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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

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/armstrade.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.

Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

US Conflict Mineral Law Opens the Door to Peace in the DRC.

(24/08/2011 – Enough)

<http://enoughproject.org/blogs/us-conflict-mineral-law-opens-door-peace-drc>

The passage of the Dodd-Frank Act combined with efforts from the Congolese government, international community, and industry stakeholders, has not only begun to reform the minerals sector in eastern Congo, but also opened the door to peace and stability in the region.

Der Dodd-Frank-Act und seine Auswirkungen auf denTantalmarkt.

(August – Commodity Top News)

For consultation at request.

German article on the Dodd-Frank Act and the impact on the tantalum market.

DRC

Saisie de 1.200 kg de cassitérite à Goma - Un agent de la Monusco impliqué.

(23/08/2011 – Le Phare – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108240204.html>

UN employee suspected of smuggling Congo minerals.

(24/08/2011- ITRI)

http://www.itri.co.uk/pooled/articles/BF_NEWSART/view.asp?Q=BF_NEWSART_323612

La Monusco vient d'être surprise en flagrant délit de « trafic illicite » de minerais.

(24/08/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108240393.html>

Affaire cassitérite de Goma/Nord-Kivu : la Monusco offre sa coopération aux autorités nationales.

(25/08/2011 – Digitalcongo)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/77908>

Goma: affaire de la cassitérite saisie à la frontière rwandaise, le chauffeur de la Monusco condamné à 3 ans de prison.

(25/08/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/08/25/goma-affaire-de-la-cassiterite-saisie-a-la-frontiere-rwandaise-le-chauffeur-de-la-monusco-condamne-a-3-ans-de-prison/>

3 years for UN driver caught trafficking minerals in Congo.

(25/08/2011 – Washington Post)

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/africa/3-years-for-un-driver-caught-trafficking-minerals-in-congo/2011/08/24/gIQAIAAFcJ_story.html?wprss=rss_africa

Congo Sentences UN Driver for Smuggling Minerals.

(30/08/2011 – VOA)

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/africa/west/Congo-Sentences-UN-Driver-for-Smuggling-Minerals-128389578.html>

« La Monusco prise la main dans le sac » - La face visible de l'iceberg.

(27/08/2011 – Le Phare – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108290722.html>

Goma: la main dans le sac...de cassitérite.

(August – Le Soir)

<http://blog.lesoir.be/colette-braeckman/2011/08/24/goma-la-main-dans-le-sac-de-cassiterite/>

Exploitation illégale des minerais.

(29/08/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108290676.html>

MONUSCO - Affaire gênante de trafic de minerais.

(30/08/2011 – RNW – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108301127.html>

A judge in eastern Congo says he has sentenced a United Nations driver to three years in prison for attempting to traffic cassiterite, a metal used to make cell phones.

Feronia Inc. Announces Intention to Make A Normal Course Issuer Bid.

(26/08/2011 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/feronia-inc-announces-intention-to-make-a-normal-course-issuer-bid-tsx-venture-frn-1554096.htm>

Feronia Inc a large-scale commercial farmland and plantation operator in the DRC., today announced that it has filed a notice of intention to commence a normal course issuer bid with the TSX Venture Exchange

Feronia Inc. Reports Second Quarter 2011 Results Under IFRS.

(29/08/2011 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/feronia-inc-reports-second-quarter-2011-results-under-ifs-tsx-venture-frn-1554878.htm>

Feronia Inc, a large-scale commercial farmland and plantation operator in the DRC., today released its unaudited consolidated financial results for the three months and six months ended June 30 2011. All amounts in this release are expressed in US dollars unless otherwise indicated.

Publication des recettes du secteur des ressources naturelles pour le 2eme trimestre 2011.

(26/08/2011 – Le Phare – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108261146.html>

The civil society organizations working in the resource sector welcome the new publication of the ministry of finance concerning the revenue collected during the second quarter of 2011 in respect of tax duties in the natural resource sector.

Hydrocarbures - Prospection au Bloc 3 du Graben Albertine - Total se rapproche de WWF.

(25/08/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108251489.html>

The exploration of oil in the Albertine rift is in near proximity to the Virunga national park. It is for this reason that Total is interested in involving the Non-Governmental Organisation WWF so as to make sure to take into account the many environmental susceptibilities.

70 millions de dollars de l'Inde au Congo pour le réseau électrique.

(23/08/2011 – Infos plus Gabon – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108240096.html>

The Indian government will grant a 70 million dollar loan to finance works on the electricity supply network in several areas in Congo.

Des tirs nourris ont été entendus dans le carré minier de Mukungwe.

(25/08/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108251441.html>

Heavy gunfire was heard in Mukungwe as two rival families seem to be competing for a square which is found to be rich in gold.

Angola Reopens Rail Line Shut Down During Its Civil War, Government Says.

(29/08/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-08-29/angola-reopens-port-inland-rail-line-shut-in-civil-war-government-says.html>

Angola will reopen the railway line between the coastal town of Benguela and Huambo, about 340 kilometers (211 miles) inland. It also plans to rebuild a 1,344-kilometer line linking the copper mines in Democratic Republic of Congo and Zambia to the Angolan port of Lobito, south of Luanda.

UGANDA

Fuel Crisis to Persist Even As Libya Resumes Supply.

(25/08/2011 – The Monitor – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108250771.html>

Fuel prices are likely to keep high even as the Libyan rebels promise to restore production that has cut into global supplies, according to industry players.

Uganda coffee exports to soar.

(29/08/2011 – New Vision)

<http://www.newvision.co.ug/detail.php?newsCategoryId=220&newsId=763850>

Uganda expects its coffee exports in 2011/12 (Oct-Sept) to edge up to about 3 million 60-kg bags from an estimated 2.8 million bags this year, helped by good rainfall, a source at the industry regulator said on Monday.

Mabira - No Storm in Mehta's Tea Cup.

(27/08/2011 – The Independent – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108292092.html>

Demand for sugar to hit 700,000 tonnes in 10 years. Only 350,000 tonnes are being produced today.

RWANDA

Boosting Rwanda's Energy Sector: AfDB, other Lenders Commit USD 91.25 million to Kivu Watt Project.

(24/08/2011 – African Development Bank Group)

<http://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/article/boosting-rwandas-energy-sector-afdb-other-lenders-commit-usd-91-25-million-to-kivu-watt-project-8338/>

Contour Global to Launch Methane Gas Extraction Plant.

(25/08/2011 – New Times – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108250580.html>

Methane Gas Extraction Barge Now Afloat.

(26/08/2011 – New Times – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108260056.html>

Methane gas extraction barge now afloat.

(29/08/2011 – New Times)

<http://www.newtimes.co.rw/index.php?issue=14729&article=44560>

Government officials, development partners and managers of ContourGlobal, yesterday gathered on the shores of Lake Kivu to set off the state-of-the-art methane gas extraction barg.

Union Wants Better Working Conditions for Miners.

(29/08/2011 – The New Times – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108292409.html>

The confederation of trade unions in the country - Centrale des syndicats des travailleurs du Rwanda (CESTRAR) - wants employers to improve the working conditions of miners countrywide.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

New head of exploration at Anglo.

(25/08/2011 – Mining Journal)

http://www.mining-journal.com/people-and-appointments/new-head-of-exploration-at-anglo?utm_medium=email&utm_source=Aspermont+UK&utm_campaign=Mining-Journal-New-Issue-Alert-and-Thought-26-08-11&dm_i=5O3,IPP5,4B3SME,1IQ85,1

Anglo American has appointed Tracey Kerr as group head of exploration. Ms Kerr joins from Vale, where she was director of exploration for the Americas, with an oversight of all Vale's exploration activities.

Mawson West Announces Positive Feasibility Study for Dikulushi Cutback Project.

(29/08/2011 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/mawson-west-announces-positive-feasibility-study-for-dikulushi-cutback-project-tsx-mwe-1554601.htm>

Mawson West Ltd. is pleased to announce positive feasibility study results supporting the development of a pit cut-back at its Dikulushi copper-silver project in the DRC.

Kilo Drilling Intersects 3.86 g/t Gold Over 34.30 Metres on the Adumbi Prospect, Somituri Project, DRC.

(23/08/2011 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/kilo-drilling-intersects-386-g-t-gold-over-3430-metres-on-adumbi-prospect-somituri-project-tsx-venture-kgl-1552831.htm>

Kilo Goldmines Ltd. is pleased to announce further results from its diamond drill programme on section 20075E on the Company's Adumbi Prospect, Somituri Project in north-eastern DRC.

Phosphates: Minbos begins examining samples.

(31/08/2011 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request.

The Agrim sprl firm, a unit of Perth-based Minbos resources Ltd. That holds a prospecting license on no. 12040 block at Khanzi in Lower Congo, is currently analyzing over 500 samples of phosphate in its lab in Kinshasa. The evaluation ought to help the company to determine the grading of the ore and decide whether to launch a feasibility study as a prelude to developing the property.

Russians win the niobium war.

(31/08/2011 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request.

The societe Miniere du Kivu and its partners KZF and Conrus affiliates of the Russian mining firm Rosspesslav, resumed work in early August on the niobium ore mines Lueshe 1 and Lueshe 2 some 200 km North-West of Goma

Mark Bristow.

(31/08/2011 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request.

The chief executive of Randgold Resources is ahead of his schedule in the DRC. The joint venture Anglogold Ashanti, Kibali Gold and Societe de Kilo Moto will kick off gold production in July 2013.

Trevor Richardson.

(31/08/2011 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request.

Less than 4 months after the signing of a joint venture pact with Benzu Resources Ltd., Trevor Richardson has called for a start to reverse circulation drilling in the DRC.

UGANDA

Tullow sees key Uganda deal complete.

(24/08/2011 – New Vision)

<http://www.newvision.co.ug/detail.php?newsCategoryId=12&newsId=763440>

Tullow to Complete Total, CNOOC Deal Next Month.

(25/08/2011 – The Monitor)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108250770.html>

Tullow's shares surge after firm says Uganda oil deal nearly done.

(25/08/2011 – Independent)

<http://www.independent.ie/business/irish/tullows-shares-surge-after-firm-says-uganda-oil-deal-nearly-done-2857110.html>

Tullow sees key Uganda deal complete. British oil firm Tullow Oil said it expected to conclude a long-awaited deal in Uganda in September as it posted soaring first half profits and doubled its dividend.

First oil production date not known, says Tullow.

(30/08/2011 – New Vision)

<http://www.newvision.co.ug/detail.php?newsCategoryId=220&newsId=763861>

It has been postponed thrice. But now Tullow Oil has come out openly, saying they do not know when Uganda will start its commercial oil production.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

Insécurité à l'Est - La société civile interpelle le gouvernement et les partenaires internationaux.

(26/08/2011 – Le Phare – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108261132.html>

Civil society questions the government and the international community concerning the continuing insecurity in the east of the country.

Province Orientale - Des affrontements entre UPDF et LRA signalés à Napopo.

(25/08/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108251486.html>

Violent confrontations between the Ugandan UPDF and the LRA in 'Province Orientale'.

Un député accuse les FARDC d'armer les pygmées pour le braconnage.

(26/08/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/08/26/bunia-un-depute-accuse-les-fardc-d%E2%80%99armer-les-pygmees-pour-le-braconnage/>

A deputy has accused FARDC soldiers of arming pygmies for poaching elephants and okapis in Province Oriental.

Nord-Kivu - La justice populaire prend des allures inquiétantes à Butembo.

(25/08/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108251440.html>

As a result of numerous confrontations without a proper judicial system, the population of Butembo, North Kivu seem to take matters in their own hands and popular justice has resurfaced.

Nord-Kivu - Des groupes armés attaquent Luniasinghe et Miringati.

(27/08/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108290715.html>

MONUSCO observes armed attacks in Luniasinghe and Miringati, North-Kivu.

Nord-Kivu - Le colonel Baenda déserte de nouveau des rangs les FARDC à Walikale.

(30/08/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108300502.html>

A previous Mai-Mai-militant who became senior officer in the FARDC now deserted the ranks of the regular army in Walikale, North Kivu. Delphin Baenda is considered as one of the people who aimed for top positions at the FARDC but did not achieve this.

Nord-Kivu: des évadés de la prison de Kangbaya menacent certains habitants de Beni.

(29/08/2011 – Radio Okapi – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/443687>

Certain peoples who have escaped from prison have been menacing inhabitants of Beni, North Kivu.

Uvira: FARDC et Mai-Mai s'affrontent dans les moyens plateaux de Kiliba .

(25/08/2011 – Radio Okapi – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/443189>

Sud-Kivu - Des affrontements entre FARDC et Mai-Mai signalés à Kiliba.

(27/08/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108290714.html>

Panic as a result of clashes between the FARDC and Mai-Mai combatants.

Uvira: des hommes armés violent deux jeunes femmes à Sange.

(30/08/2011 – Radio Okapi – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/443951>

Armed men have raped two women in Sange, South Kivu.

Sud-Kivu: des attaques attribuées aux FDLR et FARDC dans 5 territoires.

(29/08/2011 – Radio Okapi – Fondation Hirondelle)

<http://www.hirondelle.org/page-accueil/radio-okapi-rdc-29-08-11-sud-kivu-des-attaques-attribuees-aux-fdlr-et-fardc-dans-5-territoires/>

Attacks and ambushes have been reported in several territories of South Kivu. They have been perpetrated by members of the FDLR, unidentified armed groups or uncontrolable elements of the FARDC.

Sud-Kivu: affrontements entre Raia Mutomboki et les FDLR à Kitindi.

(30/08/2011 – Radio Okapi – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/443915>

Clashes between armed members of the FDLR and the self-defence group Raia Mutomboki.

Bukavu: un affrontement entre des FARDC et des présumés FDLR à Kibandamagabo.

(25/08/2011 – Radio Okapi – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/443190>

Confrontations between the FARDC and presumed members of the FDLR near Bukavu, South Kivu.

Kasaï-Oriental: panique à Luputa après une bagarre entre un militaire et un sourd-muet.

(30/08/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/08/30/panique-a-luputa-apres-bagarre-entre-un-militaire-des-fardc-et-un-jeune-sourd-muet/>

Panic after a fight between a soldier and a deaf-mute.

Mbuji-Mayi dans l'insécurité totale depuis une semaine.

(25/08/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108251485.html>

Within a week at least 5 cases of armed robbery followed by rape were committed by armed men.

Katanga: les FARDC reprennent la localité de Talama, bastion des Mai-Mai Yakutumba.

(25/08/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.hirondelle.org/page-accueil/radio-okapi-rdc-25-08-11-katanga-les-fardc-reprennent-la-localite-de-talama-bastion-des-mai-mai-yakutumba/>

Katanga - Les FARDC neutralisent la coalition Mai-Mai Yakutumba/FDLR-FNL.

(27/08/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108290718.html>

According to a spokesman of MONUSCO, a coalition of armed forces being Mai-Mai Yakutumba/ FDLR – FNL has been neutralized by the FARDC.

Conseil supérieur de la défense - FARDC-PNC : bientôt l'amorce du plan d'amélioration des conditions sociales.

(29/08/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108291942.html>

The Supreme Defence Council, which met on Friday, announced the launch of the plan to improve social conditions.

Cleaning up UXOs in the D.R. Congo: a Daunting and Tedious Task.

(30/08/2011 – MONUSCO – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/443956>

The United Nations Mine Action Coordination Centre for the Democratic Republic of Congo has, in the past decade, been engaged in identifying areas contaminated by Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) so as to recover and dispose of these devices.

Over 20 refugees back home.

(30/08/2011 – Government of Angola – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/443999>

Retour au pays de plus de 20 réfugiés angolais en RDCongo.

(30/08/2011 – Angola Press – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108301019.html>

29 Angolan citizens who had fled to the DRC have now returned back home.

Kinshasa Discusses the Creation of a Specialized Mixed Court.

(19/08/2011 – Hirondelle News Agency – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108240702.html>

The Congolese parliament might adopt before September 4 draft legislation for a specialized mixed court to try those responsible for the worst human rights violations in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The draft is currently being reviewed by the senate's Political, Administrative, and Judicial Commission.

Judges urged to convict Congo warlord Thomas Lubanga.

(25/08/2011 – Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/aug/25/judges-urged-convict-thomas-lubanga>

Lubanga Enlisted Children for Killing- Prosecution.

(25/08/2011 – Hirondelle News Agency – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108260726.html>

Prosecutors And Victims' Representatives Make Closing Statements in Lubanga Trial.

(25/08/2011 – Lubanga Trial Website – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108261006.html>

Prosecution says evidence in International Court's first trial enough to convict Congo warlord.

(25/08/2011 – Washington Post)

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/prosecution-says-evidence-in-international-courts-first-trial-enough-to-convict-congo-warlord/2011/08/25/gIQA2VnWdJ_story.html?wprss=rss_africa

Congo warlord guilty beyond doubt: ICC prosecutors.

(26/08/2011 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE77P01R20110826?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRIC+A+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

Procès Thomas Lubanga: la défense prononce sa plaidoirie ce vendredi à la CPI.

(26/08/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/08/26/procès-thomas-lubanga-la-défense-prononce-sa-plaidoirie-ce-vendredi-a-la-cpi/>

Long Proceedings in Trial of Thomas Lubanga Finally Reach End.

(26/08/2011 –Lubanga Trial Website – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108270013.html>

Affaire Lubanga - Les juges entament leur délibéré.

(26/08/2011 – RFI – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108261196.html>

Defense lawyer says witnesses were manipulated to give false testimony in child soldier trial.

(26/08/2011 – Washington Post)

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/defense-lawyer-says-witnesses-were-manipulated-to-give-false-testimony-in-child-soldier-trial/2011/08/26/gIQAe1H5fJ_story.html?wprss=rss_africa

Prosecution delivered on Thursday its closing argument in Thomas Lubanga's trial before the International Criminal Court (ICC), charging the accused with recruiting children for "fighting, raping and murdering".

CAR Was MLCs Support Base in 2003, Witness Says

(23/08/2011 – Hironnelle News Agency – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108251144.html>

Witness Says Bemba's Troops 'Had to Fend for Themselves'.

(23/08/2011 – Bemba Trial Website – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108250271.html>

Witness Says MLC General Took Direct Orders From Bemba.

(24/08/2011 – Bemba Trial Website – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108250459.html>

Witness Did Not See Bemba Talking to Central African Commanders.

(25/08/2011 – Bemba Trial Website – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108260910.html>

Procès Jean-Pierre Bemba : poursuite de l'audition des témoins à La Haye.

(25/08/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/08/25/procès-jean-pierre-bemba-poursuite-de-l%E2%80%99audition-des-témoins-a-la-haye/>

Trial Told Bemba Consulted With Patassé's Generals.

(26/08/2011 – Bemba Trial Website – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108270011.html>

Jean-Pierre Bemba's trial resumed on Tuesday before the International Criminal Court (ICC) with the hearing of the 26th Prosecution's witness.

Bemba Intends to Run for President From His ICC's Jail.

(22/08/2011 – Hironnelle News Agency – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108240460.html>

Bemba bloqué à La Haye - Le MLC menacé par une grande distraction !

(26/08/2011 – Le Phare – Hironnelle News Agency)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108260833.html>

Jean-Pierre Bemba's trial is slated to resume on Tuesday before the International Criminal Court (ICC) with the hearing of the 26th witness of the Prosecution.

Situation humanitaire en République Démocratique du Congo - Note d'information hebdomadaire à la presse, 24 août 2011.

(24/08/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/442830>

Bulletin d'information humanitaire - Province du Nord Kivu, 30 août 2011.

(30/08/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/443946>

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Ugandan villagers reel from mudslide tragedy.

(30/08/2011 – AFP – Reliefweb)

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27 confirmed dead in Bulambuli; 5 survivors discharged from hospital.

(30/08/2011 – Uganda Red Cross – Reliefweb)

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Dozens of people have died after torrential rains triggered landslides in eastern Uganda.

Activists Deny Coup Allegations.

(27/08/2011 – The New Vision)

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The mastermind pressure group behind the infamous 'Walk-to-Work' campaign has denied allegations that they are targeting a coup against the government.

Ugandan War Crimes Trial Hangs in Balance.

(25/08/2011 – Institute for War and Peace Reporting – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/443197>

Early glitches in the trial of Thomas Kwoyelo, a former commander in the Lord's Resistance Army, LRA, accused of war crimes, are a worrying indication that the Ugandan authorities may miss a crucial opportunity to deliver justice to people in the north.

RWANDA

Theft On the Rise in Gatsibo.

(27/08/2011 – The New Times – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108300236.html>

Residents of Ngarama Cell in Gatsibo District are calling on local authorities to curb the rising cases of robbery in the area.

Gacaca Has Greatly Contributed to Peaceful Co-Existence –Irdp.

(30/08/2011 – The New Times – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108300944.html>

A study conducted by a local think tank, the Institute of Research and Dialogue for Peace (IRDP), has indicated that Gacaca courts have positively contributed to peaceful co-existence in a once totally divided society.

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Politician Taped Threatening Journalist.

(25/08/2011 – committee to protect journalists – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108261045.html>

The Committee to Protect Journalists calls on authorities in the Democratic Republic of Congo to investigate allegations of threats made earlier this month by a member of parliament against a journalist.

2 Norwegians sentenced to death in Congo attempt to break out of jail.

(26/08/2011 – Washington Post)

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A Congolese prison official says that two Norwegians who have been condemned to death were caught attempting to escape via a tunnel they had dug on the prison grounds.

Des observateurs russes pour le suivi du processus électoral

(26/08/2011 – Le Phare – AllAfrica)

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Russia will send 3 to 5 observers to Congo so as to make sure the elections will progress in a free and transparent manner.

Rwanda to host African meet on death penalty.

(30/08/2011 – The New Times)

<http://www.newtimes.co.rw/index.php?issue=14733&article=44697>

International experts from various countries, including 25 from Africa, will meet in Kigali next month to discuss the elimination of the death penalty.

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.

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.

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.

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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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