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IPIS

NEW ACQUISITIONS OF THE IPIS LIBRARY.

Martin Meredith (2005), *The state of Africa: a history of fifty years of independence*, Free Press: London, 752p.

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 intern 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

EU to pass 'Dodd-Frank' like mineral, oil bill.

(7/03/2011 – Commodity Online)

<http://www.commodityonline.com/news/EU-to-pass-Dodd-Frank-like-mineral-oil-bill-37010-3-1.html>

EU to table oil, mining transparency bill.

(4/03/2011 – EurActiv)

<http://www.euractiv.com/en/specialreport-rawmaterials/eu-table-oil-mining-transparency-bill-news-502755>

In an attempt to stop illegal exploitation of conflict minerals in Africa, the European Commission is expected to draft an EU law asking large companies to reveal their oil and mining activities to shareholders. The EU executive will table a proposal to include "mandatory country-by country disclosure" of money flows between mining companies and governments. The EU law will use the so-called 'Dodd-Frank' bill in the US as a minimum standard. When reading the article it is important to distinguish financial reporting mechanisms from due diligence reporting.

DRC

Congo to lift mining ban in eastern region.

(3/03/2011 – Enough Project)

<http://enoughproject.org/blogs/congo-lift-mining-ban-eastern-region>

DR Congo to lift eastern mining ban.

(2/03/2011 – ITRI)

http://www.itri.co.uk/pooled/articles/BF_NEWSART/view.asp?Q=BF_NEWSART_322524

Mining resumes in Kivu.

(2/03/2011 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Matières précieuses et sécurité.

(5/03/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201103050141.html>

Levée de la mesure de suspension - Est de la République : reprise de l'exploitation artisanale des matières précieuses le 10 mars.

(3/03/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201103030517.html>

Joseph Kabila va lever la mesure de suspension des activités minières à l'Est de la RDC!

(2/03/2011 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201103021200.html>

Matthieu Kabwelulu autorise la reprise de l'exploitation minière dans les Kivu.

(2/03/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/03/02/matthieu-kabwelulu-autorise-la-reprise-de-l%E2%80%99exploitation-mini%C3%A8re-dans-les-kivu/>

Mines de l'Est - La mafia est de retour.

(5/03/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201103050140.html>

President Kabila ordered the lift of a six-month ban on mining in the three eastern provinces of Maniema, North Kivu, and South Kivu, effective March 10. The Minister of Mines Martin Kabwelulu made the announcement at the conclusion of a conference Tuesday with provincial representatives from the nation's mining sector. Kabwelulu claimed the ban allowed the government to "put in place a mineral tracing program that will conform with international standards."

Exploitation minière par les FARDC et les groupes armés: Julien Paluku rassure.

(5/03/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/03/05/exploitation-mini%C3%A8re-par-les-far%C3%A9dc-et-les-groupes-arm%C3%A9s-julien-paluku-rassure/>

Following the announcement of the decision to lift the mining ban in eastern DRC, the North Kivu Governor Julien Paluku declared that measures are taken to prevent FARDC soldiers and armed groups from the illegal exploitation of mines in the province.

Congolese mining ban fails to end armed control of trade.

(4/03/2011 – Global Witness)

<http://www.globalwitness.org/library/congolese-mining-ban-fails-end-armed-control-trade> (English)

<http://www.globalwitness.org/library/l%E2%80%99interdiction-mini%C3%A8re-congolaise-ne-parvient-pas-%C3%A0-mettre-un-terme-au-contr%C3%B4le-arm%C3%A9-de-> (French)

L'interdiction minière congolaise ne parvient pas à mettre un terme au contrôle armé de l'activité commerciale.

(5/03/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201103050145.html>

The Congolese government's decision this week to lift a ban on the mining and export of minerals from the country's eastern provinces is long overdue, said Global Witness. The campaign group questioned what has been achieved since restrictions were imposed nearly six months ago and raised concerns that the government has failed to put in place a comprehensive strategy to remove military and rebel involvement in the mining sector. Designed to halt the trade in conflict minerals, the ban has brought no decrease in illegal control of the trade by armed groups, including the Congolese national army.

DR Congo miners request direct talks with US government on trade embargo.

(4/03/2011 – ITRI)

http://www.itri.co.uk/pooled/articles/BF_NEWSART/view.asp?Q=BF_NEWSART_322533

The 2 March deadline for submissions to the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) regarding conflict minerals issues covered by the Dodd Frank Act has now passed. However just before the deadline the US regulators received a submission from three co-operatives representing 20,000 artisanal miners at the Bisie mine in North Kivu – the main centre of tin mining in DR Congo in recent years. The 1 March submission was backed by provincial government leaders and pointed out that the miners had so far not been consulted in moves towards an embargo on trade in tin and other minerals which could come into effect within a few weeks.

Press Release: Die By The Bullet Or Die By Starvation: Is That The Stark Choice?

(1/03/2011 - mining cooperatives COCABI, COMIMPA and COMIDER)

For consultation at request.

Press release on the submission representatives of the mining cooperatives COCABI, COMIMPA and COMIDER wrote to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission on the Regulatory Initiatives Under the Dodd-Frank Act. The submission is also included in the press release.

Tanzanian mining group opposes US disclosure law.

(3/03/2011 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/tanzanian-mining-group-opposes-us-disclosure-law-2011-03-03>

A Tanzania business group has opposed a new US law labeling all gold produced in countries neighbouring the conflict-hit DRC as "conflict mineral." The Tanzania Chamber of Minerals and Energy (TCME) said the Dodd-Frank legislation aimed at cutting funds to armed rebels in DRC would jeopardise the country's gold industry, the fourth biggest by production in Africa.

Kenya and DR Congo to probe gold smuggling.

(4/03/2011 – BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-12644869>

Kenya, Congo to probe gold smuggling network.

(3/03/2011 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE7220EJ20110303?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

Illegal Gold Trade to be Investigated Jointly by Team From Kenya and Congo.

(3/03/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-03-03/illegal-gold-trade-to-be-investigated-jointly-by-team-from-kenya-and-congo.html>

Kabila, Kibaki Meet Over Illegal Gold Trade.

(4/03/2011 – The Nairobi Star – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201103070140.html>

Joseph Kabila et Mwai Kibaki veulent renforcer la coopération dans les Grands Lacs.

(5/03/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201103050143.html>

Joseph Kabila et Mwai Kibaki du Kenya entendent contrer le commerce illicite des minerais de la RDC.

(4/03/2011 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/74137>

Kenya and the DRC have agreed to jointly investigate the illegal gold trade. Congolese officials see Kenya as a major hub in the illegal gold trade, which fuels DR Congo's 15-year conflict. Last weekend, a Kenyan official investigating the discovery in Nairobi of 2.5 tonnes of gold worth \$100m was shot dead. The announcement of a joint team to crack down on gold smuggling follows a meeting between the two countries' Presidents, Mwai Kibaki and Joseph Kabila.

Kenya says Congo gold probe widens to UAE, S.Africa.

(4/03/2011 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE7230JB20110304?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

Detectives investigating a network smuggling tonnes of gold from eastern Democratic Republic of Congo will question people in the United Arab Emirates and South Africa, a Kenyan minister said on Friday.

Probe Into Smuggled Gold Deepens.

(8/03/2011 – Daily Nation - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201103090086.html>

Detectives investigating the smuggling of 2.5 tonnes of gold from the DRC worth Sh8 billion are perusing documents related to gold trading in Kenya since 2008. Some of the documents relate to transactions between Kolkata, India-based Net Results and DRC-based Kivu Mining involving 1,000kg of gold nuggets in September 2010. Another set of documents signed in November 2010 include a private sale and purchase agreement between Groupe Miniere de Kisangani (GMK) and Meranti Holdings Ltd Joint Venture-Hong Kong involving the initial trial shipment of 825kg.

Smuggled gold 'seized at Dar port'.

(6/03/2011 – The Citizen)

<http://thecitizen.co.tz/sunday-citizen/40-sunday-citizen-news/8815-smuggled-gold-seized-at-dar-port.html>

Hardly a week after local mining officials had disputed the US government's claim that Tanzania was a source of "conflict minerals," a huge amount of smuggled gold is reported to have been seized at the Dar es Salaam port.

Gold smuggling a way of life in east Congo.

(6/03/2011 – AP)

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5i0ILhvvEi3t6xqelZ8NHXmu-s0KQ?docId=8f523cb6cf03472ebbf707a0a286fc80>

The latest report about alleged gold smuggling stands out only because it has been made public, because of the huge amounts of gold and money involved, and because foreigners are being held. Congo's Ministry of Mines estimates that some 80 percent of the country's mineral production is smuggled out of the country, on planes, by road and by barge.

Province Orientale - L'exportation des minerais emprunte la filière informelle.

(2/03/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201103020523.html>

The head of the Mining Division of Province Orientale on the impossibility to deliver reliable mineral production statistics.

Gecamines has big plans for 2011.

(2/03/2011 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Gecamines plans to buy a wide range of equipment this year to meet its production targets.

Pour sa première visite officielle au cœur de la Gécamines à Likasi, le Premier ministre A. Muzito rassure de sa relance.

(7/03/2011 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/74207>

Congolese prime minister Muzito visited Likasi, Katanga province, where he assured Gecamines' employees that they will soon see a relaunch of the state-owned miner's activities under the current period of higher copper prices.

Maximisation des recettes dans le secteur minier - Matata ratisse large au Katanga.

(8/03/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201103080421.html>

In the wake of prime minister Muzito, the Congolese finance minister Augustin Matata Ponyo visited Katanga to discuss the possibilities to increase the mining revenues.

\$6bn Congo-China resource deal threatened by lack of information.

(8/03/2011 – Global Witness)

<http://www.globalwitness.org/library/6bn-congo-china-resource-deal-threatened-lack-information> (English)

<http://www.globalwitness.org/library/l%E2%80%99accord-sino-congolais-conclu-dans-le-secteur-des-ressources-naturelles-pour-6-milliards-de> (French)

The huge potential of a multibillion-dollar deal between the Democratic Republic of Congo and China risks being undermined because the agreement is opaque and key terms are ill-defined says a new Global Witness report published today, entitled "China and Congo: Friends in Need".

Letter to World Bank on lifting of ban on extension of forest harvesting in DR Congo.

(24/02/2011 – Global Witness)

<http://www.globalwitness.org/library/letter-world-bank-lifting-ban-extension-forest-harvesting-dr-congo>

In partnership with the Bank Information Center, Greenpeace International, Rainforest Foundation Norway and Rainforest Foundation UK, Global Witness wrote to the World Bank expressing alarm at the lifting of a ban on the extension of forest harvesting concessions in the DRC. This move, coupled with a flawed World Bank-backed land use process, will open swathes of intact forests to industrial logging, just as DRC plans to become a lead country in the strategy to reduce emissions from deforestation and degradation of forests (REDD) in the Congo Basin.

Ituri: des éleveurs étrangers envahissent le groupement Ngazba, selon la société civile.

(3/03/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/03/03/ituri-des-eleveurs-etrangers-envahissent-le-groupement-ngazba-selon-la-societe-civile/>

The population of the groupement Ngazba, 100 kilometres north of Bunia, deplore the invasion of foreign cattle breeders because they destroy the autochthons' fields.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

Kilo goldmines says in 2 million ounce Congo find.

(2/03/2011 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/chadNews/idAFLDE7211SH20110302>

Kilo Announces 2.0 Million Ounces Gold Initial Inferred Mineral Resource Estimate for the Adumbi Deposit, Somituri Project, DRC.

(2/03/2011 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Kilo-Announces-20-Million-Ounces-Gold-Initial-Inferred-Mineral-Resource-Estimate-Adumbi-TSX-VENTURE-KGL-1404377.htm>

Kilo Goldmines Ltd. is pleased to announce an initial National Instrument 43-101 compliant inferred resource estimate on the Adumbi Deposit of the Somituri Project in north-eastern DRC.

Banro's phase 1 mining of the oxide cap at Twangiza indicates annual gold production of 119,303 ounces at total cash costs of US\$356 per ounce for first 5 years of production.

(4/03/2011 – PRNewswire)

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/banros-phase-1-mining-of-the-oxide-cap-at-twangiza-indicates-annual-gold-production-of-119303-ounces-at-total-cash-costs-of-us356-per-ounce-for-first-5-years-of-production-117416013.html>

Banro Corporation is pleased to announce the results of an economic assessment of the mining of the oxide cap of the Twangiza Gold Mine, located on the Twangiza-Namoya gold belt in the DRC.

Meterox Mining may build USD 150 million copper project in DRC.

(4/03/2011 – Steelguru)

http://www.steelguru.com/metals_news/Meterox_Mining_may_build_USD_150_million_copper_project_in_DRC/194235.html

Meterox Mining Group Limited owners of Chibuluma Copper Mine in Zambia may build USD 150 million copper project in Democratic Republic of Congo after offsetting debts to various creditors.

George Forrest.

(2/03/2011 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Article stating George Forrest is working on improving his international image.

Orama to buy Kisenge manganese stocks.

(2/03/2011 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

The Israeli-US firm Orama Properties Ltd appears to be the likely buyer of stocks of manganese ore of the SCMKN.

Alarm Bells Sound Over Virunga Oil Project.

(7/03/2011 – The East African – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201103070467.html>

Wildlife and conservation groups as well as the UN are seeking to block plans by UK listed oil companies to drill oil in the Virunga National Park in the DRC. The two companies Soco International and Dominion Petroleum were granted Block 5 of Congo's eastern Albertine Graben last year.

Total Agrees to Buy 60% of SacOil Block in Democratic Congo.

(4/03/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-03-04/total-agrees-to-buy-60-of-sacoil-block-in-congo-sacoil-s-ceo-vela-says.html>

Total SA, Europe's third-largest oil producer, agreed to buy 60 percent of an oil block in Democratic Republic of Congo along the border with Uganda partly owned by two South African companies. SacOil Holding Ltd. and Divine Inspiration Group Ltd. will each retain a 12.5 percent share in block 3, while Congo is expected to take a 15 percent stake, SacOil Chief Executive Officer Robin Vela said by phone today from Johannesburg. Total spokeswoman Phenelope Semavoine confirmed the agreement by phone from Paris.

Pétrole de l'Est - Total et Exxon se lancent dans la course.

(3/03/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201103030509.html>

Article on the competition between international oil enterprises for the eastern Congolese oil.

UGANDA

Tullow Oil Declines on Slow Progress in Uganda as Profit Trails Estimates.

(9/03/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-03-09/tullow-total-expect-clearance-for-ugandan-joint-venture-during-first-half.html>

Tullow Oil Plc fell the most in almost two months in London trading after the Africa-focused explorer reported "slower progress" in resolving a tax dispute in Uganda and full-year profit missed analyst estimates.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

Obasanjo Wanted Kagame to Rule Congo, and Kabila to Lead Rwanda.

(7/03/2011 – The East African – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201103070578.html>

Nigeria's former president Gen Olusegun Obasanjo, who is widely credited with helping end the war in eastern Congo in 2009, thought President Joseph Kabila didn't have the skills to manage such a big country, new information reveals. According to US diplomatic cables that were leaked to the whistleblower site WikiLeaks, which The East African has been studying, Obasanjo said he wished Rwanda's President Paul Kagame were the man running Democratic Republic of Congo, because he had the leadership skills to manage the complex Central African nation.

DRC

DRC Denies Attempted Coup Took Place.

(4/03/2011 – VOA News)

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/africa/DRC-Denies-Attempted-Coup-Took-Place-117411923.html>

Au cours d'un point de presse hier - L. Mende : «L'attaque contre la résidence du président Kabila est un acte criminel et non une tentative d'un coup d'Etat».

(2/03/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201103020482.html>

The assault on President Joseph Kabila's presidential palace was quickly denounced as an "attempted coup d'etat" by Mr. Kabila's spokesperson Lambert Mende. But less than a week later, Mende held a press conference to tell observers inside and outside of his country that the assault was not a coup d'etat - because nobody has stepped forward to claim responsibility for the attack.

DR Congo exhibits hundred held for Kabila attack.

(8/03/2011 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE72701F20110308?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&pageNumber=1&virtualBrandChannel=0

Double attaque de Kinshasa - des militaires suspectés.

(7/03/2011 – Radio France Internationale - allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201103070338.html>

DR Congo Joseph Kabila 'coup bid': Mass arrests.

(8/03/2011 – BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-12675218>

Authorities in the DRC displayed to media on Monday over 100 people arrested for alleged links to a thwarted February 27 attack on President Joseph Kabila's residence.

L'armée reste un problème de fond.

(2/03/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201103020467.html>

Article looking for the reasons behind the assaults on Kabila's presidential palace and the Kokolo military camp.

Le silence des amis du Congo.

(2/03/2011 – Colette Braeckman)

<http://blog.lesoir.be/colette-braeckman/2011/03/02/815/>

Article written by Colette Braeckman on the assault on President Kabila's presidential palace, and the weak reactions of Congolese authorities and the international community.

Attaque de la résidence du président - La Monusco s'est dit préoccupée.

(3/03/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201103030516.html>

Article on the MONUSCO's reaction to the attack on Kabila's presidential palace.

Top Congolese FDLR Ally Killed.

(2/03/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201103020896.html>

A Congolese army renegade, Col. Emmanuel Nsengiyumva, allegedly linked to the FDLR was killed, last Saturday. Maj. Olivier Hamuli, a Congolese army spokesperson in North Kivu, says Nsengiyumva, leader of the Patriotic Front for the Liberation of Congo (FPLC), was killed during operations in a zone called Binza, in North Kivu.

Goma: le colonel Safari du FPC abandonne la lutte armée pour rejoindre les FARDC.

(2/03/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/03/02/goma-le-colonel-safari-du-fpc-abandonne-la-lutte-armee-pour-rejoindre-les-fardc/>

Colonel Jacques Safari Bulio, a leader of the FPC rebellion, has capitulated to the MONUSCO and declared he is ready to integrate into the FARDC.

Sud-Kivu - La présence des miliciens Maï-Maï signalée à Fizi.

(2/03/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201103020479.html>

Local NGO representatives have signalled the presence of Maï Maï Yakutumba rebels in several localities in Fizi territory, South Kivu, that were previously under FARDC control.

Lubero: incursion des Mai-Mai Pareco à Lukanga, 1 mort et des biens de la population emportés.

(2/03/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/03/02/butembo-incursion-des-mai-mai-pareco-a-lukanga-1-mort-et-des-biens-de-la-population-emportes/>

Maï Maï Pareco rebels have attacked the village of Lukanga, Lubero territory, which resulted in the killing of 1 civilian.

Update on military changes in South Kivu.

(4/03/2011 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosiasa.blogspot.com/2011/03/update-on-military-changes-in-south.html>

Article containing some information about what kind of military changes are happening in South Kivu. According to UN sources, only around 6,000 troops will be concerned by the restructuring in the province, the remaining troops will remain under the control of Amani Leo command for the near future.

Joseph Kabila déterminé à professionnaliser l'armée congolaise.

(2/03/2011 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201103021216.html>

Two FARDC battalions just finished a training course in Mura, Katanga province, instructed by South African instructors.

DRC War-Wounded Face Life of Penury.

(25/02/2011 – Institute for war and peace reporting)

<http://iwpr.net/report-news/drc-war-wounded-face-life-penury>

Former soldiers with debilitating injuries say they have no option but to beg in the streets, and many turn to drink or drugs.

RDC : près de 500 nouveaux policiers formés pour sécuriser les élections dans l'est.

(3/03/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/03/03/rdc-pres-de-500-nouveaux-policiers-formes-pour-securiser-les-elections-dans-l%E2%80%99est/>

In anticipation of the elections in the DRC at the end of the year, 500 Congolese policemen from Maniema, North Kivu and Province Orientale have been trained, with Japanese money, to better secure the elections.

Third joint report of seven United Nations experts on the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/HRC/16/68).

(3/03/2011 – UN - Reliefweb)

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

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

This report is submitted pursuant to Human Rights Council Resolution 13/22. The experts reiterate their deep concern at the serious human rights situation in the country, which has reportedly not improved since their initial report.

RD Congo: Plus de 24000 ex-combattants et leurs dépendants rapatriés par la MONUSCO depuis 2002.

(7/03/2011 – MONUSCO – Reliefweb)

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

Article putting the results of the MONUSCO's DDRRR exercises in numbers.

UNICEF chief urges better protection from violence for DR Congo's children.

(4/03/2011 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=37690&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=24636&Cr=UNICEF&Cr1=> (French)

The head of UNICEF condemned violence against children in the east of the DRC, where youngsters face multiple challenges, including sexual abuse, conscription into armed groups and lack of education and health services.

Sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: tradition opposes exclusion.

(3/03/2011 – ICRC – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/EDIS-8EMN57?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P>

Victims of sexual violence often face further suffering through social exclusion. In the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, members of the community trained to provide psycho-social support by the ICRC encourage relatives and society to accept the victims on the grounds of custom. Sensitive subjects are broached through theatre or by traditional leaders.

DR Congo: UN report details suffering of rape victims, recommends reparations.

(3/03/2011 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=37672&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=24622&Cr=Congo&Cr1=> (French)

A UN report unveiled today highlights the deprivations endured by thousands of victims of sexual violence in the DRC, including poverty, denial of justice and lack of access to medical and psychological treatment, and recommends the establishment of a reparations fund.

Des milliers de déplacés dans des conditions déplorable à Rutshuru.

(03/03/2011 – Fondation Hirondelle)

<http://www.hirondelle.org/page-accueil/des-milliers-de-deplaces-dans-des-conditions-deplorables-a-rutshuru/>

At least thousand displaced households, on the run for FDLR violence, are without any humanitarian assistance in the region of Kayna, Kanyabayonga and Kirumba, North Kivu.

Over 20 Citizens Arrested at DRC Border.

(7/03/2011 – AngolaPress – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201103080063.html>

At least 22 citizens from the DRC were arrested by border police in the northern Zaire province, trying to enter Angola illegally.

UN humanitarian chief arrives in DR Congo to review aid requirements.

(8/03/2011 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=37713&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=24661&Cr=Congo&Cr1=> (French)

The UN humanitarian chief, Valerie Amos, arrived in the DRC for a two-day visit during which she will travel to two of the country's regions most affected by conflict – the provinces of North Kivu and Orientale in the north-east.

RD Congo: Bulletin d'Information Humanitaire - Province Orientale, 2 Mars 2011.

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RD Congo : Bulletin d'Information Humanitaire, Province du sud-Kivu - 08 Mars 2011.

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

FDLR**Congo: Inside Kimua, village of fear – video.**

(2/03/2011 – The Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/video/2011/mar/02/kimua-congo-fdlr>

On the surface, Kimua, a village in the Walikale district of the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, seems peaceful. But since the FDLR Hutu militia fled Rwanda in 1994 after taking part in the genocide there, they have subjected the people Kimua to vicious attacks. Photojournalist Susan Schulman finds a village living in fear as the FDLR live among the local population, an occupying force with no intention of returning home.

Report Details New FDLR Atrocities.

(5/03/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201103050329.html>

A latest report by a high level UN panel provides more insights into the FDLR's sexual crimes in the east of the DRC. First-hand accounts of sexual violence, by survivors, ranging from three to 61 years in age, are contained in the report called "Remedies and Reparations for Victims of Sexual Violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo."

Les FDLR et la LRA sous pression de la Monusco et des FARDC.

(4/03/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201103040552.html>

During a press conference, the MONUSCO lieutenant colonel Mamadou Gaye stated the MONUSCO is working together with the FARDC to tackle the problem of the FDLR and other armed groups in the country.

Malgré toutes les tentatives de neutralisation - Les FDLR : un fonds de commerce.

(2/03/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201103020461.html>

Article analysing the FDLR threat and questioning the political will of all stakeholders in the Congolese conflict to seriously tackle the FDLR problem.

Trial of FDLR Leaders Set for May.

(7/03/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201103071140.html>

A German court, on Friday, ordered that FDLR militia leaders, Ignace Murwanashyaka and Straton Musoni, stand trial for crimes against humanity and war crimes committed on Congolese territory. The hearing will begin in May.

LRA**Ugandan rebels kill 35, kidnap many in Congo: UN.**

(2/03/2011 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJ0E7210IP20110302?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=eedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

Ugandan rebels have killed at least 35 people in northeastern Congo this year, the UN said, warning of an uptick in attacks that increasingly have targeted populated areas. More than 100 people have been kidnapped and some 17,000 people displaced in more than 50 attacks by the Ugandan LRA rebels in Orientale province, UNHCR, the U.N.'s refugee agency, said in a statement.

Accrochage entre FARDC et LRA à Dungu, trois morts.

(5/03/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/03/05/accrochage-entre-fardc-et-lra-a-dungu-trois-morts/>

LRA rebels have clashed with FARDC elements in Dungu centre last Friday.

Bas-Uele: la LRA attaque un convoi du PAM près de Banda.

(6/03/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/03/06/bas-uele-un-convoi-du-pam-attaque-par-la-lra-pres-de-banda/>

Bas-Uélé - La LRA attaque un convoi du PAM près de Banda.

(8/03/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201103080355.html>

LRA rebels attacked a convoy of the WFP near Banda in Bas-Uélé district.

Ituri: attaques de la LRA à Bamangana, la Monusco déploie une centaine des casques bleus.

(6/03/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/03/06/ituri-attaques-de-la-lra-a-bamangana-deploiement-de-pres-d%E2%80%99une-centaine-des-casques-bleus-de-la-monusco/>

Following LRA assault in Bamangana, the MONUSCO has deployed blue helmets to the sector.

Lord's Resistance Army - Updated March 2011.

(3/03/2011 – Small Arms Survey – Reliefweb)

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

The US-supported military offensive conducted by the Ugandan Peoples Defence Force (UPDF) against the LRA since December 2008 has had mixed results. LRA communications and operational capacity have been disrupted, but most senior commanders remain at large and their ability to wreak havoc remains unhindered. According to recent UN reports, the LRA has killed close to 3,000 people and displaced 400,000 since December 2008.

UGANDA: Bleak future for former female fighters.

(8/03/2011 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=92122>

Women and girls returning to northern Uganda from forced conscription into the LRA struggle to resettle in their home communities because of stigma and a severe shortage of reintegration facilities tailored to their needs, say analysts and returnees.

U.S. lawmakers want monitoring of possible aid by Sudan to LRA.

(3/03/2011 – Sudan Tribune)

<http://www.sudantribune.com/U-S-lawmakers-want-monitoring-of.38170>

Two U.S. lawmakers introduced a bill on Thursday that would require Obama's administration to ensure that the Sudanese government is not providing support to the notorious LRA in Uganda.

UGANDA

18 opposition supporters still detained.

(2/03/2011 – Daily Monitor)

<http://www.monitor.co.ug/SpecialReports/Elections/-/859108/1117334/-/k34mne/-/index.html>

At least 18 members of opposition political groups are still under detention by the government, weeks after the presidential elections. According to the opposition, several supporters were still under detention while others are missing.

Other

Statement at the Conclusion of a Staff Visit to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

(3/03/2011 – IMF)

<http://www.imf.org/external/np/sec/pr/2011/pr1166.htm>

An IMF mission visited Kinshasa February 20-March 1, 2011 to assess progress and discuss policies with the authorities in the context of the third review of the Extended Credit Facility (ECF) arrangement. The mission focused on recent economic developments, policy implementation under the ECF arrangement, execution of the 2011 budget, and structural reform priorities needed to consolidate macroeconomic stability, sustain high growth, and improve the business environment.

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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)

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

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(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)

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

(June 2010 – IPIS)

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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.

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