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NEW ACQUISITIONS OF THE IPIS LIBRARY

Julie Flint and Alex De Waal (2008) *Darfur: a new history of a long war*, Zed books, London/New York, 320 p.

Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

Africa: Solve Power Woes Says World Bank.

(4/06/2008 – The Citizen – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806040510.html>

The power sector now demands urgent attention if the continent is to achieve stable economic growth, the World Bank warned.

AfDB Calls for Transparent Management of Africa's Mineral Resources.

(4/06/2008 – African Development Bank)

http://www.afdb.org/portal/page?_pageid=293,174339&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&press_item=30732559

Opening a joint AfDB, World Bank and The Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad) workshop on Resource Governance and the Extractive Industries, AfDB called for a more transparent management of Africa's mineral resources, underscoring the fact that the extraction of Africa's oil, gas and mineral resources represents a boom for African Countries if it is managed well.

Africa: Leaders Hail Progress as World Economic Forum on Continent Opens.

(4/06/2008 – World Economic Forum – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806040999.html>

At the opening plenary session of the 18th World Economic Forum on Africa, five African government leaders highlighted the challenges faced by the continent, notably food security, the management of resources, political development and sustainable growth.

Power, skills shortages threaten Africa growth – WEF.

(5/06/2008 – Reuters – Engineering News)

http://www.engineeringnews.co.za/article.php?a_id=134954

The lack of requisite skills and the shortage of power will likely be the main stumbling blocks to economic growth in Africa. Electricity shortages for example also threaten to slow development and drive up project costs in Congo.

Mixed views on copper – short term pain or long term gain.

(5/06/2008 – Reuters - Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page36?oid=54221&sn=Detail>

Many fund managers and analysts believe that in the short term copper prices are due for a further fall, but longer term the outlook could be positive.

Congo-Kinshasa: Marché des métaux - plus de 25% d'augmentation des cours depuis le début de l'année.

(7/07/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806070055.html>

The international metal market has been marked by some sharp price increases since the beginning of the year. The strong demand from the emerging countries is indicated as one of the main causes.

Congo-Kinshasa: Revirement des tendances sur les marchés de métaux - Le cuivre et l'aluminium résistent.

(10/06/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806100526.html>

Lead, Zinc and Nickel keep devaluating. Copper and aluminium, on the other side, retain their value as a result of production problems.

Congo-Kinshasa: Pierres précieuses et pierres semi-précieuses - Savoir faire la différence.

(10/06/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806100576.html>

The characteristics of precious stones are outlined in this article.

High oil price brings good tidings, but ...

(June 2008 – New African)

For Consultation at IPIS library.

The economic growth rate in sub-Saharan Africa is expected to increase to 6,5% this year. The major catalyst for this African revival is the surge in oil prices, precipitated by China and India's insatiable appetite for the commodity. But can this positive momentum be sustained over the longer term?

DRC

DRC-Growth with Governance in the Mineral Sector.

(9/06/2008 – World Bank)

[http://www-](http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/main?pagePK=64193027&piPK=64187937&theSitePK=523679&menuPK=64187510&searchMenuPK=64187511&cid=3001&entityID=000076092_20080609171022)

[wds.worldbank.org/external/default/main?pagePK=64193027&piPK=64187937&theSitePK=523679&menuPK=64187510&searchMenuPK=64187511&cid=3001&entityID=000076092_20080609171022](http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/main?pagePK=64193027&piPK=64187937&theSitePK=523679&menuPK=64187510&searchMenuPK=64187511&cid=3001&entityID=000076092_20080609171022)

New World Bank project for the Congolese mineral sector. The project is planned to start at the end of 2008.

Banks investing in commodities to offset credit crunch.

(5/06/2008 - Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page504?oid=54210&sn=Detail>

Banks are channelling investment towards mining projects and M&As to offset difficulties caused by the credit crunch. Arthur Ditto however says DRC and its mining sector are not creditworthy.

Lubumbashi : la Fec contre la nouvelle classification des matières minérales de la CEEC.

(6/06/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=18961>

The FEC protests against the CEEC classification of minerals. The FEC declares it believes it is not the marketing value but rather the intrinsic characteristics of the minerals that determine the quality.

Congo-Kinshasa: Nouvelle classification des matières minérales - la FEC à couteaux tirés avec le CEEC.

(10/06/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806100376.html>

The new classification of minerals, proposed by CEEC, causes some disagreement and serious discussion in the DRC.

Katanga allows nine companies to resume cobalt concentrate exports.

(9/06/2008 – Reuters – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page36?oid=54344&sn=Detail>

A month long ban on exporting cobalt concentrates for treatment in Zambia by Katanga province in the DRC has been lifted for nine companies, but others still face restrictions.

Révélation troublantes de la Gécamines : sur la trentaine de sociétés partenaires, seules CMSK et STL sont jugées crédibles.

(4/06/2008 – Mediacongo.net)

<http://www.mediacongo.net/show.asp?doc=9508>

From the approximately 30 Gecamines joint ventures, only two appear profitable.

Iran, DR Congo determined to widen cooperation in mining sector.

(9/06/2008 – Mathaba)

<http://mathaba.net/news/?x=594725>

Iranian Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo Hamid-Reza Qomi held talks with Congolese minister of mines on expansion of mutual mineral ties.

Journée mondiale de l'océan : les pétroliers de Muanda interpellés.

(9/06/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=18996>

Because of the "international ocean day", Oil companies in Muanda were asked to think about the negative impact their activities have on the environment.

Congo-Kinshasa: Pétrole, l'odeur au nez des Députés!

(9/06/2008 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806091385.html>

Concerning the oil exploitation in Muanda, Bas-Congo.

L'exploitation de la bauxite intéresse des compagnies américaines.

(9/06/2008 – Les Afriques)

<http://www.lesafriques.com/congo-rdc/-l-exploitation-de-la-bauxite-interesse-des-compagnies-america.html?Itemid=49?articleid=6948>

A delegation of American investors has presented a project to the authorities of Bas-Congo to exploit Bauxite.

Congo-Kinshasa: Katanga - L'exploitation minière artisanale, une bombe à retardement.

(10/06/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806100777.html>

Radio warns artisanal mining represents a real danger in Kolwezi, not just for the miners but for the community as a whole.

Tenke Fungurume copper/cobalt project, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

(6/06/2008 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?id=134989>

Fact sheet of the Tenke Fungurume project in DRC.

Kinsevere mine stage II development, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

(6/06/2008 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?id=134981>

Fact sheet of the Kinsevere project in DRC.

Zambia power cut will reduce mining output – official.

(4/06/2008 – Reuters – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?id=134881>

Zambia copper output hit in power shortage.

(4/06/2008 – Reuters – Miningmx)

http://www.miningmx.com/mining_fin/513134.htm

Zambia's Copperbelt Energy Corp., which supplies power to the country's copper and cobalt mines, has cut back supply following disruptions in electricity imports. Last week electricity imports from the DRC have been disrupted following a technical fault.

Congo-Kinshasa: Sous l'impulsion du gouverneur Moïse Katumbi - Les opérateurs miniers acceptent de financer la construction de la route Kolwezi-Likasi.

(9/06/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806091257.html>

After some time of resistance and hesitations, different companies involved in the Katanga mining sector recognize the necessity to construct the Kolwezi-Likasi road.

Congo-Kinshasa: Eboulement de terre à Kolwezi - Cinq morts déterrés jusque lundi dernier.

(4/06/2008 – La Prospérité)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806040819.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Kolwezi - Eboulement dans une carrière de la Gecamines.

(4/06/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806040616.html>

Collapse in abandoned Gecamines mine near Kolwezi causes 5 dead.

Bunia : Journée mondiale de l'environnement, les ONG locales déplorent la destruction massive de la forêt.

(5/06/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=18949>

On the International Day for the Environment Congolese NGO's repeated they regret the massive devastation of the forest during the armed conflicts between 1999 and 2003.

Congo-Kinshasa: Concertation sur la gestion durable des forêts en RDC.

(6/06/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806060602.html>

Meeting in Kinshasa on a durable management of the Congolese forest.

UGANDA

Uganda: Country Searching for Options After Oil Find.

(9/06/2008 - Business Daily)

http://www.bdafrica.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=8107&Itemid=5821

(9/06/2008 – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806091507.html>

From the scanty information being released, it appears that the crude oil discovered by Tullow Oil at Mputa in western Uganda is heavy, waxy and low sulphur. This is both good and not so good news.

Uganda: The Forgotten 'Victim' of the Northern War.

(4/06/2008 – The Monitor - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806031165.html>

During the conflict, deforestation took place as trees were cut down by people living within the camps to provide fuel.

BURUNDI

Herbert Smith.

(4/06/2008 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For Consultation at IPIS library.

The Herbert Smith Practice is one of the selected consultants for review of the Burundian mining code. Several oil firms are yet asking permissions to explore Lake Tanganyika.

RWANDA

Les forêts menacées par la hausse du prix de la braise.

(05/06/2008 – Syfia)

<http://syfia-grands-lacs.info/index.php5?view=articles&action=voir&idArticle=1010>

Logging is subject to strict regulation in Rwanda. However due recent high prices of charcoal, the Rwandan authorities need to be very vigilant.

OIL DISCOVERY AT LAKE ALBERT

Ugandans on island caught in a battle for oil riches.

(4/06/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=17503>

Several clashes between soldiers and gunmen from Uganda and DRC have erupted at the island since the oil discovery at Lake Albert.

Sécurité du lac Albert.

(4/06/2008 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For Consultation at IPIS library.

The Ugandan army is planning to create a defence unit to ensure security at Lake Albert.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

UGANDA

Kasese Cobalt Workers Go on Strike Over Pay, New Vision Says.

[http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601116&sid=a5Pv.jXQA50g&refer=afri
ca](http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601116&sid=a5Pv.jXQA50g&refer=afri
ca)

Uganda: Caltex Not for Sale, Says Country Chairman.

(9/06/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 10/06/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806100062.html>

This article follows reports in Business Daily newspaper that Chevron Kenya and Uganda were up for sale as the multi-national firm plans to exit Africa.

Magnus International Resources Signs Agreement to Sell its Huidong Property Interest for US \$3 million and Retains a 3% NSR.

(5/06/2008 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/mw/release.do?id=865213>

Magnus International sold its stakes in the Chinese mining industry, it is going to focus its efforts on the promising Ugandan mining sector.

DRC

Anvil to double copper output from DRC during next 3yrs.

(3/06/2008 – Reuters – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page504?oid=54069&sn=Detail>

Anvil says plans to lift copper output to 100 000 t.

(4/06/2008 – Reuters – Mining Weekly)

http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=134857

Anvil Mining announced it would spend \$550-million on expansions and new mining operations in the Congo.

Furthermore the firm is still awaiting negotiations with state mining group Gecamines as part of a nationwide review of mining contracts.

Katanga to finish DRC mining review in 3-4 months.

(4/06/2008 – Reuters)

<http://www.reuters.com/article/marketsNews/idUSL0410430220080604>

Katanga Mining expects to finalise renewed licences under the Congo government's review process in three to four months. Arthur Ditto told to consolidate licences held by both Katanga and Nikanor, bought by Katanga last year for about \$2.1 billion.

Katanga Mining May Become Takeover Target, Chief Says (Update2).

(4/06/2008 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=ahIFkIxd0vP8>

Katanga Mining Ltd., restarting the Democratic Republic of Congo's largest underground copper mine, may become a takeover target when the government completes a mining license review, Arthur Ditto said.

Assemblée nationale : Perenco et Chevron sommées à indemniser les victimes de la pollution.

(4/06/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=18922>

The Congolese National Parliament declared Perenco and Chevron have to pay a compensation for the pollution of the environment their activities caused.

Le groupe Forrest joue la transparence.

(8-14/06/2008 – Jeune Afrique)

For Consultation at IPIS library.

The Belgian-Congolese mining group Forrest released its financial results of the year 2007

Congo-Kinshasa: Gécamines - L'ascenseur au Groupe Forrest !

(4/06/2008 – Le Prospérité– allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806040227.html>

At the Katanga mining conference Gecamines declared it has got only two mining projects that are profitable, both joint ventures with Forrest.

Congo-Kinshasa: La Gécamines survit grâce au groupe Forrest.

(4/06/2008 – Le Phare; published by all Africa – 5/06/2008)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806050445.html>

Gecamines says it needs its joint ventures with Forrest in order to survive.

Camec could be cobalt king.

(10/06/2008 – The Times)

<http://business.timesonline.co.uk/tol/business/markets/article4101112.ece>

A mining analyst of Credit Suisse, said that Camec, which is focused on the Democratic Republic of Congo, will be the next Xstrata.

Nevada Bob's announces change of business.

(6/06/2008 – iStockAnalyst)

http://www.istockanalyst.com/article/viewarticle+articleid_2269474~title_Nevada-Bob's-announces.html

Nevada Bob's International Inc. announces it intends shares of LoncorResources. Loncor is a private company that holds as its primary asset all of the shares of Loncor ResourcesCongo SPRL. Loncor Congo is a private company existing under the laws of the DRC that controls four exploration permits in the BasProvince and 46 exploration permits in North Kivu.

Golf retailer Nevada Bob's taking a swing at mining business.

(7/06/2008 – The Chronicle Herald Business)

<http://thechronicleherald.ca/Business/1060695.html>

Nevada Bob's International Inc. , a company better known for golf, is getting into the mining business with the acquisition of Loncor Resources Inc., a company with exploration permits in the DRC.

Banro outlines major new mineralized gold structure at Mufwa within its Twangiza property.

(6/06/2008 – iStockAnalyst)

http://www.istockanalyst.com/article/viewarticle+articleid_2267596~title_Banro-outlines-major-new.html

Banro Corporation announced the results of the first phase of exploration on the Mufwa Prospect, located in the Company'swholly-owned Twangiza Project on the Twangiza-Namoya gold belt in the DRC.

New projects expand African footprint.

(6/06/2008 – Mining Weekly)

http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=133865

Midtier diamond producer and exploration company Pangea Diamondfield announced in May, in its first-quarter update report that with immediate effect, its portfolio now consists of eight projects located in the CAR, the DRC, Angola and South Africa.

Beneficiation trials yield sparkling results.

(6/06/2008 – Mining Weekly)

http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=133852

Global diamond-mining company Gem Diamonds states in its annual report for 2007 that its beneficiation trials are yielding positive results. In the article there is also a lot of attention for the DRC projects of Gem Diamonds.

Nouveau permis dans la cuvette

(4/06/2008 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For Consultation at IPIS library.

Cominco SARL, a small Congolese company, has obtained an exploitation permission for a 750 000 km² territory in north eastern Congo, with the help of Valiant Investment, a British fund. The territory is known for its huge oil potential.

Quatre contrats en attente.

(4/06/2008 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For Consultation at IPIS library.

Next to Cominco, there are still three other companies waiting for an approval of their mining contracts. It concerns H Oil/Divine Inspiration Group, Tullow Oil and South Africa Congo Oil.

Bunia : exploitation pétrolière dans le Lac Albert, Tullow Oil s'impatiente.

(9/06/2008 –Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=19000>

Congo-Kinshasa: Province Orientale - L'incertitude s'installe dans l'exploitation pétrolière dans le Lac Albert.

(10/06/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806100669.html>

Tullow Oil declared it is tired of waiting to commence its oil exploitation activities at Lake Albert. It has been 18 months since the company and DRC signed a production sharing agreement.

Chemaf, le modèle des entreprises minières pour la reconstruction de la Rdc.

(05/06/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/51789>

Article claiming that Chemaf is one of the few companies in DRC that really advances the Congolese national economy.

China in the Great Lakes Region

China in Africa: Implications for U.S. Policy.

(4/06/2008 – US Department of State)

<http://www.state.gov/p/eap/rls/rm/2008/06/105556.htm>

Statement before the Subcommittee on African Affairs of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

How China delivers development assistance to Africa.

(February 2008 – Centre for Chinese Studies)

http://www.ccs.org.za/downloads/DFID_FA_Final.pdf

China's "new foray" into Africa is attracting wide international attention and contentious debate. China is seemingly engaging Africa on new terms. This article delivers information and gains insight into China's aid policies vis-à-vis Africa.

China's Thirst for Oil.

(9/06/2008 – International Crisis Group)

<http://www.crisisgroup.org/home/index.cfm?id=5478&l=1>

China's need for energy is growing faster than any other country's. Record economic growth results in demand that outstrips domestic supply, leading Beijing to look outward to ensure growth and stability.

China, Africa, and Oil.

(9/06/2008 – Washington Post)

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/06/09/AR2008060900714.html>

As its economy booms, China is intent on getting the resources needed to sustain its rapid growth, and is taking its quest to lock down sources of oil and other necessary raw materials across the globe. As part of this effort, China has turned to Africa.

Le grand bond chinois vers l'Afrique.

(9/06/2008 – Colette Braeckman)

<http://blogs.lesoir.be/colette-braeckman/2008/06/09/le-grand-bond-chinois-vers-lafrique/>

Braeckman thinks China may achieve what the West could not, pull Africa into the globalised world. However, she also points at some risks, as for an example the impact on the environment.

DRC

Matadi : engins et matériels pour les 5 chantiers sont arrivés de Chine.

(4/06/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=18935>

Le débarquement à Matadi des premiers engins chinois de génie civil marque la 1ère phase d'exécution des cinq chantiers de la RDC.

(5/06/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/51782>

The first CREC shipment of materials and engines is welcomed in the port of Matadi. The Chinese investors will build infrastructure in exchange for a share of Congo's natural resources.

Congo-Kinshasa: Délivrés par l'Entreprise Chinoise CREC - Mbatshi Batshia réceptionne 14.000 tonnes des matériels destinés aux grands travaux.

(4/06/2008 – La Prospérité)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806040811.html>

CREC delivered a first shipment of 14.000 tons of construction materials at the port of Matadi.

5 chantiers : 12.000 tonnes de matériels chinois à Kinshasa.

(6/06/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=18954>

The first shipment of Chinese materials was lodged through Kinshasa after it arrived in Matadi. The objective was to make clear to civilians that the promised, huge infrastructure works will be carried out.

Congo-Kinshasa: Promesse tenue par le Chef de l'Etat Joseph Kabila Kabange - Le Gouvernement a réceptionné les matériels chinois à Kinshasa.

(6/06/2008 - La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806060813.html>

The first shipment of Chinese materials was lodged through Kinshasa after it arrived in Matadi. The objective was to make clear to civilians that the promised, huge infrastructure works will be carried out.

Le premier lot de 12.000 tonnes d'engins chinois de génie civil est attendu ce jeudi dans la capitale Kinshasa.

(05/06/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/51780>

Congo-Kinshasa: Coopération sino-congolaise - Les premiers équipements pour les cinq chantiers sont arrivés à Kinshasa.

(7/06/2008 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806091261.html>

Les Kinnois ont contempilé le convoi de 14.000 tonnes de matériel et 125 ingénieurs chinois arrivés jeudi dans la capitale.

(6/06/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/51804>

Impressionnants engins que 125 ingénieurs chinois arrivés à Kinshasa vont installer pour les travaux des cinq chantiers.

(6/06/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/51805>

Le gouvernement de la RDC a réceptionné jeudi à Kinshasa le 1er lot de 14.000 tonnes de matériel chinois destiné aux travaux des cinq chantiers.

(6/06/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/51803>

The first arrival of the Chinese shipment in Kinshasa was organised as a huge spectacle.

Le deuxième lot des engins chinois destinés aux cinq chantiers est arrivé le week-end à Kinshasa sous l'euphorie des foules admiratrices!

(9/06/2008 – digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/51839>

In Kinshasa there has been a second demonstration of the shipment of Chinese engines for the huge infrastructure works.

Congo-Kinshasa: 5 chantiers - Le doute peut être maintenant levé.

(10/06/2008 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806091330.html>

Now something visible happens following from the Congolese contracts with Chinese investors, doubt concerning the benefit for the population may disappear.

Les Kinois ont hâte de voir démarrer les travaux que vont réaliser les Chinois dans le cadre des cinq chantiers lancés par le Chef de l'Etat.

(10/06/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/51859>

Since the habitants of Kinshasa saw the arrival of Chinese engines, they cannot wait to see the infrastructure works get started.

Reviews and renegotiations, again.

(May 2008 – Africa-Asia Confidential, Vol. 1 Nr. 7)

<http://www.africa-asia-confidential.com/>

Kinshasa's "Commission Ministérielle Chargée de la Revisitation des Contrats Miniers" has revised the terms of China's biggest contract in DRC, signed with the joint venture Sicominex, as part of a wider commercial agreement with several Chinese companies, including China Railways and Sinohydro.

Congo-Kinshasa: L'UDS soutient la convention sino-chinoise.

(6/06/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806060610.html>

The UDS has decided to support the Congolese contracts with the Chinese investors. It is convinced that the contracts are in the benefit of the Congolese people.

Congo-Kinshasa: L'UCLF soutient l'apport de la Chine au développement de la RDC.

(6/06/2008 – Le Potentiel - allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806060603.html>

Le comité exécutif de l'association sans but lucratif Union culturelle Lulua et Frères (UCLF) supports the involvement of the Chinese investors in the Congolese development.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

Seminar Report: Research on Small Arms in Central Africa.

(27/12/2007 – SaferRwanda and ISS)

http://www.issafrica.org/dynamic/administration/file_manager/file_links/13DEC2007A_MPENG.PDF?link_id=&slink_id=6024&link_type=13&slink_type=12&tmpl_id=3

The seminar on Impact Oriented Research on Small Arms in Burundi, DRC, Republic of Congo and Rwanda brought together researchers from these countries to discuss the state of research on SALW in their countries, and collaboratively to outline their research work plans for 2008 and beyond.

Regional US military headquarters in Africa put on a slow track.

(7/06/2008 – AFP – TerraDaily)

http://www.terradaily.com/reports/Regional_US_military_headquarters_in_Africa_put_on_a_slow_track_999.html

Controversy surrounding the US military's new Africa Command has forced the Pentagon to put plans for establishing a headquarters in the continent on a slow track.

Ouganda: Neutralisation des FDLR et la LRA - la solution militaire en marche.

(5/06/2008 - Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806050348.html>

The finding of a solution for the FDLR and LRA receives ultimate priority in the Great Lakes Region. All the initiatives launched in the past have failed. It becomes articulated more often to choose for the military solution.

UGANDA

UGANDA: Landmine survivors welcome ban on cluster bombs.

(4/06/2008 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=78563>

The treaty is relevant for Uganda as cluster munitions were used in the northern Uganda war between the LRA and the UPDF.

However, an army spokesperson denied that the army had used the bombs during the war, alleging that the bombs being collected in northern Uganda were used by the LRA.

This, however, could not be confirmed but reports indicate the LRA had initially been better armed than the Ugandan army, sourcing many of its weapons from Sudan.

Uganda: Uganda, Rwanda Settle Airspace Violation Mishap.

(9/06/2008 – The Monitor)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806091141.html>

The Rwanda government has promised that it will not violate Uganda's airspace again, following a May 18 incident when a Rwandese Mi-17 helicopter gunship strayed into the Ugandan airspace for about 80 km over Kisoro.

Uganda: Government Resumes War On LRA Rebels.

(4/06/2008 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806031143.html>

The military option has finally prevailed over the voice of reason, and hopes of ever peacefully solving the Uganda conflict now remain a wishful thought. The government of Uganda has once again preferred a military approach towards LRA, but this time with the full support of other countries in the Great Lakes Region.

Congo 'to attack Ugandan rebels'.

(4/06/2008 – BBC News)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7436254.stm>

The chiefs of defence forces in Uganda, South Sudan and the DR Congo, as well as MONUC, have been meeting in the Ugandan capital Kampala this week to find a military solution to the problem of the LRA.

Uganda, Sudan and DRC agree to fight LRA rebels.

(5/06/2008 - Reuters)

<http://africa.reuters.com/top/news/usnBAN525661.html>

(5/06/2008 – Mail&Guardian)

http://www.mg.co.za/articlepage.aspx?area=/breaking_news/breaking_news_africa/&articleid=341201&referrer=RSS

(5/06/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=17512>

"The three countries have agreed to launch military operations against Joseph Kony and his men because he has demonstrated that he is not interested in peace at all," said a Ugandan military spokesperson.

Uganda: Will Joint Regional Effort End LRA Era?

(7/06/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 9/06/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806090689.html>

Following the collapse of the Juba peace talks, Uganda is working with several countries in the region to militarily finish off the LRA rebels.

Uganda: LRA Asks for One Last Chance in Juba Talks.

(7/06/2008 - The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806070015.html>

The Lord's Resistance Army rebels have asked Uganda, the DR Congo together with the UN and the Government of South Sudan to stay a military strike against them as they explore a last chance to a peace settlement.

UGANDA: War-mongering against LRA 'ill-advised', warns northern leader.

(9/06/2008 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=78645>

The northern Uganda peace process should still be given a chance despite signals that talks between the government and the LRA have virtually collapsed, a key political leader in the region said.

Uganda: Army Beefs Up Karimojong Disarmament.

(8/06/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 9/06/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806090583.html>

THE army has deployed a fourth brigade in Karamoja sub-region to bolster the disarmament exercise.

Uganda: Activist Wants LRA Denied Arms.

(9/06/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 10/06/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806100048.html>

The LRA insurgency in northern Uganda could be history if arms dealers stopped supplying the rebels with arms, according to the executive director the Pan African Movement. The suppliers have kept the rebellion alive for the past two decades through their dealings.

UGANDA: Hopes For Final Peace Falter.

(10/06/2008 – IPS)

<http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=42724>

During a state of the nation address on June 6, President Yoweri Museveni said the talks had collapsed and announced that the Ugandan army is preparing for plan B: a military confrontation with the rebels now holed up in the jungles along the border with the DRC and the Central African Republic. This is not a good prospect for refugees and IDP's.

DRC

Congo-Kinshasa: Du 2 au 8 juin 2008, la RDC participe à la semaine mondiale d'action contre la violence armée.

(7/06/2008 – Le Potentiel; published by allAfrica – 9/06/2008)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806090678.html>

The Congolese civil society has engaged, just as ngo's in 68 other countries, to celebrate the international week of action against gun violence.

Congo-Kinshasa: La Monuc dénonce le recrutement forcé des enfants soldats au Sud-Kivu.

(6/06/2008 – Le Potentiel - allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806060607.html>

The MONUC says the Congolese local militia Mai Mai recruits child soldiers. Last week several teenagers were kidnapped in Bukavu.

'Monuc is Still Needed to Stabilise the Security Situation in the East'.

(9/06/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=17549>

Congo-Kinshasa: La MONUC est toujours nécessaire pour stabiliser la situation sécuritaire dans l'Est.

(9/06/2008 – MONUC ; published by allAfrica – 10/06/2008)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806100256.html>

The UN Security Council delegation reiterated the UN's commitment to supporting the DRC peace process. In addition, the delegation confirmed that there will be no immediate withdrawal of UN peacekeepers, essential for the stabilisation of the security situation in eastern DRC.

RWANDAN REBELLION IN EASTERN DRC

Gisenyi : La RDC et le Rwanda évaluent l'application des accords de Nairobi.

(4/06/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=18934>

On a meeting in Gisenyi Rwanda, DRC and representatives from the EU, US, MONUC, ... will discuss the progress of the implementation of the agreement reached in Nairobi last November.

Gisenyi : évaluation des accords de Nairobi, la RDC et le Rwanda satisfaits des résultats obtenus.

(5/06/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=18942>

Discussing the progress of the implementation of the agreement reached in Nairobi last November, DRC and Rwanda told they were satisfied so far with the results, although admitting FDLR constitutes a threat to achieving true peace in the Great Lakes Region.

DRC-RWANDA: A small step towards peace in the east (analysis).

(5/06/2008 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=78597>

A disarmament pledge by two minor Rwandan Hutu rebel groups in eastern DRC, the 'roadmap for disarmament' unveiled in the city of Kisangani on 26 May, is a welcome, if small, step to restoring peace in the devastated region.

Roland Van de Geer : les fonds sont disponibles pour la démobilisation des groupes armés.

(6/06/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=18960>

(7/06/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/51829>

More than 500 combatants in North Kivu would be prepared to integrate in the Congolese army. The UN declares the means for the realisation of this stage of the Amani program are available, but that it needs some time to implement it.

Congo-Kinshasa: Nord Kivu - plus que 500 personnes se sont rendues à la MONUC.

(5/06/2008 – MONUC; published by allAfrica – 6/06/2008)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806050991.html>

During the last week the security situation in Eastern DRC was quite calm, although there were some clashes. Furthermore 500 Mai Mai combats, women and children rendered themselves to the MONUC base.

Le rapatriement des combattants hutus sera une entreprise dangereuse.

(5/06/2008 – Colette Braeckman)

<http://blogs.lesoir.be/colette-braeckman/2008/06/05/le-rapatriement-des-combattants-hutus-sera-une-entreprise-dangereuse/>

FDLR so far has not shown a real willingness to disarm and repatriate. This is going to be a difficult process.

Rutshuru : affrontements entre l'armée congolaise et les FDLR, 6 morts et 14 blessés.

(5/06/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=18946>

A violent confrontation in North Kivu between FDLR and the Congolese army lead to the dead of 6 people.

Clashes reported in eastern DRC as hundreds of rebels surrender.

(4/06/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=17506>

Congo-Kinshasa: Clashes Reported in East As Hundreds of Rebels Surrender.

(4/06/2008 –allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806041013.html>

MONUC said that the military situation remained relatively calm in the DRC, apart from isolated clashes in the east of the country. Hundreds of rebels in eastern DRC also surrendered themselves to MONUC forces in the past week.

Rebels 'kill' DR Congo refugees.

(5/06/2008 – BBC News)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7437316.stm>

FDLR rebels have attacked a refugee camp in eastern DRC. The UN says the rebels have attacked the civilians in retaliation, because the Congolese army is retaking positions in the area.

Rwandan Hutu rebels attack DR Congo camp, killing six.

(5/06/2008 – AFP-MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=17511>

The top government official in Rutshuru, Dominique Bofondo, said the attack occurred after the rebels clashed with DR Congo government soldiers earlier in the day.

Rebels kill internally displaced persons in eastern DR. Congo.

(5/06/2008 – Xinhua – ReliefWeb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/SHIG-7FBCFQ?OpenDocument&RSS20=18-P>

Rwandan Hutu rebels have opened fire on a group of displaced persons in a camp in the North-Kivu province.

Six confirmed killed in rebel attack in Congo – UN.

(5/06/2008 – Reuters)

<http://africa.reuters.com/top/news/usnBAN524000.html>

Rwandan Hutu rebels killed six Congolese civilians on Wednesday in a refugee camp in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, United Nations officials said, revising an earlier death toll of 12.

Congo-Kinshasa: Les FDLR tuent six déplacés à Rutshuru.

(6/06/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806060612.html>

The security situation in North and South Kivu is dominated by the attacks of the FDLR against civilians.

UNHCR condemns deadly attack on camp for displaced Congolese.

(5/06/2008 – UNHCR)

<http://www.unhcr.org/news/NEWS/48480b83b.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: UN Officials Deplore Deadly Attack By Rebels Against Displaced.

(5/06/2008 – UN News Service; published by allAfrica – 6/06/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806060003.html>

Au Congo, le périlleux chemin du rapatriement.

(6/06/2008 – Le Soir)

<http://www.lesoir.be/actualite/monde/congo-au-congo-le-perilleux-2008-06-06-603719.shtml>

Rwandan Hutu rebels attacked a refugee camp in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. The UN called it a crime against humanity.

Congo-Kinshasa: Rebels Want UN to Investigate Camp Attack.

(5/06/2008 – Rwanda News Agency – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806051102.html>

Rwandan rebels in DR Congo have dismissed reports that they attacked a displaced people's camp killing six and injuring more, instead demanding an investigation, RNA reports.

DRC: Thousands displaced after rebel attacks.

(5/06/2008 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=78594>

Congo-Kinshasa: Des attaques rebelles font des milliers de déplacés

(6/06/2008 – IRIN – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806060911.html>

Up to 5,000 people have been displaced following a Rwandan rebel attack on two civilian camps in a village in North Kivu.

The attack took place at a time when the government and two small Rwandan Hutu rebel groups were awaiting the implementation of a roadmap for their disarmament

and demobilisation. The roadmap was announced in the town of Kisangani in late May.

Kinshasa : 137 personnes liées aux groupes armés rapatriées au Rwanda, au Burundi et en Ouganda.

(5/06/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=18940>

The MONUC's DDR process has led to the repatriation of 137 persons during the month of May 2008.

UN urges rebel group in Congo to disarm.

(8/06/2008 – Herald Tribune)

<http://www.ihf.com/articles/ap/2008/06/08/news/Congo-UN.php>

The U.N. Security Council renewed a push for civilian rule in Congo's militia-plagued east on Sunday as efforts continue to disarm rebel groups and finally restore peace to the ravaged region.

Goma : pacification de l'Est de la RDC, le Conseil de sécurité réaffirme son appui au gouvernement congolais.

(9/06/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=18978>

The UN Security Council has reiterated its support to the Congolese government for the implementation of the Nairobi and the Amani process.

Kalehe : campagne de sensibilisation des FDLR au DDRRR.

(9/06/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=18997>

The MONUC carries out a sensitizing campaign for its DDRRR mission in East DRC.

BURUNDI

BURUNDI: FNL rebels 'still recruiting children'.

(9/06/2008 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=78646>

Burundi's last active armed opposition group, the Forces nationales de libération (FNL), has continued to recruit children into its ranks despite recent moves to end rebellion.

Burundi: Negotiations pour la paix.

(9/06/2008 – BBC)

http://www.bbc.co.uk/french/news/story/2008/06/080609_burundimmediation.shtml

Peace talks between the government of Burundi and FLN have started on Monday in South Africa.

Burundi govt and rebels commit to end violence.

(10/06/2008 – Reuters)

<http://africa.reuters.com/wire/news/usnL10773231.html>

"The government of Burundi and Palipehutu-FNL renounced violence and undertook to resolve all their differences by dialogue," the two said in a statement after the talks in the town of Magaliesburg outside Johannesburg.

Burundi rebels, govt end talks with pledge to work for peace.

(10/06/2008 – AFP)

<http://afp.google.com/article/ALeqM5igG5EbtcYmbnWpzdFILblH0ZRcsg>

Burundi's last active rebel movement and its government renewed their commitment Tuesday to a peace process aimed at ending 15 years of conflict, after two days of talks here.

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