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IPIS MOST RECENT PUBLICATIONS

MONUC/MONUSCO and Civilian Protection in the Kivus.

(February 2011 – IPIS)

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

Although UN peace operations have evolved over time, they still do not manage to address the Protection of Civilians (POC) in an effective way as this constitutes a relatively new role for UN peacekeepers. This also applies to the United Nations Mission in the Congo (MONUC) where civilian protection remains a major concern. This paper aims to uncover the challenges MONUC is facing in the country's eastern provinces, North and South Kivu, where civilians are most heavily targeted by violence.

Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

Dear SEC commissioners... sincerely 25,952 concerned consumers.

(24/02/2011 – Enough Project)

<http://enoughproject.org/blogs/dear-sec-commissioners-concerned-consumers>

Last week, the Enough Project was proud to deliver citizen petitions with the names of nearly 26,000 concerned consumers to three commissioners at the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, calling for robust conflict minerals regulations as part of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act.

A hiccup in efforts to render mineral trade more transparent?

(24/02/2011 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosiasa.blogspot.com/2011/02/hiccup-in-efforts-to-render-mineral.html>

Obama Conflict Minerals Ban Threatens African Mineral Trade.

(23/02/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-02-23/obama-s-conflict-minerals-rules-threaten-to-cut-african-trade-rwanda-says.html>

Bloomberg had an article this week suggesting that the US legislation against conflict minerals could lead to a boycott of all mineral exports from the region. Smelters, mostly located in southeast Asia, are apparently telling their suppliers that as of April this year they will not be buying tin, tungsten or tantalum from anywhere in Great Lakes region that is not clearly tagged and traced. This deadline mirrors one announced by the Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition (EICC), an industry group in the United States. The Rwandan government, along with local suppliers, is calling foul, saying they need more time to implement traceability schemes.

Lac Kivu: Après le gaz, le pétrole?

(23/02/2011 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

A delegation of the Congolese ministry of hydrocarbons visited Gisenyi to discuss the oil potential of Lake Kivu.

DRC

Province orientale : l'exportation des minerais privilégie la filière informelle.

(28/01/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/02/28/province-orientale-l%E2%80%99exportation-des-minerais-privilegie-la-filiere-informelle/>

The Mining Division in Kisangani said it is unable to produce exact figures of the mineral production in Province Orientale because a lot of the minerals immediately enter the informal trade.

Congo Mining Ban Fails to Break Conflict Links, Institute Says.

(1/03/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2011-03-01/congo-mining-ban-fails-to-break-conflict-links-institute-says.html>

“The president wanted to stop revenue from minerals financing conflict and ensure that the military is not involved in mining, but it has failed,” Aloys Tegera, a director at the Pole Institute, a European Union-funded research group, said in an interview on Feb. 22 in Goma, North Kivu’s capital. “The ban has instead made the two million families that depend on mining poorer and reduced consumption in the region because of less money in circulation.”

Pieuvre.

(24/02/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201102240528.html>

The fight against the illicit traffic of mineral resources in eastern DRC is far from won.

Des échanges fructueux pour la crédibilisation des produits miniers congolais.

(28/02/2011 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/74018>

Several stakeholders, of whom Minister of Mines Kabwelulu, gathered on 22 and 23 February to talk about the possibilities to increase profitability of the Congolese mining sector.

Martin Kabwelulu fait l'état des lieux du secteur!

(28/02/2011 – Le Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201102281408.html>

Réunion de concertation à Kinshasa entre le Ministre des Mines et les acteurs du secteur minier des provinces du Maniema, du Nord-Kivu et du Sud-Kivu.

(28/02/2011 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/74013>

Congolese minister of mines Martin Kabwelulu gathered with the governors and several provincial ministers of Maniema and the Kivus to evaluate the effects of the mining ban on the eastern Congolese mining sector.

Levée de l'interdiction de l'exploitation des matières précieuses.

(26/02/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201102260084.html>

Article on the idea the lift the mining ban in the Kivu provinces and Maniema.

Mesure d'interdiction de toute exploitation minière artisanale - Aveu d'impuissance.

(26/02/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201102260085.html>

Article on the Congolese government’s powerlessness to implement the mining ban on the ground.

Congo's Kabwelulu Seeks to End Mining Ban in Three Mineral-Rich Provinces.
(25/02/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-02-25/congo-s-kabwelulu-seeks-to-end-mining-ban-in-three-mineral-rich-provinces.html>

The DRC's Mines Minister, Martin Kabwelulu, will ask the president to lift a mining ban in three of the country's eastern provinces, introduced six months ago to break a link between armed groups and the illegal mineral trade that's fueled more than 15 years of conflict in the region.

Congo to End Eastern Mining Ban on March 10, Mines Minister Kabwelulu Says.

(1/03/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-03-01/congo-to-end-eastern-mining-ban-on-march-10-mines-minister-kabwelulu-says.html>

DRC to lift mining ban on March 10.

(2/03/2011 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page504?oid=121793&sn=Detail>

The Democratic Republic of the Congo said it will, on March 10, lift a mining ban it imposed on its eastern provinces last September in an effort to cut off funding to armed groups.

Lutte contre l'exploitation illicite des matières précieuses - Certification de l'or et du coltan : vulgarisation des manuels des procédures.

(24/02/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201102240529.html>

Article on a workshop in Kinshasa, jointly organised by the DRC and the German development cooperation, to vulgarise the procedures of the certification mechanisms for the DRC's mineral resources.

Kenyan killed in Congo gold smuggling probe.

(28/02/2011 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE71R0HI20110228>

Kenyan official probing Congo gold trade killed.

(1/03/2011 – Enough Project)

<http://enoughproject.org/blogs/kenyan-official-probing-congo-gold-trade-killed>

A Kenyan official investigating a large gold smuggling operation from eastern Congo was killed over the weekend in Nairobi, a chilling reminder that smugglers dealing in conflict minerals in Africa's Great Lakes region are not going to go down without a fight.

Protection des forêts congolaises - Légalisation des titres forestiers par le gouvernement : Greenpeace scandalisée.

(23/02/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201102230542.html>

Greenpeace deplors the decision of the Congolese government to grant 15 new forestry titles, and thereby to lift the ban on the expansion of the industrial exploitation of the Congolese forests.

Small Is Beautiful - And Electrifying.

(24/02/2011 – IPS)

<http://ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=54597>

While discussion of hydroelectric power on the Congo River is dominated by the massive Grand Inga project and the dream of power for the entire continent, construction of a series of smaller dams to benefit local communities may produce tangible results much more quickly.

Zimbabwe to import 100 MW electricity from DR Congo.

(24/02/2011 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJ0E71N0LC20110224?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

Zimbabwe has reached an agreement to import up to 100 MW of electricity from the DRC from March, bringing to 400 MW its total power imports from the region, a government minister said on Thursday.

UGANDA

Uganda National Oil Co.

(23/02/2011 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

The Ugandan government is about to launch a tender for the construction of an oil pipeline between Lake Albert and Kampala.

BURUNDI

Burundi joins Nile basin pact opposed by Egypt.

(2/03/2011 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJ0E72102A20110302?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

Burundi has signed up to an agreement to alter historic water-sharing arrangements for the River Nile, posing a diplomatic challenge for interim military rulers in Egypt, which rejects the pact.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

Metorex gives Ruashi clean bill of health.

(1/03/2011 – Miningmx)

http://www.miningmx.com/news/base_metals/Metorex-gives-Ruashi-clean-bill-of-health.htm

Metorex has given its Ruashi mine in the DRC a clean bill of health, saying the group's flagship mine would be well able to deliver while copper was trading at record highs.

Metorex Seeks Loans to Dig Congo's Kinsenda Copper Mine in Second Quarter.

(1/03/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-03-01/metorex-could-start-digging-congo-s-kinsenda-copper-mine-in-second-quarter.html>

Metorex Ltd., planning to invest as much as \$150 million to build a copper project in the DRC, is negotiating loans to help fund the mine as rising prices spur producers to expand.

Repositioned Metorex set for Kinsenda copper boost.

(1/03/2011 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/metorex-2011-03-01>

Repositioned and recapitalised copper/cobalt miner Metorex is making rapid progress at its Kinsenda project in the DRC, which could potentially add another 20 000 t/y of copper to the company's current output of 54 000 t/y.

Kilo Drilling Intersects 3.51g/t Gold Over 31.30 Metres on the Adumbi Prospect, Somituri Project, DRC.

(24/02/2011 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Kilo-Drilling-Intersects-351g-t-Gold-Over-3130-Metres-on-Adumbi-Prospect-Somituri-Project-TSX-VENTURE-KGL-1401598.htm>

Kilo Goldmines Ltd. is pleased to announce results from diamond drill holes no. 20 and 22 on section 19755E and diamond drill holes no. 25 and 27 on section 19595E of the Company's Adumbi Prospect, Somituri Project in north-eastern DRC.

Alexander Forms JV with Anvil Mining to Construct Pilot Cobalt Plant.

(28/02/2011 – Azom.com)

<http://www.azom.com/news.asp?newsID=28168>

Alexander Mining plc is pleased to announce the signing of a joint venture agreement with Anvil Mining to build and operate a pilot plant to treat a total of 150,000 tonnes of cobalt ore at Anvil's Mutoshi deposit located in the Kolwezi region of the Katanga province in the DRC.

So far, so good for operations at Tenke Fungurume: Freeport CEO.

(1/03/2011 – Commodity Online)

<http://www.commodityonline.com/commodity-stocks/So-far-so-good-for-operations-at-Tenke-Fungurume-Freeport-CEO-2011-03-01-36838-3-1.html>

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold has made "significant progress" with operations so far at its still-young Tenke Fungurume copper and cobalt project in the Congo, the company's chief executive reported Monday.

Les majors à pieds joints dans les Grands Lacs.

(23/02/2011 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Article on the attraction the Congolese oil reserves exert on Total, ENI and Exxon.

Lobbying d'état pour Caprikat.

(23/02/2011 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

The Congolese government tries to convince the local population in Ituri that Caprikat and Foxwhelp are the right companies to conduct oil exploration in the Albertine Graben.

Inga III: le gagnant révélé cet été.

(23/02/2011 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

The Congolese ministry of Energy has made a preselection of nine enterprises that are eligible for the construction of Inga III.

La Chine s'exécute sur Zongo II.

(23/02/2011 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

The Chinese company Sinohydro can start with the construction of the Zongo II hydroelectric plant, after China agreed to provide the necessary funds.

UGANDA

Tullow director says Uganda approval is close.

(22/02/2011 – Business & Finance)

http://www.businessandfinance.ie/cat_news_detail.jsp?itemID=3766

Tullow Oil is close to signing an agreement with Uganda that paves the way for a \$10 billion oil project to begin now that the country's elections have taken place, one of the firm's directors said.

RWANDA

Prêt BAD pour ContourGlobal.

(23/02/2011 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Following support of the Dutch development bank FMO and the European Emerging Africa Infrastructure Fund, the American enterprise ContourGlobal is about to receive a new loan for its KivuWatt project from the African Development Bank.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

Congo coup attempt leaves six dead, say authorities.

(27/02/2011- The Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/feb/27/congo-coup-attempt-president-palace>

DR Congo coup attempt, six killed.

(27/01/2011 – Financial Times)

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/efc38038-4288-11e0-8b34-00144feabdc0.html?ftcamp=rss#axzz1FFKYtJeZ>

Gunmen Attack President Kabila's Residence.

(27/02/2011 – Radio France Internationale – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201102280014.html>

DRC president's residence attacked.

(27/02/2011 – CNN)

http://edition.cnn.com/2011/WORLD/africa/02/27/drcongo.president.attack/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

DR Congo: Six killed in 'coup bid' against Kabila.

(27/02/2011 – BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-12591259>

Six dead in failed coup attempt - DR Congo.

(27/02/2011 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE71Q06K20110227?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

Gunmen in Congo Attack President's House.

(27/02/2011 – The New York Times)

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/02/28/world/africa/28congo.html?_r=1&partner=rss&emc=rss

Attack on state installations in Kinshasa - Coup attempt?

(27/02/2011 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosiasa.blogspot.com/2011/02/attack-on-state-installations-in.html>

Une résidence du président Kabila attaquée par des hommes armés.

(27/02/2011 – Radio France Internationale - allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201102280605.html>

Kinshasa: des coups de feu aux environs de la résidence présidentielle.

(27/02/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/02/27/kinshasa-des-coups-de-feu-aux-environs-de-la-residence-presidentielle/>

Kinshasa: attaque de la résidence présidentielle, 6 morts, selon L. Mende.

(27/02/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/02/27/kinshasa-attaque-de-la-residence-presidentielle-6-morts-selon-l-mende/>

Tentative de coup d'Etat en RDC?

(28/02/2011 – Afrik.com)

<http://www.afrik.com/article22168.html>

Kabila sain et sauf!

(28/02/2011 – La Prospérité - allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201102280531.html>

Tentative de coup d'Etat à Kinshasa.

(28/02/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201102280506.html>

Six people were killed in the Democratic Republic of Congo in what authorities said was a coup attempt on the presidential palace in the capital Kinshasa.

DRC official: Investigation to Follow Presidential Residence Attack.

(27/02/2011 – VOA News)

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/africa/DRC-official-Investigation-to-Follow-Presidential-Residence-Attack--117025973.html>

A top official of the DRC says his government is waiting for the judiciary to officially launch an investigation after assailants attacked President Joseph Kabila's residence Sunday in the capital, Kinshasa.

Many targets in Sunday's DR Congo attacks: government.

(1/03/2011 – AFP – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/KKAA-8EK3G4?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P>

The national radio and television headquarters and other institutions were targeted during a weekend attack on the residence of President Joseph Kabila and a military camp, a government spokesman said Tuesday. Besides the residence and the camp "we also know that many other sites, the RTNC (national radio-television)...had been targeted," Lambert Mende told a news conference.

30 Arrested in Attack on Congo President's Home.

(28/02/2011 – VOA News)

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/africa/30-Arrested-in-Attack-on-Congo-Presidents-Home-117076543.html>

Congolese officials say at least 30 people have been arrested in connection with the attack on the Kinshasa home of President Joseph Kabila.

Congo Arrests More Than 50 People After Attack on President Kabila's Home.

(1/03/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-03-01/congo-arrests-more-than-50-people-after-attack-on-president-kabila-s-home.html>

Authorities in the DRC arrested more than 50 people following a Feb. 27 attack on the residence of President Joseph Kabila and a military camp in Kinshasa, the capital.

Attack on Congo president: coup attempt or plot to undermine election?

(28/02/2011 – Enough Project)

<http://enoughproject.org/blogs/attack-congo-president-coup-attempt-or-plot-undermine-election>

L'opposition craint des représailles après les attaques de Kinshasa.

(28/02/2011 – Radio France Internationale - allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201103010141.html>

Yesterday, more than 50 armed men, some wearing army uniforms, attacked the Presidential Palace and a Congolese military installation in the capital of Kinshasa. State prosecutors are still trying to determine if this was in fact an attempted coup. Whether true or not, it will not be surprising to see the ministry of justice conclude that opposition leaders such as Tshisekedi or Kamerhe were behind yesterday's attack as a means to give the Kabila regime an excuse to crackdown on opposition parties and activities nationwide.

Kabila l'a échappé belle.

(28/02/2011 – Colette Braeckman)

<http://blog.lesoir.be/colette-braeckman/2011/02/28/kabila-la-echappe-belle/>

Colette Braeckman raises several questions about the alleged coup attempt.

Leader of Congolese armed group assassinated.

(27/02/2011 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosiasa.blogspot.com/2011/02/leader-of-congolese-armed-group.html>

Rutshuru: ex-officier CNDP, le major Nzengiyumva tué dans les opérations à Binza.

(28/02/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/02/28/rutshuru-ex-officier-cndp-le-major-nzengiyumva-tue-dans-les-operations-a-binza/>

The main military commander of the FPLC armed group, Col. Emmanuel Nsengiyumva, was assassinated two days ago, according to diplomatic and military sources in the region. The FPLC was created in early 2010 by former members of the CNDP after Gen. Laurent Nkunda's arrest. Nsengiyumva himself was Nkunda's first cousin and had been one of his staff officers since the RCD.

Nord-Kivu - La Société civile déplore l'insécurité à Kanyihunga.

(24/02/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201102240578.html>

Villagers have fled Kanyihunga, a locality 30 kilometres south of Beni, because of insecurity caused by Maï Maï/Pareco rebels.

Kabare: pillage à Katana, une centaine de ménages victimes et des personnes enlevées.

(27/02/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/02/27/kabare-pillage-a-katana-une-centaine-de-menages-victimes-et-des-personnes-enlevees/>

During the weekend a group of armed men attacked the 'groupement' Irhambi Katana in Kabare territory, north of Bukavu. The combatants pillaged about 100 households and abducted several civilians.

Walikale: les populations civiles se plaignent des tracasseries militaires à Mubi.

(28/02/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/02/28/walikale-les-populations-civiles-se-plaignent-des-tracasseries-militaires-a-mubi/>

The population of Mubi, 35 kilometres to the northwest of Walikale, denounces the FARDC 211th brigade's harassments and human rights violations.

Military changes come to the Kivus, slowly.

(1/03/2011 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosiasa.blogspot.com/2011/03/military-changes-come-to-kivus-slowly.html>

Over the past several months, the Congolese army has been slowly reconfiguring its units in the Kivus. Eventually, the changes may lead to an end of Amani Leo operations and the weakening of some ex-CNDP units made up of Nkunda loyalists, as well as the ex-PARECO units.

Le It-col Mutuare Kibibi condamné à 20 ans de réclusion pour viol à Fizi.

(23/02/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201102230541.html>

FARDC lieutenant-colonel Daniel Mutuare Kibibi has been sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment for rape and human rights violations committed in Fizi on New Year's Day.

Head of UN mission welcomes verdicts in DR Congo mass rape case.

(23/02/2011 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=37598&Cr=sexual+violence&Cr1=> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=24539&Cr=Congo&Cr1=> (French)

The head of the UN peacekeeping mission in the DRC has welcomed the guilty verdicts handed down this week by a military mobile court in Baraka for rape and other human rights abuses committed by national army personnel in the country's volatile east.

DRC: Verdict sends strong signal to criminals.

(22/02/2011 – Africa News)

http://www.africanews.com/site/DRC_Verdict_sends_strong_signal_to_criminals/list_messages/37531

"The sentences send a strong signal to all perpetrators in the DRC and beyond that conflict-related sexual violence is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. It also shows that accountability for sexual violence is possible," the Secretary-General's Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict, Margot Wallström, said in a statement.

Conviction of Congolese Military Officers Accused of Mass Rapes.

(23/02/2011 – US Department of State)

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2011/02/157032.htm>

The United States Government welcomes the February 21st verdict and sentencing in the DRC of nine military personnel found guilty of ordering and carrying out mass rapes in the town of Fizi on New Year's Day.

Une mission de l'Union européenne attendue à Kinshasa pour évaluer les besoins exprimés par les FARDC.

(24/02/2011 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/73961>

In the framework of the EU's support to the security sector reform of the Congolese national army, an EU mission will visit Kinshasa to list the needs of the FARDC.

RDC : inquiétudes autour de la préparation des élections prévues en novembre 2011.

(24/02/2011 – MONUSCO)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=24554&Cr=Congo&Cr1=>

Abdallah Wafy, chief of the MONUSCO police force, expressed his concern on the November 2011 elections in the DRC. He does not believe the Congolese police force is able to secure the elections.

Lwiza: un conflit de pouvoir coutumier dégénère et fait deux morts.

(23/02/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/02/23/lwiza-un-conflit-de-pouvoir-coutumier-degenere-et-fait-deux-morts/>

A customary conflict in Lwiza territory, West Kasai, resulted in fighting between villagers of Dikongolo and Kapata. The fighting cost the lives of two people.

Luiza: conflit de pouvoir coutumier, encore des blessés et des cases incendiées à Aka Nyemba.

(25/02/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/02/25/luiza-conflit-de-pouvoir-coutumier-encore-des-blesses-et-des-cases-incendiees-a-aka-nyemba/>

Customary conflict in Luiza territory continues to make victims.

DRC: Mass rapes escalate in Fizi, South Kivu.

(28/02/2011 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=92062>

More than 200 women, men and children have been treated for rape by the Médecins sans Frontières (MSF) since January 2011 in the Fizi region, South Kivu. While large-scale attacks on civilians, in which rape is used as a weapon of war, are a permanent feature of the conflict in eastern DRC, MSF said such repeated large-scale attacks on the same locations were unusual.

Kamako: la société civile appelle à l'arrêt des violences contre les expulsés d'Angola.

(28/02/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/02/28/kamako-la-societe-civile-appelle-a-l%E2%80%99arret-des-violences-contre-les-expulses-d%E2%80%99angola/>

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LRA

Monusco - La force de frappe et l'espace de manoeuvres de la LRA a diminué dans la province Orientale.

(26/02/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

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La LRA serait en liquidation.

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Exactions de la LRA - Les ressortissants du Haut et du Bas Uélé saisissent le Sénat.

(23/02/2011 – Le Phare)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201102240338.html>

Although some sources try to minimize the LRA's strength, the civil society of Haut and Bas Uélé stress the situation in their districts is deplorable.

New LRA attacks against populated areas of northeastern DRC.

(1/03/2011 – UNHCR – Reliefweb)

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(1/03/2011 – UN News Centre)

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LRA Rebel Attacks Surge in Northeastern DRC.

(1/03/2011 – VOA News)

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/africa/decapua-drc-lra-1mar11-117154138.html>

UNHCR is alarmed by a new upsurge in violence against civilians by the LRA in northeastern DRC. Since January the LRA has intensified its attacks in Orientale province, killing some 35 people, abducting 104 others and displacing more than 17,000 people. Since the start of the year UNHCR has had reports of 52 raids.

RDC: neuf tués dont six soldats lors d'une attaque de la LRA.

(26/02/2011 – AFP – Reliefweb)

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

Last week, six FARDC soldiers and three civilians have been killed during an LRA attack on Mabangana village in Haut-Uélé district.

Nouvelle attaque LRA à Dungu, 10 morts.

(26/02/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/02/26/nouvelle-attaque-lra-a-dungu-10-morts/>

Ten people have been killed, of whom 6 FARDC soldiers, by LRA rebels in Napakara, Dungu territory in Haut Uélé district.

UGANDA

Rambo reigns.

(24/02/2011 – The Economist)

http://www.economist.com/node/18236940?story_id=18236940&fsrc=rss

It is not all doom and gloom for African strongmen. President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda seized power in a bush war in 1986 and over the years shunted his nation of 32m people away from chaos. Now east Africa's longest-serving leader, he won another five-year term on February 18th. According to the country's respected election commission, Mr Museveni got 68% of the vote and his main rival, Kizza Besigye, won 26%. This is a substantial improvement for the president on the 2006 election, when he got 57%.

Uganda postpones mayoral, local polls after fraud.

(23/02/2011 – Reuters)

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Strong Military Presence in Kampala as Mayoral Elections Are Postponed - Voters Intimidated.

(24/02/2011 – Sudan Tribune - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201102250316.html>

Uganda postponed mayoral and local elections in the capital Kampala on Wednesday after the electoral commission said violence had marred voting and that it had found evidence of ballot stuffing.

RWANDA

Kabarebe, Chinese Envoy Discuss Military Co-operation.

(25/02/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201102250049.html>

The Minister of Defence, James Kabarebe, and the new Chinese envoy, Shu Zhan, yesterday explored ways of enhancing military cooperation between the two countries' armed forces.

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Great Lakes Echoes.

(February 2011 – EurAc – Reliefweb)

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Monthly publication of the European Network for Central Africa. Contains several interesting articles, this month among other things: Constitutional changes in the DRC, Human Rights violations in the Great Lakes Region, ...

Présidentielle 2011: nouvelle rencontre entre Vital Kamerhe et Etienne Tshisekedi.

(24/02/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/02/24/presidentielle-2011-nouvelle-rencontre-entre-vital-kamerhe-et-etienne-tshisekedi/>

Opposition candidates for the November 2011 presidential election, Vital Kamerhe and Etienne Tshisekedi, gathered for the third time to talk about the need to unite against incumbent president Kabila.

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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)

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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)

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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.

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