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Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

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iTSCi provisional membership programme announced.

(13/06/2011 – ITRI)

http://www.itri.co.uk/pooled/articles/BF_NEWSART/view.asp?Q=BF_NEWSART_323304

ITRI and T.I.C. are pleased to announce the next important step towards establishing a non-conflict responsible supply chain of '3T' minerals (cassiterite, columbotantalite and wolfram) from the central African region by formalising the opportunity for company membership of the iTSCi programme. A provisional membership agreement is now available which sets out the key aspects of the system; traceability, independent risk assessment and independent audit, as well as defining important legal aspects such as confidentiality and funding commitments.

Addendum to Conflict Minerals' Optimism.

(14/06/2011 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosiasa.blogspot.com/2011/06/addendum-to-conflict-minerals-optimism.html>

In this article Jason Stearns writes: "Last week, I expressed some cautious optimism here about reforms in the mining sector in the eastern Congo. I received quite a bit of feedback on various issues, which merit another posting to clarify some issues."

US's Dodd-Frank law 'stigmatising' African gold.

(8/06/2011 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/hurting-ethical-african-gold-miners-unintended-us-ass-sec-of-state-2011-06-08>

The US's Dodd-Frank Act, which allows consumers to know if human rights atrocities have tainted their gold, is not intended to hurt ethical African gold miners, says US Assistant Secretary of State for Economic, Energy and Business Affairs Jose Fernandez. Fernandez was responding, at the Gordon Institute of Business Science in Johannesburg, to AngloGold Ashanti sustainability manager Jessica van Onselen, who said that electronics giants like Apple, Intel and Motorola intended giving African gold a wide berth to avoid the onerous implications of the Dodd-Frank law. "We're very concerned about the stigmatisation of African gold and what that piece of legislation does to such a vital industry on the African continent," Van Onselen said.

Lubumbashi: l'Asadho dénonce l'exploitation minière illicite dans la carrière de Kabudji.

(9/06/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/06/09/lubumbashi-l%E2%80%99asadho-denonce-l%E2%80%99exploitation-mini%C3%A8re-illicite-dans-la-carriere-de-kabudji/>

ASADHO denounces the illegal exploitation in the Kabudji mine, because its ores contain uranium, which is very harmful for the artisanal miners.

Quatre mois après la reprise des activités, la Miba renoue avec la production.

(9/06/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201106090201.html>

MIBA has produced 19.500 carats of diamonds since the restart of its production in February.

Kinshasa : un Libanais condamné à 5 ans de prison pour détention frauduleuse de 800 carats de diamants.

(9/06/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/06/09/kinshasa-un-libanais-condamne-a-5-ans-de-prison-pour-detention-frauduleuse-de-800-carats-de-diamants/>

A Lebanese that has been caught with 800 carats of diamonds in Kinshasa has been sentenced to 5 years in prison.

Cohydro.

(8/06/2011 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Under pressure of the World Bank, Prime Minister Muzito signed a decree obliging the publishing of mining and oil contracts in the country.

Congo's Inga Hydropower Project May Need Phased Implementation, AFDB Says.

(8/06/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-06-08/congo-s-inga-hydropower-project-may-need-phased-implementation-afdb-says.html>

Democratic Republic of Congo's plans to generate 40,000 megawatts by damming the Congo River could be staggered, making it easier to find funding and secure clients, research commissioned by the African Development Bank shows.

Depuis Lisbonne, la BAD initie un grand débat sur le projet INGA III.

(8/06/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201106090114.html>

Congolese minister Matata Ponyo defended the Inga III project at the Annual Meetings of the African Development Bank in Lisbon.

Corruption alleged in East Congo land disputes.

(10/06/2011 – Institute for war and peace reporting – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/419348>

Ownership disputes in Lubumbashi in eastern DRC are frequently decided by judges taking a bribe from the highest bidder, according to local residents and officials. The city has recently seen an influx of people returning after they were displaced by conflict in Katanga province, of which Lubumbashi is the economic and administrative centre. But when they arrive back, they often find their homes have been taken over by others who claim they have paperwork proving ownership.

UGANDA

Infrastructure, Oil Sector Get Huge Financial Boost.

(9/06/2011 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201106091090.html>

As expected, Finance Minister Maria Kiwanuka yesterday read a budget in which priority was given to the development of energy, power generation, road and railway networks in a bid to boost trade and spur industrial growth.

Uganda allocates \$340m to 600MW dam, oil sector.

(13/06/2011 – The East African Business Week)

<http://www.busiweek.com/11/opportunities/1168-uganda-allocates-340m-to-600mw-dam-oil-sector->

To address the increasing demand for electricity and to develop the oil and gas reserves in the Albertine Graben, Uganda has allocated an additional Ush850b (\$340m) to speed up things. In 2011/12 budget read last week, priority will be the completion of the 250 MW Bujagali Hydropower Project and commencement of the construction of the 600MW Karuma Hydropower project, of which Ush828.6b (\$331.4m) was allocated.

Shs14.7billion Allocated Towards in-Country Refinery.

(14/06/2011 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201106140407.html>

Uganda is set to promote the development of an in country oil refinery with preliminary work commencing this financial year following the allocation of Shs14.7 billion (\$6.2 million) in the 2011/12 budget. The funds will cater for the structuring, promotion and selection of developers and investors, for the refinery after the feasibility was completed last year.

Les yeux du pouvoir à Bunyoro.

(8/06/2011 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

The Bunyoro kingdom is disappointed with the appointment of Saleh Kamba as minister that should defend their interests in the national government.

New Energy minister faces graft challenge.

(13/06/2011 – East African Business Week)

<http://www.busiweek.com/11/news/uganda/1162-new-energy-minister-faces-graft-challenge>

The new Uganda Minister for Energy and Mineral Development faces a gigantic task of reversing the corruption and abuse of office that has taken root especially in the allocation of licences in the energy and mining sectors.

Fish Stocks Fall in Lake Albert As Oil Extraction Takes Toll.

(12/06/2011 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201106141635.html>

Article on the depletion of fish stocks in Lake Albert.

Restock Our Livestock, Say War Victims.

(14/06/2011 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201106141143.html>

Survivors of the Lord's Resistance Army in Lango have appealed to the government to consider livestock restocking in the region as compensation for those that suffered harm during the conflict. This, they said, would help them rebuild their lives after the two-decade insurgency in the north.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

Lac Tanganyika, zone sensible.

(8/06/2011 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

While Soco is still negotiating with the Congolese government over the exploration in the Virunga National Park, Burundi's forthcoming attribution of two new permits to Minergy R.E. Ltd and A-Z Petroleum, near Lake Tanganyika, will probably relaunch debate about exploitation in the region of the East African Rift.

DRC

Yesterday's Top Story: Glencore said to be mulling \$20 billion ENRC takeover.

(13/06/2011 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page67?oid=129165&sn=Detail>

According to UK Sunday Times, Glencore is considering a what appears to be a £12 billion (US\$20 billion) friendly takeover of European-based diversified mining and metals company, ENRC. ENRC primarily operates in Kazakhstan, China, Russia, Brazil and Africa. It has been making a big push in the DRC in particular acquiring copper and cobalt assets, not least among which are some of the disputed assets confiscated from First Quantum by the DRC Government as part of an ongoing breakdown in relations between the Canadian miner and the DRC administration. These assets are the subject of a lawsuit by First Quantum.

Glencore shares dip on results, bid denial.

(14/06/2011 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page67?oid=129301&sn=Detail>

Commodities trader Glencore is not considering a bid for embattled miner ENRC, its chief executive said, dismissing reports of a takeover after it disappointed the market with its maiden first-quarter results.

New 50% bigger Kalukundi copper/cobalt project study awarded.

(14/06/2011 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page72558?oid=129267&sn=Detail>

Africo Retains MDM Engineering to Update Feasibility Study on a 1.25 Million Tonnes Per Annum Operation on Its Kalukundi Copper Cobalt Project in the DRC.

(13/06/2011 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/africo-retains-mdm-engineering-update-feasibility-study-on-125-million-tonnes-per-annum-tsx-arl-1526087.htm>

South Africa's MDM Engineering Group has been awarded the increased throughput design update and cost revalidation of the Bankable Feasibility Study (BFS) for Africo Resources' Kalukundi copper/cobalt project, located in the Katanga Province of the DRC, which borders Zambia to the south.

NUM opposes Vale's Metorex takeover, Sable assets sold.

(8/06/2011 - Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/num-opposes-vales-metorex-takeover-sable-assets-sold-2011-06-08>

South Africa's National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) said on Wednesday that it would argue against the takeover of JSE-listed Metorex by the Brazilian mining giant Vale at the Competition Commission.

Ptrobas courtisé pour la Cuvette.

(8/06/2011 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

In order to convince Petrobas to explore for oil in the 'Cuvette Centrale', a Congolese delegation will conduct a visit to Brazil.

RWANDA**Des Israéliens rachètent KP One.**

(8/06/2011 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

A joint venture of Israeli companies is negotiating with Kigali to acquire the KP One 50MW methane gas extraction project.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

EthicalCargo film - "Clearing the Air".

(14/06/2011 – Ethical Cargo)

http://www.youtube.com/v/-nkJIF99_Sk

"Clearing the Air" highlights the role air transport plays in African conflicts as well as the positive steps the humanitarian aid community has taken to reduce the risk of hiring companies involved in arms trafficking.

DRC**Ituri: les miliciens du FRPI et les FARDC s'affrontent vers la plaine semliki.**

(9/06/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/06/09/ituri-les-miliciens-du-frpi-et-les-fardc-s%E2%80%99affrontent-vers-la-plaine-semliki/>

The FARDC has launched an offensive against FRPI rebels in the Semliki plain, 80 kilometres south of Bunia.

Shabunda - Les Casques bleus remplacent les FARDC.

(9/06/2011 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201106100702.html>

Sud-Kivu - La Monusco satisfaite de l'opération «Amani ya Kweli».

(10/06/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201106100475.html>

Opération « Amani ya Kweli ».

(9/06/2011 – MONUSCO)

<http://monusco.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=13978>

On 31 May, the MONUSCO launched military operation 'Amani ya kweli' to protect the civilian population and fill the void left by the FARDC following its redeployments.

Rutshuru: des patrouilles des casques bleus suscitent l'espoir à Makoka et Kahito.

(13/06/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/06/13/rutshuru-des-patrouilles-des-casques-bleus-suscitent-l%E2%80%99espoir-a-makoka-et-kahito/>

The MONUSCO launched operation 'Rudisha Tumaini' on 2 June. The Indian contingent of Rutshuru will conduct night patrols in the villages of groupement Binza.

Accrochages entre les FARDC et le CNDP près de Bunagana.

(9/06/2011 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201106100719.html>

FARDC and ex-CNDP elements clashed near Bunagana.

Butembo: deux cas d'assassinat dans des centres d'inscription.

(13/06/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/06/13/butembo-deux-cas-d%E2%80%99assassinat-dans-des-centres-d%E2%80%99inscription/>

The human rights organisation 'Voix des sans voix' denounces the inhuman behaviour of PNC elements in the voter registration offices in Butembo.

Le CNDP réclame son entrée au Gouvernement selon les accords de Goma.

(14/06/2011 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201106141938.html>

The CNDP has expressed its willingness to participate in the electoral process.

DRC: Strengthen Civilian Protection Before Elections.

(9/06/2011 – FIDH)

<http://www.fidh.org/DRC-Strengthen-Civilian-Protection-Before>

(9/06/2011 - Human Rights Watch)

<http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2011/06/09/dr-congo-strengthen-civilian-protection-elections> (English)

(9/06/2011 – Human Rights Watch – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201106090889.html> (French)

The United Nations Security Council should ensure that the MONUSCO has adequate and appropriate resources to protect civilians from attacks by the LRA and to avert election-related violence, a coalition of 47 international and Congolese organizations said today. The coalition said the UN mission, in its current form, is insufficiently prepared to respond to many challenges posed by ongoing violence from various groups, including in the eastern Kivu provinces, and upcoming presidential elections.

DR Congo: UN envoy tells Security Council of improving security, remaining threats.

(9/06/2011 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=38674&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/fr/storyF.asp?NewsID=25528&Cr=Congo&Cr1=> (French)

Statement to the Security Council by Mr. Roger Meece, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

(9/06/2011 – MONUSCO)

<http://monusco.unmissions.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=il7uWiEdh70%3d&tabid=1069&mid=1143> (English)

<http://monusco.unmissions.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=1l8NtHOiIM%3d&tabid=1069&mid=1143> (French)

New York - Roger Meece présente son rapport au Conseil de sécurité.

(9/06/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201106090199.html>

The head of the UN peacekeeping mission in the DRC told the Security Council today that there have been significant improvements in security in the central African country, but many challenges remain before stability is restored in conflict-affected areas.

New-York: Ban Ki-moon demande la prorogation du mandat de la Monusco.

(10/06/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/06/10/new-york-ban-ki-moon-demande-la-prorogation-du-mandat-de-la-monusco/>

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon asked the UN Security Council to prolong the MONUSCO mandate.

Open letter to the members of the UN Security Council.

(8/06/2011 – FIDH)

<http://www.fidh.org/Open-Letter-to-the-Members-of-the-United-Nations>

Before the discussions within the Security Council on the renewal of the MONUSCO mission mandate that expires on June 30th, 2011, the International Federation for Human rights (FIDH) and its member organizations in the DRC, le Groupe Lotus, la Ligue des Electeurs, et l'Association Africaine des Droits de l'Homme (ASADHO), wish to share their vision and their common recommendations.

Nouveau mandat de la Monusco - Le pays pose des conditions.

(10/06/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201106100472.html>

The Congolese representative at the UN has expounded the DRC's view on the renewal of the MONUSCO's mandate.

Les priorités de sécurisation définies par les FARDC de concert avec les partenaires bilatéraux.

(15/06/2011 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201106150022.html>

The FARDC, EUSEC, MAG, MONUSCO, PNC, UNMACC and several other bilateral partners gathered in Kinshasa to talk about stockpile management and the destruction of SALW and ammunition.

Troubles in the integration of armed groups.

(14/06/2011 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosiasa.blogspot.com/2011/06/troubles-in-integration-of-armed-groups.html>

The Congolese government is officially tired of negotiating with every new band of rebels that emerges in the Kivus. Defense Minister Mwando Simba has said that soldiers have one last chance to integrate into the Congolese army during the current "regimentation" process where existing units will be consolidated into regiments in the Kivus. After that, rebels' only choice will be demobilization. But there are still probably around twenty armed groups in the Kivus - ranging from a few dozen to thousands strong - and their integration has suffered serious setbacks in South Kivu over the past weeks.

FARDC - Le gouvernement dit non au mixage.

(8/06/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201106080647.html>

Kinshasa wants to abandon the 'mixage' of combatants in the FARDC.

Armée - Un bon recrutement.

(8/06/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201106080649.html>

Article on the importance of the formation of a disciplined national army and the importance of a well-considered recruitment.

Le projet de loi portant statut du militaire congolais voté hier.

(8/06/2011 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201106080576.html>

L'Assemblée nationale adopte la loi sur le statut du militaire FARDC.

(8/06/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201106080650.html>

The National Assembly has approved the bill on the statute of the FARDC soldier.

New Laws Have Little Impact on Sexual Violence.

(7/06/2011 – IRIN))

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201106100915.html>

Five years after the DRC revised its laws against sexual and gender-based violence, these crimes continue to go unpunished because of judicial inaction and a legal culture at odds with the changes. The laws, ignored and misinterpreted, have left escalating numbers of sexual violence survivors unprotected, and perpetrators free to violate again.

The worst places in the world for women: Congo.

(14/06/2011 – The Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/jun/14/worst-places-in-the-world-for-women-congo>

The world's most dangerous countries for women.

(15/06/2011 – Reuters)

<http://in.reuters.com/article/2011/06/15/idINIndia-57704120110615>

L'Afghanistan, la RDC, le Pakistan, l'Inde et la Somalie sont les cinq pays les plus dangereux pour les femmes.

(15/06/2011 – Le Monde)

http://www.lemonde.fr/societe/article/2011/06/15/l-afghanistan-la-rdc-le-pakistan-l-inde-et-la-somalie-sont-les-cinq-pays-les-plus-dangereux-pour-les-femmes_1536268_3224.html

Afghanistan, Congo and Pakistan are the world's most dangerous countries for women due to a barrage of threats ranging from violence and rape to dismal healthcare and "honour killings", a Thomson Reuters Foundation expert poll showed on Wednesday.

Ex-combattants burundais attendent leur rapatriement depuis décembre 2010 dans un camp de transit.

(10/06/2011 – MONUSCO)

<http://monusco.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=13995>

About ten Burundian ex-combatants, together with their dependants, are waiting in a DRRR transit camp in Uvira, since December, to be repatriated.

Govt, DRC, UNHCR Sign Repatriation Accord in Kinshasa.

(7/06/2011 – AngolaPress – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201106080971.html>

Country, DRC, UNHCR Sign Repatriation Accord Wednesday.

(8/06/2011 – AngolaPress – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201106090742.html>

La tripartite Angola- HCR-RDC s'accorde sur le rapatriement de 43 000 réfugiés angolais.

(8/06/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/06/08/la-tripartite-angola-hcr-rdc-s%E2%80%99accorde-sur-le-rapatriement-de-43-000-refugies-angolais/>

An agreement for voluntary repatriation of over 40,000 refugees in the DRC will be signed Wednesday, in Kinshasa, by local, Angolan and UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) officials.

Katanga - Le HCR prépare le rapatriement de 6.700 réfugiés angolais.

(8/06/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201106080653.html>

UNHCR stated that 6700 Angolan civilians that are living in Katanga are waiting for their repatriation.

Dungu : plus de 6 mille déplacés dépourvus d'assistance humanitaire.

(8/06/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/06/08/dungu-plus-de-6-mille-deplacés-depourvus-d%E2%80%99assistance-humanitaire/>

According to civil society, more than 6000 IDPs that are residing near Dungu are living in deplorable circumstances.

Situation humanitaire en République Démocratique du Congo - Note d'information hebdomadaire à la presse, 8 juin 2011.

(8/06/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/406669>

Bulletin d'information humanitaire - Province Orientale, 7 juin 2011.

(8/06/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/406670>

Bulletin d'information humanitaire - Province du Sud-Kivu, 14 juin 2011.

(14/06/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/419992>

RD Congo : Situation humanitaire en Sud- Kivu - Rapport mensuel, mai 2011.

(10/06/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/419326>

RD Congo/Nord Kivu : Rapport humanitaire mensuel, mai 2011.

(14/06/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/420002>

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

Faith in DRC Justice Bolstered After High Profile Case.

(11/06/2011 – Institute for war and peace reporting – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/419509>

Following the shooting of Tony Grigorakis, a prominent local businessman in Lubumbashi in the eastern DRC, in January, the alleged murderer Ali Mohammed was arrested and taken to the military tribunal in the city. The pair had apparently fallen out over splitting the profits from the sale of minerals mined by Grigorakis' company.

Central African Civilians Joined Bemba's MLC.

(10/06/2011 – Bemba Trial Website – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201106120036.html>

The trial of Jean-Pierre Bemba at the International Criminal Court (ICC) today heard that some Central African civilians joined the accused's militia when it was deployed in their country in 2002. Testifying for the second day, 'witness 110' told the court presided over by Judge Sylvia Steiner that the Central African civilians who collaborated with Mr. Bemba's soldiers included porters, guards, and shoe shiners. The witness gave her evidence with protective measures, including image and voice distortion.

Bangui Resident Saw Bemba's Soldiers Kill Local Woman.

(9/06/2011 – Bemba Trial Website – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201106100591.html>

A new prosecution witness in the trial of former Congolese vice president Jean-Pierre Bemba at the International Criminal Court (ICC) today recounted how armed men belonging to the accused's militia looted property from her house and that of her neighbour.

FDLR

Diminishing FDLR Capacity Has Helped Improve Security in DRC - UN Official.

(11/06/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201106130641.html>

Improvement of security in the DRC is partly explained by the weakening of the FDLR, a UN envoy told the Security Council Thursday. Roger Meece, the head of the MONUSCO said that in the provinces of North and South Kivu, the FDLR, has been weakened.

Defeating FDLR Will Guarantee Regional Security.

(12/06/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201106141769.html>

The head of the MONUSCO on Thursday, told the Security Council that the weakening of the FDLR, is the main reasons for the improved security situation in the DR Congo. FDLR has been weakened in the areas of North and South Kivu from where it has operated for so long, maiming, raping and killing defenceless civilians.

In Nindja, Sud-Kivu Province, Security Situation Said to Be Worrisome.

(4/06/2011 – MONUSCO)

<http://monusco.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=932&ctl=Details&mid=1096&ItemID=13989> (English)

<http://monusco.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1173&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=13988> (French)

A joint team comprising several sections of the MONUSCO recently made a security and sociopolitical assessment visit to Nindja, 80 km north of the Sud Kivu provincial capital, Bukavu following the departure of the FARDC. The departure of the FARDC from this area paved the way for an incursion by combined elements of the FDLR, and a Mai-Mai rebel group of the “Résistance Nationale Congolese” (RNC).

Uvira : les FARDC parties en formation, les FDLR sèment la terreur.

(9/06/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/06/09/uvira-les-fardc-parties-en-formation-les-fdlr-sement-la-terreur/>

FDLR rebels are terrorizing Uvira as the FARDC is absent because of its redeployments.

Nord-Katanga: les FARDC reprennent Kabobo, bastion des FDLR.

(11/06/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/06/11/nord-katanga-les-fardc-reprennent-kabobo-bastion-des-fdlr/>

Last week, the FARDC has taken control of Kabobo, more than 120 kilometres of Kalemie, which was previously controlled by the FDLR.

LRA

Neutralisation de la LRA - La grande énigme.

(11/06/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201106130994.html>

Lutte contre la LRA - Les leaders religieux prônent une prise en charge des FARDC.

(11/06/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201106131003.html>

Despite numerous efforts to fight the LRA rebel threat, real progress to affect their capacity is still missing.

Kinshasa: les évêques de la RDC, RCA et du Sud-Soudan proposent des négociations avec la LRA.

(10/06/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/06/10/kinshasa-les-eveques-rdc-et-rca-et-du-sud-soudan-proposent-des-negociations-avec-la-lra/>

The regional committee of religious leaders of LRA-affected areas in the CAR, the DRC, Uganda and South Sudan proposed to mediate in negotiations with the LRA.

La RDC présente à la 2ème réunion ministérielle régionale sur la LRA.

(13/06/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201106141049.html>

Congolese minister of defence Nsimba participated in the second regional reunion on the LRA, which took place in Addis Abeba and was presided by the commissioner of the AU's Peace and Security Commission.

Dungu: 4 morts, bilan d'une série d'attaques attribuées aux LRA.

(14/06/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/06/14/dungu-4-morts-bilan-d%E2%80%99une-serie-d%E2%80%99attaques-attribuees-aux-lra/>

Four civilians have been killed during several LRA attacks in localities about 40 kilometres of Dungu.

La LRA fait de nouvelles victimes civiles.

(13/06/2011 – Africa Info – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201106130626.html>

LRA rebels killed 2 civilians in the CAR last week.

UGANDA

Ouverture du procès du chef de l'opposition Kizza Besigye.

(13/06/2011 – Radio France Internationale – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201106130005.html>

Ouganda - Besigye accusé d'incitation à la violence «continuera sa lutte».

(13/06/2011 – Radio France Internationale – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201106140015.html>

The process of Kizza Besigye opened on Monday. He is being accused of illegal gathering and stirring up violence.

RWANDA

ICTR, DRC in Talks Over Munyagishari Transfer.

(13/06/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201106130075.html>

The International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), has disclosed that its finalising plans to transfer Bernard Munyagishari, a Genocide suspect arrested last month in the DRC. Munyagishari is still detained in Goma, pending transfer to the ICTR, where he is wanted on charges of Genocide and crimes against humanity, including rape.

Rwanda ex-army chief Nyamwasa in SA expulsion threat.

(14/06/2011 – BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-13769589>

South African human rights groups have launched legal action to force the government to revoke the refugee status of a former Rwandan army chief. They said Pretoria acted illegally by giving asylum to Lt Gen Faustin Kayumba Nyamwasa, who fought with President Paul Kagame to end the 1994 genocide. But he fled to South Africa last year after falling out with Mr Kagame. He is also wanted by Spain and France for his alleged role in killings in the lead-up to Rwanda's 100-day genocide.

Other

Democratic Republic of Congo to get assistance from UNIDO in agribusiness, industrial development.

(8/06/2011 – UNIDO)

[http://www.unido.org/index.php?id=7881&tx_ttnews\[tt_news\]=905&cHash=4b7c9020b06ccb73762a3916631d28ef](http://www.unido.org/index.php?id=7881&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=905&cHash=4b7c9020b06ccb73762a3916631d28ef)

Boosting food security in the DRC and helping develop sustainable jobs for the poorest and most vulnerable groups, including women, in the next five years is one of the main aims of a new agreement between the country and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). The agreement on a country programme of technical cooperation for 2011-2015 was signed in the capital Kinshasa. It also marks the official start of the project, "Bringing support to the national reconstruction programme of the DRC for livelihoods recovery and peace building", financed by the Government of Japan.

IPIS latest publications

IPIS LATEST REPORTS

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)

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.

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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