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IPIS

NEW ACQUISITIONS OF THE IPIS LIBRARY.

Willy Van Damme (2011), *Handelaar des doods*, Borgerhoff & Lamberigts: Gent, 255p.

Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

Les pionniers du Lac Tanganyika.

(25/05/2011 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Following exploration for oil and methane gas at Lake Albert, Lake Edward and Lake Kivu, it seems Lake Tanganyika will be the next lake in the East African Rift to attract major explorers.

DRC

OECD guidance on conflict minerals finalised.

(27/05/2011 – ITRI)

http://www.itri.co.uk/pooled/articles/BF_NEWSART/view.asp?Q=BF_NEWSART_323191

OECD Gives Companies Guidance on Trade in Conflict Minerals.

(26/05/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-05-26/oecd-gives-companies-guidance-on-trade-in-conflict-minerals-1-.html>

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development passed new guidance for companies involved in the so-called “conflict minerals” trade in countries like Democratic Republic of Congo, Bloomberg reported. The guidance offers a non-binding code of conduct that more than 40 countries have agreed to promote, the Paris-based organization said in an e-mailed statement.

Electronics, auto makers should commit now to due diligence standards to end trade in conflict minerals.

(26/05/2011 – Global Witness)

<http://www.globalwitness.org/library/electronics-auto-makers-should-commit-now-due-diligence-standards-end-trade-conflict> (English)

<http://www.globalwitness.org/node/7726> (French)

The organizations CENADEP – Kinshasa, CCFD-Terre Solidaire, Enough Project, Global Witness, Partnership Africa Canada, UAID – North Kivu, welcome the endorsement yesterday by the OECD ministerial council of the Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-affected and High-Risk Areas, and call on companies that use minerals from the Great Lakes Region of Africa to begin implementing these standards without delay.

Congo to Publish all Oil, Gas, Timber, Mining Contracts Online.

(31/05/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-05-31/congo-to-publish-all-oil-gas-timber-mining-contracts-online.html>

DRC to publish mining and oil contracts on line.

(1/06/2011 – SteelGuru)

http://www.steelguru.com/metals_news/DRC_to_publish_mining_and_oil_contracts_on_line/207866.html

The Democratic Republic of Congo will make all contracts involving mineral, timber, oil and gas concessions public within 60 days of signing, the government said. Documents will be published in the official government gazette, as well as on ministry websites and in at least two Congolese daily newspapers, according to a decree signed by the Prime Minister and Ministers of Environment, Hydrocarbons, and Mines on May 20. The decree was published on the Mines Ministry's website yesterday.

Bunia: la taxe d'évacuation des bois d'œuvre revue à la hausse.

(31/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/30/bunia-la-taxe-d%E2%80%99evacuation-des-bois-d%E2%80%99oeuvre-revue-a-la-hausse/>

The governor of province Orientale announced a tax increase for the evacuation of timber from the province's forests.

Congo's poor need incentives to save giant forest.

(31/05/2011 – Reuters)

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/05/31/us-congo-democratic-forests-idUSTRE74U63320110531>

Environmental experts from 35 countries were meeting in the Congo Republic, DRC's smaller neighbor, on Tuesday for a week-long summit seeking ways to protect the world's three largest rainforests -- the Amazon in South America, the Congo in Central Africa and the Borneo-Mekong in Indonesia. The outcome of the summit could play a role in the preservation of some 80 percent of the world's remaining tropical forest, seen by experts as key to offsetting rising global emissions of heat-trapping carbon dioxide. But any such effort will have to offer poor residents of forest areas like Kasagana a reason to stop felling trees. Deforestation causes roughly a fifth of global emissions.

Assemblée nationale - Le projet de loi sur le secteur de l'électricité déclaré recevable.

(28/05/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201105300643.html>

Following the Congolese minister of energy's responses to the questions of the MPs, the National Assembly declared the bill on the Congolese energy sector admissible.

La privatisation en marche - La SNEL en péril.

(31/05/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201105310617.html>

Critical article that advises against the privatisation of the SNEL.

UGANDA

Uganda gets "surprise" new finance, energy ministers.

(28/05/2011 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE74R0AC20110528?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 President Yoweri Museveni announced a new cabinet, making what analysts said were surprise choices for the finance and energy portfolios ahead of expected oil production next year.

Réduire la facture pétrolière.

(25/05/2011 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

In order to lower its energy bill, a delegation of the Ugandan ministry of energy visited Juba to negotiate an oil supply deal with South Sudan.

Uganda to Start Oil-Production Tests at Lake Albert This Year.

(25/05/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-05-25/uganda-to-start-oil-production-tests-at-lake-albert-this-year.html>

Uganda will begin production tests at its Lake Albert oil fields in September, part of a longer-range program aimed at building a refinery that will begin operating within three years, the Energy Ministry said.

Refinery upgrade plan on, insists firm.

(27/05/2011 – Daily Nation)

<http://www.nation.co.ke/News/Refinery+upgrade+plan+on+insists+firm+/-/1056/1170730/-/83af2s/-/>

The Mombasa oil refinery will be upgraded, the owners said on Friday, contradicting Energy minister Kiraitu Murungi that the project would be put on hold. Mr Murungi had advised that the refinery upgrade be shelved to monitor developments in Uganda, which discovered viable quantities of oil in 2006. Kenya Petroleum Refinery Ltd chief executive Bimal Mukherjee argued that even with Uganda's plan to build a similar facility, it would still be viable to operate the Mombasa refinery.

Bunyoro Leaders Urged to Plan for Oil Money.

(25/05/2011 – The Monitor - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105241935.html>

Politicians from Bunyoro-Kitara Kingdom - the home to Uganda's vast oil resources, have been given 100 days within which they must formulate strategic plans to transform the region.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

Kilo Goldmines Adopts Shareholders Rights Plan.

(26/05/2011 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/kilo-goldmines-adopts-shareholders-rights-plan-tsx-venture-kgl-1519566.htm>

Kilo Goldmines Ltd. announced the adoption by its Board of Directors of a Shareholder Rights Plan, similar to those adopted by many other Canadian corporations. Given the Company's gold and iron ore property portfolio in the DRC and the results and resources announced to date on these properties, the Board is of the view that such results and the prospects of the Company are not adequately reflected in the trading price of the Company's common shares.

Vale's \$1.1 Billion Metorex Bid Backed by Largest Holder.

(31/05/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-05-31/vale-s-1-1-billion-offer-for-metorex-supported-by-miner-s-biggest-holder.html>

Vale SA, the world's biggest iron-ore producer, won backing for its \$1.1 billion bid for Metorex Ltd. from the target's biggest shareholder, increasing support for a takeover to at least 40 percent. Vale is seeking to boost output of copper almost fivefold to 1 million metric tons by 2015, betting prices will extend gains. The 7.35 rand (\$1.08) per-share bid for Metorex would give Vale the Ruashi copper and cobalt open-pit mine in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where the company is also developing the Lubembe and Dilala projects.

Investisseur local pour le méthane.

(25/05/2011 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

John Herselman, director of the Congolese Techno-Build, visited North Kivu to examine the feasibility of a methane gas extraction project at Lake Kivu.

L'ultime recours des victimes de Kilwa.

(28/05/2011 – Cyberpresse)

http://www.cyberpresse.ca/international/afrique/201105/28/01-4403735-lultime-recours-des-victimes-de-kilwa.php?utm_categorieinterne=traffidriviers&utm_contenuinterne=cyberpresse lire_aussi_4403699_article_POS1

Les camions blancs de la mort.

(28/05/2011 – Cyberpresse)

<http://www.cyberpresse.ca/international/afrique/201105/27/01-4403699-les-camions-blancs-de-la-mort.php>

Article on the lawsuit against Canadian copper producer Anvil mining over its alleged involvement in the 2004 Kilwa massacre.

UGANDA

Que va devenir le projet Tamoil?

(25/05/2011 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

The contract for the construction of the oil pipeline between Eldoret and Kampala that was granted to Tamoil, might soon be assigned to another company.

BURUNDI

Centrale d'urgence tanzanienne.

(25/05/2011 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

With oil thermal power plants Pivotech, a company based in Tanzania, will soon provide 25 MW to Burundi.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

Grands Lacs - Les parlementaires plangent sur la mise en oeuvre du pacte de sécurité.

(27/05/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201105270402.html>

MPs of the ICGLR member states gathered in Kinshasa last week to talk about the implementation of the Pact on Security, Stability and Development.

DRC

Ituri: deux unités FARDC se tirent dessus à Burasi.

(28/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/28/ituri-deux-unites-fardc-se-tirent-dessus-a-burasi/>

The FARDC 13th brigade attacked the 7th brigade in Burasi, about 100 kilometres south of Bunia.

Burasi: c'était une attaque des miliciens, selon le commandant FARDC en Ituri.

(28/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/28/burasi-une-attaque-des-miliciens-selon-le-commandement-operationnel-des-fardc-a-bunia/>

An FARDC commander denied the fighting in Burasi involved two FARDC brigades. He claims the 7th brigade fought a militia.

Lubero: des hommes armés non identifiés sèment la terreur à Kirumba.

(28/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/28/lubero-des-hommes-armes-non-identifies-sement-la-terreur-a-kirumba/>

Unidentified armed men have pillaged the locality of Kirumba last weekend. The area has repeatedly been plagued by this lately.

Nord-Kivu: regain des cas d'insécurité, la société civile propose la démilitarisation des centres urbains.

(30/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/30/nord-kivu-regain-des-cas-d%E2%80%99insecurite-la-societe-civile-propose-la-demilitarisation-des-centres-urbains/>

Regain des cas d'insécurité au Nord-Kivu.

(31/05/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201105310623.html>

The Lubero civil society denounces the rising level of insecurity in the Lubero-Butembo area.

Growing Insecurity Raises Concerns in the DRC.

(31/05/2011 – VoA News)

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/africa/Growing-Insecurity-Raises-Concerns-in-the-DRC--122897274.html>

Both local and foreign armed groups have intensified attacks on unarmed civilians in the DRC's North Kivu province. There are concerns the attacks will hurt business activities in the region and undermine the ongoing voter registration process. Apparently, the rebel groups are taking advantage of a power vacuum created as a result of the government retraining soldiers of the national army in North Kivu. The retraining is expected to last for 45 days.

Uganda Faces ADF Rebel Threat, Wants To Pursue Them In Congo-President.

(31/05/2011 – Automated Trader)

http://www.automatedtrader.net/real-time-dow-jones/61078/uganda-faces-adf-rebel-threat--wants-to-pursue-them-in-congo_president

Uganda is facing a rebel threat from dissidents of Allied Democratic Forces operating in the mineral-rich Eastern Congo, and it is considering re-entering Congo to rout them out, the Ugandan president said Tuesday. President Yoweri Museveni said the Ugandan army wants to assist Congolese forces in neutralizing the ADF dissidents, who have in recent months shifted their bases close to the slopes in the Rwenzori Mountain near Uganda's western border with lawless Eastern Congo.

Sud-Kivu : la Monusco met fin à l'opération « Akikisha Usalama ».

(27/05/2011 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/75989>

The MONUSCO declared it has finished off its operation 'Akikisha Usalama', which was set up to protect the South Kivu population against non-state armed groups during an FARDC restructuring.

Selon la Monusco, la situation sécuritaire demeure tendue à Tshela.

(26/05/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201105260347.html>

The security situation in Tshela territory, in Bas-Congo, remains tense following the incursion of Angolan troops.

Bas-Congo: bagarre entre habitants de Tshela et Seke-Banza, des dégâts matériels signalés.

(26/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/26/bas-congo-bagarre-entre-habitants-de-tshela-et-seke-banza-des-degats-materiels-signales/>

Bagarre entre habitants de Tshela et Seke-Banza - Des dégâts matériels signalés.

(27/05/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201105270456.html>

Villagers of Vaku-Kiadi, Tshela territory, clashed with Nkulutu villagers, from Seke-Banza, because of a dispute about the property of a field.

Kasaï-Oriental: un conflit foncier dégénère à Kanda Kanda, deux morts et plusieurs maisons incendiées.

(25/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/25/kasai-oriental-un-conflit-foncier-degenere-a-kanda-kanda-deux-morts-et-plusieurs-maisons-incendiees/>

A conflict over land between the villages of Kanangila and Lulamba, in East Kasai's Luilu territory, resulted in a fatal outcome last week.

Mimes of death, forgiveness ease Congo conflict.

(27/05/2011 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJ0E74Q0JL20110527?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

The actors circle and glare in mock anger, surrounded by villagers who have come to witness a performance played out on the sandy earth in the shade of mango trees in northern Congo. In a flurry, the performers clash, miming fighting, killing, mourning -- and eventually forgiveness. For the spectators, this narrative is not fiction but reality, after the people of Monzaya and Enyele in Congo's northern Equateur province began a dispute over fishing rights in 2009 that killed scores and triggered a refugee crisis. The two villages, deep in Congo's equatorial forest, are now being urged to reconcile their differences by taking part in such performances -- something seen as key to shoring up stability in the region.

Tenue d'un atelier sur la médiation des conflits à l'Equateur.

(26/05/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201105260348.html>

The MONUSCO organised a workshop in Monzaya, Province Equateur, for journalists and the Enyele population on conflict mediation.

Monusco: demande de retrait des casques bleus par la RDC, mise au point de Madnodje Mounoubai.

(25/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/25/monusco-demande-de-retrait-des-casques-bleus-par-la-rdc-mise-au-point-de-madnodje-mounoubai/>

MONUSCO spokesperson Manodje Mounoubai commented on Kinshasa's request to gradually retreat the UN blue helmets from the country.

Interview with MONUSCO's Chief of DDRRR.

(31/05/2011 – MONUSCO – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/405075>

The Disarmament, Demobilization, Repatriation, Reintegration, and Resettlement (DDR/RR) Section of MONUSCO is responsible for repatriating all foreign combatants in the DRC and assisting the government in demobilizing the Congolese combatants. The following is an exclusive interview with DDR/RR Director Gregory Alex.

RDC-Angola: le gouvernement de la RDC proteste contre l'émasculatation d'un congolais en Angola.

(27/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/27/rdc-angola-le-gouvernement-de-la-rdc-proteste-contre-l%E2%80%99emasculatation-d%E2%80%99un-congolais-en-angola/>

Le Gouvernement proteste contre la mutilation d'un Congolais en Angola.

(27/05/2011 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/75982>

The Congolese minister of foreign affairs sent a letter to the Angolan embassy to denounce the emasculation of a Congolese by Angolan border police.

DRC Refugees Seek Repatriation.

(27/05/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105270157.html>

Congolese refugees living at Gihembe refugee camp, in Rwanda, want to be repatriated to their country. The refugees made the remarks, Wednesday, in Gicumbi District while marking the eighth commemoration of their fallen relatives who were killed by the Interahamwe militia in Mudende, Northern Rwanda. According to the refugees, over 1,650 people were killed.

L'USAID, l'OIM et la MONUSCO renforcent la PNC dans sa lutte contre les Violences Sexuelles.

(25/05/2011 – MONUSCO)

<http://monusco.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=13764>

USAID donated an amount of almost US\$ 3 million dollar to the Congolese government, in support of the STAREC programme.

Hôpital de Panzi: 30 000 victimes des violences sexuelles prises en charge depuis sa création.

(26/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/26/hopital-de-panzi-30-000-victimes-des-violences-sexuelles-prises-en-charge-depuis-sa-creation/>

Denis Mukwege, gynaecologist at the Panzi hospital in Bukavu, received the King Baudouin International Development Prize.

Domestic Rape in Congo a Rapidly Growing Problem.

(30/05/2011 – VoA News)

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/africa/Domestic-Rape-in-Congo-a-Rapidly-Growing-Problem-122826644.html>

A new study published by the American Journal of Public Health indicates that nearly 2 million women in the Democratic Republic of Congo have been raped. Many rapes are a part of military operations, designed to terrorize and control the population. Rates of domestic rape and rape by civilians, however, appear to be growing rapidly in the DRC.

Situation humanitaire en République Démocratique du Congo Note d'information hebdomadaire à la presse, 25 mai 2011.

(25/05/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/403894>

Bulletin d'information humanitaire - Province du Sud-Kivu, 31 mai 2011.

(31/05/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/405009>

Bulletin d'information humanitaire - Province Orientale, 31 mai 2011.

(31/05/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/405013>

Bulletin d'information humanitaire - Province du Nord Kivu, 31 mai 2011.

(31/05/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/405014>

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

Prosecution's 'Witness 63' Completes Testifying Against Bemba.

(25/05/2011 – Bemba Trial Website - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105261145.html>

Today, the 20th witness called by prosecutors in the trial of Congolese opposition leader Jean-Pierre Bemba completed giving his testimony. 'Witness 63' has testified for two weeks, almost exclusively in private session. In open session today, the witness told court that Mr. Bemba's soldiers did not understand the geography of the Central African Republic (CAR), where they allegedly committed rapes, killings, and pillaging over which the former Congolese vice president is on trial.

Accounts of Pillaging Dominate Bemba Trial This Week.

(27/05/2011 – Bemba Trial Website - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105270777.html>

Two witnesses this week testified in the trial of Jean-Pierre Bemba at the International Criminal Court (ICC), with accounts of pillaging allegedly committed by members of Bemba's armed group dominating testimony. According to the witnesses, Congolese opposition leader Jean-Pierre Bemba's troops carried out systematic pillaging in a number of towns in the Central African Republic (CAR) and transported the loot to the DRC.

Jean-Pierre Bemba totalise 3 ans de détention à la CPI!

(25/05/2011 – La Prospérité - allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201105250167.html>

On 25 May, Jean-Pierre Bemba has already spent three years in the ICC prison.

Bemba Trial Stalls As Witness is Taken Ill.

(30/05/2011 – Bemba Trial Website – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105302201.html>

Jean-Pierre Bemba's war crimes trial at the International Criminal Court (ICC) today stalled, as the witness who was testifying was taken ill. The witness, who started testifying last Thursday, complained of discomfort at the start of the afternoon session, prompting Presiding Judge Sylvia Steiner to adjourn the hearing to tomorrow.

FDLR**Butembo: des FDLR signalés dans les carrières minières à Muhangi.**

(25/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/25/butembo-des-fdlr-signalés-dans-les-carrieres-minières-a-muhangi/>

The civil society of Lubero territory reported FDLR rebels exploit gold and cassiterite in the mines of Kilau and Kasiyiro, in the sector of Muhangi.

Rutshuru: les FDLR tuent 6 personnes à Katwiguru.

(26/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/26/rutshuru-les-fdlr-tuent-6-personnes-a-katwiguru/>

FDLR rebels killed 6 civilians in Katwiguru, 22 kilometres from Kiwanja in Rutshuru territory.

Nord-Kivu: les FDLR pillent et tuent deux personnes à Kiwanja.

(29/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/29/nord-kivu-les-fdlr-pillent-kiwanja-et-tuent-deux-personnes/>

Two persons have been killed in Kiwanja, Rutshuru territory, during FDLR pillages last weekend.

Insécurité: la population de Rutshuru s'en prend aux casques bleus et aux militaires des FARDC.

(30/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/30/insecurite-la-population-de-rutshuru-s%E2%80%99en-prend-aux-casques-bleus-et-aux-militaires-des-fardc/>

The population of Kiwanja and Rutshuru are complaining the FARDC and MONUSCO do not sufficiently assure their security.

Kalehe: nouvelle attaque des présumés FDLR, plusieurs otages amenés dans la forêt.

(27/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/27/kalehe-nouvelle-attaque-des-presumes-fdlr-plusieurs-otages-amenés-dans-la-foret/>

FDLR rebels allegedly abducted several men and attacked some villages in Kalehe territory on 28 May.

102 femmes violées par les FDLR au Sud-Kivu.

(26/05/2011 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201105270614.html>

According to the UN, 102 women have been raped during FDLR attacks between November 2010 and January 2011 in Katanga and South Kivu.

Shabunda: les FDLR occupent plusieurs villages, selon la société civile.

(31/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/31/shabunda-les-fdlr-occupent-plusieurs-villages-selon-la-societe-civile/>

According to local civil society, FDLR rebels occupy several villages in Shabunda territory.

LRA

Désarmement de la LRA - Les humanitaires demandent la nomination d'un émissaire spécial.

(25/05/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201105250352.html>

The United States government should step up efforts to protect civilians in central Africa from abuses by the rebel LRA, a coalition of 39 human rights and humanitarian organizations said today. The organizations urged the Obama administration to appoint a special envoy for the African Great Lakes region with a mandate extending to LRA-affected areas.

UGANDA

Uganda warns of al Shabaab attacks in coming days.

(27/05/2011 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE74Q0EH20110527?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

Uganda police warned soccer fans on Friday that Somalia's al Shabaab insurgents could attack them while they watch Saturday's Champions League final. Abbas Byakagaba, the director of the police anti terrorism unit, told a news conference that the al Qaeda-affiliated insurgents could also strike on June 3, the Matyrs' Day public holiday and that they had boosted security in the country.

RWANDA

Kagame Meets Regional Police Chiefs.

(27/05/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105270144.html>

The visiting heads of Africa Regional Police Chiefs' Organisations, yesterday paid a courtesy call on President Paul Kagame at Village Urugwiro. They are in the country to attend a meeting organised by the Regional Centre on Small Arms in the Great Lakes Region, the Horn of Africa and Bordering States (RECOSA). The meeting aims at working out mechanisms to fight the accumulation and trafficking of illicit firearms in Africa.

Former Hutu militia leader arrested over Rwanda genocide.

(26/05/2011 – The Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/may/26/rwandan-genocide-mastermind-captured-drc>

Genocide Suspect Arrested in DRC.

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A suspected mastermind of the Rwandan genocide has been captured 17 years later in neighbouring DRC, a UN court has announced. Bernard Munyagishari, a former Hutu militia leader, is wanted on charges of genocide and crimes against humanity, including rape, the Tanzania-based international criminal tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) said.

Rwanda genocide: Opposition claims 'forced exhumations'.

(27/05/2011 – BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-13582150>

A Rwandan opposition party has accused the government of forcing people to exhume the bodies of relatives killed during the 1994 genocide. The authorities say the remains should be brought together at memorial sites so people never forget the killings.

Rwanda: Mixed Legacy for Community-Based Genocide Courts.

(31/05/2011 – Human Rights Watch)

<http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2011/05/31/rwanda-mixed-legacy-community-based-genocide-courts> (English)

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Rwanda's community-based gacaca courts have helped communities confront the country's 1994 genocide but have failed to provide credible decisions and justice in a number of cases, Human Rights Watch said in a report released today. As the gacaca courts wind down their work, Rwanda should set up specialized units in the national court system to review alleged miscarriages of justice, Human Rights Watch said.

Rwanda Genocide Courts Denied Victims Fair Trials, Human Rights Watch Says.

(31/05/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-05-31/rwanda-genocide-courts-denied-victims-fair-trials-human-rights-watch-says.html>

Rwanda's government should review its community-based gacaca court system, which tried cases related to the country's 1994 genocide, to probe alleged miscarriages of justice, Human Rights Watch said. The system denied some defendants a fair trial and the courts were sometimes corrupt or used for political or personal gain, the New York-based advocacy group said in a report released yesterday in Kigali, Rwanda's capital.

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Deux morts dans une embuscade au Burundi.

(25/05/2011 – Radio France Internationale)

<http://www.rfi.fr/afrique/20110525-deux-morts-une-embuscade-burundi>

In an ambush about 30 kilometres north of Bujumbura 2 people got killed. This flares up rumours again about the founding of a new rebellion.

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World Bank Development Report – Background case study: The Democratic Republic of the Congo.

(2/03/2011 – World Bank – Reliefweb)

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Although the specific topic of this paper is eastern Congo, the present situation in that portion of the country is incomprehensible without an understanding of two additional subjects: first, the overall situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), and, second, the relationship of eastern Congo with its neighbors, most importantly, with Rwanda.

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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.

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)

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

(June 2010 – IPIS)

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Four reports on IPIS' project concerning capacity building of NGOs in the Central African Republic working on the management of uranium. The reports analyse the CAR's mining and environmental legislation, and the country's obligations in the field of environmental management and the regulation of enterprises' activities.

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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