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IPIS MOST RECENT PUBLICATIONS

The complexity of resource governance in a context of state fragility: The case of eastern DRC.

(November 2010 – IPIS / International Alert)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/natural-resources.php>

A host of publications over the last decade have highlighted the important role played by artisanal and small-scale mining of coltan, gold and cassiterite in the ongoing conflict in the DRC, yet there is still little awareness of the modus operandi of the various actors involved in the exploitation and trade of these minerals. It is vitally important that initiatives aimed at reforming the artisanal mining industry are based on a thorough knowledge of the political, economic and social dynamics at the grassroots level. This research report analyzes the trading networks within the mining sector and their links to military, economic and political actors in eastern DRC, focusing on the provinces of North and South Kivu, and Ituri District in Orientale Province.

Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

UN-backed meeting concludes with call for stronger measures to protect gorillas.

(31/03/2011 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=37961&Cr=wildlife&Cr1=> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=24890&Cr=gorilles&Cr1=> (French)

A United Nations-backed meeting in Kigali, Rwanda, has concluded with a call for better enforcement of laws to protect endangered gorillas in 10 African countries.

Conflict mineral rules to pressure DRC miners.

(1/04/2011 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/conflict-mineral-rules-to-pressure-drc-miners-2011-04-01>

New industry rules aimed at stamping out the use of conflict minerals from areas such as the DRC came into force on Friday, but some in the industry say they could do more harm than good. The industry standard was initiated by Washington-based Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition (EICC) and Brussels-based Global eSustainability Initiative (GeSI).

DRC

Submission to the US Securities and Exchange Commission on proposed guidelines for disclosure of minerals sourced from DR Congo.

(28/02/2011 – Global Witness)

<http://www.globalwitness.org/library/submission-us-securities-and-exchange-commission-proposed-guidelines-disclosure-minerals>

The passage of the Dodd-Frank Act is a major milestone, but the implementation stage is crucial to its effectiveness in practice. Since the passage of the law, the SEC has published proposals for the implementation of the law. Global Witness submitted written comments on these proposals.

John Kanyoni.

(30/03/2011 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Meeting with a delegation from the OECD in Goma, a group of mining operators in North Kivu called for a moratorium on implementing the Dodd & Franks Act.

Gold smuggling: the seized aircraft's many flights.

(30/03/2011 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

The case involving the seizure of illegal gold aboard an aircraft at Goma in February appears to be widening. According to a judicial source, the US registered aircraft was on its seventh flight to the DRC. Investigators will determine whether Bosco Ntaganda is implicated in the traffic.

Mbuji-Mayi : un Sud-africain arrêté avec un colis de diamant d'environ 8 000 USD.

(4/04/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/04/04/mbuji-mayi-un-sud-africain-arrete-avec-un-colis-de-diamant-d%E2%80%99environ-8-000-usd/>

The ANR has arrested a Congolese and a South African civilian on charge of smuggling a package of diamonds worth US\$8000.

Un colis de diamant de deux mille carats vendu à 50 mille dollars au cours du premier tender par la MIBA.

(1/04/2011 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/74744>

Last weekend, MIBA sold a package of diamonds of 2000 carats for 50,000 US\$.

UGANDA

Oil industry opposes proposed oil law.

(31/03/2011 – Daily Monitor)

<http://www.monitor.co.ug/News/National/-/688334/1136116/-/c3bdwuz/-/>

Uganda Chamber of Mines and Petroleum has expressed fear that a proposed oil law will stifle investment in the industry. The proposed law, yet to be presented before Parliament, seeks to establish a national oil authority, national oil company and new terms in the production sharing agreements.

Govt to re-visit Tamoil pipeline project.

(2/04/2011 – Business Week)

<http://www.busiweek.com/11/opportunities/724-govt-to-re-visit-tamoil-pipeline-project>

The Government is to review Tamoil East Africa's oil pipeline project following the move by the UN to freeze Libyan assets in Uganda. Uganda's Minister of Energy and Mineral Development, Mr Hillary Onek, said: "Now that there is an international embargo, we shall review Tamoil's contract. In any case, they haven't done much,". Tamoil won the tender to extend Kenya's Mombasa-Eldoret pipeline to Uganda in 2009 but the project had been delayed for a while due to the the increase in the prices of products such as oil and steel on the international market.

Kenya, Uganda salivating at South Sudan prospects.

(5/04/2011 – The Citizen)

<http://thecitizen.co.tz/magazines/-/9698-kenya-uganda-salivating-at-south-sudan-prospects>

On July 9, Africa will have its newest and 56th state, the Republic of South Sudan. This development is exciting for the East African region because South Sudan, with its oil wealth, minerals and huge agricultural potential, is set to join the East African Community (EAC).

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

Meterox shares rise on reserves announcement.

(4/04/2011 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page504?oid=124325&sn=Detail>

South African miner Metorex Ltd on Monday raised its copper and cobalt reserves estimates, pushing up its shares around three percent. The miner said in a statement. "There has been a 49 percent increase in the contained cobalt mineral reserves as a result of the application of a bi-metallic, copper equivalent cut-off grade at Ruashi."

Metorex says copper resources increased by 44,9%.

(4/04/2011 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/metorex-says-copper-resources-increased-by-449-2011-04-04>

Metorex on Monday reported a 44,9% increase in total group copper mineral resources from 3,27-million ton to 4,74-million ton for the 2010 financial period, driven largely by the Dilala East and Lubembe deposits in the DRC. The company said that contained copper in resources at Dilala East and Lubembe increased by 563 000 t and 756 000 t respectively between June 2009 and March 2011, compared with the 2009 resource base.

Metorex increases copper, cobalt output in March quarter.

(5/04/2011 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/metorex-increases-copper-cobalt-production-in-march-quarter-2011-04-05>

Metorex, which operates in the DRC and Zambia, on Tuesday reported an 8% increase in copper production to 13 344 t and a 10% boost in cobalt output to 1 041 t during its March 2011 quarter.

Tiger Resources Ltd: Sase Central Maiden Resource Estimate.

(5/04/2011 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page674?oid=124422&sn=Detail&pid=102055>

Tiger Resources Limited is pleased to announce a maiden mineral resource estimate for the Sase Central copper deposit located within the Company's 100% owned Lupoto Copper Project in the DRC.

Swiss NGO's zero in on Glencore.

(30/03/2011 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Glencore is coming under attack from two catholic NGOs in Switzerland. They accuse Katanga Mining, a Glencore affiliate based in Bermuda, of "looting the nation".

Katanga : les jeunes désœuvrés réclament l'embauche dans les mines de Kakanda.

(31/03/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/03/31/katanga-les-jeunes-desoeuvres-reclament-l%E2%80%99embauche-dans-les-mines-de-kakanda/>

A few hundred young unemployed have protested in Katanga against the recruitment policy of mining enterprises such as Boss Mining and CCC.

Shamika2Gold Inc beefs up executive team.

(30/03/2011 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

A new company set up by the Canadian group Shamika Resources, Shamika2Gold, is hiring executives to tout its assets more effectively. The explorer has named Christoph Eibl to its board. His appointment ought to increase the company's visibility in the DRC.

Pétrole de l'Ituri - Les autochtones mécontents s'impatientent.

(31/03/2011 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201104010344.html>

In a declaration addressed to the president and the prime minister, the Ituri civil society recently denounced the fact that Caprikat and Foxwhelp do not keep to their promises.

EnerGulf Commissions Resource Estimate for Lotshi Block and Assembles Drill Team.

(5/04/2011 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/EnerGulf-Commissions-Resource-Estimate-for-Lotshi-Block-and-Assembles-Drill-Team-TSX-VENTURE-ENG-1422564.htm>

EnerGulf Resources Inc. is pleased to provide an update on the Lotshi Block located onshore in the DRC. The Lotshi Block covers approximately 500 square km of the Les Zones du Bassin Côtier in the onshore coastal salt basin of western DRC. EnerGulf is the operator of the project and has a 90% interest.

ERA Announces Signing of a 17.5 Million Tonne Carbon Offset Agreement With the Democratic Republic of Congo.

(4/04/2011 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/ERA-Announces-Signing-175-Million-Tonne-Carbon-Offset-Agreement-With-Democratic-Republic-TSX-VENTURE-ESR-1421861.htm>

ERA Carbon Offsets Ltd. through its 100% owned subsidiary ERA Ecosystem Restoration Associates Inc., is pleased to announce the signing of a Carbon Rights Agreement (CRA) with the Minister of Environment for the Government of the DRC. The CRA supports a landscape-scale integrated Avoided Deforestation project. The project is located in the district of Mai Ndombe, Bandundu Province, in Western DRC. Over 30,000 people live in this ecologically diverse area, which is home to forest elephants, hippopotamuses and endangered bonobo chimpanzees. This project will consist of two distinct activity types: Improved Forest Management (IFM) and Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD+). The IFM portion of the project will result in the cessation of active commercial logging activity. The reduction of illegal logging and the reduction of unsustainable forest clearing for agriculture and fuel wood will be addressed in the REDD+ portion of the project.

UGANDA

Tullow Oil sells stakes in Uganda to Total and CNOOC for \$2.9bn.

(30/03/2011 – The Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/business/2011/mar/30/tullow-oil-sells-stakes-in-uganda>

Tullow Sells Uganda Stakes to CNOOC, Total for \$2.9 Billion.

(30/03/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-03-30/tullow-oil-to-receive-2-9-billion-from-cnooc-total-ugandan-partnership.html>

French and Chinese Oil Companies Agree to Pay U.S. \$2.9 Billion for Oil Fields.

(30/03/2011 – Daily Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104010680.html>

Tullow in \$2,9bn Uganda deal with Total, CNOOC.

(30/03/2011 – Engineering News)

<http://www.engineeringnews.co.za/article/tullow-in-29bn-uganda-deal-with-total-cnooc-2011-03-30>

Oil exploration company Tullow Oil has agreed to sell stakes in its Ugandan operations to France's Total and the China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) for \$2.9bn, bringing in larger partners to develop the oil fields.

Tullow disputes tax on assets sale.

(2/04/2011 – Business Week)

<http://www.busiweek.com/11/news/uganda/739-tullow-disputes-tax-on-assets-sale>

Tullow Oil plc last week sold two-thirds of its oil assets in blocks 1, 2 and 3A at US\$2.9b to France's Total and China's CNOOC but the oil explorer has disputed the \$472.7M tax that Uganda Revenue Authority has assessed on the deal.

MPs want details from government on sale of oil wells.

(2/04/2011 – Daily Monitor)

<http://www.monitor.co.ug/News/National/-/688334/1137034/-/c3apcfz/-/>

Legislators yesterday tasked the government to explain the status of Uganda's oil and gas wells and reports that Tullow Oil had sold part of the wells to two foreign companies. The MP for Lwemiyaga County, Mr Theodore Ssekikubo, raised the concern as a matter of national importance and questioned why Tullow Oil had sold the oil wells to China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) and Total, a French oil firm, without Parliament's knowledge.

Uganda to get \$430m from Tullow oil deal.

(5/04/2011 – New Vision)

<http://www.newvision.co.ug/D/8/13/751204>

Uganda expects to receive up to \$430m from the first transaction of Tullow's acquisition of Heritage assets, Parliament heard yesterday.

Heritage Oil Provides Uganda Update.

(30/03/2011 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Heritage-Oil-Provides-Uganda-Update-TSX-HOC-1419781.htm>

Heritage Oil Plc, an independent upstream exploration and production company, notes the recent announcement by Tullow Oil plc relating to Tullow's operations in Uganda. Contained in the Announcement is a statement by Tullow that: "In line with Ugandan dispute resolution procedures under the Uganda Income Tax Act, US\$121 million was paid to the URA and Tullow and Heritage agreed to deposit US\$283 million into an escrow account in London pending resolution of the dispute through a tax tribunal in Kampala." As previously announced, Heritage's position, based on comprehensive advice from leading tax experts in Uganda, the United Kingdom and North America, is that the sale of Heritage's Ugandan interests to Tullow, which completed in July 2010, is not taxable in Uganda.

Opening Oil Exploration to the East Coast.

(1/04/2011 – Your Oil and Gas News)

http://www.youroilandgasnews.com/opening+oil+exploration+to+the+east+coast_61418.html

The African Continent's west coast has long been an oil-rich haven for oil companies from the west to exploit, yet with the continual discoveries of oil rich deposits in the east, companies are turning their attention to countries like Uganda, Tanzania and Mozambique to source large quantities of Africa's oil reserve.

RWANDA

ContourGlobal to Start Power Output at Rwanda's 'Exploding Lake' Next Year.

(5/04/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-04-05/contourglobal-to-start-power-output-at-rwandan-exploding-lake-next-year.html>

ContourGlobal LLC, a closely held U.S. energy-project developer that operates on four continents, said it will start producing power from methane gas extracted at Lake Kivu in Rwanda after securing funding for the plant. KivuWatt Ltd., the New York-based company's Rwandan subsidiary, will generate 25 megawatts of electricity when the facility is commissioned in July 2012, Country Manager Jarmo Gummerus said in a phone interview on April 1.

BURUNDI

Tony Goetz.

(30/03/2011 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

The Belgian gold refining and re-export concern Affimet SA is still waiting for the Burundi government to pay off an old debt. Between 1992-1993, Affimet re-exported nearly five tons of Burundi's gold that mostly, if not all, was mined by operators in next-door DRC.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

Regional Policy on Peace and Security in the Pipeline.

(5/04/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104050104.html>

As part of bolstering political federation in the East Africa Community (EAC), a regional peace and security strategy will soon be validated before implementation starts in each of the member states. This was disclosed yesterday by Leonard Onyonyi, a Coordinator in the EAC Secretariat. Onyonyi said: "Key on the on-going security programmes is the regional control of small arms and light weapons, through projects funded by German Development Corporation (GIZ) and the European Union," Onyonyi said.

DRC

Lubero: les chefs coutumiers formés à la gestion des conflits fonciers.

(31/03/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/03/31/lubero-les-chefs-coutumiers-formes-a-la-gestion-des-conflits-fonciers/>

Customary chiefs of Lubero territory participated in a workshop on the role they can play in the resolution of conflicts over land.

Beni: la société civile dénonce la recrudescence de l'insécurité.

(1/04/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/04/01/beni-la-societe-civile-denonce-la-recrudescence-de-linsecurite/>

The civil society of Beni denounces the rising insecurity in the territory since the beginning of the year.

Rutshuru : la population manifeste contre le meurtre d'un habitant.

(31/03/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/03/31/rutshuru-la-population-manifeste-contre-le-meurtre-d%E2%80%99un-habitant-2/>

Villagers of Rutshuru protested last week against the killing of a civilian by an FARDC soldier.

Nord Kivu: sept ADF/Nalu arrêtés et des munitions saisies.

(31/03/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/03/31/nord-kivu-sept-adfnalu-arretes-et-des-munitions-saisies/>

The FARDC captured ammunition and arrested seven ADF/Nalu rebels in Makoyova locality, 60 km north of Beni.

Coups de feu à Beni: sept militaires des FARDC aux arrêts.

(6/04/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/04/05/coups-de-feu-a-beni-sept-militaires-des-fardc-aux-arrets/>

Last week, seven FARDC soldiers have been arrested in Beni because they fired several shots in the air and as such caused panic among the population.

Bunia: les FARDC attaquent un groupe de miliciens et récupèrent une trentaine de vaches volées.

(31/03/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/03/31/bunia-les-fardc-attaquent-un-groupe-de-miliciens-et-recuperent-une-trentaine-de-vaches-volees/>

FARDC soldiers attacked a group of cattle thieves near Bunia.

DR Congo: UN provides logistical support for rape trial of army general.

(30/03/2011 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=37943&Cr=Democratic&Cr1=Congo>

UN human rights officials are providing technical and logistical support to military justice authorities in the DRC in the rape trial of General Jérôme Kakwavu, the highest ranking national army officer to be prosecuted for such crimes.

UN envoy hails Congolese move to pursue rape cases against top military officers.

(29/03/2011 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=37934&Cr=Democratic&Cr1=congo> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=24869&Cr=Congo&Cr1=> (French)

The official spearheading United Nations efforts to combat the scourge of sexual violence during war today welcomed the decision of authorities in the DRC to prosecute several high-ranking military officers accused of rape.

Mines antipersonnel: plus de 2 600 zones contaminées identifiées en RDC.

(31/03/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/03/31/mines-antipersonnel-plus-de-2-600-zones-contaminees-identifiees-en-rdc/>

More than 2,600 zones affected by antipersonnel mines, have been identified in the DRC.

DRC: Moved on to a minefield.

(4/04/2011 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=92370>

More than 1,000 people in eastern DRC have been ordered to move to a suspected minefield because the authorities want to build shops and restaurants on the site of their old homes. However, Kisangani mayor Augustin Osumaka Lofanga said: "The landmine argument doesn't stand up. If there is a risk, it is only 10 percent. Nobody has died yet," he said, adding that demining of the area had already been conducted by Handicap International Belgium and "if not properly done, it is their responsibility..."

FACTBOX-Key political risks to watch in Congo.

(1/04/2011 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/drcNews/idAFRISKCD20110401>

Democratic Republic of Congo is seeking political stability, battling economic woes and rebel insurgencies as it gears up for elections this year.

Funding, security concerns threaten Congo vote.

(5/04/2011 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJ0E7340KR20110405?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

Concerns over financing, security and the neutrality of poll organisers are casting a shadow over planning for Congo's second post-war election, raising the risk of delays and street unrest. Any postponement of the poll -- planned for November -- or rows over the legitimacy of the results, could undermine the central African state's fragile efforts at stability and hamper much-needed foreign investment.

MONUSCO Assists the DR Congo on the Road to Stability.

(24/03/2011 – MONUSCO)

<http://monusco.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=932&ctl=Details&mid=1096&ItemID=13013> (English)

<http://monusco.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=12893> (French)

The DRC and its partners in the STAREC program inaugurated the newly completed buildings in Walungu, a town located about 45 km southeast of Bukavu, the provincial capital on 24 March, the three freshly inaugurated buildings, which were handed over to local authorities, are intended to house administrative offices, a court of Peace, and a police station. The completion of this project is a step forward in the implementation of the International Security and Stabilization Support Strategy (ISSSS) in eastern DRC.

La réhabilitation de la route Dungu-Faradje bientôt achevée.

(29/03/2011 – MONUSCO)

<http://monusco.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=13015>

The MONUSCO has almost completed the rehabilitation of the Dungu-Faradje road in Province Orientale.

Près de 22 000 ménages de déplacés internes errent dans Shabunda, sans assistance.

(31/03/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/03/31/pres-de-22-000-menages-de-deplaces-internes-errent-dans-shabunda-sans-assistance/>

Article on the 22,000 displaced households, without any humanitarian assistance, in Shabunda territory.

Situation humanitaire en République Démocratique du Congo - Note d'information à la presse, 30 mars 2011.

(30/03/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/LSGZ-8FFH4P?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P>

RDC: Bulletin d'Information Humanitaire, Province du Nord Kivu - 29 mars 2011.

(29/03/2011 - OCHA – Reliefweb)

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

RDC : Bulletin d'Information Humanitaire, Province du Sud-Kivu - 29 mars 2011.

(29/03/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

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

RDC : Bulletin d'Information Humanitaire, Province du Sud-Kivu - 05 avril 2011.

(5/04/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

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

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

Rapport Mapping: le haut commissariat de l'Onu aux droits de l'homme exige justice pour les victimes.

(6/04/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/04/05/rapport-mapping-le-haut-commissariat-de-l%E2%80%99onu-aux-droits-de-l%E2%80%99homme-exige-justice-pour-les-victimes/>

The UN confirms that the Congolese government guaranteed that it will set up a court that will investigate the human rights violations registered in the UN Mapping Report.

UPC Had No Military Objectives, Witness States.

(1/04/2011 – Lubanga Trial Website - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104010828.html>

Bede Djokaba Lambi Longa took the stand for the third day to undergo cross-examination by the prosecution in the trial of Thomas Lubanga for recruitment, conscription, and use of child soldiers in the Ituri District of the DRC during 2002 and 2003. The prosecutor focused his questioning on the original nature of the UPC, attempting to elicit the witnesses' agreement that it had military as well as political objectives. Despite references to a military component in various documents, Mr. Longa insisted the UPC was initiated for political purposes only.

Expert Explains Central African Languages to Bemba Trial.

(1/04/2011 – Bemba Trial Website - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104020042.html>

This week, a linguistics expert testified in the Bemba trial about the languages spoken in the Central African Republic (CAR) as well as in neighbouring DRC. The only other witness who appeared during the week testified in closed session.

Witness Claims Accent Marked Troops' Origins.

(4/04/2011 – Institute for war and peace reporting – Reliefweb)

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

Defence lawyers in the trial of Congolese opposition leader Jean-Pierre Bemba last week contested claims by a linguistics expert who stated that people in the Central African Republic, CAR, would have been able to identify Congolese nationals based on their accent.

Witness Insists Thomas Lubanga Was Not a Military Leader.

(4/04/2011 – Lubanga Trial Website - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104050617.html>

Prosecutor Olivia Struyven cross-examined militia leader Bede Djokaba Lambi Longa, who has been testifying for four days in the trial of Thomas Lubanga. Mr. Lubanga is charged with recruiting, conscripting, and using child soldiers in the Ituri Region of the DRC in 2002 and 2003. Ms. Struyven's line of questioning was aimed at eliciting the witness's agreement that the Union of Congolese Patriots (UPC) was a military as well as political movement, and that Thomas Lubanga was both a political and military leader. Mr. Longa insisted it was not true.

LRA

Province Orientale - Mise en oeuvre d'une stratégie régionale contre la LRA.

(1/04/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201104010594.html>

An African Union delegation visited Dungu within the framework of the development of a strategy to fight the LRA problem.

Neutralisation de la LRA - Versions contradictoires.

(1/04/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201104010590.html>

La LRA perd ses capacités opérationnelles, selon Mamadou Gaye.

(30/03/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/03/30/la-lra-perd-ses-capacites-operationnelles-selon-mamadou-gaye/>

While the MONUSCO and the Congolese government judge the LRA threat has been largely eliminated, the Catholic Diocese of Dungu-Doruma thinks the rebel movement's capacity remains intact.

Traque de la LRA - Les USA prêts à soutenir la RDC.

(31/03/2011 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201104010348.html>

During a meeting with Congolese minister of defence Nsimba, the American ambassador in the DRC has expressed the USA's support to the Congolese government's fight against the LRA rebels.

Dungu: environ 2 000 enfants récupérés de la LRA doivent être réinsérés.

(04/04/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/04/04/dungu-environ-2-000-enfants-recuperes-de-la-lra-doivent-etre-reinseres/>

The Diocese Commission Justice and Peace of Dungu identified 2,000 children that were once associated to the LRA rebellion. The commission says it is necessary to make arrangements to stimulate their reintegration in society.

UGANDA

\$740 Million Fighter Jets Scam Sneaks Under the Radar.

(4/04/2011 – The East African - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104040515.html>

In a deal reminiscent of previous purchases of military hardware in which the army bypassed civilian oversight, the Ministry of Defence and Bank of Uganda are in the news again following revelations that on the express instructions of President Yoweri Museveni, the ministry withdrew money from the central bank without due parliamentary approval, to buy six fighter jets and other military equipment from Russia worth \$740 million.

Ugandan Police Issue Terror Alert on Threat by al-Shabaab, Monitor Reports.

(6/04/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-04-06/ugandan-police-issue-terror-alert-on-threat-by-al-shabaab-monitor-reports.html>

Uganda issued a terror alert, the third this year, after receiving a threat from suspected al-Shabaab militants, the Daily Monitor reported, citing Police Chief Kale Kayihura. All police units in the East African country have been placed on high alert and are increasing patrols, the Kampala-based newspaper said.

FACTBOX-Key political risks to watch in Uganda.

(1/04/2011 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/ugandaNews/idAFRISKUG20110401>

Museveni, who won February's election with more than two-thirds of the vote, was for years considered one of Africa's standout leaders, astute on the economy and able to stabilise a country with a long history of strife. He has come under increasing fire, however, for what critics see as an authoritarian streak and mounting levels of corruption.

Other

Inefficiency Blamed On Dar Es Salaam Port.

(31/03/2011 – Tanzania Daily News – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104010201.html>

The Dar es Salaam Port is losing business due to delay in clearance of cargo destined to DRC and Zambia, due to what was described as "inefficiency." "Some importers in DRC and Zambia have reportedly turned their backs to the Dar es Salaam Port in favour of Namibia's Walvis Bay," Executive Member of the Tanzania Truck Owners' Association (TATO), Mr Fulgence Bube, said in Dar es Salaam on Thursday.

Who Will Be Next Face of Opposition?

(2/03/2011 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104040069.html>

After losing thrice to President Yoweri Museveni, FDC's Kizza Besigye, who has for long been the face of the opposition, is under pressure to resign from the leadership of his party. This article looks at the various contenders.

Statement by the IMF Mission at the Conclusion of a Visit to Uganda.

(4/04/2011 – IMF)

<http://www.imf.org/external/np/sec/pr/2011/pr11112.htm>

An International Monetary Fund (IMF) mission visited Kampala during March 16-31, 2011 to conduct discussions for the second review under the Policy Support Instrument (PSI). The mission met with Finance Minister Bbumba, Bank of Uganda Governor Tumusiime-Mutebile, and other senior officials, as well as representatives of parliament, the private sector, civil society, and development partners.

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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)

<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>

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 derrière les conflits: 'Province Orientale' (RDC).

(June 2010 – IPIS)

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

It is the fourth study in the IPIS mapping series and deals with the presence, behaviour and motivation of the armed groups that have been active in the Orientale province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in 2009.

With the publication of this fourth mapping report, IPIS links two areas it has studied and mapped in the past: the Kivu provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Central African Republic. IPIS is trying to complete the jigsaw puzzle of a conflict-ridden region. The following report constitutes a new piece fitting into this puzzle. As the work advances, ever more linkages will appear and facilitate regional analysis.

From deceit to discovery: The strange flight of 4L-AWA (text and documents).

(December 2009 – IPIS)

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

On Saturday 12 December 2009 Thai authorities seized an aircraft at Bangkok's Don Mueang airport. The Ilyushin-76 had stopped on the 11th December for refuelling while en-route from Pyongyang to Tehran, and was carrying 35 tonnes of arms and ammunition. While the media rushed to make unproven claims about the plane and alleged former owners of the aircraft, little attention was paid to the web of companies, the flight plan, and final destination.

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