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## IPIS

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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.*

#### **Guide to Current Mining Reform Initiatives in Eastern DRC.**

(April 2011 – IPIS)

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

*US legislation has brought on a variety of initiatives aiming at mining reform in EDRC. This paper describes the basic elements of these initiatives, their genesis, the current state of affairs, the linkages between the initiatives and the main challenges they face. Further, the paper briefly evaluates the initiatives while focussing on the steps ahead.*

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## Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

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#### **Experts warn of new 'scramble for Africa' at an international conference on land grabbing.**

(6/04/2011 – IDS – Reliefweb)

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

*Development experts, policymakers and academics, meeting at a major conference on global land grabbing, being held at IDS, were told today that a new 'scramble for Africa' is taking place. A major study released by the World Bank last September found that in 2009 deals were being struck for the allocation of 45 million hectares of land, 70 per cent of this was in Africa. But today, those attending the conference, were told that new research by the International Land Coalition and partners suggests that the real figure is substantially higher, perhaps double this amount, again mostly in Africa.*

## DRC

### **Loi américaine sur les minerais de l'Est - Les maffieux aux abois.**

(5/04/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201104051164.html>

### **Nord-Kivu - Des multinationales refusent d'acheter les «minerais de sang».**

(5/04/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201104040987.html>

*Articles on the implementation of the Dodd-Frank Act and the consequences for the actors involved in the Congolese mining sector.*

### **News roundup: Conflict minerals and election planning.**

(11/04/2011 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosiasa.blogspot.com/2011/04/news-roundup-conflict-minerals-and.html>

*The Securities and Exchange Commission has apparently delayed the adopting of rules regulating "conflict minerals" until later this year. The rules were supposed to come into effect in April, with companies due to issue their first "conflict minerals report" by June 2012.*

### **SEC Postpones Rules on African Conflict Minerals Until August.**

(12/04/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-04-12/sec-postpones-rules-on-african-conflict-minerals-until-august.html>

*The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission said it has postponed until at least August the adoption of new rules governing the trade in so-called "conflict minerals" from Central Africa. The rules, which were originally expected this month, will require U.S. companies to disclose whether certain minerals used in their products could have supported conflict in Democratic Republic of Congo, according to a draft of the rules on the SEC website.*

### **Minerais de l'Est - Confusion sur le niobium.**

(11/04/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201104111338.html>

*Article on the dispute between Somikivu and Krall Metal Congo on the Lueshe niobium mine.*

### **DR Congo must publish deals to prove its commitment to transparency.**

(11/04/2011 – Global Witness)

<http://www.globalwitness.org/library/dr-congo-must-publish-deals-prove-its-commitment-transparency> (English)

<http://www.globalwitness.org/node/7701> (French)

### **Congo must publish deals to prove its commitment to transparency - supporting documents.**

(11/04/2011 – Global Witness)

<http://www.globalwitness.org/library/congo-must-publish-deals-prove-its-commitment-transparency-supporting-documents> (English)

<http://www.globalwitness.org/node/7700> (French)

*The Democratic Republic of Congo must honour its transparency pledges by publishing details of major natural resource agreements, said Global Witness today. The call comes on the eve of a World Bank meeting that will consider whether conditions for lifting its freeze on new aid to the country have been met, as set out in an "economic governance matrix", made public today by Global Witness.*

### **Matières précieuses: transfert à Kinshasa de deux trafiquants arrêtés à Mbuji-Mayi.**

(6/04/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/04/06/matieres-precieuses-transfert-a-kinshasa-de-deux-trafiquants-arretes-a-mbuji-mayi/>

*The two diamond smugglers, that were arrested last week in Mbuji-Mayi, have been transferred to Kinshasa.*

### **Who is Stealing DRC's Gold?**

(10/04/2011 – The Monitor - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104100124.html>

*Fabulously rich in natural resources, the Democratic Republic of Congo is cash-poor because it cannot control the mining and sale of its mineral wealth.*

### **2. 700 millions Usd pour la construction des trois centrales hydroélectriques en Rdc.**

(12/04/2011 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/74972>

*The Congolese minister of energy confirmed the DRC will build three new hydroelectric plants: Kakobola in Bandundu province, Zongo II in Bas-Congo and Grand Katende in West Kasai.*

## **UGANDA**

### **Museveni tightens grips on Uganda oil.**

(9/04/2011 – Commodity Online)

<http://www.commodityonline.com/news/Museveni-tightens-grips-on-Uganda-oil-38038-3-1.html>

*Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni is reported to be tightening his grip on the East African country's emerging oil sector in a region that seems set to become the new frontier for oil and gas exploration. The centerpiece of Uganda's nascent oil industry is the Lake Albert field that holds at least 2.5 billion barrels of oil. Some estimates go as high as 6 billion barrels.*

### **Museveni verrouille le secteur pétrolier.**

(6/04/2011 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*After Ugandan president Museveni was re-elected in February, he tightened his grip on the country's oil sector.*

### **Nation's Tullow Oil Memorandum of Understanding - a Case of 'Easy Come, Easy Go'.**

(11/04/2011 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104100033.html>

*On March 15, a memorandum of understanding that seemed like a solution to the tax standoff between the government of Uganda and Tullow Oil Plc's former partner Heritage Oil, was signed. For players in the energy sector, this MoU, on the face of it, meant that we could breathe a sigh of relief. Unfortunately, on further scrutiny of the circumstances surrounding the signing of this document and the alleged content of the MoU, it turns out that the sigh of relief was premature.*

### **With Govt Broke, Oil Firms Gain Upper Hand.**

(8/04/2011 – The Independent – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104120074.html>

*Article stating: "Having dug itself into a hole with extravagant election spending, did the government traded in its claim on oil taxes for a Tullow loan?"*

### **Secrecy, Lack of Regulation Undermining Oil Industry.**

(8/04/2011 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104111530.html>

*Opinion article written by Mr Bwesigye, an energy and oil advocate, stating that the developments in Uganda's oil industry are turning out to be a classic parody of an oil kleptocracy in the country. The government has continuously fed the public with a deceptive lustrous emerging industry, yet it continues to engage international oil companies in questionable transactions.*

### **Lift the Secrecy On Oil Agreements.**

(7/04/2011 – The Independent - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104120593.html>

*Uganda could become like DR Congo where natural resources have been a curse rather than a blessing. Development is accelerated when a country is able to use its own resources effectively and efficiently. When foreign companies and governments conspire to prevent this happening, justice is not being served.*

### **Bujagali Power Project to Spur Growth – Government.**

(7/04/2011 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104111333.html>

*The government is optimistic that the commissioning of the Bujagali hydro power project in October this year will improve power availability, reduce cost and increase economic activity in Uganda.*

## **RWANDA**

### **Minister Cautions On Illegal Mining.**

(7/04/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104070019.html>

*The Minister of Forestry and Mining has warned residents of Muhanga District against illegal mining activities to avoid accidents. Christophe Bazivamo, made the call, on Tuesday, while visiting families of victims who lost their lives in a mining accident last week.*

### **360 millions \$ pour Rusumo Falls.**

(6/04/2011 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*The World Bank will finance the hydroelectric dam on the Kagera River, on the border between Rwanda and Tanzania.*

## **BURUNDI**

### **Burundi to attain 270MW energy production by 2020.**

(11/04/2011 – Business Week)

<http://www.busiweek.com/11/news/burundi/786-burundi-to-attain-270mw-energy-production-by-2020->

*The Minister for Energy and Mines, Mr. Moise Bucumi, has said the country will need at least 270 MW to satisfy local power needs and mitigate the overwhelming dependence on biomass fuel. In a recent press briefing, the minister revealed that government also intends to extend the grid to mining sites, poised to open almost everywhere in Burundi.*

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## International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

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### DRC

#### **DR Congo: 120,300 tonnes of copper, 9,200 tonnes of cobalt produced in DRC.**

(11/04/2011 – Afrique en ligne)

<http://www.afriquejet.com/news/afrique-news/dr-congo:-120,300-tonnes-of-copper.-9,200-tonnes-of-cobalt-produced-in-drc-201104118354.html> (English)

<http://www.afriquejet.com/afrique-centrale/rd-congo/rd-congo:-production-de-cuivre-et-de-cobalt-en-2010-201104118367.html> (French)

*Tenke Fungurume Mining (TFM), a mining subsidiary of a US company exploiting copper deposits in Tenke and Fungurume hills in south-eastern DR Congo, in 2010, produced 120,300 tonnes of copper cathodes and 9,200 tonnes of cobalt in the form of cobalt hydroxide, said a statement made available Sunday.*

#### **Les Chinois se payent en minerais.**

(6/04/2011 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

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*The council of Congolese ministers decided on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March that Sinohydro will be allowed to build a hydroelectric plant in Busanga, Katanga province. The project will be reimbursed by offering copper and cobalt to Sicomin.*

#### **We have a duty to consider any serious offer – Metorex.**

(11/04/2011 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page54?oid=124816&sn=Detail>

#### **Vale makes takeover offer for Metorex.**

(8/04/2011 – Miningmx)

[http://www.miningmx.com/news/base\\_metals/Vale-makes-takeover-offer-for-Metorex.htm](http://www.miningmx.com/news/base_metals/Vale-makes-takeover-offer-for-Metorex.htm)

#### **Vale's bid for Metorex: Terrence Goodlace, Metorex CEO.**

(10/04/2011 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page96990?oid=124757&sn=2010+Detail&pid=92730>

*The South African miner, Metorex, which announced Monday it had been made an offer by Vale said, it would consider any other serious offers to acquire it. The takeover attempt is the latest in a series of high profile moves into Africa by firms in emerging market giant Brazil. Metorex would give Vale exposure to copper and cobalt resources in Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo.*

#### **Vale's R7,5bn offer may spur rival bid for Metorex – analyst.**

(11/04/2011 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/vales-r75bn-offer-may-spur-chinese-bid-for-metorex-analyst-2011-04-11>

*Cadiz analyst Peter Major told Mining Weekly Online that Metorex had been having serious negotiations with a number of interested international parties over the past six months and the nationality that cropped up most in rumours was 'the Chinese'. "I think there is a 50/50 chance that the Chinese will put in an offer to beat Vale's offer, and if they do, they will most likely get it, because I don't think that Vale is prepared to put in a higher bid.*

#### **Vale's \$1.1 Billion Metorex Bid 'Low,' Say Fidelity, Metam.**

(12/04/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-04-12/vale-s-1-1-billion-bid-for-metorex-a-little-too-low-metropolitan-says.html>

*Vale SA, the second-largest copper miner, should boost its bid for Metorex Ltd. by about 35 percent because its \$1.1 billion offer undervalues the company, Fidelity International Ltd. and Metropolitan Asset Managers said.*

### **EnerGulf Commissions Resource Estimate for Lotshi Block in Republic of Congo.**

(6/04/2011 – OilVoice)

[http://www.oilvoice.com/n/EnerGulf\\_Commissions\\_Resource\\_Estimate\\_for\\_Lotshi\\_Block\\_in\\_Republic\\_of\\_Congo/108b2b897.aspx](http://www.oilvoice.com/n/EnerGulf_Commissions_Resource_Estimate_for_Lotshi_Block_in_Republic_of_Congo/108b2b897.aspx)

*EnerGulf Resources Inc. provides an update on the Lotshi Block located onshore in the Democratic Republic of Congo.*

### **SacOil starts trading on Aim.**

(8/04/2011 – Engineering News)

<http://www.engineeringnews.co.za/article/sacoil-starts-trading-on-aim-2011-04-08>

*Africa-based upstream oil and gas company SacOil on Friday started trading on Aim in London. The company's primary listing remains on the JSE. SacOil and its subsidiaries operate within the oil-rich Block 3 in the Democratic Republic of Congo and in OPL 281 and OPL 233 in Nigeria.*

### **MagIndustries Announces Sale of SNEL Receivable.**

(6/04/2011 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/MagIndustries-Announces-Sale-of-SNEL-Receivable-TSX-MAA-1423868.htm>

*MagIndustries Corp. is pleased to announce that it has sold forward the balance of its receivable from the Société Nationale d'Electricité ("SNEL") for net proceeds of approximately US\$6 million. As announced in the Company's September 15, 2010 press release, the Company's subsidiary MagEnergy Inc. and SNEL, the electric utility of the Democratic Republic of Congo, signed an Accord Transactionnel which compensated the Company's for expenses incurred towards the refurbishment of SNEL's INGA II hydroelectric facility, principally the recently re-commissioned turbine G23. The Accord was signed in August 2010, and the Company has been receiving net proceeds of approximately \$400,000 per month since then for total net proceeds, prior to the sale, of approximately \$2.3 million.*

### **ABB wins \$41m order from DRC power utility.**

(12/04/2011 – Engineering News)

<http://www.engineeringnews.co.za/article/abb-wins-41m-order-from-drc-power-utility-2011-04-12>

*Power and automation group ABB has won a \$41-million order from Democratic Republic of Congo national power utility Société Nationale d'Électricité (Snel) to refurbish and expand three substations in the southern province of Katanga.*

## **UGANDA**

### **Tullow Oil: joining forces with CNOOC and TOTAL to monetize Uganda's oil riches.**

(6/04/2011 – iStockAnalyst)

<http://www.istockanalyst.com/business/news/5040279/tullow-oil-joining-forces-with-cnooc-and-total-to-monetize-uganda-s-oil-riches>

*Tullow Oil has agreed farm-out deals with CNOOC and TOTAL, involving three exploration areas in Uganda. Upon completion of the transactions, Tullow, CNOOC, and TOTAL will each hold a one-third interest in the three areas. The companies are planning to make huge investments in the area, which have the potential to transform Uganda into a major African oil producer.*

**Tullow clears \$469m disputed tax.**

(12/04/2011 – New Vision)

<http://www.newvision.co.ug/detail.php?newsCategoryId=220&newsId=751868>

*Tullow Oil has paid \$469m into Bank of Uganda as capital gains tax from the sale of petroleum assets in blocks 1 and 3A in Lake Albert Basin. Capital gains tax is levied on profit made from an asset sale. The money is from the sale of the blocks by Heritage Oil to Tullow.*

**Tower Resources Provides Operational Update.**

(13/04/2011 – OilVoice)

[http://www.oilvoice.com/n/Tower\\_Resources\\_Provides\\_Operational\\_Update/af0b4ab57.aspx](http://www.oilvoice.com/n/Tower_Resources_Provides_Operational_Update/af0b4ab57.aspx)

*Tower Resources plc, the AIM listed oil and gas exploration company with interests in sub-Saharan Africa, principally in Namibia and Uganda, is pleased to provide an update to shareholders on its current operations in each country, managed by wholly-owned subsidiaries Neptune Petroleum (Namibia) Limited and Neptune Petroleum (Uganda) Limited.*

## 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>

**En attendant le gaz, place au fioul.**

(6/04/2011 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

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*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.*

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## Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

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**Battle Begins for Hosting US Africa Command.**

(12/04/2011 – VoA News)

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/africa/Battle-Begins-for-Hosting-US-Africa-Command-119714109.html>

*As U.S. defense officials begin evaluating future sites for their Africa command, known as AFRICOM, a battle to host the command is brewing among U.S. states and territories.*

## DRC

**Opérations Rwenzori: Makoyovu et Nadjui, théâtre des affrontements entre FARDC et ADF/Nalu.**

(6/04/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/04/06/operations-rwenzori-makoyovu-et-nadjui-theatre-des-affrontements-entre-fardc-et-adfnalu/>

*Since the beginning of April, FARDC soldiers have clashed several times with ADF/Nalu rebels in the localities Makoyovu and Nadjui.*

**Attaque des FARDC à Lubero: cinq combattants Maï-Maï tués et deux autres blessés.**

(7/04/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/04/07/attaque-des-fardc-a-lubero-cinq-combattants-mai-mai-tues-et-deux-autres-blesses/>

*Five rebels have been killed during an FARDC attack on a Maï Maï Pareco camp in Mahero, Lubero territory, last month.*

**Lubero: démantèlement des barrières illégales sur la route Butembo-Mangurejipa.**

(7/04/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/04/06/lubero-demantelement-des-barrieres-illegales-sur-la-route-butembo-mangurejipa/>

*North Kivu governor Julien Paluku declared the road barriers between Butembo and Mangurejipa, established illegally by soldiers and policemen, will be removed.*

**Bukavu: deux véhicules de MSF-Espagne tombent dans une embuscade, deux blessés et des biens emportés.**

(11/04/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/04/11/bukavu-deux-vehicules-de-msf-espagne-tombent-dans-une-embuscade-deux-blesses-et-des-biens-emportes/>

*Two Spanish MSF employees have been hurt in an ambush on the road between Bukavu and Uvira.*

**Violences en Ituri.**

(8/04/2011 – BBC)

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/afrique/nos\\_emissions/2011/04/110408\\_videoituri.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/afrique/nos_emissions/2011/04/110408_videoituri.shtml)

*Video report on violence in the Ituri district.*

**US: Pressure Allies to End Child Soldier Use.**

(12/04/2011 – Human Rights Watch)

<http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2011/04/12/us-pressure-allies-end-child-soldier-use>

*The Obama administration should make good on its pledge to work with recipients of US military assistance to end their use of child soldiers, four leading human rights and humanitarian organizations said in a letter to President Barack Obama released today. Amnesty International USA, Human Rights Watch, the Open Society Foundations, and World Vision U.S. said that the Obama administration had failed to secure concrete progress from Chad, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), South Sudan, and Yemen in ending their use of child soldiers.*

**Les routes de Maniema sont dans un état déplorable, selon Starec.**

(6/04/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/04/06/les-routes-de-maniema-sont-dans-un-etat-deplorable-selon-starec/>

*According to Starec, the roads in the province of Maniema are in a terrible condition.*

**L'ONU aide à restaurer la sécurité dans le nord-est du pays.**

(11/04/2011 – UNDP - allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201104111732.html>

*UN agencies are working hard to consolidate peace and security in the north-eastern part of the DRC.*

**Congo vote on track for this year - elections head.**

(12/04/2011 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/drcNews/idAFLDE73B27N20110412>

*The Democratic Republic of Congo's second post-war legislative and presidential elections will be held this year despite rows over their timing and the voter list, the electoral commission said on Tuesday.*

## **Kinshasa: Symposium for a Dynamic and Peaceful Electoral Process in the DRC.**

(8/04/2011 – MONUSCO)

<http://monusco.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=932&ctl=Details&mid=1096&ItemID=13207> (English)

<http://monusco.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=13112> (French)

## **La MONUSCO encourage une dynamique d'élections apaisées en RDC.**

(11/04/2011 – MONUSCO – allAfrica)

<http://monusco.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=13223>

*The National Independent Electoral Commission and the MONUSCO felt it was necessary to organize a space for dialogue coined "Symposium on Creating an Environment Conducive to Peaceful Elections in the DRC." The meeting will take place in Kinshasa between 11 and 12 April. The two-day symposium is designed to bring together some 60 participants from the National Independent Electoral Commission, all political parties, civil society organizations, the media, and security forces. Through these exchanges, the meeting will try to identify the challenges the Congolese authorities will have to overcome in securing credible, peaceful, and inclusive elections.*

## **La MONUSCO sensibilise les femmes sur les violences sexuelles en Equateur.**

(9/04/2011 – MONUSCO)

<http://monusco.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=13202>

*The MONUSCO organised a meeting in Gbadolite, Province Equateur, to sensitize women on the problem of sexual violence.*

## **Kalemie: pas d'assistance humanitaire pour les déplacés de Lukwangulo.**

(12/04/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/04/12/kalemie-pas-d%E2%80%99assistance-humanitaire-pour-les-deplaces-de-lukwangulo/>

*More than 700 households in the Lukwangulo IDP camp, about 20 kilometres northwest of Kalemie, are deprived of any humanitarian assistance.*

## **Situation humanitaire en République Démocratique du Congo - Note d'information à la presse, 6 avril 2011.**

(6/04/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/VVOS-8FNKF4?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P>

## **RDC: Bulletin d'Information Humanitaire, Province du Nord Kivu - 5 avril 2011.**

(5/04/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/JARR-8FNG8P?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

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

## **Lubanga Not Responsible for Military Takeover in Bunia, Witness Says.**

(5/04/2011 – Lubanga Trial Website – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104070191.html>

*For the third day of cross-examination, defense witness Bede Djokaba Lambi Longa persisted in denying nearly all suggestions by the prosecution that Thomas Lubanga or the Union of Congolese Patriots (UPC) had a military role in Bunia, DRC, before September 2002. He continued his denial in the face of contradictory documents signed by Mr. Lubanga, including one where Mr. Lubanga claims responsibility for the military takeover in Bunia on August 9, 2002.*

### **Use of Child Soldiers Against Mr. Lubanga's Values.**

(8/04/2011 – Lubanga Trial Website - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104080965.html>

*On the second day of his appearance, Thomas Lubanga Dyilo's personal secretary testified that using children in military actions was against Mr. Lubanga's values. He simply never would have done it. Michel Angayika Baba said he was nearly continually with Mr. Lubanga from September 2002 until May 2003 and never saw any minors in Mr. Lubanga's bodyguard or among his entourage.*

### **Village Fighters Included Children Under 15.**

(12/04/2011 – Lubanga Trial Website - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104121189.html>

*The Lubanga trial resumed with the continued cross-examination of Thomas Lubanga's private secretary, Michel Angayika Baba. The prosecutor was unable to get a concession from the witness that children under the age of 15 were used in the UPC and its armed wing FPLC. While Mr. Baba confirmed that children under 18 years of age were present at a military rally in Bunia in June 2003 after the UPC/FPLC returned, he said then-President Lubanga ordered their immediate demobilization when he saw them.*

### **Lubanga Complains About Prosecution's Late Disclosure of Documents.**

(7/04/2011 – Lubanga Trial Website – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104080747.html>

*Thomas Lubanga's defense complained to International Criminal Court (ICC) judges that prosecutors were not honoring their disclosure obligations regarding certain documents in their possession, which they planned to use against the accused.*

### **Central African Probe Found Patassé And Bemba Culpable for Bangui Crimes.**

(8/04/2011 – Bemba Trial Website – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104080966.html>

*The trial of war crimes accused Jean-Pierre Bemba this week heard from the top prosecutor of the Central African Republic (CAR). The witness led a judicial investigation that found Mr. Bemba and former president Ange-Félix Patassé responsible for the crimes committed in the country during 2002 and 2003.*

### **Bemba Prosecutors Call Expert On Sexual Violence As a Weapon of War.**

(12/04/2011 – Bemba Trial Website – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104130154.html>

*The prosecution in the war crimes trial of former Congolese vice president Jean-Pierre Bemba today called its 18th witness, an expert on sexual violence as a tool of war. Dr. André Tabo is a specialist in adult psychiatry and head the psychiatry department at Centre National Hospitalier Universitaire de Bangui in the Central African Republic (CAR).*

## **LRA**

### **LRA Regional Update: DRC, CAR and south Sudan - January - March 2011.**

(7/04/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

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

*OCHA update on the LRA activities in the DRC, the CAR and South Sudan between January and March 2011.*

## UGANDA

### **Uganda on Alert for Attack by Somali Militants.**

(6/04/2011 – VOA News)

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/africa/Uganda-on-Alert-for-Attack-by-Somali-Militants-119321859.html>

*Ugandan authorities have issued a terror alert, saying Somalia's al-Shabab militants plan another attack inside the country.*

### **Fighter Jets to Protect Oil – Government.**

(9/04/2011 – New Vision)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104110308.html>

*The purchase of the eight fighter jets and other military hardware is partly in preparation for the start of oil production in the Lake Albert region UPDF spokesman Lt. Col. Felix Kulayigye said yesterday.*

### **Fighter jet secrets out.**

(10/04/2011 – The Observer)

[http://www.observer.ug/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=12930:fighter-jet-secrets-out&catid=78:topstories&Itemid=59](http://www.observer.ug/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=12930:fighter-jet-secrets-out&catid=78:topstories&Itemid=59)

*The revelation that the government is in the process of procuring six Su-30 MK2 fighter jets at \$740 million has stirred a lot of controversy. The government says the major reason for the purchase is to guard against external military threats, but the opposition maintains that this is another case of wasteful expenditure.*

### **Army to Launch Aircraft Training in Teso Region.**

(11/04/2011 – The Monitor - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104100039.html>

*Uganda has entered into a joint venture with the United States army to establish an aircraft training camp in Teso sub-region. The 3rd Division spokesperson, Capt. Deo Akiiki yesterday confirmed that the joint military exercise will be officially launched on Wednesday at the air base in Soroti.*

**Uganda arrests opposition politician during walk against high prices; police say demo unlawful.**

(11/04/2011 – The Guardian)

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(11/04/2011 – The Guardian)

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(11/04/2011 – BBC)

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(11/04/2011 – The New York Times)

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**Ugandan police detain opposition leaders, lawmakers.**

(11/04/2011 – Reuters)

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**Ugandan police charge opposition leader over protest.**

(12/04/2011 – Reuters)

[http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJ0E73B02S20110412?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](http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJ0E73B02S20110412?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)

*Police have arrested Uganda's leading opposition figure and several members of parliament during a march to protest high fuel and food prices. Tear gas was fired on their supporters.*

**Opposition Leader Freed On Bail.**

(11/04/2011 – The East African - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104111863.html>

*A Uganda court has released opposition leader Kizza Besigye on a non-cash bail of \$4,282. Dr Besigye, who is the Forum for Democratic Change Party President, had been arrested Monday morning and later taken to court and charged with inciting violence and failure to comply with lawful orders.*

## BURUNDI

**BURUNDI: Former child soldiers "languishing in poverty".**

(5/04/2011 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?reportID=92371>

*The lucky ones among Burundi's 3,421 former child soldiers who went through a demobilization, disarmament and reintegration (DDR) process returned to school but most languish in poverty, with little to do, officials told IRIN.*

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#### **MONUC/MONUSCO and Civilian Protection in the Kivus.**

(February 2011 – IPIS)

[http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications\\_internpapers.php](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)

[http://www.ipisresearch.be/att/20101203\\_4LAWA.pdf](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)

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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.*

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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](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](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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