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Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

Senators ask Obama Administration to block Chinese mining investment.

(16/03/2011 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page72068?oid=122996&sn=Detail>

U.S. senators urged the Obama Administration oppose domestic and international Chinese mining projects "until China plays fair and square with rare earth element exports." With so much at stake, "the United States should not sit passively while China's investment policies hamstring U.S. companies and undermine our national and economic security needs," the senators concluded.

DRC

DR Congo lifts ban on mining gold tin and coltan.

(10/03/2011 – BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-12700898>

A ban on mining in the east of the DRC that was imposed six months ago has been lifted. The government stopped mining operations in three provinces because of the involvement of criminal groups and militias in the industry. The mining minister said there had been successful army operations against the militias since September. Civil servants had also been deployed to ensure shipments were properly labelled and could be traced, he said.

DRC lifts mining ban as US law comes into focus.

(11/03/2011 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page504?oid=122632&sn=Detail>

DRC lifts eastern mining ban, US bill eyed.

(10/03/2011 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/drc-lifts-eastern-mining-ban-us-bill-eyed-2011-03-10>

The DRC on Thursday lifted a five-month mining ban in the east of the country but pending U.S. legislation concerning "conflict minerals" is still likely to make sourcing hi-tech metals from the region difficult.

Lifting of DRC mining suspension & future of iTSCi.

(9/03/2011 – ITRI)

http://www.itri.co.uk/pooled/articles/BF_NEWSART/view.asp?Q=BF_NEWSART_322557

ITRI was very pleased to hear of the decision of the Government of the DRC to lift the mining suspension which has been in place in the Provinces of North and South Kivu and Maniema since early September 2010; the key cassiterite mining areas of central Africa.

L'Asadho préoccupée par la levée de la suspension des activités minières à l'Est.

(11/03/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201103110403.html>

RDC : la suspension de l'exploitation minière n'a pas atteint ses objectifs, selon l'Asadho.

(11/03/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/03/11/rdc-la-suspension-de-l%E2%80%99exploitation-mini%C3%A8re-n%E2%80%99a-pas-atteint-ses-objectifs-selon-l%E2%80%99asadho/>

The Congolese NGO Asadho expressed its concern on the lifting of the mining ban in eastern DRC.

Goma mayor warns civil society on conflict minerals.

(11/03/2011 – Enough Project)

<http://enoughproject.org/blogs/goma-mayor-warns-civil-society-conflict-minerals>

Mayor Tumbula Rashidi of Goma issued a warning to organizations working on the conflict minerals issue. Reacting to letters by a coalition of over 40 Congolese women's and human rights groups led by SYNERGIE, CREDDHO, and BEDEWA that urge swift implementation of the Dodd-Frank legislation, Rashidi stated: "I will ask the government to track down and sanction everyone who was behind these negative statements." He referred to the letters by local NGOs sent this week to Secretary Clinton calling for the U.S. State Department to support the swift implementation of U.S. regulations on minerals from Congo.

Note on the need to let some time to implement a thorough control system on artisanal mining in eastern DRC.

(10/03/2011 - Didier de Faily/BEST)

<http://www.google.be/url?sa=t&source=web&cd=1&ved=0CBgQFjAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.sec.gov%2Fcomments%2Fs7-40-10%2Fs74010-190.pdf&rct=j&q=NOTE%20ON%20THE%20NEED%20TO%20LET%20SOME%20TIME%20TO%20IMPLEMENT%20A%20THOROUGH%20CONTROL%20SYSTEM%20ON%20ARTISANAL%20MINING%20IN%20EASTERN%20DRC&ei=GqSATaf8CYnOhAeV14CzBw&usq=AFQjCNEcl5vX6tre0SEk4Hr3prqWSFjwNA&sig2=EXhk9dz4XrRa1789TUKfA&cad=rja>

A position paper written by Didier de Faily stating: "... if the Dodd-Frank regulations are applied from April this year it will ruin all these efforts and condemn hundreds of thousands of people in Eastern DRC to keep under the terror of these maffiosi barons, instead of improving the whole situation."

Malaysia Smelting May Stop Buying Minerals From Central Africa, ITRI Says.

(9/03/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-03-09/msc-may-halt-mineral-purchases-from-central-africa-itri-says.html>

Malaysia Smelting Corp., the world's third-biggest tin producer, may halt mineral purchases from Central Africa because it can't ensure the trade doesn't support armed groups in the region, a tin-industry group said. New electronics-industry auditing rules resulting from a U.S. law to curb the purchase of so-called conflict minerals come into effect on April 1, too soon for tin traders to comply, St. Alban's, U.K.-based ITRI Ltd. said in an e-mailed statement today.

Lawmakers want SEC to stand firm on strict conflict minerals rules.

(5/03/2011 – The Hill)

<http://thehill.com/blogs/on-the-money/corporate-governance/147671-lawmakers-want-sec-to-stand-firm-on-conflict-minerals-rules>

Business groups are warning that it might be impossible to comply with proposed rules requiring companies to track whether minerals came from combat-torn parts of Africa. But the two lawmakers behind the so-called "conflict minerals" provision are telling regulators to stand firm and issue strict rules as quickly as possible.

National CID Investigate DRC Gold.

(10/03/2011 – Nairobi Star – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201103110155.html>

The investigations into Congo gold in Nairobi were sparked off by a complaint from a South African firm that wanted to authenticate an offer by a Kenyan businessman to sell 13.6 kg of the precious metal. A kilo of gold today is worth US\$28,000 or Ksh2.25 million.

Sh8 Billion Gold Probe Hits Dead End.

(13/03/2011 – Daily Nation – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201103140058.html>

Detectives are yet to trace the two-and-half tonnes of gold allegedly smuggled into the country early this year even as it emerged that police have been handling many gold-related fraud cases. The team of detectives from Kenya and the DRC have called in computer experts, documents examiners, mines and geology officials and other government officials to assist in the investigations. Under probe are eleven companies and nine individuals named in a list handed over to President Kibaki by his DRC counterpart Joseph Kabila recently when he visited the country over the smuggling of the Sh8 billion worth of gold.

Gold-Smuggling Suspects Shipped to Congolese Capital, Kinshasa, For Trial.

(16/03/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-03-16/gold-smuggling-suspects-shipped-to-congolese-capital-kinshasa-for-trial.html>

The Democratic Republic of Congo transferred four foreign nationals accused of smuggling more than \$25 million in gold and cash to the capital, Kinshasa, for trial, according to Julien Paluku, governor of the North Kivu province. Two Nigerians, a U.S. citizen and a French national were flown to Kinshasa yesterday from Goma, North Kivu's capital, where they had been held since Feb. 4, Paluku said by phone today, without commenting further.

Nord-Kivu: deux sociétés minières se disputent l'exploitation des minerais dans le site de Omate.

(15/03/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/03/15/nord-kivu-deux-societes-minières-se-disputent-l%E2%80%99exploitation-des-minerais-dans-le-site-de-omate/>

Employees of Geminaco and Socagrimines, two artisanal mining enterprises, clashed last week at the Omate mining site, about 20 kilometres northeast of Walikale.

La Gécamines cherche 150 millions Usd.

(7/03/2011 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201103090554.html>

Gécamines informed prime minister Muzito that the state-owned miner needs about US\$150 million.

China's \$9bn "Deal of the century" with the DRC - A critical review.

(10/03/2011 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page72068?oid=122582&sn=Detail>

Global Witness exhume les contrats chinois.

(11/03/2011 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201103120071.html>

Accord sino-congolais - Global Witness dénonce l'opacité du contrat.

(9/03/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201103090689.html>

Global Witness et l'accord sino-congolais.

(15/03/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201103150574.html>

In September 2007, when China signed its first agreement with the Democratic Republic of the Congo, in Beijing, the deal was cited as Congo's "deal of the century". At the time, the agreement with Congo was the largest resources-for-infrastructure deal with China on the African continent. The deal has been through several phases since inception and has now been examined in detail, by among others, Global Witness. The Congo deal, worth USD 9bn at inception, took China a further step towards securing foreign-based supplies of natural resources for its booming economy, which voraciously gobbles down raw materials.

UGANDA

500 Karimojong Homesteads to Be Destroyed for Dam Construction.

(12/03/2011 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201103140163.html>

A total of 500 homesteads foundat the foot of Mt Moroto in Katikekile Subcounty in Moroto District are to be evicted to create enough space for construction of a water dam. Daily Monitor has learnt that, government was under pressure to construct a multipurpose dam in Karamoja as a measure to solve persistent water shortages which is hindering development in Karamoja region.

Oil Deal with Iran Angered U.S. - Leaked Cables.

(15/03/2011 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201103150943.html>

President Museveni rubbed Washington the wrong way by visiting Tehran and cutting a deal with his counterpart, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, to have Iran build Uganda's oil refinery, a leaked US diplomatic cable shows.

I Am Not Involved in Oil Deals, Says Kutesa.

(16/03/2011 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201103160030.html>

Foreign Affairs Minister Sam Kutesa yesterday denied involvement or using any underhand methods to profiteer from Uganda's fledgling oil sector as reported by former American diplomats to Kampala in a cable to Washington D.C. This newspaper yesterday published excerpts of the memo, made public by Julian Assange's whistle-blower website, Wikileaks, carrying accounts attributed to Kampala businessman Habib Kagimu implicating Mr Kutesa in courting Iranians to partake in Uganda's new-found wealth so as to subdue Libyan advances.

Pétrole et zones protégées.

(9/03/2011 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Oil boom: Uganda faces environmental challenges.

(9/03/2011 – The Observer)

http://www.observer.ug/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=12483:oil-boom-uganda-faces-environmental-challenges&catid=38:business&Itemid=68

Articles on the widening conflict between promoting Uganda's oil industry, protecting the country's priceless wildlife and preserving the largely pristine environment.

Joint letter to DfID outlining need for donors to address transparency in Ugandan oil sector.

(15/03/2011 – Global Witness)

<http://www.globalwitness.org/library/joint-letter-dfid-outlining-need-donors-address-transparency-ugandan-oil-sector>

Global Witness and Ugandan civil society partner CSCO have written to the UK Department for International Development to outline the urgent need for Uganda's development partners to address governance concerns surrounding the industry, with a view to realising the resource's developmental potential. The upcoming review of Uganda's budget support framework on the 15-16 March provides an important opportunity to do this.

RWANDA

Stakeholders Discuss Certification of Country's Minerals.

(13/03/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201103150179.html>

The Ministry of Forestry and Mines, Thursday, met miners and traders to exchange views on the mineral traceability process, certification and tagging, before the law preventing illegal mineral trade comes into force on April 1. The meeting chaired by the Minister, Christophe Bazivamo, also aimed at assessing the progress of contracts between miners and government.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

Adolphe Muzito inspecte les installations de Tenke Fungurume Mining.

(9/03/2011 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201103090823.html>

The Congolese prime minister Muzito visited the installations of Tenke Fungurume Mining.

First Quantum Minerals Reports Operational and Financial Results for the Three Months and Year Ended December 31, 2010.

(15/03/2011 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/First-Quantum-Minerals-Reports-Operational-Financial-Results-Three-Months-Year-Ended-TSX-FM-1412128.htm>

First Quantum Minerals Ltd. announced its results for the three months and year ended December 31, 2010. The complete financial statements and management discussion and analysis are available for review at www.first-quantum.com and should be read in conjunction with this news release.

Grandes manoeuvres boursières - Katanga Mining cherche 260 millions Usd pour la mine de Kamoto.

(9/03/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201103090693.html>

Katanga Mining is looking for US\$260 million to exploit the Kamoto copper mine in Kolwezi.

CuCo Resources Closes US\$45 Million Private Placement Equity Financing with Leading Resources Sector Investors.

(15/03/2011 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/CuCo-Resources-Closes-US45-Million-Private-Placement-Equity-Financing-with-Leading-Resources-1411727.htm>

CuCo Resources Raises \$45 Million to Boost Congo Copper.

(15/03/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-03-15/cuco-resources-raises-45-million-in-private-share-sale-to-fund-congo-plan.html>

DRC-focused CuCo Resources eyes TSX listing this year.

(15/03/2011 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/drc-focused-cuco-resources-eyes-tsx-listing-this-year-2011-03-15>

CuCo Resources Limited announced today that it has closed a "best efforts" private placement of common shares of CuCo, led by GMP Securities L.P. raising US \$45 million in its third round of equity financing. CuCo successfully secured investments from a group of leading resource sector investors including Macquarie Bank. The proceeds from the financing will be used to accelerate the growth of CuCo's production and development of its two key properties in the Katanga Province of the DRC.

SacOil Denies It Published Misleading Information About Oil Block in Congo.

(14/03/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-03-14/sacoil-denies-it-published-misleading-information-about-oil-block-in-congo.html>

SacOil Holdings Ltd. said it denies a complaint by shareholder Kevin van der Walt that it published incorrect or misleading information on an oil block in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

UGANDA

Tullow Oil nears Uganda tax deal.

(10/03/2011 – Financial Times – allAfrica)

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/d3e5972a-4a8f-11e0-82ab-00144feab49a.html?ftcamp=rss#axzz1GZJE8Lti>

Tullow Oil said on Wednesday that it hoped to proceed with its Lake Albert project in Uganda this summer. The project, a partnership with France's Total and China's Cnooc, has been held up since last year by a tax dispute with Uganda's government. However, Aidan Heavey, chief executive, said that the company was close to reaching a deal with Yoweri Museveni, Uganda's president. "We're finalising a memorandum of understanding with government that will allow the joint venture with Cnooc and Total to go ahead.

Tullow proceeds with Lake Albert project.

(15/03/2011 – Financial Times)

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/a4143150-4f35-11e0-9038-00144feab49a.html?ftcamp=rss#axzz1GkYr7AdD>

MoU Signed Between Tullow and the Government of Uganda.

(15/03/2011 – OilVoice)

http://www.oilvoice.com/n/MoU_Signed_Between_Tullow_and_the_Government_of_Uganda/95ab74848.aspx

Tullow Oil will proceed with its showpiece Lake Albert development following a deal with the Ugandan government. The company said it had signed a memorandum of understanding with the government which officially sanctions Tullow's \$1.45bn purchase of Heritage Oil's 50 per cent stake in the Lake Albert project. The deal was agreed last year.

Tullow Has Ring-Fenced Its Oil.

(14/03/2011 – The Independent – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201103151191.html>

Tullow's staff around the world recently got an opportunity to interview Chief Executive Officer, Aidan Heavey. The full interview was published on the Group's Intranet and an abstracted version on its website. This articles presents the extracts on Uganda.

RWANDA

Les tailleurs timides sur le méthane.

(9/03/2011 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

The Lake Kivu methane gas project of the American enterprise CounterGlobal is getting behind its original planning.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

Ban calls on Central African countries to ratify treaty curbing small arms.

(15/03/2011 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=37776&Cr=small+arms&Cr1=>

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today called on Central African nations to ratify as soon as possible a regional convention curbing light arms and small calibre weapons, pledging United Nations support for the measure in the furtherance of peace and stability.

General Ham Assumes Command of U.S. AFRICOM.

(14/03/2011 – US Africa Command - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201103141213.html>

U.S. Army General Carter F. Ham assumed command of U.S. Africa Command from General William E. Ward during a ceremony March 9, 2011, at the Stadthalle in Sindelfingen, Germany, on the outskirts of Stuttgart. Ham is the second commander of U.S. Africa Command, which was established in October 2007. In October 2008 AFRICOM became the U.S. military's sixth and newest unified combatant command, coordinating U.S. military relations with more than 50 nations in Africa.

Grands Lacs - L'armée de la RDC d'abord!

(14/03/2011 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201103150726.html>

In the framework of the CEPGL, the presidents of the parliaments of the DRC, Rwanda and Burundi gathered to talk about joint military efforts to promote peace and security in the region.

DRC

Many DRC Children Volunteer to Fight.

(10/03/2011 – Institute for war and peace reporting)

<http://iwpr.net/report-news/many-drc-children-volunteer-fight>

Activists say not enough has been done to address reasons for children joining armed groups of their own free will. Extreme poverty, malnutrition and a lack of access to education and skills are driving significant numbers of children in the DRC to voluntarily join armed groups. While some degree of coercion, most notably abduction, is behind the continued recruitment of child soldiers by militia groups and government forces, there's evidence that a substantial proportion choose to take up arms.

Masisi: trois meurtres en trois jours.

(9/03/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/03/09/masisi-trois-meurtres-en-trois-jours/>

Unidentified men in uniform have attacked several villages in Masisi territory between 6 and 8 March.

Attaque de la résidence de Kabila: la VSV dénonce les tortures et les arrestations arbitraires.

(9/03/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/03/09/attaque-de-la-residence-de-kabila-la-vsv-denonce-les-tortures-et-les-arrestations-arbitraires/>

The Congolese NGO 'Voix des Sans Voix' expressed its concern on the treatment of the people that were arrested following the attack on the presidential residence last month.

Kisangani : après six mois de formation, 500 ex-miliciens rejoignent la police.

(11/03/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/03/11/kisangani-apres-six-mois-de-formation-500-ex-miliciens-rejoignent-la-police/>

A closing ceremony has been organised to celebrate the integration of 500 ex-rebels into the Congolese police force following six months of training.

Bukavu: trois officiers des FARDC écopent de 15 ans de prison pour viols et crimes contre l'humanité.

(10/03/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/03/10/bukavu-trois-officiers-des-fardc-ecopent-de-15-ans-de-prison-pour-viols-et-crimes-contre-l%E2%80%99humanite/>

Article on the judgements pronounced in the trial against 11 FARDC soldiers that were accused of crimes against humanity committed in Kalehe in 2009.

Expulsion de plus de cent Congolais démocratiques de Lunda Sul.

(14/03/2011 – AngolaPress – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201103150879.html>

The migration service of the Lunda Sul province in Angola has expelled 108 Congolese civilians between the first of January and 14 March.

Kasaï Occidental: en 2010, 80% des victimes de violences sexuelles étaient des enfants, selon la Lizadeel.

(9/03/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/03/09/kananga-en-2010-80-des-victimes-de-violences-sexuelles-etaient-des-enfants-dans-la-province-selon-la-lizadeel/>

According to the Congolese NGO Lizadeel, 80% of the victims of sexual violence in West Kasaï were children.

Situation humanitaire en République Démocratique du Congo - Note d'information à la presse, 9 mars 2011

(9/03/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/LSGZ-8ESJR7?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P>

RD Congo : Bulletin d'Information Humanitaire, Province du Sud-Kivu, 15 mars 2011.

(15/03/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

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

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

FDLR

Attaques attribuées aux FDLR à Mwenga et Walungu: deux morts.

(9/03/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/03/09/attaques-attribuees-aux-fdlr-a-mwenga-et-walungu-deux-morts/>

Alleged FDLR rebels have assaulted several villages in the territories of Mwenga and Walungu, South Kivu, last week.

Fizi: 65 femmes auraient été violées au cours d'une embuscade des FDLR.

(9/03/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/03/09/fizi-65-femmes-auraient-ete-violees-au-cours-d%E2%80%99une-embuscade-des-fdlr/>

65 women have been raped during an FDLR ambush in Bwala, Fizi territory.

Maniema: des présumés FDLR abattent un chef coutumier à Salamabila.

(15/03/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/03/15/maniema-des-presumes-fdlr-abattent-un-chef-coutumier-a-salamabila/>

FDLR rebels killed the locality of Tukutuku's customary chief in Salamabila, Maniema Province.

LRA

DRC: Security deteriorates in Uelé districts.

(11/03/2011 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=92166> (English)

(13/03/2011 – IRIN – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/MCOI-8EWKJ8?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P> (French)

Uélé - Les attaques de la LRA provoquent le déplacement des populations.

(12/03/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201103120024.html>

The presence of LRA rebels has led to deteriorating security conditions for aid workers and civilians in the northern DRC's two Uélé districts, where 31 attacks took place in January alone – as many as in the last three months of 2010.

DRC: Upsurge in LRA Attacks against civilians in Congo.

(14/03/2011 – Enough Project)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/MAPA-8EXQ86?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P>

Although northeastern DRC is no stranger to violence, a recent spike in civilian attacks by the LRA has raised international concern. During a briefing earlier this month, UNHCR expressed alarm about the "new upsurge in violence against civilians" by the LRA in northeastern Congo."

Uélé: des cités fantômes après attaques de la LRA.

(10/03/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/03/10/uele-des-cites-fantomes-apres-attaques-de-la-lra/>

Following a rise in LRA attacks in the Uélé districts of Province Orientale, a lot of villages and towns in the districts are abandoned by its inhabitants.

Nouveaux accrochages entre FARDC et LRA dans le Bas-Uélé: 8 morts.

(12/03/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/03/12/nouveaux-accrochages-entre-fardc-et-lra-dans-le-bas-uele-8-morts/>

FARDC soldiers clashed last week with LRA rebels in the locality of Banda.

Dungu: 1 500 déplacés toujours sous la menace des incursions de la LRA à Linakofo.

(13/03/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/03/13/dungu-1-500-deplaces-toujours-sous-la-menace-des-incursions-de-la-lra-a-linakofo/>

1.500 IDPs in the Linakofo camp, near Dungu, are seriously threatened by the LRA rebels. Since the beginning of the year, seven of them have already been abducted by the rebels.

Province Orientale - Dossier LRA : les leaders religieux préconisent le dialogue.

(14/03/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201103140734.html>

Kisangani: crise de la LRA, leaders religieux préconisent le dialogue.

(12/03/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/03/12/kisangani-crise-de-la-lra-leaders-religieux-preconisent-le-dialogue/>

Religious leaders of the LRA-affected areas gathered in Kisangani to discuss the way to deal with LRA rebels.

Democratic Republic of the Congo: UN humanitarian chief calls for better security in LRA-affected areas.

(10/03/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/ASAZ-8ETKL2?OpenDocument&RSS20=18-P>

Valerie Amos, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, visited Orientale Province on the last day of her visit to the DRC. Haut-Uele and Bas-Uele districts are the scene of brutalities committed by the Ugandan armed group LRA. The LRA has killed nearly 2,000 civilians and abducted nearly 3,000, including an estimated 1,500 children in these districts since December 2007.

UGANDA

Ugandan police fire teargas at poll protesters.

(9/03/2011 – Reuters)

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Ugandan Police Use Teargas to Disperse Opposition Protesters in Kampala.

(9/03/2011 – Bloomberg)

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Uganda police use tear gas against protesters demonstrating against Museveni's election win.

(9/03/2011 – The Washington Post)

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Police in the Ugandan capital fired teargas and shot bullets over the heads of hundreds of people protesting on Wednesday against President Yoweri Museveni's huge election win last month, Reuters witnesses said.

Other

IMF Executive Board Completes Fifth Review Under ECF Arrangement with Burundi, Extends Arrangement, and Approves US\$10.4 Million Disbursement.

(15/03/2011 – IMF)

<http://www.imf.org/external/np/sec/pr/2011/pr1181.htm>

The Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has completed the fifth review of Burundi's economic performance under the Extended Credit Facility (ECF) arrangement and extended the ECF arrangement to August 31, 2011.

IPIS latest publications

IPIS LATEST REPORTS

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.

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)

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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.

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(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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