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IPIS

IPIS MOST RECENT PUBLICATIONS

From Kanga to Kitenge: exploring patterns of cultural change in the Kigoma region.

(May 2011 – IPIS)

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

The article discusses the current changes occurring in Kigoma, one of the poorest regions of Tanzania. For decades, the far-western corner and the point of convergence between Tanzania, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is seen as peripheral within its national state. However, the steady move away from socialism to liberalism and the relative stability in the Great Lakes Region together with the associated reduction of refugee flows led to the gradual revaluation of Kigoma as a strategically important (business) center. The case of women's wear is used to explore whether and how recent national, regional and global social and economic changes affected Kigoma's cultural set-up.

Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

Panel Says Africa Is Too Reliant on Raw Exports.

(5/05/2011 – The New York Times – allAfrica)

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/05/06/world/africa/06webbrfs-africaprogress.html?partner=rss&emc=rss>

The Africa Progress Panel, an international group of prominent individuals led by the diplomat Kofi Annan, said Thursday that the continent was experiencing strong but low-quality economic growth. In a report released in Cape Town, the panel said that Africa depended too heavily on exports of raw materials, including oil, platinum, diamonds and gold, sectors with a limited capacity to generate much-needed jobs. The panel advocated more collaborative efforts of government, business and nonprofit groups.

DRC

Certification: The Path to Conflict-Free Minerals from Congo.

(5/05/2011 – Enough Project)

<http://www.enoughproject.org/certification>

<http://enoughproject.org/blogs/new-report-path-conflict-free-minerals-congo>

Certification Needed to Get Nation's Conflict Minerals Out of Laptops, Cell phones.

(10/05/2011 – Enough Project - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105101251.html>

Efforts to end the current conflict minerals trade have gained momentum, but a new Enough Project report, "Certification: The Path to Conflict-Free Minerals from Congo," and accompanying activist brief stress the need for a robust international certification system that would economically disincentivize maintaining a mining sector infiltrated by armed groups.

Takeaways from Congo's Mineral-rich Walikale.

(9/05/2011 – Enough Project)

<http://enoughproject.org/blogs/takeaways-congo-mineral-rich-walikale>

Nowhere are the detrimental effects of Congo's conflict minerals trade – the presence of multiple armed groups vying for power at the expense of civilians, the widespread use of rape to exert power and control local communities, the stark contrast between natural wealth alongside a deeply impoverished society – more prevalent than in the area of Walikale.

Trafic illicite des minerais de l'Est - L'offensive américaine.

(7/05/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201105090562.html>

RDC: lutte contre le trafic des minerais de sang, les Etats-Unis débloquent 11 millions USD.

(6/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/06/rdc-lutte-contre-le-traffic-des-minerais-de-sang-les-etats-unis-debloquent-11-millions-usd/>

The US State Department has taken another initiative to fight the link between the trade in natural resources and the financing of armed groups in eastern DRC, next to the Dodd/Frank Act, it releases 11 million dollar to support initiatives on the ground.

Cutting the Hydra Head of Illegal Mining.

(9/05/2011 – Institute for Security Studies – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105091654.html>

Article that criticizes the mining ban and the US Dodd/Frank Act. It states that the tunnel vision of the conflict minerals debate precludes the greater picture of transforming conflict and pursuing sustainable peace. The conflict minerals debate must be kept in perspective of deeper conflict transformation needs in the DRC.

U.S. 'Conflict Minerals' Law Bad for Continent - Tech Firms.

(9/05/2011 – The East African – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105091551.html>

Representatives of American high-tech industries are warning that a law intended to promote peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo could result in a "de facto embargo" of minerals mined in many African countries. But the Obama administration as well as Africa-focused activist groups are defending the law known as the Dodd-Frank Act in honour of its two main sponsors in the US Congress.

Buying ban hits DR Congo miners.

(9/05/2011 – ITRI)

http://www.itri.co.uk/pooled/articles/BF_NEWSART/view.asp?Q=BF_NEWSART_323061

Buying rules implemented by the global electronics industry since 1 April have caused considerable hardship in the region, putting at risk the livelihood of thousands of artisanal miners.

Congo miners suffer as traceability rule bite.

(5/05/2011 – Reuters)

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/05/05/congo-democratic-minerals-idUSLDE7431UG20110505>

Ragged barefoot miners watch bemused as a bag of tin ore cassiterite is ceremoniously weighed and tagged, ready for its long journey from Congo's forests for export. For over a month, about 870 artisanal miners who work by hand in the muddy, flooded pits of the Busanga mine in the mineral rich province of Katanga, were forced to down tools. The forced closure came after top tech firms including RIM, Apple and Microsoft decided to push ahead with traceability rules aimed at breaking the link between mining and Congo's ongoing conflicts.

UGANDA

Locals Bicker As Oil Drilling Rolls.

(9/05/2011 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105090024.html>

The Albertine region is embroiled in land feuds as oil exploration rolls. The controversy comes after government recently briefed communities around the oil-rich area on the benefits of oil, prompting the indigenous residents to feel that the immigrants could reduce their share from the oil resource. This has led to conflicts between the people inhabiting the shores of Lake Albert, especially among the native Banyoro and the immigrants.

Oil Production Technicians Complete Training.

(10/05/2011 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105100140.html>

As Uganda moves towards the production of its oil, steps are being taken to address the technical skills gap that the country's nascent oil sector is facing. Recently four Ugandans successfully completed a six month hydrocarbon production and technical skills course to become Tullow's first Ugandan production technicians. They undertook skills training at TTE International Ltd, a technical training institute in petroleum and chemical industries based in the North-East of England.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

High copper prices lift First Quantum profits.

(9/05/2011 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page504?oid=126663&sn=Detail>

First Quantum Minerals Reports Operational and Financial Results for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2011.

(9/05/2011 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/first-quantum-minerals-reports-operational-financial-results-three-months-ended-march-tsx-fm-1511471.htm>

First Quantum's second act.

(10/05/2011 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page36?oid=126748&sn=Detail&pid=92730>

First Quantum profit rises on copper price.

(9/05/2011 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/first-quantum-profit-rises-on-copper-price-2011-05-09>

The Africa-focused miner reported a 37% rise in first-quarter profit despite a shutdown at its Frontier mine in the DRC.

Katanga Mining reports Q1 profit.

(9/05/2011 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page504?oid=126661&sn=Detail>

Canada's Katanga Mining, whose key operations are in the Democratic Republic of Congo, reported a first-quarter profit. The Toronto-listed miner reported a net profit of \$42.0 million and sales of \$171.0 million. It did not provide a comparison with results from the year-ago quarter in the statement.

Anvil starts copper cathode production at DRC SX/EW plant.

(10/05/2011 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/anvil-starts-copper-cathode-production-at-drc-sxew-plant-2011-05-10>

Anvil Mining has produced its first copper cathodes at the Kinsevere stage two solvent extraction and electrowinning mine, in the DRC. The miner said in a statement that 36 t of copper cathode was harvested on May 4, with total copper cathode production amounting to around 230 t to date.

Traxys acquires stake in Global Advanced Metals.

(2/05/2011 – ITRI)

http://www.itri.co.uk/pooled/articles/BF_NEWSART/view.asp?Q=BF_NEWSART_322987

Traxys Tantalum LP, a member of the Traxys Group, has agreed to acquire a 20% interest in Global Advanced Metals (GAM). GAM, formerly Talison, is an ITRI member which up to 2007 produced tin as a by-product of its Greenbushes operation in Western Australia. As part of the agreement the two companies will establish a new trading company, GAMTRAX, as a wholly owned subsidiary to trade tantalum products. GAM CEO Mr Bryan Ellis stated that GAMTRAX will be committed to the responsible supply of tantalum to the market and will only trade in “non-conflict” products ensuring its customers receive quality, reliable and ethical products.

EnerGulf Receives Lotshi Block Prospective Resources Report.

(11/05/2011 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/energulf-receives-lotshi-block-prospective-resources-report-tsx-venture-eng-1512867.htm>

EnerGulf Resources Inc. is pleased to announce that it has received an assessment of the Prospective Resources on EnerGulf's Lotshi Block located in western DRC. The report was prepared by DeGolyer and MacNaughton (D&M), an independent international petroleum consulting firm located in Dallas, Texas.

RWANDA

Indian Firm to Establish Gold Refinery.

(9/05/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105100247.html>

An Indian firm, Rajesh Export Limited (REL), is set to establish a gold and diamond processing refinery in the country. REL is a giant Indian jewellery manufacturer and exporter.

Simba Announces Initial Drill Results From the Miyove Gold Project, Rwanda.

(10/05/2011 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/simba-announces-initial-drill-results-from-the-miyove-gold-project-rwanda-tsx-venture-sgd-1512360.htm>

Simba Gold Corp. is pleased to report on the initial drill results from the Miyove gold project, which is owned by Rogi Mining Limited, that the Company has an option to acquire. The Miyove gold project is located in northern Rwanda and comprises 2,937 hectares over the largest historic gold-producing areas in Rwanda.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

Mineral Wealth Contributing to Presence of Negative Forces – Mulamula.

(7/05/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105100483.html>

The Executive Secretary of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) Liberata Mulamula has said that mineral wealth in the region is greatly contributing to the presence of negative forces.

DRC

Mbandaka - La Monusco et les FARDC prêtes pour affronter les Enyele.

(5/05/2011 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201105050558.html>

As rumours of a possible Enyele rebellion attack are going around, the new MONUSCO spokesperson Félix Prosper Basse declared the FARDC and the MONUSCO are strengthening their positions in Mbandaka.

Luiza: les habitants regagnent leurs maisons, après deux jours passés en brousse.

(5/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/05/luiza-les-habitants-regagnent-leurs-maisons-apres-deux-jours-passes-en-brousse/>

About 50 households have returned to their homes in the locality of Mukelenge Mulolo, West Kasai, after they spend 2 nights in the bush, hiding for FARDC pillages.

Insécurité au Nord-Kivu: la société civile interpelle la communauté internationale.

(10/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/10/insecurite-au-nord-kivu-la-societe-civile-interpelle-la-communaute-internationale/>

The North Kivu civil society demands the international community to pay attention to the rising level of insecurity in the province.

Regional Conference Seeks Common Stand Against Rebels.

(9/05/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105100248.html>

Ministers from member states of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), underscored the need for a common position in dealing with negative forces in the region. "The meeting commended bilateral and regional initiatives aimed at dealing with the negative forces particularly FDLR and LRA and encouraged member states to intensify efforts and adopt a common approach," reads a communiqué from the meeting. To this end, the ministers directed the ICGLR secretariat to work with member states in organising a meeting of security organs that will include ministers of defence and security from Rwanda, Central African Republic, the DRC, Sudan and Uganda.

Bukavu: le général Etumba exhorte les nouveaux régiments des FARDC à la discipline.

(6/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/06/bukavu-le-general-etumba-exhorte-les-nouveaux-regiments-des-fardc-a-la-discipline/>

Renforcement des capacités - Les FARDC se dotent de cinq régiments.

(10/05/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201105100608.html>

The FARDC chief of staff, General Etumba, called for military discipline at the closing ceremony of the training session of five FARDC regiments in South Kivu.

Des militaires angolais signalés dans plusieurs localités du Bas-Congo.

(4/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/04/des-militaires-angolais-signalés-dans-plusieurs-localités-du-bas-congo/>

Des militaires angolais sèment la panique à Tshela.

(6/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/06/des-militaires-angolais-sement-la-panique-a-tshela/>

Angolan soldiers have been observed on Congolese territory in Bas-Congo, according to several sources, looking for FLEC rebels.

Trouble in western Congo.

(10/05/2011 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosiasa.blogspot.com/2011/05/trouble-in-western-congo.html>

There has been some trouble brewing over the past few months in Bas-Congo and Bandundu provinces. As previously reported, tensions have been running high between Angola and Congo over the past few years, with a thorny oil dispute simmering, mutual expulsions of citizens and incursions into Congolese territory. And it's not just Angola. This year has seen a deterioration in relations between Congo-Brazzaville and the DRC.

Ngandajika: des munitions d'armes découvertes dans une maison d'habitation.

(5/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/05/ngandajika-des-munitions-d%E2%80%99armes-decouvertes-dans-une-maison-d%E2%80%99habitation/>

The Congolese police discovered some illegal ammunition in a house in Ngandajika, East Kasai.

Les deux Kivu attendent une requalification du mandat de la Monusco, selon Julien Paluku.

(8/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/08/monusco-eradication-des-fdlr-et-developpement-cest-ce-qu%E2%80%99attendent-le-nord-et-le-sud-kivu/>

The governors of the Kivu provinces visited the UN Security Council in New York to talk about the possible prolongation of the MONUSCO mandate.

DR Congo: Support Community-Based Tools for MONUSCO.

(5/02/2011 – Refugees International)

<http://www.refugeesinternational.org/policy/field-report/drc-support-community-based-tools-monusco>

In recent years the MONUSCO has faced tremendous pressure to improve civilian protection in the volatile and violent eastern provinces of the country. The mission has seen its share of high-profile protection failures – including the mass rape of over 200 women, men and children in August of 2010. But MONUSCO is at the forefront of innovative tactics to protect civilians. In order to sustain and maximize these new efforts, however, the mission requires additional civilian and logistical capacity. MONUSCO also requires new information management and analysis systems in order to facilitate moving from a reactive to genuinely preventive protection posture.

More than 1,100 rapes daily in DR Congo: study.

(11/05/2011 – France 24)

<http://www.france24.com/en/20110511-more-1100-rapes-daily-drcongo-study#>

More than 1,100 women are raped every day in the DRC, making sexual violence against women 26 times more common than previously thought, a study concluded Tuesday. More than 400,000 women and girls between the ages of 15 to 49 were raped in the vast, war-ravaged country in central Africa during a 12-month period in 2006 and 2007, according to the study published in the American Journal of Public Health.

DRC Has Over 111,000 Refugees.

(8/05/2011 – AngolaPress - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105090157.html>

The Ministry of Assistance and Social Welfare controls 111,814 Angolans that chose to live as refugees in the DRC, after the first operation of voluntary and organised repatriation of refugees carried out from 2003 to 2007. According to statistics data from the Welfare Ministry on the Angolan refugees to be repatriated as from the first half of 2011, which was made available to ANGOP, the second country of asylum for Angolans following the DRC is Zambia with a total of 27,073, followed by Namibia 5,600 and the Republic of Congo 2,652.

Bulletin d'information humanitaire - Province du Sud-Kivu, 9 mai 2011.

(10/05/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/400969>

Bulletin d'information humanitaire - Province du Sud-Kivu, 3 mai 2011.

(4/05/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/399998>

Situation humanitaire en République Démocratique du Congo - Note d'information hebdomadaire à la presse, 4 mai 2011.

(4/05/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/399984>

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

Judge Testifies in Bemba Trial.

(3/05/2011 – Bemba Trial Website – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105040163.html>

Bangui Judge Recounts Testimony By CAR Generals.

(9/05/2011 – Bemba Trial Website – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105100332.html>

Les raisons de l'abandon des poursuites contre JP Bemba en Centrafrique au centre du débat à la CPI.

(5/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/05/les-raisons-de-l%E2%80%99abandon-des-poursuites-contre-jp-bemba-en-centrafrique-au-centre-du-debat-a-la-cpi/>

The trial of former Congolese vice president Jean-Pierre Bemba resumed today and heard the testimony of a senior investigating judge of Bangui, the capital of the Central African Republic (CAR). Pamphile Oradimo, the Senior Judge of the Regional Court in Bangui, recounted his investigations into those responsible for crimes committed in his country during the 2002-2003 conflict. He testified in open court without any protective measures.

FDLR

FDLR Launches Attacks in Eastern DRC.

(5/05/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105050120.html>

Reports from the eastern part of the DRC indicate that attacks by the FDLR militia and their Mai-Mai allies in the North Kivu Province have increased in recent weeks. According to Radio Okapi, a UN affiliated radio in the DRC, the militia alliance is taking advantage of the absence of the FARDC which is redeploying.

L'Opération Amani Leo en panne à Lubero - Mai-Mai et FDLR attaquent Kanyabayonga.

(4/05/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201105040379.html>

Lubero territory has frequently been victim of incursions by a coalition of Mai Mai and FDLR rebels recently.

Rutshuru: une attaque attribuée aux FDLR signalée à Kiwanja.

(5/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/05/rutshuru-des-attaques-attribuees-aux-fdlr-signalees-a-kiwanja/>

FDLR rebels attacked Kiwanja, in Rutshuru territory, last week.

Les territoires de Masisi et de Rutshuru de nouveau sur la ligne de mire des FDLR.

(7/05/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201105090633.html>

Article on the increasing number of FDLR attacks in the territories of Masisi and Rutshuru since the beginning of May.

Nouvelles attaques attribuées aux FDLR à Masisi, huit morts.

(6/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/06/nouvelles-attaques-attribuees-aux-fdlr-a-masisi-huit-morts/>

Alleged FDLR rebels killed 8 civilians during attacks on two villages in groupement Nyamaboke, in Masisi territory, last week.

Congo's higher education minister survives attack on his convoy during visit to country's east.

(10/05/2011 – The Washington Post)

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/congos_higher_education_minister_survives_attack_on_his_convoy_during_visit_to_countrys_east/2011/05/10/AFE6uRqG_story.html?wprss=rss_africa

Mashako Mamba échappe à la mort à Rutshuru.

(9/05/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201105091332.html>

Rutshuru: Mashako Mamba échappe à la mort dans une embuscade des FDLR.

(8/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/08/rutshuru-mashako-mamba-echappe-a-la-mort-dans-une-embuscade-des-fdlr/>

Victime d'une attaque des FDLR: Mashako Mamba plaide pour le renforcement de la sécurité en RDC.

(9/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/09/victime-dune-attaque-des-fdlr-mashako-mamba-plaide-pour-le-renforcement-de-la-securite-en-rdc/>

A government minister has survived an attack by armed gunmen in eastern Congo that killed two other people. Higher Education Minister Mashako Mamba had been visiting Congo's volatile east, which is home to a myriad of armed groups. Authorities say they suspect a Rwandan Hutu militia was behind Saturday's attack on the minister's convoy in Rutshuru.

Fizi: attaque de deux camions par des présumés FDLR, plusieurs personnes enlevées.

(9/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/09/fizi-attaque-de-deux-camions-par-des-presumes-fdlr-plusieurs-personnes-enlevees/>

FDLR rebels ambushed two lorries in Fizi, South Kivu, last weekend.

Recrudescence de l'insécurité à Rusthuru: Julien Paluku préconise le dialogue social.

(9/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/09/recrudescence-de-l%E2%80%99insecurite-a-rusthuru-julien-paluku-preconise-le-dialogue-social/>

North Kivu governor Julien Paluku expressed his concern on the rising number of FDLR attacks in the province.

UN 'Concerned' About Increasing Attacks in Eastern Congo.

(10/05/2011 – VoA News)

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/africa/UN-Concerned-About-Increasing-Attacks-in-Eastern-Congo--121591499.html>

The spokesman for the MONUSCO says his group is "profoundly concerned" about increasing attacks by armed groups in eastern Congo. Alexander Essome said MONUSCO has stepped up efforts to prevent future violence in North Kivu province. Both the government and MONUSCO blame rebels from the FDLR for the attacks in the North Kivu province.

2 Rwandan Hutu militia leaders tried in German court over war crimes on Congo.

(4/05/2011 – The Washington Post)

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2_alleged_rwandan_hutu_militia_leaders_face_german_court_on_war_crimes_charges/2011/05/04/AF1E1F1F_story.html?wprss=rss_africa

Rwandan militia leaders face German court over alleged war crimes.

(4/05/2011 – The Guardian – allAfrica)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/may/04/rwanda-militia-leaders-trial-germany>

FDLR Leaders' War Crimes Trial Opens in Germany.

(5/05/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105050112.html>

Germany tries Rwandan rebels for Congo massacres.

(4/05/2011 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE74309520110504?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

Deux chefs de la rébellion hutu rwandaise jugés en Allemagne.

(4/05/2011 – Radio France Internationale - allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201105040399.html>

Two Rwandan militia leaders were accused of instigating "a reign of terror" and the killing of scores of civilians in eastern Congo as they went on trial in Germany Wednesday.

UN envoy welcomes start of trial of two men accused of mass rapes in DR Congo.

(4/05/2011 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=38278&Cr=sexual+violence&Cr1=> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=25179&Cr=RDC&Cr1=> (French)

UN Envoy Welcomes Start of FDLR Leaders' Trial.

(6/05/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105060190.html>

According to the UN News Centre, Margot Wallström, the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict, issued a statement, applauding German authorities for "having apprehended these alleged perpetrators and for bringing them to justice."

UGANDA

Muted Ugandan "walk to work" protests continue.

(5/05/2011 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE7440DD20110505?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 briefly detained a Ugandan opposition leader on Thursday during public protests, but politicians escaped the violence meted out to the most prominent opposition figure last week in an arrest that sparked riots.

Uganda opposition leader Besigye 'barred from country'.

(11/05/2011 – BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-13357185>

Uganda opposition leader barred from flight.

(11/05/2011 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE74A03G20110511?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

Ugandan opposition leader Kizza Besigye has been prevented from returning home from Kenya after receiving medical treatment in Nairobi. He told the BBC he was prevented from boarding a flight in Nairobi.

Uganda lawyers protest over government's strong response to recent political violence.

(4/05/2011 – The Washington Post)

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Uganda lawyers accuse forces of crimes against humanity.

(4/05/2011 – Reuters)

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Some 300 lawyers gathered in Uganda's capital on Wednesday to protest the arrest of the country's top opposition leader and a crackdown on demonstrations, chanting: "We want a change in the regime." Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, who has been in power for a quarter-century, has vowed repeatedly that his government will not be taken down by protests. U.N. officials have said demonstrations over the last three weeks in Uganda have left eight people dead and wounded more than 250 others.

Uganda's Museveni to deny "rioters" bail in crackdown.

(11/05/2011 – Reuters)

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Uganda's President Yoweri Museveni said on Tuesday he would change the law to deny bail to people accused of riots and economic sabotage, in a further crackdown on opposition protests.

The eyes have it.

(5/05/2011 – The Economist)

http://www.economist.com/node/18652581?story_id=18652581&fsrc=rss

It had seemed like plain sailing for President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda. In February he convincingly won re-election 25 years after winning power in a civil war. He defeated the leading opposition figure, Kizza Besigye, his one-time doctor and chief adviser. Credible complaints that votes were bought in the countryside barely managed to taint his victory. But then came a steep rise in food and fuel prices and people at large became restive.

Uganda: Unarmed Protesters Killed by Security Forces, Rights Group Says.

(9/05/2011 – The New York Times)

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/05/10/world/africa/10briefs-ART-Uganda.html?_r=1&partner=rss&emc=rss

Ugandan security forces fatally shot at least nine unarmed people — including three in the back as they fled — during protests against inflation, Human Rights Watch said Monday.

Uganda: Launch Independent Inquiry Into Killings.

(8/05/2011 – Human Rights Watch)

<http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2011/05/08/uganda-launch-independent-inquiry-killings>

The Ugandan government should conduct a prompt, independent, and thorough investigation into the use of lethal force by security forces to counter recent demonstrations and rioting throughout the country, Human Rights Watch said today. The violence took place over several days in April when demonstrators protested against wasteful government spending and rising commodity prices.

BURUNDI

Le leader des ex-rebelles des FNL mis en cause pour les violences.

(7/05/2011 – Radio France Internationale)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201105090999.html>

For the first time since violence flared up following the 2010 elections, a Burundian high official officially attributed the incidents to former FNL militia leaders. So far, Burundian officials announced small groups of armed bandits were responsible.

Nomination d'une Burkinabée au poste de Représentante spéciale adjointe au Burundi.

(5/05/2011 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=25183&Cr=Burundi&Cr1=>

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appointed Rosine Sori-Coulibaly as the new UN Special Representative in Burundi.

Making Peace after Genocide - Anatomy of Burundi Process.

(April 2011 – United States Institute of Peace)

<http://www.usip.org/publications/making-peace-after-genocide>

Report on Burundi's peace process, including among others the following conclusions: The Burundi peace process, which lasted more or less from 1993 to 2005, is as convoluted as the conflict; Four phases of Burundi's peacemaking can be distinguished: the initial U.N. intercession, Julius Nyerere as facilitator, Nelson Mandela as facilitator, and the transitional government; A number of critical lessons for establishing peace in the wake of violence can be drawn from the Burundi experience.

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Le calendrier électoral pose problème selon International Crisis Group (ICG).

(9/05/2011 – Radio France Internationale – allAfrica)

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Congo: Le dilemme électoral.

(5/05/2011 – International Crisis Group)

<http://www.crisisgroup.org/en/regions/africa/central-africa/dr-congo/175-congo-the-electoral-dilemma.aspx> (English)

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New elections report from ICG.

(8/05/2011 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosisa.blogspot.com/2011/05/new-elections-report-from-icg.html>

The International Crisis Group published a report on the Congolese elections, which are scheduled for the end of 2011.

Le pouvoir et l'opposition refusent en chœur une période de transition.

(10/05/2011 – Radio France Internationale – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201105100394.html>

The electoral agenda is at the centre of political debate in the DRC.

Economic Report on Africa 2011 - Governing development in Africa: the role of the state in economic transformation.

(April 2011 – UN Economic Commission for Africa)

<http://www.uneca.org/era2011/>

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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.

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.

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)

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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.

Mapping Conflict Motives: Province Orientale (DRC)

(March 2010 – IPIS)

http://www.ipisresearch.be/mapping_orientale.php?&lang=en

Cartographie des motivations derrière les conflits: 'Province Orientale' (RDC).

(June 2010 – IPIS)

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

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

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

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