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IPIS UPCOMING EVENTS

26 September : IPIS lecture 'le lien entre ressources naturelles et armes en RDC' dans la cadre de la Semaine de la Paix. Pax Christi. Rue Maurice Liétart, 31/1, 1150 Bruxelles.

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

Dead End for Diamond Monitoring?

(12/09/2011 – Africa Focus)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201109122074.html>

According to a new analysis from Partnership Africa Canada, the Kimberley Process, a joint government-industry-civil society group intended to monitor "conflict diamonds" is "unable and unwilling to hold to account participating countries that repeatedly break the rules." Unless governments are willing to support significant reforms, which seems unlikely, activists must seek other mechanisms to prevent diamonds from fuelling violence and human rights violations.

California Passes First-Ever State Bill on Congo Conflict Minerals.

(12/09/2011 – Enough)

<http://enoughproject.org/blogs/california-passes-first-ever-state-bill-congo-conflict-minerals>

It began with individuals, spread to campuses, was taken up by cities, and last Friday California became the very first U.S. state to take action on conflict minerals from Congo.

DRC

Pétrole des Virunga - L'UE confie l'étude de l'impact environnemental au cabinet Safege.

(7/09/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201109070534.html>

Nothing has been decided with regards to the exploitation of oil in the Virunga National Park. Following pressure from several international organizations committed to the preservation of the park, the Congolese government was forced to suspend the implementation of an exploration permit granted to a British firm.

North Kivu mines minister attacked after announcing crackdown.

(12/09/2011 – ITRI)

http://www.itri.co.uk/pooled/articles/BF_NEWSART/view.asp?Q=BF_NEWSART_323667

The mines minister of DR Congo's North Kivu province escaped an armed attack on his residence in Goma last week, shortly after announcing stricter controls on exports of "conflict minerals" including tin. The home of provincial mines minister Naason Kubuya Ndoole came under fire last Monday, although police guards drove off the assailants.

Gouvernance dans les industries extractives : la Rdc a encore du chemin à parcourir.

(7/09/2011 – Digitalcongo)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/78159>

Good Governance in the extractive sector is one of the prerequisites for the club of Paris if the DRC wants to conclude a new three year program with this instance.

Namakwa Diamonds could attract suitors – analyst.

(8/09/2011 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/namakwa-diamonds-could-attract-suitors-analyst-2011-09-08>

London-listed Namakwa Diamonds, which recently unveiled a strategic review, could be a takeover target, an analyst at RBC Capital Market said this week. The company announced last week that it would sell its business in the DRC and that it would wind up its diamond trading joint ventures. It would also move its South African operations to a contractor model

UGANDA

Fuel Prices Inch Higher, Cap Unlikely.

(8/09/2011 – The New Vision – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201109081457.html>

No Waiving Fuel Taxes, Says Government.

(7/09/2011 – The Monitor)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201109070221.html>

Fuel prices continue to go up, reaching sh3,934 in the upscale areas of Kampala due to fluctuations in the value of the shilling, industry insiders say.

Govt to Establish Petroleum Fund.

(11/09/2011 – East African Business Week – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201109121420.html>

The government is to establish a petroleum fund that will manage oil revenues.

We Agree! Ugandan Oil Debate Should Take Place in Uganda (Plus a Few Clarifications about Our Paper).

(12/09/2011 – Center for Global Development)

<http://blogs.cgdev.org/globaldevelopment/2011/09/we-agree-ugandan-oil-debate-should-take-place-in-uganda-plus-a-few-clarifications-about-our-paper.php>

How should Uganda use its prospective oil revenues? Our recent paper on this question argued that choices should be considered with an eye towards both their development impact and the implications for governance.

Case On Access to Oil Information Deferred.

(9/009/2011 – The Monitor – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201109090105.html>

The hearing of an application in which four organisations are seeking to be party to a case seeking a declaration on the right to access information on petroleum resources has been postponed for a week.

Nature Lovers Worried By Oil Find Effects.

(10/09/2011 – The East African)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201109121027.html>

Uganda is facing criticism for failure to enforce compliance with environmental standards in the oil sector.

Dishing Out Oil Cash Is Hogwash.

(12/09/2011 – The New Vision – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201109120954.html>

Opinion. I read with dismay an article entitled 'Give oil money to Ugandans in cash' in one of the dailies of August 15 attributed to reputable US researchers of the Centre for Global Development.

Uganda electricity drops over hydropower supply fall.

(9/09/2011 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE78806K20110909?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

Uganda will lose about 10 percent of its electricity due to a reduction in hydropower supply, an industry official said, putting further pressure on east Africa's third largest economy and its ambition to become a middle income country by 2015.

Karamoja Miners Refute MPs' Claims of Gold Theft.

(12/09/2011 – The Monitor – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201109121575.html>

Miners in Nakapiripirit and Moroto districts have refuted allegations by Members of Parliament from Karamoja sub-region that some fake companies were taking Karamoja gold illegally.

State Allows Eskom to Take Up More Water for Hydropower.

(10/09/2011 – The East African – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201109121021.html>

Ugandans have received a temporary reprieve from further power rationing after generating company Eskom was allowed to continue drawing enough water from Lake Victoria to produce 205MW of electricity.

Uganda, Tanzania Sign Agreement to Develop Hydropower Project Along Border.

(13/09/2011 - Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-09-13/uganda-tanzania-sign-accord-to-develop-hydropower-project.html>

Uganda and Tanzania signed an accord to develop the 16-megawatt Kikagati-Murongo hydropower project, the East African Community said

RWANDA

11 Arrested Over Illegal Mining.

(11/09/2011 – The New Times – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201109120618.html>

Eleven people are currently held at Kabarore Police Post over illegal mining. According to the Police, those arrested, including a child, were mining Coltan at Gabiro Military barracks.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

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Exploration pétrolière sur le Tanganyika - Petrobras en RDC, Total en Tanzanie.

(8/09/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201109080632.html>

The Brazilian company Petrobras and the French company Total will start to explore lake Tanganyika hoping to find unexplored oil reserves.

Glencore publishes first sustainability report.

(8/09/2011 – Mining, people and the environment)

http://www.mpe-magazine.com/enviromine/glencore-publishes-first-sustainability-report?utm_medium=email&utm_source=Aspermont+UK&utm_campaign=MPE-eNews-09-11&dm_i=5O3.J8KU.4B3SME.1KDLY.1

Glencore releases 1st sustainability report.

(7/09/2011 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page504?oid=134999&sn=Detail>

Glencore's first sustainability report fatalities "unacceptable".

(6/09/2011 – The International Resource Center)

http://www.internationalresourcejournal.com/resource_news/glencore_s_first_corp_responsibility_report_unveils_unacceptable.html

Glencore measures higher enviro fines & deaths than LSE Big 5.

(8/09/2011 – The International Resource Center)

http://www.internationalresourcejournal.com/resource_news/glencore_measures_higher_enviro_fines_and_deaths_than_lse_big_5.html

Further analysis of Swiss-headquartered commodities trading giant, Glencore, and its first ever sustainability report reveals more deaths across the group's global operations than any of the London-listed Big Five miners. Resultantly, Glencore has signed up to a zero harm pledge to rectify the figures.

Glencore supports the EITI.

(8/09/2011 – EITI)

<http://eiti.org/news-events/glencore-supports-eiti>

The EITI is pleased to welcome Glencore International plc as the latest EITI Supporting Company. Glencore announced that it has become an EITI Supporting Company in its 2010 Sustainability Report, which was issued on 7 September 2011.

La Cour Suprême saisie du litige Forrest Gecamines.

(9/09/2011 – Le Soir – Colette Braeckman)

<http://blog.lesoir.be/colette-braeckman/2011/09/09/la-cour-supreme-saisie-du-litige-forrest-gecamines/>

The judicial battle between George Forrest and Gécamine seems to be far from complete as Forrest went to the Supreme Court to battle Gécamine.

Bras de fer entre Forrest et la Gecamines.

(8/09/2011 – Le Soir – Colette Braeckman)

<http://blog.lesoir.be/colette-braeckman/2011/09/08/bras-de-fer-entre-forrest-et-la-gecamines/>

Standoff between two heavyweights of the mining industry: Forrest versus Gécamines. The reason is the willingness of Gécamines, state-owned company, to try to recover 60% of the shares of CMSK.

MIBA diamond group still struggling.

(14/09/2011 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request

Under its new managing director, the miniere de Bakwanga (MIBA) has produced 57,784 carats since it resumed mining in March. This far below the average attained before the company suspended mining.

Kilo to Issue Shares to Satisfy SIHU Property Payment Obligation.

(6/09/2011 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/kilo-to-issue-shares-to-satisfy-sihu-property-payment-obligation-tsx-venture-kgl-1557646.htm>

Kilo Goldmines Ltd. announced today that amended terms have been agreed to for the final payment for the assignment of the 12 exploration licences in the north-eastern Democratic Republic of Congo comprising the Company's SIHU property.

Concordia Resource Corp. Signs Letter of Intent to Acquire Swala Resources Inc.

(6/09/2011 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/concordia-resource-corp-signs-letter-of-intent-to-acquire-swala-resources-inc-tsx-venture-ccn-1557297.htm>

Concordia Resource Corp. and Swala Resources Inc. are pleased to announce that they have entered into a letter of intent in which Concordia will acquire Swala via a share exchange. Swala will bring to Concordia an extensive exploration portfolio in the resource endowed regions of Burkina Faso, Gabon, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Zimbabwe and Mozambique with a land package totaling over 12,400 km², as well as an experienced management team and board of directors with extensive expertise in Africa.

UGANDA

Tullow Seals Oil Deal With Total and China Company.

(11/09/2011 – The Monitor – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201109120159.html>

Uganda's nascent oil sector is abuzz with news of formalisation of a partnership between three oil companies next week, which executives say will "unlock production.

Tullow Starts Oil Testing for Uganda Refinery, Monitor Reports.

(8/09/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-09-08/tullow-starts-oil-testing-for-uganda-refinery-monitor-reports.html>

Tullow Oil Plc (TLW) started testing oil in Uganda to help determine the design of a planned refinery in the East African nation, the Daily Monitor reported, citing Jimmy Kiberu, the spokesman of the Ugandan unit.

Tullow Tests Buliisa Oil Wells.

(8/09/2011 – The Monitor – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201109080186.html>

Talking oil. Kigogole-1 oil well was tested last week in the ongoing extended testing of the various oil wells discovered in the Albertine Graben.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

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Province Orientale - Le ministère de l'Intérieur se préoccupe du rétablissement de la sécurité en Ituri.

(10/09/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201109121134.html>

The minister of the interior is preoccupied with the security in Province Orientale where he wants to bring to end the illegal circulation of small arms.

Province Orientale: trois militaires des FARDC poursuivis pour meurtre de six civils à Dungu.

(13/09/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/09/13/province-orientale-trois-militaires-des-fardc-poursuivis-pour-meurtre-de-six-civils-a-dungu/>

3 members of the FARDC arrested for the killing of 6 civilians.

Bunia : bataille rangée entre les agents du TGI et les habitants de Kindya.

(10/09/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/09/10/bunia-bataille-rangee-entre-les-agents-du-tgi-et-les-habitants-de-kindya/>

A group of inhabitants near Bunia have come to terms with agents of the state. The former were protesting the demolishing of their houses by juridical authorities.

Kasaï-Oriental : les habitants de Kanangila toujours dans la brousse depuis les incidents de mai.

(7/09/2011 – Digitalcongo)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/78174>

On 24 May houses have been burned as a result of a border conflict between two localities in Kasaï Oriental. Today, the former inhabitants of Kanangila still live in the bush.

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

(8/09/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201109080627.html>

Several communities near Mwenga and Kalehe (South Kivu) are threatened by armed men. Both FDLR forces as maï-maï elements are said to be active in the region.

Sud-Kivu: attaque des FDLR à Lutwe et Kamasani, 50 personnes prises en otage.

(9/09/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/09/09/sud-kivu-attaque-des-fdlr-a-lutwe-et-kamasani-50-personnes-prises-en-otage/>

50 persons taken hostage by FDLR forces. According to the Chef de groupement of Ikama Kasanza, the hostages were forced to transport the stolen booty of the FDLR.

Fizi: des accrochages entre les FARDC et la milice Maï-Maï Yakutumba.

(9/09/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/09/09/fizi-des-accrochages-entre-les-fardc-et-la-milice-mai-mai-yakutumba/>

Skirmishes between forces of the FARDC and members of the militia Maï-maï Yakutumba in Fizi, South Kivu.

Over 270 Community Police Officers to receive training by end of 2011.

(12/09/2011 – MONUSCO – reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/446101>

The Jules Moke instruction centre in Bukavu, Sud-Kivu province, served as the venue for the launching, on Monday, 5 September 2011, of a training program intended for 279 Community Police Officers of the Congolese National Police (PNC).

Lubumbashi: 963 prisonniers s'évadent de la prison de Kasapa.

(7/09/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/09/07/lubumbashi-963-prisonniers-s%E2%80%99evadent-de-la-prison-de-kasapa/>

Hundreds of prisoners flee during massive Congo jailbreak that kills 2, official says.

(7/09/2011 – The Washington Post)

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/africa/hundreds-of-prisoners-flee-during-massive-congo-jailbreak-that-kills-2-official-says/2011/09/07/gIQAWc6L9J_story.html?wprss=rss_africa

Two killed as 967 escape in Congo jailbreak.

(7/09/2011 – The Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/sep/07/congo-jailbreak-967-prisoners-escape>

UN Voices Concern After Mass Prison Outbreak in DR Congo.

(7/09/2011 – UN News – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201109071319.html>

L'évasion d'un millier de prisonniers à Lubumbashi crée la polémique.

(8/09/2011 – RFI – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201109080599.html>

Evasion spectaculaire à la Prison centrale de la Kasapa après une attaque par une bande armée.

(8/09/2011 – Digitalcongo)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/78188>

Congo prison mass escape after attack by gunmen.

(7/09/2011 – BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-10628245>

Nearly 1,000 escape in Congo jailbreak.

(7/09/2011 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE7860MT20110907?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

Grâce au concours de la population : cent soixante fugitifs mis aux arrêts à la prison centrale de la Kasapa.

(9/09/2011 – Digitalcongo)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/78215>

152 prisoners recaptured after eight armed men attacked prison guards in attempt to free militant from a jail in the DRC's southeast.

Un chef Mai-Mai s'évade après l'attaque d'une prison dans le Katanga.

(7/09/2011 – UN news AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201109071309.html>

Le commandant Gédéon menace les élections au Katanga.

(8/09/2011 – Le Phare – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201109090360.html>

DR Congo bounty for fugitive Gedeon Kyungu Mutanga.

(9/09/2011 – BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-14856852>

Congo: Reward Is Offered for Capture of Militia Leader.

(9/09/2011 – The New York Times)

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/09/10/world/africa/10briefs-Congo.html?_r=1&partner=rss&emc=rss

DR Congo prison raid springs militia boss from death row.

(7/09/2011 – Agence France- Presse – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/445368>

Top Mai-Mai commandant liberated from prison. The man was condemned to death as a result of crimes against humanity. The government said Friday that it would pay a reward of \$100,000 for the capture of this man.

Katanga - Destruction des engins non explosés à Kalemie.

(12/09/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201109122138.html>

Destruction of unexploded engines near Kalemie.

Echange des tirs aux alentours du camp de Kimbembe, le ministre provincial de l'Intérieur explique.

(9/09/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/09/09/lubumbashi-echange-des-tirs-autour-du-camp-de-kimbembe-le-ministre-provincial-de-linterieur-explique/>

Gunshots were heard near the military camp Kibembe (Lubumbashi).

Bukavu: rumeur d'un soulèvement des FARDC, le colonel Delphin Kahimbi appelle au calme.

(13/09/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/09/13/bukavu-rumeur-d%E2%80%99un-soulevement-des-fardc-le-colonel-delphin-kahimbi-appelle-au-calme/>

Panic caused by a rumour concerning an uprising within the FARDC.

Pre-electoral violence in Kinshasa.

(7/09/2011 – Congo Siassa)

<http://congosiasa.blogspot.com/2011/09/pre-electoral-violence-in-kinshasa.html>

Processus électoral - la VSV condamne les actes de violence et de vandalisme.

(7/09/2011 – Le Phare – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201109080009.html>

La population kinoise condamne les actes de violence.

(8/09/2011 – Le Phare – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201109090303.html>

Condemnations concerning last week's violence.

Le Congo menacé par la culture de la machette.

(7/09/2011 – Le Phare – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201109080012.html>

Insécurité à Kinshasa - Hold-up du bureau de change Modestie.

(7/09/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201109070581.html>

Attaques simultanées à Kinshasa - Des questions troublantes.

(8/09/2011 – Le Phare – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201109090344.html>

After a series of attacks, robberies and demonstrations last week, Kinshasa continues to be volatile.

Interdiction temporaire de manifestations à Kinshasa.

(8/09/2011 – RNW – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201109080779.html>

Temporary ban on demonstrations in Kinshasa.

MONUSCO calls for constructive dialogue to promote peaceful elections.

(9/09/2011 – MONUSCO – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/445902>

The MONUSCO is following closely the progress so far achieved in the electoral process, especially with regard to the submission of presidential and legislative candidate applications at the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) candidacy reception and processing offices.

Opposition Television Station Targeted in Arson Attack.

(7/09/2011 – Journaliste en danger)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201109080293.html>

Journaliste en danger (JED) is shocked by the recent attack on Radio Lisanga Television (RLTV), a television station with ties to the opposition that broadcasts from Kinshasa.

L'ex-président de l'Assemblée nationale, Vital Kamerhe dépose sa candidature à la présidentielle.

(8/09/2011 – RFI – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201109081384.html>

Nzanga et Kamerhe ont déposé leurs candidatures.

(8/09/2011 – Le Phare – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201109090301.html>

Kengo wa Dondo dépose sa candidature ce samedi !

(9/09/2011 – Le Phare – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201109090012.html>

Ce samedi - J. Kabila dépose sa candidature.

(10/09/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201109121113.html>

Une dizaine de candidats à la présidentielle 2011.

(12/09/2011 – Le Potentiel)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201109122128.html>

RDC : 12 candidats à l'élection présidentielle.

(12/09/2011 – Afrik)

<http://www.afrik.com/article23664.html>

Several public figures have announced to be officially candidate for president.

Sécurité dans les Grands Lacs - Les experts discutent sur la problématique des forces négatives.

(9/09/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201109090317.html>

Experts are discussing the problem of negative forces still present in the Great lakes Region.

Les officiers des FARDC à l'école de la réduction de l'ampleur de violences sexuelles.

(8/09/2011 – La Prospérité – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201109080951.html>

Lutte contre les violences sexuelles - Finalisation des modules de formation des FARDC.

(8/09/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201109080445.html>

Lutte contre les violences sexuelles - Adoption des modules de formation des FARDC.

(13/09/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201109131243.html>

Officers of the FARDC are finalizing a three-day course on the fight against sexual violence

Thoughts on the ICG report.

(7/09/2011 – Congo Siassa)

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

The International Crisis Group released a new [report](#) on the Congo this week called "The electoral process seen from the East." The report touches on several key points that are worth mentioning here.

Another Day of Closed Session in the Bemba Trial.

(7/09/2011 – Bemba Trial Website – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201109080778.html>

Prosecution Calls 28th Witness in Bemba Trial.

(8/089/2011 – Bemba Trial Website – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201109090856.html>

Witness Says Bemba Set Up Tribunal to Try Rowdy Soldiers.

(12/09/2011 – Bemba Trial Website – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201109130896.html>

Witness Describes MLC Command Structures.

(9/09/2011 – Bemba Trial website)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201109091453.html>

A new witness this afternoon started testifying in the war crimes trial of Jean-Pierre Bemba at the International Criminal Court (ICC).

ICC Refuses Bemba's Provisional Release.

(9/09/2011 – Hirondele News Agency – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201109100102.html> (English)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201109110052.html> (French)

C'est consommé : Jean-Pierre Bemba ne sera plus candidat à la prochaine présidentielle de novembre 2011 !

(9/09/2011 – Digitalcongo)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/78210>

Thomas Luhaka: « Il sera difficile pour Jean-Pierre Bemba de se présenter à la présidentielle »

(9/09/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/09/09/thomas-luhaka-%C2%AB-il-sera-difficile-pour-jean-pierre-bemba-de-se-presenter-a-la-presidentielle-%C2%BB/>

Jean-Pierre Bemba, the leader of the Movement for the Liberation of Congo (MLC) won't be able to be his party's candidate for the upcoming presidential election in DRC after his request for provisional release was rejected by the International Criminal Court (ICC).

Congolese Pygmies Struggle to Integrate.

(12/09/2011 – Institute for War and Pecaes reporting – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/446191>

As many of those uprooted by the conflict in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, DRC, return to their villages, pygmy people who have long lived in the region's forests are struggling to rebuild their lives.

Situation humanitaire en République Démocratique du Congo - Note d'information hebdomadaire à la presse, 7 septembre 2011.

(7/09/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/445322>

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

UGANDA

Uganda Seeks to End Amnesty for LRA Rebels.

(8/09/2011 – Enough)

<http://enoughproject.org/blogs/uganda-seeks-end-amnesty-lra-rebels>

The controversial trial of former Lord's Resistance Army commander Thomas Kwoyelo has taken a discouraging turn. The first former LRA rebel to stand trial, Kwoyelo has applied for amnesty through Uganda's Amnesty Act of 2000 but has not been granted it. Furthermore, the Ugandan government is now attempting to strike down the Amnesty Act – a vital tool for encouraging LRA commanders and rank-and-file fighters to leave the group – by contending that the law is unconstitutional.

Alarm As LRA Rebels Launch Fresh Attacks in Remote South Sudan Village.

(9/09/2011 – Daily Nation – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201109100121.html>

The Ugandan Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) rebels crossed into South Sudan from Central Africa last week and attacked a village in Raja County in Western Bhar al-Ghazal state, South Sudanese authorities said on Friday.

LRA Botched Juba Peace Talk Reveal.

(11/09/2011 – Sudane Tribune – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201109110131.html>

The recently released series of secret cables from US Consulate in Juba by whistleblower Wikileaks, made startling revelations on how the botched LRA Juba peace talk, mediated by Government of South Sudan was so flaw, uncoordinated, and perhaps was conducted under sinister motives.

'Shoot Us All Down': The Lakang & Apa Land Conflict.

(September 2011 – The Refugee Law Project)

http://www.refugeelawproject.org/video_advocacy.php

With return and resettlement almost complete, the situation still remains fragile in Amuru district, Northern Uganda. The causes of insecurity and violence have been a subject of changing dynamics within the entire period of transition from encampment to former homesteads.

Uganda: Simmering tension over forest give-away.

(7/09/2011 – Africa Files)

<http://www.africafiles.org/article.asp?ID=25665>

Ugandan President Museveni has dismissed those opposed to clearing a swathe of protected rainforest as "unarmed terrorists", with protestors and bystanders at recent demonstrations killed, beaten or arrested. His plan is to give the land to a perennially unprofitable government-owned sugar company.

Army to Recruit LDUs Ahead of Congo Polls.

(12/09/2011 – The New Vision - AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201109130919.html>

UPDF to Recruit 2,000 Militia in Districts Bordering DR Congo.

(12/09/2011 – The Monitor – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201109121582.html>

The Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF) are to recruit 2,000 Local Defence Forces in all districts bordering the Democratic Republic of Congo to help in gathering intelligence to counter the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) rebels, reportedly regrouping in the neighbouring country.

Mubende Police Kill Three Suspected Thugs.

(12/09/2011 – The New Vision – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201109130921.html>

Three suspected thugs were on Friday killed by security operatives in Mubende district when they allegedly attempted to rob passengers on the Mubende-Kakumiro road.

RWANDA**ICGLR Experts Convene in Kigali.**

(7/09/2011 – The New Times)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201109080404.html>

ICGLR Supports Elimination of Insurgency in the Region.

(8/09/2011 – The New Times – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201109090235.html>

Regional countries are committed to stamping out armed groups that are causing insecurity and instability, the Executive Secretary of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), has announced.

Suspected Robbers Arrested.

(8/09/2011 – The New Times – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201109090249.html>

Police along with Gasabo District authorities have arrested eight suspected robbers and three women who were nabbed selling illicit brew.

Rwanda says open to Congo warlord Nkunda extradition.

(12/09/2011 – Reuters)

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Rwanda is open to extraditing Congolese warlord Laurent Nkunda as long as he does not face the death penalty in his homeland, ministers said on Monday.

BURUNDI**Burundi rights body reports surge in killings.**

(7/09/2011 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE7860NK20110907?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

A Burundian rights body said on Wednesday it had documented 125 extra-judicial killings between May and August that mostly targeted former Hutu rebels in a country still reeling from two decades of civil war.

Other

Democratic Republic of Congo: The heart of Western darkness.

(9/09/2011 – Africa Files)

<http://www.africafiles.org/article.asp?ID=25709>

Author Asad Ismi offered a detailed look at the DR Congo's devastating contact with the Western world, from King Leopold to current times. Along the way, he discusses tragic historical events such as Belgian colonialism, corrupt politics with Western puppets, the Rwandan genocide, and resource extraction. He places the DRC within the wider story of Western imperialism, and urges legal action to be taken action nations such as Belgium and the United States.

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)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/fck/file/20101202KIVUGL.pdf> (pdf)

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)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/ong-rca.php>

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)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/ong-rca.php>

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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