CNDP signed a peace treaty with the government in which it agreed to become a political party and to have its soldiers integrated into the national army in exchange for the release of its imprisoned members. In , Mobutu renamed the country the Republic of Zaire, [20] its fourth name change in eleven years and its sixth overall. Kasa-Vubu's death in April ensured that no person with First Republic credentials could challenge his rule. It boasts vast deposits of industrial diamonds, cobalt , and copper; one of the largest forest reserves in Africa; and about half of the hydroelectric potential of the continent. The Congo River was renamed the Zaire River. Rising to between 3, and 4, feet and 1, metres , these plateaus also separate the central basin from the vast plains of the Lake Chad system. The Katanga plateaus reach as far north as the Lukuga River and contain the Manika Plateau, the Kibara and the Bia mountains, and the high plains of Marungu. The river rises in the high Katanga plateaus and flows north and then south in a great arc, crossing the Equator twice. Most of the country is composed of the central Congo basin , a vast rolling plain with an average elevation of about 1, feet metres above sea level. The reforms turned out to be largely cosmetic. The basin may once have been an inland sea whose only vestiges are Lakes Tumba and Mai-Ndombe in the west-central region. Zaire became a kleptocracy as Mobutu and his associates embezzled government funds. They were believed[by whom? This part of the country is the highest and most rugged, with striking chains of mountains. The Mitumba Mountains stretch along the Western Rift Valley, rising to an elevation of 9, feet 2, metres. Although relative peace and stability were achieved, Mobutu's government was guilty of severe human rights violations , political repression , a cult of personality and corruption. Congo is rich in natural resources. Mobutu continued in power until armed forces forced him to flee in