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## IPIS

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### IPIS UPCOMING EVENTS

9 September – IPIS lecture ‘Conflict minerals in East-Congo. An introduction.’ At a workshop offered by the ‘Belgian Network of Natural Resources. CNAPD.

Haachtsesteenweg 51, 1210 Brussels.

*Note the workshop will be given in Dutch and French with simultaneous translation.*

### IPIS MOST RECENT PUBLICATIONS

#### **Kenya’s role in the trade of gold from Eastern DRC.**

(Augustus 2011 – IPIS – Justice et paix)

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

[http://www.ipisresearch.be/att/20110808\\_goldtrade\\_JCuvelier.pdf](http://www.ipisresearch.be/att/20110808_goldtrade_JCuvelier.pdf)

*On 11 September 2010, the Congolese Ministry of Mines put out a statement in which it announced President Kabila’s decision to suspend all exploitation and export of minerals from the provinces of North Kivu, South Kivu and Maniema. The aim of the mining ban was to break the link between mining and armed conflict in eastern DRC. This paper shows, however, that, even during the period of the embargo, Congolese minerals continued to find their way to the world market. The Kenyan capital of Nairobi appears to have served as an important hub for regional and international gold traders eyeing the mineral riches of eastern DRC.*

#### **The Arms Flyers - Commercial Aviation, Human Rights, and the Business of War and Arms**

(July 2011 – IPIS – Ta-R)

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

*In the last decades, the “business of war” has attracted thousands of civilian transport and logistics companies, especially in the aviation sector. State and non-State actors engaged in armed conflicts or in military operations that require substantial logistic support have increasingly resorted to the services of civilian transport operators to fulfil their transport and logistics needs. This report firstly presents a series of cases - that illustrate and document the continuous involvement of aviation companies in the business of war. The report then offers an analysis of international and national laws on the transport of weapons by air and a discussion of air safety regulations as enacted in the US and in Europe. The report also deals with the fundamentally flawed research that has sought to use air safety initiatives as a weapon in the fight against arms trafficking by air and has thus unfortunately constituted much of the basis for European Union projects to fight arms trafficking by air. An analysis of the present situation in air cargo markets and its influence on the logistics of wars and humanitarian operations concludes the report.*

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## Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

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### DRC

#### **Ignore the naysayers, restrictions on DRC conflict minerals remain vital.**

(10/08/2011 – The Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/global-development/poverty-matters/2011/aug/10/drc-conflict-minerals-restrictions-useful>

*US legislation to encourage transparency in the trade of precious resources might mean a loss of income for Congo's artisan miners, but the alternative is prolonged conflict.*

#### **The Dodd Frank Act's Section 1502 on conflict minerals.**

(10/08/2011 – Global Witness)

<http://www.globalwitness.org/library/dodd-frank-acts-section-1502-conflict-minerals>

#### **Loi Dodd-Frank – développements récents et pourquoi il convient d'agir de toute urgence.**

(16/08/2011 – Global Witness)

<http://www.globalwitness.org/node/7800>

*For decades, the trade in conflict minerals has fuelled human rights abuses and promoted insecurity in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). The Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, passed in July 2010, includes a provision that addresses the need for action to be taken to stop the national army and rebel groups in the DRC from profiting from the minerals trade. This legislation has the potential to make a significant impact on the ground in the DRC; however, there has been considerable misinformation and fear-mongering spread about its requirements and likely impact. This document seeks to clarify some of the most common misconceptions.*

#### **What conflict minerals legislation is actually accomplishing in Congo.**

(09/08/2011 – Enough)

<http://www.raisehopeforcongo.org/blog/post/what-conflict-minerals-legislation-actually-accomplishing-congo>

#### **Facts and Opportunities on Conflict Minerals and Livelihoods.**

(12/08/2011 – Enough)

<http://enoughproject.org/blogs/facts-and-opportunities-conflict-minerals-and-livelihoods>

#### **Setting the Record Straight on Congo's Conflict Minerals.**

(16/08/2011 – Enough)

<http://enoughproject.org/blogs/setting-record-straight-congos-conflict-minerals>

*The notion that minerals stopped fuelling war in eastern Congo does not square with the facts on the ground, and a broad consensus has agreed on this conclusion.*

#### **Des recommandations pour améliorer les secteurs des mines, énergie et transports en RDC.**

(12/08/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/economie/2011/08/12/rdc-des-recommandations-pour-ameliorer-les-secteurs-des-mines-energie-et-transports/>

*The government is searching for ways to improve the mining, energy and transport sector in the DRC.*

**Kasaï-Occidental : quand des conflits sociaux s'implantent dans la filière diamantifère de Tshikapa.**

(13/08/2011 – Le Potentiel – DigitalCongo)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/77651>

**Risque de contagion dans le processus électoral - Récurrence des conflits sociaux dans la filière diamantifère de Tshikapa.**

(13/08/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108160190.html>

*Social unrest racks Tshikapa (Kasaï Occidentale) as workers continue to protest as wages have remained forthcoming for three months.*

**Convaincus du retour progressif de la paix à l'est : les opérateurs économiques japonais disposés à investir en Province du Nord-Kivu.**

(15/08/2011 – DigitalCongo)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/77646>

*Japanese economic operators are interested to invest in diverse sectors in North Kivu as peace seems to be returning in the area.*

**Snel : l'étiage et les pannes techniques à Inga empêchent la fourniture normale de l'énergie électrique.**

(15/08/2011 – Radio Okapi – DigitalCongo)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/77673>

*The two power stations Inga I and Inga II have lost lots of power as a result of the diminution of the water of the Congo due to the failure of rain.*

**The Kimberley process derails over Zimbabwe. NGOs walk out of Kinshasa KP meeting, consider options.**

(August 2011 – PAC Newsletter)

For consultation at request.

*For the first time in the Kimberley Process's almost decade-long life span, civil society not only walked out of a meeting, but expressed a unanimous vote of no-confidence in the way the scheme is operating.*

**Bunia: 7 creuseurs d'or meurent foudroyés à Nizi.**

(12/08/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/08/12/bunia-7-creuseurs-d%E2%80%99or-meurent-foudroyes-a-nizi/>

*7 gold diggers crushed.*

**How Congress Devastated Congo.**

(07/08/2011 – The New York Times)

[http://www.nytimes.com/2011/08/08/opinion/how-congress-devastated-congo.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2011/08/08/opinion/how-congress-devastated-congo.html?_r=1)

**Thoughts about conflict minerals.**

(16/08/2011 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosiassa.blogspot.com/>

*Readers of this blog will probably have read David Aronson's lucid Op-Ed in The New York Times a few days ago. David argues that the Dodd-Frank legislation - the "Obama law" as some Congolese refer to it - has produced a de facto embargo of minerals in the eastern Congo and has actually benefited abusive military commanders. Efforts to render minerals supply chains more accountable have indeed had unintended adverse effects.*

### **Searching for a New Narrative in Congo's Conflict Minerals Debate.**

(11/08/2011 – Polycymic)

<http://www.polycymic.com/articles/searching-for-a-new-narrative-in-congo-s-conflict-minerals-debate>

*The debate over advocacy surrounding the nexus of mineral extraction and violence in eastern Congo — that is, concerning the region's so-called "conflict minerals" — has escalated in recent days, following the publication of a New York Times op-ed by David Aronson, noting the destructive impact of last July's financial reform bill on the mining industry in the Kivu provinces.*

### **A Conflict Over 'Conflict Minerals.**

(15/08/2011 – The New York Times)

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/08/16/opinion/a-conflict-over-conflict-minerals-in-congo.html>

*"How Congress Devastated Congo," by David Aronson (Op-Ed, Aug. 8), suggests that Congress is to blame for the situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo. In fact, the United States government should be commended for its leadership in trying to regulate "conflict minerals" and to starve rebels of the resources and weapons they need to kill and rape.*

## **UGANDA**

### **What It Will Take for Ugandans to See Oil.**

(15/08/2011 – East African Business Week – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108160091.html>

*Since the discovery of oil and gas in Uganda, there has been growing expectations and everyone here is asking when the oil will start flowing. Some locals have a vague hope things would improve for them when the oil starts pumping, while others say they would hate the oil companies if their lives did not change.*

### **Uganda scales back oil production volumes.**

(14/08/2011 – The East African)

<http://www.theeastafrican.co.ke/news/Uganda+scales+back+oil+production+volumes/-/2558/1218612/-/6hjjpu/-/index.html>

*After months of haggling with major oil prospecting firms, particularly Tullow Oil, the Uganda government has finally agreed to downsize oil production volumes from the earlier quoted 100,000 barrels per day (bpd) to the much lower figure of 20,000 bpd.*

### **Give Oil Money to Locals in Cash, Say U.S. Researchers.**

(15/08/2011 – The Monitor – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108150676.html>

*Government should distribute expected oil revenue to citizens through direct cash transfers but tax the stipend, a US think tank has suggested. "Redistributing oil rents to Ugandan citizens and forcing the government to rely on taxes -- both corporate and personal income taxes, ties the fortune of government revenue to the broader welfare of the Ugandan economy," argues the Centre for Global Development.*

### **Banana Growth Up 2.7 Percent.**

(15/08/2011 – East African Business Week – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108160351.html>

*Bananas locally known as matooke registered a 2.7% growth in the fiscal year 2010/2011. This remains the major food crop for Uganda followed by cassava and sweet potatoes.*

**Sugar Crisis - a Recurrent Accident.**

(East African Business Week – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108160350.html>

*Over the years Uganda has had sugar but it was never enough. The little deficit left by insufficient production was always bridged by importation. Until April this year, nobody imagined that sugar shortage would reach such alarming levels.*

**Ugandan President Orders Disputed Land to Be Allocated to Sugar Companies.**

(15/08/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-08-15/ugandan-president-orders-disputed-land-to-be-allocated-to-sugar-companies.html>

*Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni ordered that Madhvani Group, owner of the country's biggest sugar producer, be allocated a piece of disputed land on which it plans to build a second factory to produce the sweetener.*

## RWANDA

**Traders Should Stick to New Sugar Prices.**

(12/08/2011 – The New Times – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108121047.html>

*The Ministry of Trade Commerce and Industry, had earlier cautioned the traders against hiking the prices after it had waived certain tariffs to encourage the importation of sugar since the local manufacturer, Kabuye Sugar Works, was not producing enough for the market.*

**Nation Considers Pricing Minerals.**

(15/08/2011 – East African Business Week – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108160353.html>

*Rwanda's stakeholders in natural resources are meeting to discuss mechanisms to set standard mineral prices in the country.*

**Govt Removes Taxes On Sugar.**

(15/08/2011 – The East African Business Week – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108160008.html>

**Sugar prices go down.**

(15/08/2011 – The New Times)

<http://www.newtimes.co.rw/index.php?issue=14718&article=44167>

*Following a directive by government to lower sugar prices, prices of locally milled sugar now retail at Rwf 800 down from Rwf1200 at the beginning of last week.*

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## International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

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### DRC

**Investors doubt BHP Billiton targeting Lundin Mining.**

(10/08/2011 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/investors-doubt-bhp-billiton-targeting-lundin-mining-2011-08-10>

*Australian investors played down talk that top global miner BHP Billiton may be lining up a joint bid for Lundin Mining, as its best asset is a minority stake in a copper mine in the Democratic Republic of Congo.*

**Anvil completes construction at new copper refinery, fast tracks strategic review.**

(12/08/2011 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page36?oid=133394&sn=Detail>

*Anvil Mining has now completed construction of its Kinsevere copper refinery in the DRC and expects to reach full output capacity of 5,000 tonnes of copper cathode a month by the year end.*

**Anvil Mining expects full production by end of year.**

(12/08/2011 – Mining Journal)

[http://www.mining-journal.com/production-and-markets/anvil-mining-expects-full-production-by-end-of-year?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=Aspermont+UK&utm\\_campaign=Mining-Journal-New-Issue-Alert-and-Thought-12-08-11&dm\\_i=5O3,I4Q4,4B3SME,1H21O,1](http://www.mining-journal.com/production-and-markets/anvil-mining-expects-full-production-by-end-of-year?utm_medium=email&utm_source=Aspermont+UK&utm_campaign=Mining-Journal-New-Issue-Alert-and-Thought-12-08-11&dm_i=5O3,I4Q4,4B3SME,1H21O,1)

*Anvil Mining Ltd expects to reach design capacity of 5,000t/month of copper cathode production in the December quarter this year. In the June-quarter results announcement the company said the Kinsevere Stage II SX-EW plant in the DRC was “essentially complete” having produced 2,023t and 3,173t in June and July, respectively.*

**Trafigura to sell, Anvil to wrap up strategic review this year.**

(12/08/2011 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/trafigura-to-sell-anvil-to-wrap-up-strategic-review-this-year-2011-08-12>

*Democratic Republic of Congo copper producer Anvil Mining on Friday said 39% shareholder Trafigura wanted to sell its stake, putting to rest earlier speculation that the trading house was planning a takeover.*

**SacOil Holdings' Block III Operations In Congo Progress.**

(15/08/2011 – Oil Voice)

[http://www.oilvoice.com/n/SacOil\\_Holdings\\_Block\\_III\\_Operations\\_In\\_Congo\\_Progress/40e2160e9.aspx](http://www.oilvoice.com/n/SacOil_Holdings_Block_III_Operations_In_Congo_Progress/40e2160e9.aspx)

**SacOil Announces Progress on Block III Concession In Albertine Graben, Congo.**

(16/08/2011 – Oil Voice)

[http://www.oilvoice.com/n/SacOil\\_Announces\\_Progress\\_on\\_Block\\_III\\_Concession\\_In\\_Albertine\\_Graben\\_Congo/10790d7c4.aspx](http://www.oilvoice.com/n/SacOil_Announces_Progress_on_Block_III_Concession_In_Albertine_Graben_Congo/10790d7c4.aspx)

*SacOil Holdings Limited (AIM/JSE), the independent African upstream oil and gas company has provided an operational update on the Block III oil concession (“Block III”), Albertine Graben in the Democratic Republic of Congo (“DRC”), in which SacOil has an effective 12.5 per cent. interest.*

**South Africa Stocks: Anglo, ArcelorMittal, Curro, Kumba, SAB.**

(15/08/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-08-15/stocks-in-south-africa-rally-for-fourth-day-bhp-billiton-anglogold-move.html>

*All Share Index rose for a fourth day, gaining 333.02, or 1.1 percent, to 30,159.42 by the 5 p.m. close in Johannesburg. The index rose 2 percent last week.*

**BHP-Nyrstar Talks on Joint Lundin Offer Said to Have Failed.**

(11/08/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-08-10/bhp-nyrstar-talks-on-joint-lundin-mining-bid-said-to-have-failed.html>

*BHP Billiton Ltd. (BHP), the world’s biggest mining company, and Nyrstar (NYS) NV failed to reach an agreement in talks on a joint bid for Lundin Mining Corp. (LUN), two people familiar with the matter said.*

### **Lundin Loses 42% Rejecting Takeovers Now Needing a 71% Premium: Real M&A.**

(12/08/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-08-12/lundin-loses-42-spurning-bids-needing-71-premium-real-m-a.html>

*Lundin Mining Corp. (LUN), which lost almost half its value after spurning two takeover bids, now needs an acquirer willing to pay the biggest premium for a diversified minerals deal to make shareholders whole again.*

### **Jinchuan lays out strategy for Metorex.**

(16/08/2011 – Miningmx)

<http://www.miningmx.com/news/markets/jinchuan-lays-out-strategy-for-metorex.htm>

*Chinese resource major Jinchuan intends using Metorex as a strategic vehicle for further mining developments in Africa by the group.*

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## **Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region**

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### **DRC**

#### **Kabinda: affrontements entre le village Kabongo et le groupement Lubangule, 30 morts.**

(15/08/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/08/15/kabinda-affrontements-entre-le-village-kabongo-et-le-groupement-lubangule-30-morts/>

*30 people killed and 6 wounded as a result of clashes between clans.*

#### **Les victimes congolaises laissées pour compte méritent d'obtenir justice maintenant.**

(10/08/2011 – Amnesty International – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108100257.html>

*Violence and killings which are committed by the Congolese army and combatants of armed groups continue to ravage eastern DRC. Amnesty International calls for a new judicial approach to eradicate this evil.*

#### **Widespread Impunity Undermines Upcoming Polls.**

(10/08/2011 – IPS – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108110022.html>

*Controversy over its electoral process has dominated headlines on the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in the months preceding highly anticipated polls, but an international human rights group shifted the world's attention to another, not unrelated problem Wednesday - the country's feeble judicial system.*

#### **Liliane Kindundu déterminée à défendre les intérêts de Bulungu.**

(10/08/2011 – La Prospérité – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108101265.html>

*Liliane Kindundu, member of the cabinet of the ministry charged with rural development is ready to defend the interests of the Bulungu.*

#### **L' ONG Mine action groupe (MAG) a identifié plus de 600 restes.**

(11/08/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108110263.html>

*Between May and July, the NGO Mine action Group (MAG) discovered the remainders of 600 explosifs in Dungu area.*

**Sud-Kivu - Quinze OPJ de la PNC formés sur la lutte contre les violences sexuelles.**

(10/08/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108100288.html>

*15 police officers trained to fight sexual violence.*

**Xénophobie au Kasai Occidental - Mgr Gérard Mulumba Kalemba en danger de mort à Mweka.**

(11/08/2011- Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108110267.html>

*Accusations of incitement of xenophobia and violence in Kasai-Occidental.*

**Province Orientale - La situation sécuritaire demeure préoccupante.**

(11/08/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108110262.html>

*Security situation is deteriorating in Province Orientale. LRA and other armed groups are responsible for violence and killings in this far Northern province.*

**Opposition unlikely to unite for Congo election in November that threatens to spark violence.**

(14/08/2011 – The Washington Post)

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/africa/opposition-unlikely-to-unite-for-congo-election-in-november-that-threatens-to-spark-violence/2011/08/14/gIQAADF61EJ\\_story.html?wprss=rss\\_africa](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/africa/opposition-unlikely-to-unite-for-congo-election-in-november-that-threatens-to-spark-violence/2011/08/14/gIQAADF61EJ_story.html?wprss=rss_africa)

*The race to lead sub-Saharan Africa's largest country kicks off this week with presidential candidates registering for the November election, a vote that threatens to spark even more violence in this nation already wracked by back-to-back civil wars, and still haunted by a myriad of armed groups.*

**Un ivoirien, nouveau directeur de la Division électorale de la Minusco.**

(10/08/2011 – Fratmat.info – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108110303.html>

*From now on will the electoral commission of the UN be guided by the Ivorian Mathieu Bouah Bilé.*

**Des tribunaux spéciaux pour les crimes commis depuis 1990.**

(12/08/2011 – RFI – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108130008.html>

*The DRC has announced the creation of special courts to judge crimes against humanity which have been committed in the country since 1990.*

**La Monusco et les Fardc lancent conjointement l'opération militaire à Doruma et Banda dans la Province Orientale.**

(13/08/2011 – Le Potentiel – DigitalCongo)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/77653>

*MONUSCO and FARDC allied in Doruma and Banda ( Province Orientale) to reinforce the security of the civilian population.*

**ICC: Hearing in Congo War Crimes Case.**

(15/08/2011 – Human Rights Watch – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/440819>

*The hearing to confirm the charges against the Rwandan rebel leader Callixte Mbarushimana for crimes alleged to have been committed in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) will open on August 17, 2011, in The Hague. The hearing will be before pre-trial chamber I of the International Criminal Court (ICC).*

**Humanitarian action, early recovery and stabilisation in the Democratic Republic of Congo.**

(12/08/2011 – ODI – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/440477>

*This paper examines the challenges as they relate to the international response to the crisis in eastern DRC, with a particular focus on the relationship between humanitarian assistance, early recovery and stabilisation.*

**5,500 army officers learn about international humanitarian law.**

(11/08/2011 – ICRC – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/440310>

*Over a five-month period beginning in February, more than 5,500 officers and instructors of the Congolese army in North and South Kivu attended 124 ICRC-organized information sessions on compliance with international humanitarian law in military operations.*

**Death threats against opposition leader in Bukavu.**

(15/08/2011 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosiasa.blogspot.com/>

*According to several sources, a leader of the opposition UNC party in Bukavu has received serious death threats.*

**Maniema: attaque de la résidence du gouverneur, un ancien milicien condamné à 20 ans de prison.**

(16/10/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/08/16/maniema-attaque-de-la-residence-du-gouverneur-un-ancien-milicien-condamne-a-20-ans-de-prison/>

*Verdict about the attack on the residence of the governor of Maniema in april 2011.*

**Insécurité dans le Tanganyika : une nouvelle embuscade signalée sur l'axe Bendera.**

(12/08/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/08/12/insecurite-dans-le-tanganyika-une-nouvelle-embuscade-signalee-sur-l%E2%80%99axe-bendera/>

*Rising insecurity in the Tanganyika region.*

**Haut-Uélé: plus de 4 800 ménages de déplacés de guerre sans assistance humanitaire à Kiliwa.**

(15/08/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/08/15/haut-uele-plus-de-4-800-menages-de-deplaces-de-guerre-sans-assistance-humanitaire-a-kiliwa/>

*More than 4800 families without humanitarian assistance in Haut-Uélé.*

**100 More Refugees Repatriated From Congo-Kinshasa.**

(15/08/2011 – The New Times)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108161168.html>

*Over 100 Rwandan refugees from the DRC, over the weekend, arrived in the country through the Nyagatare transit camp.*

**Situation humanitaire en République Démocratique du Congo - Note d'information hebdomadaire à la presse, 10 août 2011.**

(10/08/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/440100>

**Situation humanitaire en Sud- Kivu R. D. Congo - Rapport mensuel, Juillet 2011.**

(12/08/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/440662>

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

**Conférence de presse MONUSCO du mercredi 10 août 2011.**

(10/08/2011 – MONUSCO – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/440095>

*MONUSCO reports on its activities in the eastern Congolese provinces*

**Armed Groups**

**Sud-Kivu - Fizi : la population de Lubichako fuie la menace de Mai-Mai Yakutumba.**

(10/08/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108100287.html>

*The population of Lubichako ( south of Fizi) is deserting their village and fleeing to Misisi as a result of the threat posed by combatants of the Mai Mai Yakutumba.*

**Sud-Kivu - L'administrateur assistant de Fizi enlevé par les Mai-Mai Yakutumba.**

(12/08/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108120171.html>

*The assistant administrator in charge of economy and finance of Fizi (South Kivu) was kidnapped by Mai-Mai Yakutumba.*

**Province Orientale - La situation sécuritaire demeure préoccupante.**

(11/08/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108110262.html>

*Deteriorating security in province Orientale. Last week a series of killings and violence has been committed by combatants of the LRA and other armed groups.*

**Sud-Kivu - Les FDLR demeurent actives à Mwenga-Kalehe.**

(11/08/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108110261.html>

*Population alarmed by the recurrence of activities of the armed group FDLR.*

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**Burundi gunmen kill one, insurgency fears rise.**

(11/08/2011 – Reuters)

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*Gunmen killed one soldier and seriously wounded five people in western Burundi, the latest attack in a spate of violent incidents that have raised fears of a new insurgency in the central African country.*

**New Report by IANSA member in Burundi.**

(11/08/2011 – IANSA)

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*Colonie des Pionniers de Développement, an IANSA member in Burundi, have published a new report outlining their activities in the second trimester of 2011. It includes an overview of the current extent of armed violence in Burundi, a summary of the activities CPD has undertaken, such as the installation of 'suggestion boxes' and the training of women leaders, and a set of recommendations for the national government.*

**Burundi Must Not Slide Back Into Civil War.**

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(12/08/2011 – Bloomberg)

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(May 2011 – IPIS)

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*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](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)

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(January 2011 – IPIS / International Alert)

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*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)

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**Mining Concessions in the DR Congo.**

(October 2010 – IPIS)

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*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)

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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)

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

(June 2010 – IPIS)

[http://www.ipisresearch.be/mapping\\_orientale.php](http://www.ipisresearch.be/mapping_orientale.php)

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

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

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