



Briefing 9 – 15 February 2011

Contents

Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region	2
DRC	2
Uganda	3
Rwanda	4
International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region	4
DRC	4
Uganda	6
Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region	6
DRC	6
FDLR	12
LRA	12
Uganda	13
Rwanda	13
Burundi	13
Other	14
IPIS latest publications	15
IPIS latest reports	15
Sources	17

Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

Experts Address Challenges in Africa's Mining Sector.

(8/02/2011 – TradeInvest Africa - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201102090752.html>

With a vast array of broadly dispersed mineral resources, Africa holds a wealth of opportunity for investors. For many African countries income from metals and minerals can make up the majority of total export earnings - in some cases up to 90%. That said, unlocking the mineral wealth of Africa is not without its significant challenges. Ahead of the 2011 Mining Indaba held from 7-10 February in South Africa, several experts highlighted the most pressing challenges facing the growth and development of mining in their countries, and outlined what needs to be done to address these challenges.

CEPGL Still in Difficult Transition – Mushikiwabo.

(11/02/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201102110316.html>

The Rwandan Minister of Foreign Affairs, Louise Mushikiwabo, has said that the Economic Community for the Great Lakes Region (CEPGL) needs to undergo serious changes if it is to fulfill its mandate. The Minister made the remarks while appearing before the Senate to answer queries on the regional body's integration process. CEPGL brings together Rwanda, Burundi and the DRC.

La Sinelac bientôt viable?

(09/02/2011 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Burundi, Rwanda and the DRC have agreed to revive Sinelac, the organisation responsible for the management of the Ruzizi hydro-power dam.

DRC

DR Congo ban may be phased out.

(9/02/2011 – ITRI)

http://www.itri.co.uk/pooled/articles/BF_NEWSART/view.asp?Q=BF_NEWSART_322342

The DRC is considering phasing out a ban on mining in three eastern provinces that was aimed at halting illegal trade, Bloomberg reported. "Mines could be reopened quickly," Mines Minister Martin Kabwelulu told a mining conference in Cape Town today. "We would like to avoid a situation where people exploit those minerals too quickly" and flood the market, he said.

Congo's Gecamines Could Produce 1 Million Tons of Copper a Year.

(9/02/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-02-09/congo-gecamines-could-produce-as-much-as-1-million-tons-of-copper-a-year.html>

Gecamines, the Democratic Republic of Congo's state-owned copper and cobalt miner, could produce as much as 1 million metric tons of copper a year with its partners, General Manager Ahmed Kalej said in a speech in Cape Town today. He didn't give a time period.

Mbuji-Mayi: cinq creuseurs artisanaux meurent dans un éboulement.

(13/02/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/02/13/mbuji-mayi-cinq-creuseurs-artisanaux-meurent-dans-un-eboulement/>

Five artisanal diamond miners were killed in a mine collapse in Lupatapata territory, about 15 kilometres from Mbuji-Mayi.

Congo's State Miners in Talks With Private Groups About Funding.

(9/02/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-02-09/congo-s-state-mining-companies-in-talks-with-private-groups-about-funding.html>

State-owned mining companies in the Democratic Republic of Congo are in talks with unidentified private groups about funding mineral exploration projects in the country, Mines Minister Martin Kabwelulu said.

DRC'S MIBA seeks funds from South African banks.

(14/02/2011 – Diamondintelligence.com)

<http://www.diamondintelligence.com/magazine/magazine.aspx?id=9292>

DRC's Diamond Mining Company Seeks SA Funding to "Wake Up Giant".

(10/02/2011 – The Israeli Diamond Industry)

<http://www.israelidiamond.co.il/english/News.aspx?bonelid=918&objid=8725>

The DRC's state-owned diamond miner, MIBA, is reportedly seeking funding from South African banks to recommence mining operations. The company needs US\$150 million to US\$200 million to renew its mining operations, according to Mines Minister Martin Kabwelulu, who spoke at last week's Mining Indaba conference in Cape Town. Officials from MIBA were in South Africa to seek funding, the minister confirmed to Bloomberg.

Soco contre les gorilles.

(09/02/2011 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Pétrole du parc des Virunga - Le gouvernement pris à son propre piège.

(10/02/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201102100392.html>

Kinshasa is caught up between Soco International, that wants to explore bloc 5 for oil, and UNESCO that labelled the Virunga National Park as world heritage.

WikiLeaks: Angola-Congo relations.

(14/02/2011 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosiasa.blogspot.com/2011/02/wikileaks-angolan-congo-relations.html>

Since 2007, the two countries have been embroiled in disputes over border demarcation, oil extraction and the expulsion of citizens. As WikiLeaks documents indicate, the oil dispute is probably the most contentious. The offshore Block 15 is the crown jewel of Angola's oil production - the four wells operated by Exxon Mobil pump 30% of the country's entire production, and the field contains estimated reserves of 4 billion barrels.

UGANDA

Museveni Likely to Win Ugandan Vote as Oil Boom Nears.

(15/02/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-02-14/museveni-may-extend-25-year-rule-in-uganda-with-nation-on-cusp-of-oil-boom.html>

Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni will probably win an election this week, extending his 25-year- rule in the East African nation on the cusp of an oil boom. He hasn't explained how he plans to manage the bonanza.

Oil Deals Should Be Open, Says Law Journal.

(10/02/2011 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201102110225.html>

OIL deals must be open and transparent if the resource curse is to be avoided, the Uganda Living Law Journal, has said. The journal observed that unless correct policies, plans and procedures are put in place from the beginning, history has shown that it is difficult to make amends later. "Oil concessions with drilling companies, and agreements and licences with potential investors in the sector need to be open and transparent," the journal stated.

Kamwenge Gets Sh60 Billion Power Project.

(13/02/2011 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201102150245.html>

The 18-mega watt electricity generated by Mpanga HydroPower project in Kamwenge district has been commissioned. The \$26m (about sh60b) power plant is owned by Africa EMS Mpanga, a subsidiary of South Asia Energy Management Systems Inc based in California, the US.

RWANDA

Stakeholders to Monitor Exploitation of Kivu Gas.

(12/02/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201102141089.html>

Stakeholders to the just concluded Lake Kivu resource exploration meeting agreed to collectively monitor and ensure the sustainable extraction of methane gas from the lake, as well as contribute to the safety of the surrounding population and the environment's ecosystem. The three-day international workshop on Lake Kivu Resources Development concluded on Thursday in Rubavu District.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

Katanga prepares next expansion phase at DRC copper/cobalt ops.

(11/02/2011 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/katanga-prepares-next-expansion-phase-at-drc-coppercobalt-ops-2011-02-11>

Katanga Mining is on track to complete a capacity expansion at its copper and cobalt complex in the Democratic Republic of Congo by midyear, and has already begun work on the next phase of growth, CEO John Ross said on Friday.

Katanga quarterly profit more than doubles.

(11/02/2011 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/investingNews/idAFJJOE71A0I520110211>

Katanga Mining announces 2010 fourth quarter and year end results.

(11/02/2011 – Trading Markets)

http://www.tradingmarkets.com/news/press-release/kat_katff_katanga-mining-announces-2010-fourth-quarter-and-year-end-results-1485636.html

Katanga Mining said on Friday that fourth-quarter earnings more than doubled, on the back of increased copper and cobalt production from its mines in the DRC. The Toronto-listed company said its profit rose to \$37.7 million from \$15.3 million a year earlier.

Ivanhoe makes major DRC, SA copper discoveries.

(9/02/2011 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/ivanhoe-makes-major-drc-sa-copper-discoveries-2011-02-09>

Ivanplats Makes Tier-1 Copper Discovery in Congo, Chairman Friedland Says.

(9/02/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-02-09/ivanhoe-s-ceo-robert-friedland-says-made-tier-1-copper-discovery-in-congo.html>

Ivanhoe Mines has made major "Tier 1" copper discoveries in the DRC and South Africa, chief executive Robert Friedland said on Wednesday. The Congo discovery was the first such copper find in the central African country since 1906, Friedland told a mining conference in Cape Town. "Tier 1" indicates a very large deposit of high-grade copper ore.

Kipoi Copper Project Stage 1 Construction Update.

(15/02/2011 – Digital Journal)

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/pr/222799>

Tiger Resources Limited is pleased to advise that construction has continued to proceed safely with minor delays and on budget for the Stage 1 development at the Kipoi Copper Project in the DRC.

Tiger aims to finish study on next Congo copper mine end March.

(15/02/2011 – Reuters)

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/02/15/tiger-copper-idUSL3E7DF0C020110215>

Tiger Resources is about a month away from completing a study on the second phase of its Kipoi copper mining project in the Democratic Republic of Congo, which could yield as much as 50,000 tonnes a year, a company spokesman said on Tuesday.

Perenco malmené par ses salaires.

(09/02/2011 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Congolese employees of Perenco went on strike for a few days, demanding higher wages.

SacOil Holds Talks With Potential Investors About Selling Congo Oil Block.

(15/02/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-02-15/sacoil-holds-talks-with-potential-investors-about-selling-congo-oil-block.html>

SacOil Holdings Ltd. is in talks with a number of potential investors about its oil block in the DRC and hasn't yet concluded any transaction, Chief Executive Officer Robin Vela said.

Total in talks to buy Congo oil block.

(15/02/2011 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/southAfricaNews/idAFLDE71E18W20110215>

France's Total in Talks With SacOil About Buying Into Congolese Oil Block.

(15/02/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-02-15/total-of-france-plans-to-acquire-stake-in-congo-oil-block-minister-says.html>

Total SA is in talks to buy an oil block in the Democratic Republic of Congo controlled by a South African consortium led by a unit of Johannesburg-listed SacOil, Total said on Tuesday. "Talks are underway, but no deal has been signed. As such it is too early to comment," a Total spokeswoman in Paris said by telephone of media reports of negotiations over Block 3, in the eastern Lake Albert Region.

African Metals Assay Results from Stockpile Drilling Highlight Zones of Significant Copper and Cobalt Mineralization, Luisha South Project, Katanga Province, Democratic Republic of Congo.

(14/02/2011 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/African-Metals-Assay-Results-from-Stockpile-Drilling-Highlight-Zones-Significant-Copper-TSX-VENTURE-AFR-1395232.htm>

Nigel Ferguson, the President of African Metals Corporation is pleased to report that the Company has received final assay results from the 42 Reverse Circulation (RC) drill holes completed on the stockpile at its Luisha South Project in the Katanga Province of Democratic Republic of Congo.

UGANDA

Neptune to Boost West Nile Oil Exploration.

(13/02/2011 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201102150239.html>

Neptune Petroleum Uganda, the company exploring oil and gas in the West Nile, has raised \$6.8m to accelerate its work. The money was raised through its London-based parent firm, Tower Resources Plc. The funds will be used to increase the company's working capital and fund the impending seismic operations in West Nile.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

Congo rebels attack UK oil convoy.

(15/02/2011 – Financial Times)

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/e2c39e1c-391a-11e0-b0f6-00144feabdc0.html?ftcamp=rss#axzz1E7jdh5RU>

DR Congo: 'FDLR rebels kidnap' Soco oil worker.

(15/01/2011 – BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-12475582>

Soco Reports Kidnapping in Block 5 in Eastern Congo.

(15/02/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-02-15/soco-reports-kidnapping-in-block-5-in-eastern-congo-update1-.html>

Congolese rebels have attacked and burnt a British oil company convoy in the troubled east of the country, taking one South African hostage, according to the company and the UN peacekeeping mission in the country. Soco International, a FTSE-listed oil company with a licence to explore Block 5 of the Albertine Graben that borders oil-rich Uganda, confirmed “an incident took place outside the park” on Monday. A rebel breakaway known as FPLC/FDLR-Soki, which includes a contingent from the CNDP, a former Rwandan-backed Tutsi rebel group, and a breakaway from their adversaries the Rwandan Hutu-led FDLR, is thought to be behind the attack.

Still smuggling.

(10/02/2011 – The Economist)

http://www.economist.com/node/18119207?story_id=18119207&fsrc=rss

Bosco Ntaganda is a Congolese army general and former rebel leader wanted by the ICC for recruiting child soldiers. On February 3rd a plane from Nigeria landed in Goma, capital of North Kivu in the DRC, and a group of his men swiftly unloaded \$6.5m in cash. Pursued by police through Goma's streets, they ferried the money to one of the general's compounds.

Bosco Ntaganda - Après le scandale de Goma, Kinshasa peut-il encore le soutenir?

(9/02/2011 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201102100251.html>

Article wondering whether Kinshasa will continue to support Bosco Ntaganda following the alleged link between the ex-CNDP general and the gold smugglers that were arrested last week.

Nord Kivu : Trafic illégal de l'or de la Rdc, une cabale des trafiquants!

(09/02/2011 – Le Palmarès – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/73627>

Affaire du Jet cloué à l'aéroport de Goma: sept expatriés impliqués, selon Luzolo Bambi.

(14/02/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/02/14/affaire-du-jet-cloue-a-l%E2%80%99aeroport-de-goma-sept-expatries-impliques-selon-luzolo-bambi/>

Congo Investigates Foreigners for Gold Smuggling, Okapi Says.

(14/02/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-02-14/congo-investigates-foreigners-for-gold-smuggling-okapi-says.html>

Democratic Republic of Congo's attorney general is investigating seven foreign nationals accused of smuggling gold, United Nations-sponsored Radio Okapi reported today, citing Justice Minister Luzolo Bambi. The suspected smugglers are citizens of the U.S., Nigeria and France, Bambi told the Kinshasa-based broadcaster today.

Réaction du ministre Lambert Mende au sujet du démantèlement à Goma du réseau international de trafiquants d'or.

(10/02/2011 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/73630>

Congolese Minister Lambert Mende's reaction on the arrest of the gold smugglers.

Armed groups weaken in the Kivus.

(10/02/2011 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosiassa.blogspot.com/2011/02/armed-groups-weaken-in-kivus.html>

Some good news from the East, finally. Following up on previous reports about the integration of the FRF armed group in the South Kivu High Plateau, a large delegation of FRF officer visited Bukavu last week to discuss the terms of their integration. At the same time, there have been reliable reports of negotiations with Mai-Mai led by "Colonel" Lucien Mastaki, Yakutumba, Kapopo and Aoci.

Rutshuru : des patrouilles mixtes pour sécuriser le parc des Virunga.

(11/02/2011 – Syfia Grands Lacs)

<http://www.syfia-grands-lacs.info/index.php5?view=articles&action=voir&idArticle=2030>

Since about six months the FARDC is joining ICCN patrols in the Virunga National Park, which resulted in a decreasing number of pillages.

L'ICCN et l'armée organisent le démantèlement des groupes armés qui sèment l'insécurité dans les parcs nationaux.

(12/02/2011 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/73687>

ICCN park rangers and FARDC soldiers will form joint patrols to fight the presence of armed groups in the national parks.

Ex-Child Soldiers in DRC Drawn Back Into Military Ranks: Youngsters struggling to adapt to civilian life feel they have little option but to return to fighting.

(14/02/2011 – African Press International)

<https://africanpress.wordpress.com/2011/02/14/ex-child-soldiers-in-drc-drawn-back-into-military-ranks-youngsters-struggling-to-adapt-to-civilian-life-feel-they-have-little-option-but-to-return-to-fighting/>

(8/02/2011 – Institute for war and peace reporting – reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/ADGO-8DVS4T?OpenDocument>

A lack of community support and persistent discrimination is being blamed for the re-recruitment of former child soldiers by the army and militias in Masisi territory, in eastern DRC. Former child soldiers are being especially targeted in Kitchanga, 80 kilometres north-west of Goma. The town used to be a stronghold of the CNDP, a rebel group which has now been officially integrated into the armed forces. Observers say that a factor behind this phenomenon is the frustration that many former CNDP soldiers feel about the ranks they have been offered as part of their incorporation into the national army.

Beni: une attaque attribuée au Pareco à Kyondo contre la police fait 2 morts.

(9/02/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/02/09/beni-une-attaque-attribuee-au-pareco-a-kyondo-contre-la-police-fait-2-morts/>

Maï Maï Pareco rebels attacked the police in Kyondo, about 80 kilometres from Beni.

Haut Uele: les commerçants seront désormais escortés par les FARDC.

(11/02/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/02/11/haut-uele-les-commerçants-seront-desormais-escortes-par-les-fardc/>

The FARDC ninth military region commander Jean-Claude Kifwa has announced the FARDC will escort movements from traders in Haut-Uélé, Province Orientale.

Beni: la société civile dénonce l'enlèvement de 15 personnes à Mayimoya.

(11/02/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/02/11/beni-la-societe-civile-denonce-l%E2%80%99enlevement-de-15-personnes-a-mayimoya/>

The civil society of Beni denounces the kidnapping of 15 civilians in Mayimoya by the ADF-Nalu rebels.

11 Civilians Found Dead After Congo Abduction.

(15/02/2011 – VoA News)

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/africa/11-Civilians-Found-Dead-After-Congo-Abduction-116226209.html>

Onze corps des ex-otages des ADF-Nalu découverts à Beni.

(13/02/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/02/13/onze-corps-des-ex-otages-des-adf-nalu-decouverts-a-beni/>

Ugandan Rebels Murder 12 in Congo's North Kivu Province, Local Leader Says.

(14/02/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-02-14/ugandan-rebels-murder-12-in-congo-s-north-kivu-province-local-leader-says.html>

Residents of a town in eastern Congo have found the bodies of 11 civilians who were kidnapped by Ugandan rebels.

Le gouvernement et la Monusco se concertent à Goma sur le Plan Starec.

(16/02/2011 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/73769>

The Congolese government, MONUSCO and various international and national partners gathered in Goma to talk about STAREC.

The DRC Government and the United Nations join hands in the struggle against land mines.

(10/02/2011 – MONUSCO)

<http://monusco.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=932&ctl=Details&mid=1096&ItemID=12298> (English)

<http://monusco.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=12297> (French)

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed on February 10 will pave the way for rehabilitation works on roads which were halted because of the risks posed by land mines and other unexploded ordinance (UXOs).

Ministère de la défense : Vers des perspectives d'une coopération militaire Rdc-Russie.

(14/02/2011 – ACP - Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/73728>

Congolese minister of defence Mwando Nsimba received General Vadinu Odrisky, a representative of the Russian ministry of defence, to talk about the possibilities of military cooperation between the two countries.

Selon Ban Ki-moon - La consolidation de la paix au pays passe par la réforme de l'armée.

(11/02/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201102110652.html>

In his second report to the UN Security Council on the MONUSCO, the Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon stated the reform of the Congolose army and police force is of utmost importance for the consolidation of peace in the country.

Les conflits fonciers refont surface à Kongolo.

(11/02/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/02/11/les-conflits-fonciers-refont-surface-a-kongolo/>

Article on customary conflicts in Northern Katanga.

Aujourd'hui comme hier, le Rwanda cherche à annexer le Kivu.

(11/02/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201102110866.html>

Article on Rwanda's hunger for land and Kigali's craving for eastern Congolese territory.

Congolese soldiers go on trial accused of raping more than 60 women.

(10/02/2011 – Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/feb/10/congolese-soldiers-rape-trial-gender-court>

Congo soldiers go on trial for mass rapes.

(10/02/2011 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJ0E7190GE20110210?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

Trial of Soldiers Accused of Mass Rape in Fizi Opens Tomorrow in Special Mobile Gender Court.

(9/02/2011 – OSISA -allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201102091000.html>

Fizi/Sud-Kivu : Onze militaires des Fardc comparaissent pour leur implication dans le viol.

(11/02/2011 – L'Avenir – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/73659>

Eleven government soldiers accused of raping more than 60 women have gone on trial in the most high-profile case yet heard by the DRC's pioneering "mobile gender court". The men are alleged to have carried out the attacks on New Year's Day in the town of Fizi, in the South Kivu province, where sexual violence is rife amid clashes between the army and local and foreign militias. The accused – including commanding officer Lieutenant Colonel Mutware Kibibi – have been charged with crimes against humanity, including rape and imprisonment.

Public Hearing in Baraka.

(10/02/2011 – MONUSCO)

<http://monusco.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=932&ctl=Details&mid=1096&ItemID=12299> (English)

<http://monusco.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=12300> (French)

Sud-Kivu: début du procès des présumés violeurs du nouvel an à Fizi.

(10/02/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/02/10/sud-kivu-debut-du-proces-des-presumes-violeurs-du-nouvel-an-a-fizi/>

Sud-Kivu : accusés de viol, 11 militaires congolais à la barre à Baraka.

(11/02/2011 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/73685>

The South-Kivu military court started a public hearing on Thursday, 10 February 2011 in Baraka, 35 km from Fizi and 260 km south-west of Bukavu for the eleven soldiers of the Congolese Army, indicted for crime against humanity for alleged rape, forced imprisonment and assaults on civilians, as well as other degrading treatments and acts of terrorism committed in the night of 1st and 2nd January 2011 in Fizi.

Systematic rape continues on Congo-Angola border: UN.

(12/02/2011 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJ0E71B00R20110212?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

Systematic sexual violence continues to be carried out against Congolese women and girls caught up in mass expulsions from Angola to the DRC, a U.N. envoy said on Friday.

DR Congo: UN helps provide psychotherapy, training for rape victims.

(10/02/2011 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=37509&Cr=sexual+violence&Cr1=>

'City of Joy' assists and empowers survivors of sexual violence in DR Congo.

(9/02/2011 – UNICEF - Reliefweb)

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

As part of its campaign against rape in the DRC, the UN and its partners this week opened a centre in the eastern city of Bukavu to provide a safe haven and training programmes for survivors of sexual violence. The City of Joy, a joint project of UNICEF and the non-governmental organization V-Day, will serve 180 women between the ages of 14 and 35 every year with psychotherapy and extensive training comprising literacy, economics and sexuality education

RD Congo : Bulletin d'information humanitaire - Province Orientale, 8 février 2011.

(8/02/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/JDUN-8DWA5N?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

Situation Humanitaire - Sud-Kivu R.D. Congo - Rapport Mensuel Janvier 2011.

(11/02/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/SMDL-8DYF8J?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

République Démocratique du Congo: Sud-Kivu - Incidents sécuritaires contre les humanitaires (Jan 2010 - Jan 2011).

(7/02/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

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

RD Congo : Bulletin d'information humanitaire - Province du Sud-Kivu, 15 février 2011.

(15/02/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/SMDL-8E4JQN?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

RD Congo : Bulletin d'information humanitaire - Province du Nord Kivu, 15 février 2011.

(15/02/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/SMDL-8E4JNJ?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P>

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

Witness Blames Bemba's Militia for Bangui Killings.

(9/02/2011 – Bemba Trial Website - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201102100008.html>

A witness today stated that she saw several corpses of civilians in the streets of the capital of the CAR at the end of 2002, but she did not know who had carried out the killings. Testifying for the second day in Congolese opposition leader Jean-Pierre Bemba's trial at the International Criminal Court (ICC), 'Witness 80' said it was likely the killings were the handiwork of militia from the Movement for the Liberation of Congo (MCL), who were in the country at the time to help the CAR government fight back a coup attempt.

FDLR

Over 1800 FDLR armed rebels in DR Congo surrender to UN peacekeepers in 2010.

(3/02/2011 – MONUSCO - Reliefweb)

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

Last year 1881 rebel combatants from the militia group known as the FDLR opted for voluntary surrender and disarmament to the United Nations Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo, MONUSCO. Today the FDLR combatants number approximately 2500, down 60 percent from an estimated 6000 two years ago. The rebels are located in the eastern provinces of North Kivu, South Kivu and northern Katanga.

Over 3,000 FDLR Militia Repatriated Since 2009.

(12/02/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201102141088.html>

Over 3,000 members of the FDLR militia have returned home since the beginning of Umoja Wetu operations in January 2009.

LRA

LRA report: 'Too far from home'.

(14/02/2011 – Enough project)

<http://www.enoughproject.org/blogs/lra-report-too-far-home>

(14/02/2011 – Enough Project)

<http://enoughproject.org/publications/too-far-home-demobilizing-lords-resistance-army?link=1>

Efforts to Demobilise Uganda's LRA Not Enough, Says Report.

(14/02/2011 – IPS)

<http://ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=54476>

Former Ugandan LRA Rebels Fear Going Home.

(14/02/2011 – VoA News)

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/africa/decapua-lra-demobilization-14feb11-116164939.html>

In a paper released by the Enough Project, Field Researcher Ledio Cakaj examines the challenges related to promoting the escape, disarmament, and reintegration of LRA fighters and presents several recommendations. Based on interviews with former LRA combatants, the report provides insight into why fighters leave the ranks, the risks and challenges they face in doing so, and the ways in which the government of Uganda and the international community can encourage defections.

US Policy Toward LRA Short on Details.

(15/02/2011 – ISN – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/EGUA-8E4NXH?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P>

The US has outlined a new strategy to disarm, demobilize and reintegrate Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) rebels into Ugandan society in an effort to bring peace and stability to the region. While some activists have praised the US' newfound commitment, the strategy remains short on details, meaning that change on the ground is unlikely anytime soon.

UGANDA

Keep Army Away From Elections – Besigye.

(9/02/2011 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201102100113.html>

The Inter party coalition (IPC) presidential candidate, Kizza Besigye, has asked the defence forces chief, Gen. Aronda Nyakairima, to keep the army away from elections.

UPDF Will Ensure Polls Are Peaceful.

(12/02/2011 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201102150304.html>

Interview with Lt. Gen Aronda Nyakairima on claims of opposition candidates that the UPDF is a partisan force.

UGANDA: Northerners skeptical about tangible benefits of upcoming elections.

(9/02/2011 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=91876>

Hundreds of thousands of former IDPs in northern Uganda have registered to vote in presidential and parliamentary elections on 18 February, but many doubt the outcome will improve their livelihoods.

RWANDA

Rwanda: Prison Term for Opposition Leader.

(11/02/2011 – Human Rights Watch)

<http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2011/02/11/rwanda-prison-term-opposition-leader>

The four-year prison sentence for Bernard Ntaganda, founding president of the PS-Imberakuri opposition party, strikes a blow to freedom of expression and democracy in Rwanda, Human Rights Watch said today.

Country, U.S. Discuss Military Professionalism.

(11/02/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201102110315.html>

U.S. support for the Rwanda's military was central in the discussions held yesterday between the Chief of Defence Staff, Lt. Gen. Charles Kayonga, and the visiting U.S Army Africa Commander, Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg.

BURUNDI

Burundi: From Electoral Boycott to Political Impasse.

(7/02/2011 – International Crisis Group)

<http://www.crisisgroup.org/en/regions/africa/central-africa/burundi/169-burundi-from-electoral-boycott-to-political-impasse.aspx> (English)

<http://www.crisisgroup.org/fr/regions/afrique/afrique-centrale/burundi/169-burundi-from-electoral-boycott-to-political-impasse.aspx> (French)

Six months after a string of landslide electoral victories by the ruling CNDD-FDD, Burundi is descending ever deeper into a political impasse that risks reversing a decade's progress. Instead of strengthening democracy, the 2010 communal, parliamentary and presidential elections ended in the marginalisation of the opposition – a major element of which (the Forces Nationales de Libération, FNL) went underground – and in the emergence of a new rebellion.

Other

Can Uganda's opposition upset the president's plans for succession?

(11/02/2011 – Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/global-development/2011/feb/11/uganda-opposition-upset-museveni-plans>

Yoweri Museveni is allegedly grooming his son to follow him, but first he needs to defeat challengers in Uganda's presidential elections this month.

Uganda's Museveni expected to win tight election.

(14/02/2011 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJ0E71D0A420110214?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

Ugandans will vote in a presidential and parliamentary elections on Friday that President Yoweri Museveni is expected to win, despite a fierce challenge from third-time rival and former ally Kizza Besigye.

IMF praises Congo economy, releases fresh loans.

(11/02/2011 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJ0E71A04K20110211?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

Nouveau satisfecit du FMI - Les finances de la RDC toujours au vert.

(11/02/2011 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201102111186.html>

IMF Executive Board Completes Second Review Under the ECF Arrangement with the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Approves US\$77 Million Disbursement.

(9/02/2011 – IMF)

<http://www.imf.org/external/np/sec/pr/2011/pr1135.htm>

The International Monetary Fund has praised the DRC's economic progress and approved the release of \$77 million as part of an existing loan facility to the central African nation.

IPIS latest publications

IPIS LATEST REPORTS

The Karamoja Cluster of eastern Africa: Arms transfers and their repercussions on communal security perceptions.

(December 2010 – IPIS, Transarms)

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

The pastoralist societies within the Karamoja Cluster have been unable to adequately defend themselves politically against claims that they, the pastoralists, are responsible for the proliferation of small arms and light weapons in East Africa. This report endeavours in a small way to redress this balance; it is our contention that the majority of the blame for this SALW proliferation should be laid at the doors of the three governments concerned, governments who themselves have failed to adequately address the problems of regional insecurity, weapons diversion and, in many cases, have been quite unable to resist the temptation to support individuals and groups intent on destabilising their neighbours. Although at first sight this linkage between State actors and local actors is, perhaps, not always obvious – and, indeed, may serve to mask the impact of SALW on pastoralists – it is our contention that all unavowed arms transfers are, ipso facto, destabilising and can only serve to exacerbate existing perceptions of communal instability. Indeed, the burden of our song is that any illicit or unavowed transfer of arms will earn a concomitant repercussion in such communal security perceptions.

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/20101202KIVUJGL.pdf> (pdf)

La complexité de la gestion des ressources dans un contexte de fragilité de l'État : une analyse du secteur minier dans l'arrière-pays du Kivu.

(January 2011 – IPIS / International Alert)

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

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 derrières 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.

Sources

Sources	Newsletter	RSS Feed	scanning
ACP		RSS Feed	
Africa Confidential	Newsletter	RSS Feed	
Africa Energy Intelligence		RSS Feed	
Africa Mining Intelligence		RSS Feed	
AfricaAction	Newsletter		
AfricaFiles	Newsletter	RSS Feed	
AfricaFocus	Newsletter		
African Development Bank	Newsletter		
afrik.com	Newsletter	RSS Feed	
Afrique Souveraine	Newsletter		
AllAfrica		RSS Feed	
Antwerp Facets Magazine	Newsletter		
Arms Control Association	Newsletter		

Artsen Zonder Grenzen	Newsletter	
BASIC (British American Security Information Council))	Newsletter	
BBC News Africa World Edition		RSS Feed
BICC (Bonn International Center for Conversion)	Newsletter	
BICUSA (Bank Information Center)	Newsletter	RSS Feed
Bruce Broomhall	Newsletter	
Business Daily Africa (Kenian)		RSS Feed
CarterCenter		RSS Feed
Center for Chinese Studies	Newsletter	
China Digital Times		RSS Feed
Chinadaily.com	Newsletter	
CIROC (Center for Information and Research on Organized Crime)	Newsletter	
Clingendael		RSS Feed
CNN Africa		RSS Feed
Colette Braeckman		RSS Feed
CommodityOnline		RSS Feed
Conciliation Resources	Newsletter	
CongoForum	Newsletter	
Council of the european union	Newsletter	
Daily Energy News		RSS Feed
Daily Monitor (Uganda)		RSS Feed
Defense Industry Daily	Newsletter	RSS Feed
Defense News	Newsletter	
Denis Tougas	Newsletter	
DiamondWorld		RSS Feed
digitalcongo.net	Newsletter	RSS Feed
diplomatie.be		RSS Feed
Diplomatie.gouv.fr		RSS Feed
Economist		RSS Feed
EIN News - China Mining		RSS Feed
EITI (Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative)	Newsletter	RSS Feed
Energy Information Administration		RSS Feed
Erik Kennes	Newsletter	
euforic (Europe's Forum on International Cooperation		RSS Feed
EurAc (European Network for Central Africa)	Newsletter	
EuropAfrica.org		RSS Feed
European Investment Bank		RSS Feed
Fatal Transactions		RSS Feed
FIDH (International Federation Human Rights / Fédération internationale de Droits Humaines)	Newsletter	RSS Feed
Financial Times	Newsletter	RSS Feed
Flight International (flightglobal.com)		RSS Feed
Forest Stewardship Council		RSS Feed
GICHD (Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining)	Newsletter	
Global Witness	Newsletter	scanning
GRAMA (Groupe de recherche sur les activités minières en Afrique)	Newsletter	scanning
Great Lakes Center for Strategic Studies	Newsletter	
Guardian		RSS Feed
Herald Tribune		RSS Feed
Hirondelle		scanning
Human Rights Watch		RSS Feed

IANSA (International Action Network on Small Arms)	Newsletter	RSS Feed	
ICMM (International Council on Mining and Metals)	Newsletter		
IGAD (InterGovernmental Authority on Development)		RSS Feed	
Illegal Logging	Newsletter		
IMF (International Monetary Fund)	Newsletter		
infomine-africa.com	Newsletter		
Institute for war and peace reporting	Newsletter	RSS Feed	
International Alert	Newsletter		
International Business Times – Mining			scanning
International Crisisgroup	Newsletter		
International Energy Agency	Newsletter		
International Institute for Strategic Studies	Newsletter		
International Mining			scanning
IPIS (International Peace Information Service)			scanning
IPS - Belgium (Inter Press Service)			scanning
IPS – International		RSS Feed	
Irinnews	Newsletter		
ISS (Institute for Security Studies)	Newsletter	RSS Feed	
Jane's Intelligence	Newsletter		
JeuneAfrique		RSS Feed	
La lettre du continent		RSS Feed	
Le Monde		RSS Feed	
Le Soir		RSS Feed	
Les Afriques	Newsletter		
Mail&Guardian		RSS Feed	
Marketwire		RSS Feed	scanning
mediacongo.net	Newsletter		
mineralinfo.org			scanning
Mineweb	Newsletter	RSS Feed	
Mining weekly	Newsletter		
Miningmix		RSS Feed	
Miningwatch Canada		RSS Feed	
Miraya 101 FM		RSS Feed	
MO*	Newsletter		
Monde Diplomatique	Newsletter	RSS Feed	
Monuc		RSS Feed	
New Times, The – Rwanda		RSS Feed	
New Vision (Uganda)		RSS Feed	
Noord-Zuidportaal	Newsletter	RSS Feed	
Obsac (Observatoire de l'Afrique Centrale)		RSS Feed	
OCIFE (Jesuit European Office)	Newsletter	RSS Feed	
OilVoice		RSS Feed	
OPEC		RSS Feed	
OSISA (Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa)		RSS Feed	
Overseas Development Institute		RSS Feed	
Oxfam	Newsletter	RSS Feed	
PAC (Partnership Africa Canada)	Newsletter		
Pambazuka	Newsletter	RSS Feed	
Pan African Parliament	Newsletter		
Pax Christi International	Newsletter	RSS Feed	
Radio Okapi	Newsletter		
ReliefWeb		RSS Feed	
Resource Investor		RSS Feed	

Reuters Africa		RSS Feed	
Saferworld	Newsletter		
SEESAC (South Eastern and Eastern Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons)	Newsletter		
Sipri (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute) small arms survey	Newsletter		scanning
SpaceWar & TerraDaily	Newsletter	RSS Feed	
Steelguru	Newsletter		
Survie	Newsletter		
Syfia Grands Lacs	Newsletter		
Tresa (Training and Education on Small Arms)	Newsletter		
Uitpers	Newsletter		
UN News Centre	Newsletter	RSS Feed	
UNECA (... Economic Commission for Africa)	Newsletter		
UNHCR (... High Commissioner for refugees)		RSS Feed	
UNIDIR (... Institute for Disarmament Research)	Newsletter		
UNIDO (... Industrial Development Organization)		RSS Feed	
UNMIL (... Mission in Liberia)		RSS Feed	
USAID	Newsletter	RSS Feed	
USGS (U.S. Geological Survey)	Newsletter		
Vlaams Vredesinstituut	Newsletter		
VOA News		RSS Feed	
Warefare.ru	Newsletter		
Washington Post		RSS Feed	
World Bank	Newsletter	RSS Feed	
World Rainforest Movement	Newsletter		
WWF – Forest		RSS Feed	
Xinhua		RSS Feed	

Magazines*

Africa Energy Intelligence
 Africa Mining Intelligence
 Arms control today
 Aviation week
 Defense News
 Flight International
 Jane's defence weekly
 Jane's international defence review
 Jeune Afrique
 La lettre du Continent

*Can be found at IPIS library

Keywords used in Google:

burundi mining
 Congo mining
 DRC mining
 Rwanda mining
 Uganda oil