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IPIS RECENT PUBLICATIONS

The complexity of resource governance in a context of state fragility: An analysis of the mining sector in the Kivu hinterlands.

(November 2010 – IPIS / International Alert)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/mining-hinterlands.php> (website)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/fck/file/20101202KIVUGL.pdf> (pdf)

The report 'Mining activity and mineral trade in the Kivu hinterland' was commissioned by the Directorate General for Development (DG DEV) of the European Commission and aims to fill an information gap by identifying the principal mining sites and analysing the trade networks of the 'Eastern hinterland' of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), located in Maniema, North Katanga and Orientale Province, and the transport networks from these territories to the regional hubs of Bukavu, Goma, Butembo and Bunia.

Mapping the labyrinth: more on the strange weapons flight of 4L-AWA.

(October 2010 – IPIS / TransArms)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/arms-trade.php> (website)

http://www.ipisresearch.be/att/20101203_4LAWA.pdf (pdf)

This research report is the third in a series about the case of a IL-76 aircraft used for an apparently clandestine arms flight in provenance from Pyongyang, which was impounded by Thai authorities during a technical stop in Bangkok December 12, 2009. The third updated report presents new information and documents that show other important actors in the chain of companies who managed the flight, shedding a new light on the information included in the previous reports.

Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

DR Congo urges action on illegal commodities.

(15/12/2010 – AFP – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/KHII-8C7457?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P>

Sommet des Grands Lacs, Kabila appelle à encadrer le commerce des minerais.

(16/12/2010 – AngolaPress – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201012160933.html>

Sommet des Grands Lacs à Lusaka.

(16/12/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201012160836.html>

Democratic Republic of Congo President Joseph Kabila on Wednesday said a coordinated regional response was needed to curb an illicit trade in diamonds, oil and gold, which has fuelled African conflicts. "[They] need to adopt an action plan to stop the illegal exploitation of minerals that goes on in these countries." Kabila told 200 delegates including several fellow presidents attending the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) in the Zambian capital.

Great Lakes Regional Summit to Focus on Congo Resource Exploitation.

(15/12/2010 – VoA News)

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/africa/Butty-Zambia-Great-Lakes-Region-Summit-Shikapwasha-15december10-111903174.html>

Special Summit on Illegal Exploration of Natural Resources Starts.

(15/12/2010 – AngolaPress – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012150734.html>

Special Summit On Great Lakes Ends With Signing of Declaration.

(16/12/2010 – AngolaPress – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012160503.html>

Lusaka: les chefs d'Etat adoptent la certification des ressources naturelles dans les Grands Lacs.

(16/12/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/12/16/lusaka-les-chefs-d%E2%80%99etat-adoptent-la-certification-des-ressources-naturelles-dans-les-grands-lacs/>

L'ONU soutient la certification des ressources naturelles dans les Grands Lacs.

(15/12/2010 – MONUSCO)

<http://monusco.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=11272>

The special summit of Heads of State and Government on illegal exploration of natural resources in Great Lakes region, which was opened Wednesday in Lusaka, Zambia, ended with the signing of a Declaration of Commitment.

Practice note 6: Natural Resource Governance in Conflict-Affected Contexts.

(October 2010 – International Alert)

http://www.international-alert.org/publications/pub.php?p=1170&dm_i=77L_9HA8_1TL865_P7MQ_1

This practice note offers options for economic development planners and practitioners for promoting accountable and conflict-sensitive governance of natural resource wealth. The presence of significant natural resource endowments has been documented as contributing to the outbreak of conflict as different parties compete for control over resource-rich territory, fuelling conflict through revenues generated by extractive resources, and undermining peace processes as powerful individuals or groups refuse to give up what they regard as their fair share of the spoils. In such contexts, sustainable peace is often difficult to bring about as vulnerable groups most impacted by the conflict and living in proximity of natural resources (or even participating in their extraction) can feel aggrieved when they are not directly benefiting from them.

DRC

Roger Meece: «la Monusco construit 4 centres de négoce au Nord et Sud-Kivu».

(16/12/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/12/16/roger-meece-%C2%ABla-monusco-construit-4-centres-de-negoces-au-nord-et-sud-kivu%C2%BB/>

La Monusco construit quatre centres de négoce au Kivu.

(18/12/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201012200377.html>

Roger Meece declared the construction of four 'centres de négoce' in the two kivu provinces might be finished in about a month.

US SEC to tackle conflict minerals in Congo.

(15/12/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE6BE00320101215?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

US SEC plans to shine light on mining industry.

(15/12/2010 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/metalsNews/idAFWEN450020101215>

SEC Proposes 'Conflict Mineral' Report.

(16/12/2010 – The Wall Street Journal)

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704098304576021884130820122.html?mod=googlenews_wsj

SEC considers disclosure rules re: mine health, safety, conflict minerals, govt. payments.

(16/12/2010 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page72068?oid=117006&sn=Detail&pid=102055>

U.S. moves to abolish conflict minerals.

(15/12/2010 – Mining Review)

<http://www.miningreview.com/node/18903>

U.S. regulators will take steps aimed at abolishing trade in "conflict minerals" that finance war in the DRC. A whole swath of companies could eventually be required to disclose whether they are sourcing their minerals from the war-torn region, under a plan to be considered by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on Wednesday.

Conflict free smelter program.

(10/12/2010 – ITRI)

http://www.itri.co.uk/pooled/articles/BF_NEWSART/view.asp?Q=BF_NEWSART_321655

Two electronics industry organisations - the Global e-Sustainability Initiative (GeSI) and Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition (EICC) - have launched their Conflict-Free Smelter (CFS) program, as part of industry's efforts in response to the conflict minerals provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 passed earlier this year. The minerals covered in the law — coltan (columbite-tantalite, a source of tantalum), cassiterite (tin), wolframite (tungsten) and gold — are used in various industrial, consumer and electronics products and the CFS program focuses on tantalum and tin.

New Bonanzas could be in the offing.

(15/07/2010 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Several geologists pointed to unexplored areas and the potential for new bonanzas in the DRC at a seminar held at the Royal Museum for Central Africa in Brussels.

Nation Linked to Illegal Exports of Uranium to Iran.

(20/12/2010 – Daily Nation – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012210044.html>

The United States suspects that Kenya and Tanzania have been used to smuggle uranium for Iran's controversial nuclear project. Leaked embassy cables identify the Democratic Republic of Congo as the source of the mineral, which once refined can be used in reactors to generate electricity or in making bombs. DRC has extensive deposits of high grade uranium ore. The embassy cables from Kinshasa and Dar es Salaam suggest that the uranium is mined in the Katanga province by foreign firms before being shipped to Iran through East Africa.

Recent allegations of uranium trafficking in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
(19/12/2010 – WikiLeaks)

<http://213.251.145.96/cable/2007/07/07KINSHASA797.html>

Several sources have recently stated that the Malta Forest Company is mining and exporting uranium from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). According to reports, Malta Forest does this by mining the uranium rock while mining copper and cobalt, then exporting the uranium ore and circumventing radiation testing by using an established system of corrupt government officials.

Frontière maritime RDC-Angola - Muzito au Sénat - « Il n'y a ni immobilisme, ni laxisme ».

(15/12/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201012150808.html>

Congolese prime minister has been interrogated in parliament on the negotiations between the DRC and Angola on the delineation of their common maritime border.

La population de gorilles des montagnes a augmenté sensiblement ...

(16/12/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201012160841.html>

Article on the rising number of Mountain Gorillas.

UGANDA

Court Blocks Eviction of Pastoralists.

(16/12/2010 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012160211.html>

The Masindi High Court, yesterday, ordered the immediate halt of eviction of pastoralists from Buliisa District, Uganda. The court ruling follows recent evictions of over 600 pastoralists from Buliisa district by Ugandan security officials.

Evicted Pastoralists Seek Museveni Intervention.

(18/12/2010 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012200986.html>

Over 647 pastoralists (Balaalo) who were, early this week, evicted from their homes in Buliisa District have petitioned Ugandan President, Yoweri Museveni and other organizations to come to their rescue.

Two Die in Mine.

(15/12/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012160136.html>

Two people have died and four others critically injured after the gold mine they were working in illegally collapsed on them. The incident happened in Bugiri district on Monday.

Sitting On Gold With Bare Butt.

(21/12/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012220026.html>

THE World Bank regards this village of Uganda as the biggest gold mine in east and central Africa. But there is nothing to show Tiira parish holds 52 square miles of gold. Located 16 kilometres west of Busia town, Busitema sub-county in the border district of Busia, Tiira parish, is a mere shadow of the immeasurable mineral wealth it holds. The people wallow in abject poverty manifested in the grass-thatched huts and schools. Residents wear rags and over 62% live on less than a dollar a day, according to the Uganda Bureau of Statistics.

Oil Tax Row Bad for Sector Growth.

(16/12/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012170050.html>

Uganda's progress in exploiting the oil and gas deposits has dragged due to the capital gain tax dispute over the Lake Albert rift assets. The tax row started when Heritage Oil, sold its interest in blocks 1 and 3A to another UK exploration firm, Tullow Oil at \$1.45b.

Bujagali Cost Remains At U.S.\$860 Million.

(16/12/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012170064.html>

The cost of the 250MW Bujagali Hydropower Project will remain at \$860b and not reach the \$1b mark, project stakeholders have clarified.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

Here Comes Trouble.

(14/12/2010 – The Independent - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012150697.html>

Trafigura, the London-based base metal and energy conglomerate fined US\$846m by a Dutch court earlier in the year in relation to a toxic waste scandal, is buying BP's Africa assets. It is paying US\$296m cash for BP's fuel marketing and 190 forecourt businesses in Namibia, Botswana, Zambia, Tanzania and Malawi.

DRC

Encadrement des recettes - Mines : fraude fiscale et tentative de corruption au Katanga.

(20/12/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201012201540.html>

The Canadian company El Niño Ventures, exploring for gold and copper in Katanga, is being accused of fiscal fraud, it owes 3 million dollars to the Congolese Treasury.

Tentatives de spoliation des gisements de niobium de Somikivu.

(20/12/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201012201541.html>

Somikivu and Krall Metal Congo are in a dispute over the latter's instalment at the Lueshe niobium mines in Rutshuru.

Call for BHP Billiton to Halt Congo Smelter, Inga 3.

(15/12/2010 – International Rivers)

<http://www.internationalrivers.org/en/node/6058>

Letter addressed to BHP Billiton's chairman stating: "We wish to bring your attention to the adverse impacts of BHP Billiton's ongoing negotiations with the government of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) for a \$5 billion aluminum smelter near the port of Banana on the Atlantic Coast to be powered by the proposed Inga 3 hydropower scheme. In one of the world's poorest and most corrupt countries, this purely commercial venture is set to reinforce existing poverty. Without due action, it will cost the Congolese people electricity, jobs and development."

UGANDA

Wikileaks Throws Nation's Oil Search Into More Turmoil.

(15/12/2010 – The Observer – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012170245.html>

Allegations that two ministers received money to push for ENI's botched bid to buy Heritage Oil assets for \$1.5bn late last year in "a corrupt back-door deal" have thrown Uganda's oil industry on its head.

Tullow nearing Ugandan deal to sell on oilfields.

(20/12/2010 – thisismoney.co.uk)

http://www.thisismoney.co.uk/markets/article.html?in_article_id=520204&in_page_id=3&position=moretopstories

Tullow Oil is close to agreeing a tax payment to the Ugandan government that will allow it to sell on almost two thirds of its assets in the country. This includes the \$1.45bn (£935m) of oilfields it acquired from Heritage Oil earlier this year.

New Survey Reveals West Nile Oil Search Has Good Quality Reservoirs.

(21/12/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012220038.html>

A final interpretation of the aero gravity gradiometry survey that was recently conducted in an effort to find oil reservoirs in the West Nile region has shown positive results, the company leading the search has revealed. Peter Kingston, the chief executive officer of Tower Resources Plc, which owns Neptune Petroleum Uganda, said the data analysis had pointed at an improved likelihood of a significant oil generation and good quality reservoirs within the area.

China in the Great Lakes Region

Soccer Match Sparks Anti-Chinese Riots in DR Congo.

(19/12/2010 – China Digital Times)

<http://chinadigitaltimes.net/2010/12/soccer-match-sparks-anti-chinese-riots-in-dr-congo/>

Unrest in DR Congo after TP Mazembe lose to Inter Milan.

(19/12/2010 – BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-12030051>

Reports say disappointed fans took to the streets and attacked Chinese-run businesses, after TP Mazembe were beaten 3-0 by Italian club Inter Milan. They are believed to have thought the Japanese referee was Chinese, and were angered by some of his decisions. During the game in Abu Dhabi, fans had chanted "Chinese go home". Many Chinese firms work in the copper mining industry in Lubumbashi, capital of Katanga province.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

Rogue Leaders, Rebels Forcibly Recruit Youths.

(20/12/2010 – Human Rights Watch)

<http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2010/12/20/dr-congo-rogue-leaders-rebels-forcibly-recruit-youth> (English)

<http://www.hrw.org/fr/news/2010/12/20/rd-congo-des-officiers-de-l-arm-e-menant-des-actions-autonomes-et-des-rebelles-enr-l> (French)

RDC : des jeunes recrutés dans l'armée et des groupes rebelles.

(20/12/2010 – Le Soir)

<http://www.lesoir.be/actualite/monde/2010-12-20/rdc-des-jeunes-recrutes-dans-l-armee-et-des-groupes-rebelles-809794.php>

RDC: polémique autour des milices.

(20/12/2010 – BBC)

http://www.bbc.co.uk/afrique/region/2010/12/101220_rdcongo_milices_polemique.shtml

Rogue Congolese army officers and armed groups in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo are forcibly recruiting and training for combat hundreds of young men and boys in new efforts to expand their ranks, Human Rights Watch said today. The wave of military recruitment, which began around September 2010, signals a possible collapse of eastern Congo's peace process.

Five soldiers, two police killed in DR Congo attack: army.

(21/12/2010 – AFP – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/MUMA-8CD3P9?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P>

Five soldiers and two police have been killed in an attack on a security post in the strife-torn eastern region of Democratic Republic of Congo, the army said Tuesday, blaming Rwandan rebels. FPLC, a local militia group, however, also claimed responsibility for the attack, which took place overnight Monday in the Nord Kivu region, near the border with Uganda.

UN peacekeepers helping train DR Congo police on security in mining centres.

(16/12/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=37090&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=23989&Cr=Congo&Cr1=> (French)

UN peacekeepers in the DRC are helping train national police officers to secure trade centres in the mineral-rich Kivu provinces in the country's east.

Nouvel allié de l'AMP, le CNDP tient toujours à l'accord de paix.

(15/12/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/12/15/nouvel-allie-de-l-amp-le-cndp-tient-toujours-a-laccord-de-paix/>

The CNDP has reaffirmed its commitment to the peace agreement of 23 March 2009.

DRC: New law a boon for police reform.

(16/12/2010 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?Reportid=91391>

Legislation has been passed in the DRC national assembly aimed at reforming the country's police force, which, staffed by ex-soldiers and former rebels - riddled with corruption, poorly trained and lacking basic equipment - is widely seen as more of a threat to the population than a guarantor of its security.

Kindu: accalmie, après la paralysie créée par les militants de l'UNC, du PPRD et de l'ARC.

(17/12/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/12/17/kindu-accalmie-apres-la-paralysie-creee-par-les-militants-de-l%E2%80%99unc-du-pprd-et-de-l%E2%80%99arc/>

Calm has returned in Kindu, Maniema province, following unrest in the city when a delegation of UNC-PPRD-ARC arrived at the airport.

18 Fishermen Held By Congolese Soldiers.

(19/12/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012201313.html>

Authorities in Nebbi District are investigating reports of abduction of 18 Ugandan fishermen by five Congolese soldiers on Friday. The Nebbi RDC, Ms Betty Adima, said yesterday she was in the field investigating the matter and if confirmed it would be a provocation by Congolese soldiers.

DR Congo signs nuclear proliferation deal with US.

(21/12/2010 – AFP)

http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5ifdl_cATHe0IWFFAHMPxYA0bwrUQ?docId=CNG.b09f63971213429cd871e0860adc30ae.c31

The United States and Democratic Republic of Congo on Tuesday signed an agreement to prevent trafficking of nuclear and radioactive materials, the US embassy said. The deal comes after a November UN report revealed that a group of Rwandan rebels in the east of the country attempted to sell six containers of uranium which dated back to the days of Belgian colonial rule. The agreement highlights Washington's commitment to helping DR Congo effectively deal with proliferation of nuclear materials, the US embassy said in a statement.

An intimate look at US government policy toward the Congo - Interview with Tony Gambino.

(21/12/2010 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosiassa.blogspot.com/2010/12/does-us-government-have-coherent-policy.html>

Congo Siasa spoke this week with Tony Gambino about US policy towards the Congo. Tony has been engaged on the Congo for 31 years, since he was a Peace Corps Volunteer in rural South Kivu and in Kisangani. He was the Mission Director of USAID to the DR Congo from 2001-2004 and authored an influential Council on Foreign Relations report on the country.

USAID Assistance Will Combat Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in DRC.

(14/12/2010 – USAID)

<http://www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2010/pr101214.html>

Over the next five years, more than a quarter of a million Congolese will benefit from assistance aimed at preventing sexual and gender-based violence and assisting survivors thanks to three programs funded by the United States through the U.S. Agency for International Development. Two programs will increase access to and quality of medical, psychological, social, legal, and economic services for survivors of sexual and gender-based violence in key areas in the conflict-affected eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. They aim to build community capacity to reduce vulnerability to future acts of violence in North Kivu, South Kivu, and Maniema provinces.

Goma : plus de mille femmes violées au Nord-Kivu en 2010.

(16/12/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/12/16/goma-plus-de-mille-femmes-violees-au-nord-kivu-en-2010/>

According to a local NGO, 1.290 women have been raped in North Kivu during 2010.

800 Congolais réfugiés au Burundi réintègrent leurs milieux d'origine.

(16/12/2010 - La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201012160704.html>

800 Congolese refugees have returned home since the signing of the tripartite agreement between UNHCR, the DRC and Burundi.

Democratic Republic of the Congo: IDPs pay an unacceptable price.

(21/12/2010 – Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/EGUA-8CCMU7?OpenDocument&RSS20=18-P>

As of September 2010, there were more than 1.7 million internally displaced people (IDPs) in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), the vast majority of them in the eastern provinces of North and South Kivu. Most fled their homes to escape fighting between rebels groups and the Congolese armed forces supported (in some cases) by the UN, while others are victims of direct attacks and violence perpetrated by the warring parties.

RD Congo : Bulletin d'information humanitaire - Province Orientale, 14 décembre 2010.

(14/12/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/JARD-8C69Z5?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P>

RD Congo : Bulletin d'information humanitaire - Province Orientale, 14 décembre 2010.

(14/12/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/JARD-8C69Z5?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

RD Congo: Province du Sud-Kivu - Déplacements des populations - Novembre 2010.

(10/12/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/RKRR-8C6LHH?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P>

RD Congo : Sud-Kivu - Incidents Sécuritaires contre les Humanitaires - Janvier - Novembre 2010.

(9/12/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/RKRR-8C6LEM?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P>

RD Congo : Bulletin d'Information Humanitaire - Province du Sud-Kivu, 21 décembre 2010.

(21/12/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/VDUX-8CCPFU?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

RD Congo : Bulletin d'information humanitaire - Province du Nord Kivu, 21 décembre 2010.

(21/12/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/VDUX-8CCP2X?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

RD Congo : Bulletin d'information humanitaire - Province Orientale, 21 décembre 2010.

(21/12/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/MDCS-8CCG8M?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

OCHA reports on the humanitarian situation and humanitarian assistance in the eastern Congolese provinces.

Bemba Seeks Release From ICC Detention.

(14/12/2010 – Bemba Trial Website – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012150131.html>

Congolese war crimes accused Jean-Pierre Bemba has asked judges at the International Criminal Court (ICC) to permit his immediate release from detention, stating that a number of countries are willing to host him.

Bemba Defense's Opening Statement.

(16/12/2010 – Bemba Trial Website – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012170191.html>

An unofficial transcript of the Defense's opening statement at the start of Jean-Pierre Bemba's trial at the International Criminal Court (ICC) on November 22, 2010. Mr. Bemba denied all five charges he faces. The statement was delivered by his lead defense counsel Nkwebe Liriss.

Opening Statements By Victims' Lawyers At Bemba Trial.

(17/12/2010 – Bemba Trial Website – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012170961.html>

An unofficial transcript of the opening statements by legal representatives of participating victims at the start of Jean-Pierre Bemba's trial at the International Criminal Court (ICC) on November 22, 2010.

FDLR**Les FDLR restent nocives au Sud et Nord- Kivu.**

(16/12/2010 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201012170617.html>

There has been a lot of FDLR activity last week in Bunyakiri and Mwenga, South Kivu.

Selon la Monusco - La situation sécuritaire reste agitée dans le Kivu.

(17/12/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201012170496.html>

MONUSCO lieutenant-colonel Mamadou Gaye on the security situation and FDLR activity in the Kivu provinces.

Former Top FDLR Rebel Defects, Repatriated.

(20/12/2010 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012200031.html>

Colonel Jonas Nteziyaremye, alias Makoto of the Rally for Unity and Democracy (RUD), a breakaway faction of the FDLR has abandoned the bush and returned to Rwanda. The colonel, who had spent 16 years in the forests of eastern DRC, was received by the MONUSCO from Rubero in North Kivu Province.

FDLR: Ignace Murwananshyaka et son adjoint, bientôt devant la justice allemande.

(18/12/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/12/18/fdlr-ignace-murwananshyaka-et-son-adjoint-bientot-devant-la-justice-allemande/>

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(19/12/2010 – Radio Okapi)

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Accusés de crimes de guerre au pays - Ignace Murwananshyaka, bientôt devant la justice allemande.

(20/12/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201012201538.html>

Prosecution Welcomes Murwanyashyaka's Indictment.

(18/12/2010 – The NewTimes – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012200979.html>

Ignace Murwanyashyaka the political leader of FDLR and his deputy, Straton Musoni, have been indicted by German Federal Prosecutors on charges of crimes against humanity and war crimes they committed in the DRC between January 2008 and July 2009.

LRA

CENTRAL AFRICA: Agencies call for international action against LRA.

(15/12/2010 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=91376>

Province Orientale - Le spectre d'une attaque LRA hante à nouveau les populations des Uélé.

(18/12/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201012200376.html>

La sécurité de la population contre la LRA préoccupe OCHA!

(21/12/2010 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201012210260.html>

On Christmas eve two years ago, the LRA launched attacks in northeastern DRC and Southern Sudan, killing more than 600 people over a three-week period. Hundreds more were abducted and thousands displaced. Last year there was another wave of December killings, abductions and displacement. Now, says a joint briefing paper from 19 humanitarian agencies active in the region, communities in the affected areas await Christmas with fear. The report, Ghosts of Christmas Past, urges the world not to forget this conflict, which tends to “fall between the cracks” of national and international attention.

Province Orientale - La Monusco déploie 900 Casques bleus pour contrer la LRA.

(16/12/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201012160821.html>

MONUSCO lieutenant-colonel Mamadou Gaye declared the MONUSCO will deploy 900 blue helmets to the Uélé districts, in Province Orientale, to halt possible LRA attacks.

Great Lakes Bloc Backs U.S. Kony Strategy.

(16/12/2010 – The East African – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012190016.html>

Addressing the ICGLR summit in Lusaka, Zambian President Rupiah Banda, who chairs the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), said the regional bloc supported the US government's four-point strategy to protect civilians and capture Mr Kony, promote defection, disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration of the remaining LRA fighters.

L'ennemi invisible.

(20/12/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201012201495.html>

Article on the Lord's Resistance Army.

UGANDA**Besigye to Punish Soldiers Who Torture Karimojong.**

(21/12/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012210102.html>

The Inter-Party Cooperation presidential candidate, Dr Kizza Besigye, has promised to punish soldiers accused of involvement in gross human rights violations during the disarmament exercise in Karamoja region. Dr Besigye, who is campaigning in the region that has been riddled with armed conflict among the warrior cattle rustling tribes and government efforts to pacify the area over several decades, said he would punish soldiers involved in killing of innocent civilians and other gross abuses like castration and other torture.

RWANDA**Police Acquires Arms Marking Machine.**

(19/12/2010 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012200474.html>

The Rwanda National Police (RNP) has received a fully equipped vehicle-machine to facilitate the marking of firearms in the country. The vehicle, registered No. TCD 308 EAC, provided by the East African Community (EAC) is the latter's initiative and is well-equipped with the small arms marking equipments.

France investigates allies of Rwanda President Kagame.

(16/12/2010 – BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-12010004>

France has started a judicial investigation of six close allies of Rwanda's President Paul Kagame, legal sources say. The six, who include the defence minister and army chief, are accused of carrying out the attack which sparked the 1994 genocide.

France Lifts Arrest Warrants Against Rwandan Officers.

(17/12/2010 – The New Times - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012170189.html>

The Government of Rwanda has welcomed the decision by French Judges to lift the arrest warrants issued against the top army officers who had been indicted by controversial French judge, Jean Louis Bruguiere.

Proclamation establishing the Rwandan National Congress.

(12/12/2010 – The Rwandan National Congress)

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/45272018/Rwanda-National-Congress-Proclamation>

Proclamation signed by the Rwandan dissidents Gen. Kayumba Nyamwasa, Col. Patrick Karegeya, ... establishing the Rwandan National Congress, an organization against the ruling RPF party.

Rwandan opposition leader Ingabire denied bail.

(17/12/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJ0E6BG0KD20101217?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

Rwanda's high court has rejected a bail application by opposition leader Victoire Ingabire, who is charged with threatening national security and public order, and extended her detention, the Prosecutor General's office said on Friday. Ingabire was also charged in October with helping to form the Coalition of Democratic Forces (CDF), a militant group based in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

BURUNDI

Burundi: Security Council sets up new body to further consolidate peace.

(16/12/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=37091&Cr=burundi&Cr1=> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=23990&Cr=Burundi&Cr1=> (French)

The Security Council set up a “significantly scaled-down” UN operation in Burundi to help the Central African country as it embarks on the latest stage of its recovery from decades of civil war and ethnic fighting. In a unanimously adopted resolution, the 15-member body mandated the new UN Office in Burundi (BNUB) to support the Government in strengthening the independence, capacities and legal frameworks of key national institutions, in particular the judiciary and parliament; promoting dialogue between national actors; fighting impunity and protecting human rights. The new office will replace the current UN Integrated Office in Burundi (BINUB) in accordance with recommendations in Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon’s latest report on the operation there.

Other

Great Lakes Echoes.

(December 2010 – EurAc – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/ASAZ-8C7DZZ?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P> (English)

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Monthly publication of the European Network for Central Africa. Contains several interesting articles, this month among other things: Signature of a small arms convention, everyday crime and impunity in Burundi, human rights situation in Rwanda, ...

Burundi country profile.

(11/12/2010 – BBC)

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/country_profiles/1068873.stm

Democratic Republic of Congo country profile.

(11/12/2010 – BBC)

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/country_profiles/1076399.stm

BBC country profiles.

Rwanda's Priority: Mobilize Resources for Massive Investment.

(21/12/2010 – IMF)

<http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/survey/so/2010/car122110a.htm>

A recent three-day economic forum in Rwanda discussed how to bridge infrastructure gaps and sustain high economic growth in this East African nation.

Statement by an IMF Mission to Burundi.

(17/12/2010 – IMF)

<http://www.imf.org/external/np/sec/pr/2010/pr10501.htm>

A mission from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), led by Mr. Bernardin Akitoby, visited Bujumbura from December 1–10, 2010 to conduct the fifth review of the government's economic and financial program supported by the IMF under the Extended Credit Facility (ECF).

The Congo and Hezbollah.

(21/12/2010 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosiasa.blogspot.com/2010/12/congo-and-hezbollah.html>

The US Treasury has named a prominent Kinshasa company as part of a financial network channeling funds to Hezbollah. They have placed Congo Futur, a company involved in manufacturing, trade and real estate throughout the Congo, on a list of Special Designated Global Terrorists (SDGTs) for being a "cover company" for Hezbollah supporters. There have been persistent allegations over the years, albeit unsubstantiated, that Congo Futur is linked to Kabila's family and their rapid expansion into real estate and other ventures has benefited from this political cover. There have also been a bunch of allegations, made by think tanks and online newspapers, linking Congo Futur to the uranium trade and Iran. It makes for strange reading, especially as another close friend of the government is Dan Gertler, who has been linked with rightist parties and settlers in Israel.

US embassy cables: Abysmal security at a Congolese nuclear centre.

(19/12/2010 – Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/us-embassy-cables-documents/77636>

Four EmbOffs and an Econ LES toured the Kinshasa Nuclear Research Center (CREN-K) July 27 to assess security and determine its needs. CREN-K houses the DRC's two nuclear reactors, neither of which functions, although staff continue to conduct nuclear-related research and teaching at the facility. External and internal security is poor, leaving the facility vulnerable to theft.

Kouwenhoven's conviction must be upheld – Global Witness.

(21/12/2010 – Global Witness)

<http://www.globalwitness.org/library/kouwenhoven%E2%80%99s-conviction-must-be-upheld-%E2%80%93-global-witness>

"Today's re-opening of the trial of Dutch timber trader Guus Kouwenhoven for war crimes and violating the UN arms embargo on Liberia in The Netherlands is a second chance for justice" said Patrick Alley of Global Witness. "It is vital to send a message to those who break the law when trading in conflict areas: they do not have impunity."

IPIS latest publications

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Mining Concessions in the DR Congo.

(October 2010 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/mine-concessions-drc.php>

IPIS has produced an interactive web map of all mining concessions in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The data on this map are official and public data from the Cadastre Minier (CaMi) of the DR Congo, showing the situation as it was on 27 July 2010.

Deadly Movements. Transportation Controls in the Arms Trade Treaty.

(July 2010 – Amnesty International, IPIS, Transarms)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/arms-trade.php>

Effective regulation of the global trade in conventional arms must include adequate provisions to control the physical movement of arms across international borders. The proposed Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) should be designed to prevent unauthorised or irresponsible international transfers of weapons, munitions and related equipment internationally: it must therefore require states to impose effective controls and reporting requirements on the transport and transporters of arms, including through Free Trade Zones. Without such requirements, the ATT will fail to address a significant gap in international arms transfer controls, and will deprive states of a key tool to prevent arms transfers where it can be foreseen the arms are likely to be used to violate human rights and destroy lives and livelihoods contrary to international law.

Les devoirs de la République centrafricaine dans le contexte des activités des entreprises.

(July 2010 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/ong-rca.php>

Les devoirs internationaux de la République centrafricaine relatifs à la conservation des milieux d'importance et des espèces sauvages.

(July 2007 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/ong-rca.php>

Une analyse de la législation environnementale et de la législation minière de la République Centrafricaine dans le contexte des activités des entreprises.

(June 2010 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/ong-rca.php>

Amélioration de la pratique de l'Etude d'Impact Environnemental.

(June 2010 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/ong-rca.php>

Four reports on IPIS' project concerning capacity building of NGOs in the Central African Republic working on the management of uranium. The reports analyse the CAR's mining and environmental legislation, and the country's obligations in the field of environmental management and the regulation of enterprises' activities.

Jaarverslag 2009.

(06/05/2010 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/natural-resources.php>

IPIS has published its activity report 2009. The activity report is a comprehensive report of IPIS' activities in 2009. Its assignments, publications and lectures are presented in this document. The English version follows later on.

Mapping Conflict Motives: Province Orientale (DRC)

(March 2010 – IPIS)

http://www.ipisresearch.be/mapping_orientale.php?&lang=en

Cartographie des motivations derrière les conflits: 'Province Orientale' (RDC).

(June 2010 – IPIS)

http://www.ipisresearch.be/mapping_orientale.php

It is the fourth study in the IPIS mapping series and deals with the presence, behaviour and motivation of the armed groups that have been active in the Orientale province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in 2009.

With the publication of this fourth mapping report, IPIS links two areas it has studied and mapped in the past: the Kivu provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Central African Republic. IPIS is trying to complete the jigsaw puzzle of a conflict-ridden region. The following report constitutes a new piece fitting into this puzzle. As the work advances, ever more linkages will appear and facilitate regional analysis.

From deceit to discovery: The strange flight of 4L-AWA (text and documents).

(December 2009 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/arms-trade.php>

On Saturday 12 December 2009 Thai authorities seized an aircraft at Bangkok's Don Mueang airport. The Ilyushin-76 had stopped on the 11th December for refuelling while en-route from Pyongyang to Tehran, and was carrying 35 tonnes of arms and ammunition. While the media rushed to make unproven claims about the plane and alleged former owners of the aircraft, little attention was paid to the web of companies, the flight plan, and final destination.

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