



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

## **PRESIDENT RUTO, MARCO RUBIO DISCUSS DRC AND SUDAN**

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I had a telephone conversation with the United States Secretary of State, Marco Rubio, reaffirming our commitment to strengthening Kenya-U.S. diplomatic ties and advancing shared interests.

Secretary Rubio and I also discussed regional peace and security, particularly the situation in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). We emphasised the crucial role of the EAC-SADC joint-led process in de-escalating tensions and advancing peace efforts. This includes the appointment of facilitators, the implementation of the ceasefire, and the broader political process towards a lasting resolution.

Additionally, we discussed the situation in the Republic of the Sudan and Kenya's crucial role in providing a platform for key stakeholders - including political parties, civil society, and other actors - to engage in a process aimed at stopping the tragic slide of Sudan into anarchy and ensuring a pathway towards sustainable peace.

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