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Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

Europe to trace African minerals.

(6/01/2011 – Mining Journal)

http://www.mining-journal.com/production-and-markets/europe-to-trace-african-minerals2?dm_i=5O3,C986,3BM4LP,YQ07.1

Detailed plans for the European Union (EU) to work with the African Union (AU) on boosting the traceability of minerals shipped from Africa to Europe have been welcomed by the European Parliament. The EU parliament praised an agreement struck at the end of November at the third EU-Africa Summit in Tripoli, Libya. The deal commits the EU and the AU to regulatory reform and policy actions to make the approval and operation of mining concessions in Africa more transparent.

DRC

Sud-Kivu - L'exploitation illicite des minerais se poursuit à Shabunda.

(7/01/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201101070579.html>

Article on the continuation of mining in Shabunda territory, despite the ban on artisanal mining in South Kivu,

Kinshasa: Sino-Congolese talks on uranium.

(5/01/2011 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Congo-K's government held talks with the People's Republic of China on conducting several surveys on pinpointing the country's uranium resources and estimating the size of its various deposits.

Democratic Republic of Congo: Firms linked to conflict minerals may face prosecution.

(24/12/2010 – Institute for war and peace reporting – AfricaFiles)

<http://www.africafiles.org/article.asp?ID=24784>

A new legal framework has been put forward by lawyers and human right activist to enable prosecutors to charge firms engaged in illicit exploitation of resources in conflict zones. It is believed that if national prosecutors start prosecuting pillage as a war crime, the activities of firms will be checked. However, this proposal still faces some hurdles.

There is no quick fix for the mining misery in eastern Congo.

(11/01/2011 – The Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2011/jan/11/fix-mining-misery-eastern-congo>

Corporate and consumer action are both necessary to end trade-driven conflict.

2011 - La RDC assure la présidence du processus de Kimberley.

(6/01/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201101070016.html>

Processus de Kimberley - Les priorités du pays.

(7/01/2011 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201101070352.html>

La traçabilité du diamant brut permet à la Rdc de réaliser la performance des recettes à l'exportation.

(8/01/2011 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/72870>

The DRC will chair the Kimberley Process in 2011.

Cobalt - Statistics and Information.

(2010 – USGS)

http://minerals.usgs.gov/minerals/pubs/commodity/cobalt/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+usgs_mpubs+%28USGS+Minerals+Periodicals%29&utm_content=Bloglines

Niobium (Columbium) and Tantalum - Statistics and Information.

(2010 – USGS)

http://minerals.usgs.gov/minerals/pubs/commodity/niobium/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+usgs_mpubs+%28USGS+Minerals+Periodicals%29&utm_content=Bloglines

USGS 2010 update on Cobalt, Niobium and Tantalum statistics. It includes some information on the DRC.

Rescuing DR Congo's natural heritage focus of upcoming UN meeting.

(5/01/2011 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=37204&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=24114&Cr=RDC&Cr1=> (French)

The UN and the Government of the DRC will hold a meeting next week to discuss ways of better protecting five sites from the vast African nation that are inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger. The five sites in danger are Virunga, Garamba, Kahuzi-Biega, and Salonga National Parks, and the Okapi Wildlife Reserve. The sites have suffered from political instability in the Great Lakes region over the past two decades, according to a news release issued by UNESCO.

UGANDA

Business Partnerships Critical for Oil And Gas Development, Says Tullow.

(12/01/2011 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201101120110.html>

Business partnerships and regional cooperation are critical to the successful development of Uganda's oil and gas industry, Mr Brian Glover, the country manager of Tullow Uganda said yesterday. Mr Glover said that as Uganda moves to the commercial production phase of its oil resources, there will be a great need for Uganda to work with other East African states because they will play a key role in the transportation of its finished oil products.

What will Uganda's Elections mean for Parliamentary Oil Governance?

(15/12/2010 – South African Institute of International Affairs)

<http://www.saiia.org.za/diplomatic-pouch/what-will-uganda-s-elections-mean-for-parliamentary-oil-governance.html>

In February Ugandans will be going to the polls for presidential and parliamentary elections. It is an interesting time for a changing of the guard in Parliament, as Uganda will soon be the latest oil-producing country on the continent. Already there are concerns over a lack of transparency and government accountability related to oil agreements and revenues. What role is Parliament expected to play in holding the Executive to account and ensuring greater transparency in the oil sector?

Tullow boosts Uganda oil projections.

(11/01/2011 – Daily Nation)

<http://www.nation.co.ke/business/news/Tullow%20boosts%20Uganda%20oil%20projections/-/1006/1087702/-/14oatwrz/-/>

Uganda likely has 2.5 billion barrels of commercially viable oil, an executive from Anglo-Irish Tullow said on Tuesday, adding that production would not begin in 2011 as previously expected.

Mining Can End Karamoja Woes.

(6/01/2011 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201101070102.html>

The Government should improve the mining sector in Karamoja to accelerate the area's development, civil society organisations have advised. Isaac Kabongo, the executive director of the Ecological Christian Organisation, said the Karamoja region was endowed with high-value mineral deposits, but mining was done crudely, hence not benefiting the community economically.

Oil and Development - the Changing Face of Hoima.

(7/01/2011 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201101100149.html>

A vacant tract of land lies between the welcoming town council sign and the town centre. One can think Hoima town is still a distance away. The discovery of petroleum in the district, a few years ago, brought Hoima to fame. The town is now a centre of diverse activities, such as construction, especially in residential areas. Newly painted buildings, unfinished roof tops and growing gardens are common.

RWANDA

Rukarara Hydro Project Completed.

(7/01/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201101070190.html>

Rukarara Small Hydro Power Project has been fully completed at a cost of \$23.5m, injecting between 2.5MW to 6MW into the national electricity grid.

Congolese Poachers Repatriated.

(7/01/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201101070195.html>

Two poachers from Kibumba zone in the DRC, who were arrested in Volcanoes National Park (PNV) as they laid snares to catch Bushbucks and Antelopes in the park, were handed over to their Congolese authorities yesterday. They were arrested by the Rwanda Anti-Poaching patrols, a day before Christmas and detained at Kinigi Police Station pending their deportation to their country.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

Global Witness proposes new framework that could close legal loopholes which allow corporate crimes in conflict zones.

(10/01/2011 – Global Witness)

<http://www.globalwitness.org/library/global-witness-proposes-new-framework-could-close-legal-loopholes-which-allow-corporate>

A new briefing paper published by Global Witness today, shows how the prosecutions of rogue businesses operating in situations of widespread violence can be made easier. Through the various legal actions it has brought against companies, Global Witness has identified a range of loopholes that currently allow such businesses to go unpunished. The proposed framework addresses these loopholes and calls on prosecutors, law enforcement agencies, and other relevant authorities to pursue companies involved in violent crimes.

DRC

Kilo Drilling Intersects 2.38 g/t Gold Over 89.45 Metres on the Adumbi Prospect, Somituri Project, DRC.

(5/01/2011 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Kilo-Drilling-Intersects-238-g-t-Gold-Over-8945-Metres-on-Adumbi-Prospect-Somituri-Project-TSX-VENTURE-KGL-1375968.htm>

Kilo Goldmines Ltd. is pleased to announce results from diamond drill hole seventeen on the Company's Somituri Project in north-eastern DRC.

African Metals Corporation: Positive RC Drilling Results From Testing of Reconnaissance Geochemical Copper-In-Soil Anomalies, Luisha Project, Katanga Province, Democratic Republic of Congo.

(10/01/2011 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/African-Metals-Corporation-Positive-RC-Drilling-Results-From-Testing-Reconnaissance-Geochemical-TSX-VENTURE-AFR-1378221.htm>

African Metals Corporation is pleased to provide an update on exploration activities at its Luisha South Project in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Loncor Resources Reports Further Drilling Results from Makapela Prospect.

(6/01/2011 – Azomining)

<http://www.azomining.com/Details.asp?newsID=2391>

Loncor Resources Inc. has announced results for a further three drill holes at the Company's Makapela prospect, and one additional drill hole at its Yindi prospect, Ngayu Gold Project, northeastern Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Feronia Inc. Continues Expansion Into Arable Farming.

(10/01/2011 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Feronia-Inc-Continues-Expansion-Into-Arable-Farming-TSX-VENTURE-FRN-1377841.htm>

Feronia Inc. is pleased to announce that it has sown its first crop of edible beans at its 10,000 hectare arable farming operation in Bas Congo province, Democratic Republic of Congo. To date 600 hectares of past-producing farmland have been cleared, 300 hectares plowed, and 17 hectares sown.

UGANDA

Tax Dispute Resolved, Says Tullow Oil.

(12/01/2011 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201101120106.html>

The tax dispute between the government and oil exploration companies, Heritage Oil and Gas and Tullow Oil, has been resolved, according to Mr Elly Karuhanga, the chairman Tullow Uganda Operations.

Tullow pushes back Uganda oil production to 2012.

(11/01/2011 – Reuters - Engineering News)

<http://www.engineeringnews.co.za/article/tullow-pushes-back-uganda-oil-production-to-2012-2011-01-11>

Tullow Says Oil Production in Uganda to Start in 2012.

(11/01/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-01-11/tullow-says-oil-production-in-uganda-to-start-in-2012.html>

Tullow Oil said on Tuesday it would start oil production in Uganda in 2012 rather than its previous target of 2011 due to the complexity of the operations, including putting up the required facilities.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

Uganda seeks cash for talks over DRC's \$10bn plunder claim.

(3/01/2011 – Africa Review)

<http://www.africareview.com/News/-/979180/1082938/-/i6w07mz/-/index.html>

The Uganda government is seeking \$1 million under a supplementary budget request to parliament to facilitate a meeting with Congolese officials and lawyers – whose country accuses Uganda of war crimes and plunder of its resources. In 1999, Congo took Uganda to the World Court—seeking reparations of between of \$6b and \$10b—which the court said was a fair claim. The UN court sitting at The Hague, however, gave the countries an option of settling the matter between themselves.

Illegal Arms And Africa's Security Dilemma(2).

(5/01/2011 – Daily Independent - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201101060291.html>

Opinion article, written by Okechukwu Emeh Jr., saying the proliferation of small arms and light weapons in the African continent fuels the incessant civil wars.

DRC

Leader named and shamed, but still lording it over DRC.

(5/01/2011 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2011-01-05-leader-named-and-shamed-but-still-lording-it-over-drc>

Innocent Zimurinda, the feared former DRC militia leader remains an army lieutenant colonel in "operational command", despite having been put on a UN sanctions list one month ago, according to UN officials and rights workers. Zimurinda is a leading name among rogue army officers who are meant to be extending government control in eastern DRC but are instead fighting for its mineral wealth and lumber concessions, according to rights groups.

Nord-Kivu - Les FARDC lancent une offensive contre les groupes armés.

(7/01/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201101070537.html>

During the end of year celebrations, the FARDC has launched military operations against the FDLR and Pareco rebels in Lubero and Butembo territories, North Kivu.

Fardc/Opération Rwenzori : plus question d'Adf/Nalu au Nord-Kivu en 2011.

(8/01/2011 – Radio Okapi - Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/72860>

Major Célestin Ngeleka, spokesperson of the Rwenzori military operation, on the state of affairs on the fight against the ADF/Nalu rebels.

Nord-Kivu: les Maï-Maï Kifuafua protestent contre l'arrestation de Didier Bitaki.

(10/01/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/01/10/nord-kivu-les-mai-mai-kifuafua-protestent-contre-l%E2%80%99arrestation-de-didier-bitaki/>

Maï Maï Kifuafua rebels reject the arrest of one of their leaders Didier Bitaki.

Les gardes de parc des Virunga accusés de violations des droits de l'homme.

(5/01/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/01/05/les-gardes-de-parc-des-virunga-accuses-de-violations-des-droits-de-l%E2%80%99homme/>

ICCN park rangers have been accused of committing human rights violations against the communities living next to the Virunga National Park.

Lubero: afflux des populations déguerpies par les gardes de parc des Virunga.

(10/01/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/01/10/lubero-afflux-des-populations-deguerpies-par-les-gardes-de-parc-des-virunga/>

Large-scale displacement occurred in Ndwali, near the Virunga National Park, following operations by the park rangers to chase away civilians who have infiltrated in the park.

Commerce illicite des minerais de l'Est - Global Witness charge Kigali.

(7/01/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201101070534.html>

Article on the latest Global Witness report, "The Hill Belongs to Them".

A bar fight leads to pillage and rape in Fizi.

(9/01/2011 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosiassa.blogspot.com/2011/01/bar-fight-leads-to-pillage-and-rape-in.html>

New Year's Day in Fizi, South Kivu, brought bad news and gave an idea about how stupid and arrogant the violence in the Kivus has sometimes become. An argument broke out in a bar between a Congolese army soldier and a civilian. The soldier shot the other man in the abdomen, which then prompted a mob to lynch the soldier. As retaliation, the local army battalion went on a rampage in town, raping and looting the village.

Fizi-centre: la situation sécuritaire toujours précaire.

(7/01/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/01/07/fizi-centre-la-situation-securitaire-toujours-precaire/>

The governor of South Kivu has conducted a field visit to Fizi to evaluate the security situation on the ground, following last week's violent confrontations between FARDC soldiers and civilians.

More than 30 women raped and beaten in DR Congo attack.

(7/01/2011 – The Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/jan/07/congo-women-rape-beaten>

MSF treats victims of mass rape on New Year's Day in Democratic Republic of Congo.

(7/01/2011 – MSF – Reliefweb)

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

Women raped in mass attack in Congo, humanitarian group says.

(7/01/2011 – CNN)

http://edition.cnn.com/2011/WORLD/africa/01/06/congo.rapes/index.html?eref=edition_africa&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+rss%2Fedition_africa+%28RSS%3A+Africa%29&utm_content=Bloglines

Report: 33 women raped in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

(7/01/2011 – CNN)

http://edition.cnn.com/2011/WORLD/africa/01/07/drcongo.rape/index.html?eref=edition_africa&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+rss%2Fedition_africa+%28RSS%3A+Africa%29&utm_content=Bloglines

The international emergency medical humanitarian organization, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) has provided specialized care to 33 women raped on New Year's Day in Fizi, South Kivu. The women were raped on the night of 1 January in Fizi town and surroundings in a coordinated attack.

UN envoy urges DR Congo authorities to probe recent allegations of mass rapes.

(8/01/2011 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=37230&Cr=sexual%20violence&Cr1=> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=24140&Cr=RDC&Cr1=> (French)

The United Nations envoy dealing with sexual violence in conflict today called on the authorities of the DRC to immediately investigate reports of a large number of rapes that occurred recently in the eastern province of South Kivu.

La Monusco confirme l'exploitation des femmes dans les mines du Nord-Kivu.

(8/01/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201101101387.html>

Article on a recent MONUSCO report discerning the problem of exploitation of women in the mines of North Kivu.

Adoption au Sénat de la loi portant organisation et fonctionnement des Forces armées de la RDC, FARDC.

(5/01/2011 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/72803>

The Congolese Senate adopted a new law on the organisation of the FARDC.

Controversy in Kinshasa as Kabila Tries to Change the Constitution.

(6/01/2011 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosiassa.blogspot.com/2011/01/controversy-in-kinshasa-as-kabila-tries.html>

Talk of changing the constitution and electoral law in the Congo is now mounting, with the national assembly debating the issue and parties tallying their members' votes to see whether they can win the vote. Yesterday, Congo's Catholic Cardinal Monsengwo came out in opposition to one of the more controversial reforms, which would make the presidential race into a single-round plurality vote. But it looks like President Kabila might have the votes to push through the reform anyway.

Opposition Leaders Reject Proposed Electoral Law Change.

(6/01/2011 – The East African – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201101100121.html>

DR Congo opposition anger over electoral changes.

(10/01/2011 – BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-12152913>

Les "Compagnons d'Etienne Tshisekedi" vont marcher contre la révision constitutionnelle.

(7/01/2011 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201101090011.html>

Mr Lambert Mende, the spokesman of both the government and the AMP, proposed the cancellation of the second round of the coming presidential election ostensibly because it will strain the national budget. Predictably, the proposal has provoked violent reactions from opposition political leaders who accuse the government and the AMP of a deliberate plot to cheat.

Money, not Politics, Behind Congo Constitutional Amendment.

(10/01/2011 – VoA News)

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/africa/Money-not-Politics-Behind-Congo-Constitutional-Amendment-113245054.html>

A Democratic Republic of Congo cabinet minister has described as nonsensical accusations that a proposed constitutional amendment will weaken the opposition and will act as a significant boost to the ruling party in the scheduled 27th November general elections. Information minister Lambert Mende said the country's fiscal condition is, in his words, the main reason for the amendment adding that the international donor community has been unable to provide promised funds to help with the upcoming elections.

Constitutional revision passed in the national assembly.

(11/01/2011 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosisasa.blogspot.com/2011/01/constitutional-revision-passed-in.html>

The news just in from Kinshasa: The constitutional revision passed the national assembly today with 350 out of 500 votes. The Palais du Peuple got a bit chaotic when a fistfight broke out on the podium between opposition and majority MPs, but the vote eventually passed. Already there are accusations that the votes were bought in order to make this one of the fastest legislative acts of the national assembly (talk of \$20,000 per MP) - it passed in just a few days, and apparently violated legal process as it was not sent to the government for comments before adoption.

Policy recommendations for an election year.

(9/01/2011 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosisasa.blogspot.com/2011/01/policy-recommendations-for-election-yea.html>

Expanded transcript of a presentation of Jason Stearns before the US State Department, stating it is imperative that the US strengthen its engagement in the DRC during this election year.

DRC: Drumming for deliverance.

(7/01/2011 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=91558>

Slapped into submission by a child soldier, a man thanks the gunmen who have just raped his wife and daughter, now bedraggled and whimpering. Dozens of women in a large circle observe the harrowing scene. But this is theatre - as therapy. The "stage" is the grounds of the General Referral Hospital of Panzi, in Bukavu, capital of eastern DRC's South Kivu province, a facility that specializes in treating survivors of sexual violence, of whom there are a very large number in eastern DRC, where rape is widely used as a weapon by warring groups. The performance brings together both survivors and perpetrators of extreme violence.

Expulsés de l'Angola, les Congolais de la Rdc subissent des traitements dégradants, atteste l'Ocha.

(5/01/2011 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/72822>

OCHA reports about human rights violations and humiliation endured by Congolese civilians who were expelled from Angola.

RD Congo : Bulletin d'information humanitaire - Province du Nord Kivu, 05 janvier 2011.

(5/01/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/VVOS-8CTM6Z?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

RD Congo : Bulletin d'information humanitaire - Province du Sud-Kivu, 11 janvier 2011.

(11/01/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

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

RD Congo : Bulletin d'information humanitaire - Province du Nord Kivu, 11 janvier 2011.

(11/01/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

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

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

Bemba Trial Resumes Next Week.

(5/01/2011 – Bemba Trial Website – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201101060188.html>

CPI : Reprise du procès de Jean-Pierre Bemba.

(11/01/2011 – Hirondelle)

<http://www.hirondelle.org/page-accueil/cpi-reprise-du-proces-de-jean-pierre-bemba/>

The trial of Congolese opposition leader Jean-Pierre Bemba is scheduled to resume on Tuesday, January 11, at the International Criminal Court (ICC).

FDLR

Genocide Charges Against Mbarushimana Still Stand – Karugarama.

(6/01/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201101060246.html>

French Court Upholds Hutu Rebel's Transfer to ICC.

(5/01/2011 – Radio France Internationale – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201101060140.html>

Despite the decision by France's highest court to sanction the extradition of Callixte Mbarushimana to the ICC, the Rwandese government has said that outstanding charges on his role in the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi still remain. Mbarushimana was arrested last October on an ICC warrant for atrocities committed in DRC by the FDLR, a militia group he served as its Executive Secretary.

Rwandan Government Urges More Arrests After France Blocks Rebel's Appeals.

(5/01/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-01-05/rwandan-government-urges-more-arrests-after-france-blocks-rebel-s-appeals.html>

Rwanda urged France to arrest all genocide fugitives living in that country after a French court rejected an appeal by rebel leader Callixte Mbarushimana against a ruling that he surrender to the International Criminal Court.

Another Top FDLR Commander Defects.

(8/01/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201101100193.html>

A few days after a string of commanders from the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda (FDLR) militia abandoned the group, Lt .Col. Amri Bizimana is the latest to surrender and return to Rwanda.

Rutshuru: des combattants FDLR signalés dans le parc national des Virunga.

(9/01/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/01/09/rutshuru-des-combattants-fdlr-signalés-dans-le-parc-national-des-virunga/>

According to the Amani Leo military authorities, about 150 FDLR rebels are present in the neighbourhood of Binza, in the Virunga National Park.

Katanga: traque contre les FDLR, 19 rebelles et 3 militaires des FARDC tués.

(10/01/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/01/10/katanga-traque-contre-les-fdlr-19-rebelles-et-3-militaires-des-fardc-tués/>

The FARDC military operation against the FDLR rebels in North Katanga, which started about six months ago, so far resulted in the killing of 19 rebels and 3 soldiers.

LRA**LRA Will Never Return to North, Says UPDF.**

(9/01/2011 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201101100060.html>

UPDF commanders have assured people who were once IDPs in northern Uganda that Lord's Resistance Army rebels will never return to terrorise them. They urged the voters to elect leaders who can guarantee their peace.

South Sudanese see new state as buffer to LRA.

(11/01/2011 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE70A04V20110111?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRIC A+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

Yunis Egbaguru still lives in fear after she fled her village in south Sudan following an attack last month by the brutal Lord's Resistance Army, but she hopes an independent south will better protect her.

UGANDA**Islamists no threat to oil region: Museveni.**

(11/01/2011 – New Vision)

<http://www.newvision.co.ug/detail.php?newsCategoryId=12&newsId=743443>

President Yoweri Museveni has dismissed threats from Islamist rebels reported to be regrouping near the country's developing oil fields. The Allied Defence Forces (ADF) were driven out of Uganda into the dense jungle of neighbouring DRC after a violent campaign in the late 1990s, during which it bombed capital Kampala several times.

Army Won't Deploy at Sudan Border.

(7/01/2011 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201101100178.html>

The Army has denied deploying troops on the Uganda-Sudan border ahead of the referendum this weekend. While addressing journalists on Thursday, Army Spokesperson Lt. Col. Felix Kulaigye said Uganda had no intention to deploy "because there is no war." He added: "We are only monitoring the situation, securing information on how to prevent, mitigate and secure our country should there be any security threat."

Ugandan Opposition Candidate Accuses President of Genocide.

(5/01/2011 – VoA News)

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/africa/Ugandan-Opposition-Candidate-Accuses-President-of-Genocide--112978964.html>

A Ugandan opposition presidential candidate said President Yoweri Museveni issued an arrest warrant against him after he accused Mr. Museveni of masterminding a "silent genocide" in northern Uganda.

Uganda lawmakers give president funds before vote.

(5/01/2011 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJ0E7040BZ20110105?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

Uganda's parliament has more than doubled the allocation of funds to the president's office ahead of elections next month, prompting the opposition to accuse him of using state coffers to fund his re-election campaign. Parliament sat in an emergency session on Tuesday and swiftly approved a government request for supplementary budget funds of 602 billion shillings for the 2010/11 financial year (July-June).

RWANDA

Africom's General Ward Arrives Today.

(10/01/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201101100160.html>

AFRICOM's Gen. Ward visits Rwanda.

(10/01/2011 – TerraDaily)

http://www.terradaily.com/reports/AFRICOMs_Gen_Ward_visits_Rwanda_999.html

Gen. William E. Ward, the commander of the US Africa Command (AFRICOM), is expected in the country, this Monday morning. According to Army and Defence Spokesperson, Lt. Col. Jill Rutaremara, Gen. Ward will arrive early Monday and visit the Ministry of Defense (MoD) headquarters before jetting out later in the day.

Country Sets Good Example for Global Community - Gen. Ward.

(11/01/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201101110183.html>

The commander of US Africa Command (AFRICOM), Gen. William E. Ward, said that his visit to Rwanda was aimed at reaffirming the strength of the partnership between the US and Rwanda.

BURUNDI

Land Key Obstacle to Reintegration.

(10/01/2011 – IRIN – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201101101198.html>

After living abroad as refugees for years - in some cases decades - many of the half-million people who have returned to Burundi since 2002 are having to cope with a severe shortage of one of the tiny country's most precious commodities: land.

Other

We want hereby to call your attention to the interesting mailings of Monsieur Denis Tougas. It includes information on political, economic and social issues in the Great Lakes Region.

Please let us know if you wish to be added to his mailing list.

Another interesting source of information on the Great Lakes Region are the EurAc (European network on Central Africa) mailings.

If you wish to be added to this mailing list you can contact Mr Kris Berwouts (kris.berwouts@eurac-network.org).

IPIS latest publications

IPIS LATEST REPORTS

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.

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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