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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

DRC

US policy on Congo conflict minerals well-intentioned, but misguided.

(04/08/2011 – The Christian Science Monitor)

<http://www.csmonitor.com/World/Africa/Africa-Monitor/2011/0804/Opinion-US-policy-on-Congo-conflict-minerals-well-intentioned-but-misguided>

Interview with Eric Kajemba on conflict minerals.

(03/08/2011 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosiassa.blogspot.com/2011/08/interview-with-eric-kajemba-on-conflict.html>

Interview with Eric Kajemba, founder and director of Observatoire Gouvernance et Paix (OGP), a civil society NGO based in Bukavu. Eric's work is focused on improving the accountability of government institutions and has worked extensively on the minerals trade.

DR Congo colonel arrested for mineral trafficking: army.

(03/08/2011 – Africa News)

http://www.terradaily.com/reports/DR_Congo_colonel_arrested_for_mineral_trafficking_army_999.html

Officials arrested a colonel in the Democratic Republic of Congo as he was smuggling a convoy of minerals in the east of the country, the army told AFP Wednesday.

Facing an uncertain future.

(04/08/2011 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=93421>

On the shores of Lake Albert in Ituri, north-eastern DRC, thousands of fishermen eke out a living catching and selling fish. In 2006, vast oil deposits were discovered in the lake, which straddles the border between Uganda and DRC. Since then, several companies, including a South African consortium, Divine Inspiration, and the UK's Tullow Oil, have sought contracts with the DRC government to extract the oil. In 2010, the Congolese government awarded contracts to Caprikat and Foxwhelp, registered in the British Virgin Islands, but drilling has yet to begin.

Conflict minerals in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: Aligning Trade and Security Interventions.

(05/08/2011 – Stockholm International Peace Research Institute – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/439187>

Mineral resources have played a crucial role in fuelling protracted armed conflict in the east of the DRC. This Policy Paper examines the prospects for and interactions between various trade- and security-related initiatives that are aimed at demilitarizing the supply chains of key minerals. It also describes the changing context in which such initiatives operate. Finally, it offers policy recommendations for how the Congolese Government and international actors can coordinate and strengthen their responses in order to break resource–conflict links in eastern DRC..

Angola and Congo. Bad neighbours. Rape and rows over oil have hurt relations between two big countries.

(06/08/2011 – The Economist)

<http://www.economist.com/node/21525451?fsrc=rss|mea>

Every year since 2004 Angola has been kicking out tens of thousands of Congolese, most of them diamond diggers and their families. But the Angolans are fed up with the influx—and the loss of revenue through illegal mining, sometimes put as high as \$700m. More recently they have resorted to the most vicious of measures to get rid of the Congolese. Last year it was reported that hundreds of women were being raped along the border.

Angola Boosts Security at Border With Congo to help Protect Diamond Fields.

(02/08/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-08-02/angola-boosts-security-at-border-with-congo-to-help-protect-diamond-fields.html>

Angola is working with LR Group Ltd. of Israel to help boost border security in the diamond-rich north-eastern Lunda Norte province, said Ernesto Muangala, the region's governor.

DR Congo entrusts forest management to Canada's ERA.

(03/08/2011 – Daily Nation)

<http://www.nation.co.ke/News/africa/DR+Congo+entrusts+forest+management+to+Canadas+ERA/-/1066/1213004/-/106rtjd/-/index.html>

ERA Announces Signing of REDD Concession Contract and Ground Breaking Ceremony in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

(05/08/2011 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/era-announces-signing-redd-concession-contract-ground-breaking-ceremony-democratic-republic-tsx-venture-esr-1546520.htm>

DRC has entrusted a Canadian company with managing a vast section of its forest, including containing deforestation, the environment ministry has announced.

How Congress Devastated Congo.

(07/08/2011 – The New York Times)

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/08/08/opinion/how-congress-devastated-congo.html>

It's a long way from the marble halls of Congress to the ailing mining towns of eastern Congo, but the residents of Nyabibwe and Nzibira know exactly what's to blame for their economic woes.

Fresh Start for DR Congo's Coffee Producers.

(08/08/2011 – IPS)

<http://ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=56774>

Long years of civil war and instability set off a crippling decline in coffee production in the Democratic Republic of Congo: the country's output in 2010 was less than a tenth the harvest twenty years earlier. Now the DRC government has a strategy to bolster recovery of the sector.

France Telecom Swiss Unit Sale Said to Lure Apax, EQT, Liberty.

(06/08/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-08-05/france-telecom-said-to-get-interest-in-swiss-unit-from-apax-eqt-liberty.html>

Apax Partners LLP, EQT Partners and cable operator Liberty Global Inc. (LBTYA) are among companies considering bids for France Telecom SA (FTE)'s Swiss unit in a sale that may fetch 2 billion euros (\$2.8 billion), said three people familiar with the matter. France Telecom, which has made acquisitions in Iraq and Morocco in the past year, last month disclosed talks to acquire an operator in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Près de 194 millions Usd recouverts dans les mines et forêts au 1er trimestre 2011.

(09/08/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108090449.html>

A document of the ministry of finance shows that the revenues from natural resources are too thin as a result of the misappropriation of public funds.

UGANDA

Museveni directs on sugar exports.

(05/08/2011 – The New vision)

<http://www.newvision.co.ug/detail.php?newsCategoryId=12&newsId=762019>

Yoweri Museveni has said the Government will allow controlled sugar imports of up to 40,000 tonnes for six months to address the current scarcity of sugar.

Coffee exports to increase.

(08/08/2011 – New Vision)

<http://www.newvision.co.ug/detail.php?newsCategoryId=220&newsId=762106>

Uganda lifted its coffee export forecast to 2.8 million 60kg bags for 2010/2011 on expectations for good harvests, just months after scaling down its estimate owing to a drought.

Sugar Crisis is a Regional One.

(07/08/2011 – The New Vision – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108090575.html>

The skyrocketing prices have put the country on tenterhooks. As usual, those opposed to the ruling government are up in arms, asking it to do something or else they resign.

UNBS Officials Siphon Fuel Into Black Market.

(07/08/2011 – The Monitor – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108090178.html>

Officials of the Uganda National Bureau of Standards tasked with marking fuel entering the country are involved in supplying fuel into the black market in the border areas of Busia and Malaba.

RWANDA

Sugar Prices Go Up.

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

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108090857.html>

Sugar prices in Rwanda have shot up to unprecedented levels and traders are reportedly hoarding stock.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

Randgold takes the measure of Kibali.

(04/08/2011 – Miningmx)

http://www.miningmx.com/news/gold_and_silver/randgold-takes-the-measure-of-kibali.htm

Exploration drilling work being undertaken at Randgold Resources' Kibali mine in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is bearing out the company's bullish estimates on the potential size of the deposit.

Pakistan's Lucky Cement Plans \$175 Million Congo Plant With Groupe Rawji.

(05/08/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-08-05/pakistan-s-lucky-cement-plans-175-million-congo-plant-with-groupe-rawji.html>

Lucky Cement Ltd. (LUCK), Pakistan's biggest producer of the building material, plans to form a joint venture with Groupe Rawji of Democratic Republic of Congo to build a one million-ton capacity plant in the African nation.

Metorex sees interim earnings doubling.

(04/08/2011 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/metorex-sees-interim-earnings-doubling-2011-08-04>

Base metals miner Metorex expects to report a strong performance for the first six months of the year, more than doubling its headline earnings a share to between 25c and 27c.

Lundin Rises Most in 5 Months on BHP, Nyrstar Joint-Bid Report.

(09/08/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-08-09/lundin-rises-most-in-5-months-on-bhp-nyrstar-joint-bid-report.html>

Lundin Mining Corp. (LUN), a Canadian copper and zinc producer, rose the most in more than five months in Stockholm trading after a newspaper reported that BHP Billiton Ltd. and Nyrstar (NYR) NV plan a joint bid.

Sundance, Hanlong Bid Target, Remains in African Partner Talks.

(03/08/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-08-03/sundance-hanlong-bid-target-remains-in-african-partner-talks.html>

Sundance Resources Ltd., subject of A\$1.2 billion (\$1.3 billion) takeover bid from its biggest shareholder Sichuan Hanlong Group, remains in talks with potential partners for its iron-ore project in Africa.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

Crainces de violence avant les élections en RDC.

(03/08/2011 – IWPR)

http://iwpr.net/node/53112?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+iwprtopstories+%28IWPR+Top+Stories%29&utm_content=Bloglines

Violence might erupt as a result of the upcoming elections.

Mubji Mayi: l'hôpital général de référence pillé.

(03/08/2011 – Le Palmarès – DigitalCongo)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/77436#>

Armed bandits pillaged the hospital in Mbuji Mayi, Kasai-Oriental.

DRC: armed conflicts keep 40% African children out of school.

(05/08/2011 – Afrique en Ligne)

<http://www.afriquejet.com/school-children-2011080520053.html>

Lingering armed conflicts have kept 40 per cent of African children out of school, according to a global report released recently in Kinshasa, capital of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Recrudescence de l'insécurité à l'Unikin: encore un assassinat, la nouvelle victime s'appelait Espérance Bilewu de 3ième doctorat/Médecine.

(05/08/2011 – DigitalCongo)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/77505>

Student killed at Unikin, Kinshasa.

Atteinte de la souveraineté d'un Etat au Bas-Congo: l'armée angolaise et le FLEC s'affrontent sur le sol congolais.

(04/08/2011 – DigitalCongo)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/77480>

The Angolan army and the FLEC clashed on Congolese territory.

Elections du 28 novembre - Inquiétudes et assurances peuvent-elles faire bon ménage ?

(06/08/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108080237.html>

Fear of insecurity rises as elections come nearer.

Affaire Moïse le libérateur: la population déserte Yakoko par crainte de la présence des FAR.

(03/08/2011 – Radio Okapi – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/438811>

People displaced after a serious combat between elements of the FARDC and followers of the religious sect/militia 'Nzambe Lumumba'.

A Opala, les FARDC et les adeptes Moïse “le libérateur” se lancent dans un affrontement sanglant.

(03/08/2011 – DigitalCongo)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/77444#>

Violent confrontations occurred between elements of the FARDC and followers of the religious sect ‘Nzambe Lumumba’.

FARDC: tension dans les casernes à Kamituga, Burhale et Kananda, au Sud-Kivu.

(02/08/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/08/02/fardc-tension-dans-les-casernes-a-kamituga-burhale-et-kananda-au-sud-kivu/>

Manifestations of FARDC militaries as wages were not paid.

Appui de la Grande-Bretagne au Programme de réforme du secteur de la sécurité.

(04/08/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108040176.html>

La Belgique s’engage à renforcer les capacités des FARDC.

(06/08/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108080239.html>

Belgium and Great Britain have set up programs to help the Congolese government to reform its security sector.

Province Orientale - l'insécurité refait surface en Ituri.

(04/08/2011 – Le Potentiel)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108040200.html>

Violence committed by armed groups resurfaced in ‘Province Orientale’.

Ituri : la situation sécuritaire à Irumu s’est améliorée, selon le Réseau Haki na Amani.

(06/08/2011 – Radio Okapi – DigitalCongo)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/77483#>

According to a public survey, the security situation in Ituri has ameliorated a little compared to the last semester of 2010.

Ituri: explosion d’une mine antipersonnel à Kangezi-Base, 2 morts.

(07/08/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/08/07/ituri-explosion-d%E2%80%99une-mine-antipersonnel-a-kangezi-base-2-morts/>

2 people death as a result of an exploding anti personnel mine.

Nord-Kivu - Lancement d'une nouvelle opération militaire à Katemba.

(05/08/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

In a conjoint mission, MONUC and FARDC are lancing an operation against armed groups in North-Kivu.

North Kivu Provincial Minister Suspends Radio Host.

(05/08/2011 – IFEECH)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108070042.html>

Reporters Without Borders and Journalist in Danger (JED), its partner organization in the Democratic Republic of Congo, wrote today to the provincial minister responsible for information and media in the eastern province of North Kivu to express their complete rejection of his decision to suspend Mishapi Voice TV radio host Jacques “Djasadjasa” Nyamugenda until further notice.

Processus d'intégration des ex-groupes armés - Le CNDP se taille la part du lion.

(03/08/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108030263.html>

The process of the integration of armed groups into the army, police and the public administration is processing. In North Kivu the CNDP has been integrating very well.

Regain d'insécurité à Uvira: l'administrateur préconise des patrouilles mixtes FARDC – PNC.

(05/08/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/08/05/regain-d%E2%80%99insecurite-a-uvira-l%E2%80%99administrateur-preconise-des-patrouilles-mixtes-fardc-pnc/>

Revival of insecurity in Uvira, South Kivu.

Nord-Kivu: six femmes violées après attaque à Kyavisogho.

(06/08/2011 – DigitalCongo)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/77513>

6 women attacked by armed men in Nord Kivu.

Politique de la Tolérance zéro - Le gouvernement reçoit les félicitations de l'Onu.

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

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108081599.html>

Tolérance zéro contre l'impunité en RDC, salubre action politique du gouvernement félicitée par l'ONU.

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

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/77526>

A United Nations special representative congratulates the Congolese government for its zero tolerance against impunity.

Lutte contre la balkanisation - La NSCC invite les Congolais à un véritable engagement.

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

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108081519.html>

The New Congolese Civil Society held a conference to inform the public on the risks of the balkanisation of the DRC.

Ituri: l'UNC note une diminution de l'intolérance politique.

(08/08/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/08/09/ituri-l%E2%80%99unc-note-une-diminution-de-l%E2%80%99intolerance-politique/>

The secretary of the federal Union for the Congolese nation (UNC/Ituri) stated in a press conference that there was a diminution of political tolerance vis-à-vis his party.

Kasaï-Oriental: accident de circulation à Lusambo, une dizaine de morts.

(05/08/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/08/05/kasai-oriental-accident-de-circulation-a-lusambo-une-dizaine-de-morts/>

A lorry from the NGO 'Amour du prochain, l'Union fait la force, was overthrown with a dozen of people killed.

Haut Uele : 11 morts et 18 blessés dans un accident de circulation à Watsa.

(03/08/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/08/03/haut-uele-11-morts-et-18-blesses-dans-un-accident-de-circulation-a-watsa/>

11 killed and 18 wounded in car crash.

Congo Tribunal Sentences Two Rebel Leaders to Death, Radio Okapi Says.

(05/08/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-08-05/congo-tribunal-sentences-two-rebel-leaders-to-death-radio-okapi-says.html>

Congo: doodsvonnissen voor rebellen uit Evenaarsprovincie.

(06/08/2011 – Congo Forum)

<http://www.congoforum.be/nd/nieuwsdetail.asp?subitem=1&newsid=179411&Actualiteit=selected> (Dutch)

A military tribunal in the Democratic Republic of Congo sentenced to death two leaders of an insurgency that forced almost 200,000 people to flee their homes in Equateur province, Radio Okapi said.

Nord-Kivu: attaque armée à Kyavisogho, six femmes violées.

(03/08/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/08/03/nord-kivu-attaque-armee-a-kyavisogho-six-femmes-violees/>

6 women violated and several goods stolen by armed men in Beni, North Kivu.

Neglected Congolese Victims Deserve Justice Now.

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

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108100058.html>

Crimes under international law, including rape and murder, continue to be committed by the Congolese army and armed groups in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo following decades of similar crimes across the country, Amnesty International said today.

Beni: une dizaine de meurtres en moins d'une semaine, selon la société civile.

(08/08/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/08/08/beni-une-dizaine-de-meurtres-en-moins-d%E2%80%99une-semaine-selon-la-societe-civile/>

The president of the civil society of Beni, North Kivu, stated in a press conference that insecurity is rising. In less than a week numerous people died.

Beni: inquiets pour leur sécurité, les magistrats menacent d'arrêter le travail.

(08/08/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/08/08/beni-inquiets-pour-leur-securite-les-magistrats-menacent-d%E2%80%99arreter-le-travail/>

Beni - Les évadés de la prison de Kangwayé font peur aux magistrats.

(09/08/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108090393.html>

Civil and military magistrates of Béni are menacing to stop working as a result of insecurity.

La voirie urbaine de Goma et d'autres villes du Nord-Kivu se modernise.

(09/08/2011 – DigitalCongo)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/77563>

Improvements to the road network are introduced in North Kivu.

Rutshuru : l'insécurité rend difficile l'accès des humanitaires aux populations vulnérables, selon Ocha.

(04/08/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/08/04/rutshuru-l%E2%80%99insecurite-rend-difficile-l%E2%80%99acces-humanitaire-aux-populations-vulnerables-selon-ocha/>

According to OCHA, insecurity abates humanitarian access.

Situation humanitaire en République Démocratique du Congo Note d'information hebdomadaire à la presse, 3 août 2011.

(03/08/2011 – OCHA)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/438740>

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

Armed groups

Les membres de la bande à Mike mis aux arrêts.

(02/08/2011 – Le Phare – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108030692.html>

Des éléments incontrôlés défient les patrouilleurs de la police.

(02/08/2011 – Le Phare – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108030746.html>

Insecurity caused by 'incontralable elements' plagues Kinshasa.

Les FDLR toujours actives au Sud-Kivu.

(04/08/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108040177.html>

FDLR members remain active in Shabunda, Kalehe and Walungu (South Kivu).

Sud-Kivu: deux combattants des FDLR comparaissent pour crimes contre l'humanité.

(08/08/2011 – Radio Okapi – Fondation Hironnelle)

<http://www.hironnelle.org/page-accueil/radio-okapi-rdc-08-08-11-sud-kivu-deux-combattants-des-fdlr-comparaissent-pour-crimes-contre-l%E2%80%99humanite/>

2 FDLR commandants have to appear before the military tribunal of Bukavu with charges for crimes against humanity.

Fizi-Baraka : les FDLR attaquent un véhicule, 2 morts et 6 blessés.

(07/08/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/08/07/fizi-baraka-les-fdlr-attaquent-un-vehicule-2-morts-et-6-blesses/>

Car heading for Massisi was attacked by FDLR combatants.

Aux confins du congo. Chasse à l'homme.(Jonathan Littell)

(06/08/2011 – Le Monde Magazine)

For consultation at request.

Squads of the Ugandan army are chasing the killers of the LRA in the tick forests of Eastern DRC. Report of the Journalist Jonathan Litell

La Société civile envisage un plan d'action contre la LRA à Dungu.

(03/08/2011 – Le Potentiel – AllAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108030267.html>

Civil society has come up with a series of actions to end the recurring LRA attacks in Dungu.

AFRICOM Commander on LRA: "A lot of work yet to do".

(08/08/2011 - Enough)

<http://enoughproject.org/blogs/africom-commander-lra-lot-work-yet-do>

The commander of U.S. Africa Command, or AFRICOM, recently spoke about the commitment of the United States to apprehending Lord's Resistance Army leader Joseph Kony and acknowledged that there is "a lot of work yet to do." Meeting with Ugandan reporters at AFRICOM headquarters, Commander General Carter F. Ham said that the priority is stopping Kony.

Tanganyika: des hommes armés sèment l'insécurité dans les îlots de Mikamba et Bilila.

(09/08/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/08/09/tanganyika-des-hommes-armes-sement-l%E2%80%99insecurite-dans-les-ilots-de-mikamba-et-bilila/>

Armed men are sowing insecurity near Kalemie.

Fizi: les habitants de Lubichako fuient la menace du groupe Maï Maï Yakutumba.

(09/08/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/08/09/fizi-les-habitants-de-lubichako-fuient-la-menace-du-groupe-mai-mai-yakutumba/>

People living in Lubichako, 100 km from Fizi have started to desert their villages as a consequence of the threat posed by Maï Maï Yakutumba.

Guest Blog: Profile of Mai-Mai Yakutumba.

(01/08/2011 – Congo Siasa)

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

This is the next in a series of guest blogs by Judith Verweijen on armed groups in the Kivus. The Mai-Mai Yakutumba, according to the Congolese army, are the most important of six remaining armed groups in South Kivu

UGANDA

Narrative therapy helps child soldiers: study.

(02/08/2011 – Agence France- Presse)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/438606>

Brief therapy to help Ugandan former child soldiers talk about their experiences showed the best results in getting rid of post-traumatic stress disorder, said a study published in the US on Tuesday.

Sexual Violence in Country.

(04/08/2011 – Pambazuka News – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108050403.html>

When it comes to sexual violence against women in Uganda, Doreen Lwanga says it is about time men start seeing women as human beings and not sexualised objects.

Govt to Crack Down On 'Illegal Foreigners'.

(07/08/2011 – The East African – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108070100.html>

Uganda plans to start a census of foreigners to flush out illegal immigrants accused of taking over businesses and jobs meant for locals.

Twenty hurt in Serere accident.

(08/08/2011 – New Vision)

<http://www.newvision.co.ug/detail.php?newsCategoryId=12&newsId=762137>

Over twenty people were last evening involved in a motor accident after a truck they were travelling in overturned at Kyere/Kateta junction in Serere district.

South Sudan - Uganda: Mine clearance to boost agriculture.

(04/08/2011 – IRIN)

<http://www.africafiles.org/article.asp?ID=25582>

Unexploded landmines remain a risk to communities after years of civil conflict. Farmers along the South Sudan/Uganda border are being given safe land to farm after the arduous task of de-mining has occurred. But landmine remnants can remain in cleared mine fields, endangering communities desperately trying to return to a normal life.

Army Chief Warns New Commanders Over Ghosts.

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

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108082168.html>

The UPDF Land Forces Chief of Staff, Brig. Gen. Silver Kayemba, has warned new commanders that they will face the wrath of the law if ghost soldiers and undisciplined officers are found within their ranks.

RWANDA

Opposition rwandaïse - nous avons reçu de sérieuses menaces.

(03/08/2011 – Radio Netherlands Worldwide)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108030279.html>

Rumours concerning threats, disappearances and killings are nothing new in Rwanda. The opposition estimates that the government is intensifying its menaces.

Rwanda: Rusizi Grapples With Rising Crime Levels.

(03/08/2011 – The New Times – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108031163.html>

Rusizi District Mayor, Oscar Nzeyimana, has urged residents of Gitabi Sector to be vigilant following a spate of violent crimes that have rocked the area.

High Prices Threaten Nation's Food Security.

(07/08/2011 – The East African – AllAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108080950.html>

Rwanda's food security in the coming six months is likely to be threatened not by drought, but by high food prices.

Gacaca remaining with only 54 cases.

(10/08/2011 – The New Times)

<http://www.newtimes.co.rw/index.php?issue=14713&article=44034>

The National Service of Gacaca Jurisdiction (SNJG) has disclosed that the courts are remaining with only 54 cases before concluding their activities in December this year.

BURUNDI

Government Harassing Independent Broadcasters.

(03/08/2011 – Committee to protect journalists)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108041108.html> ((English)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201108082453.html> (French)

The government of Burundi President Pierre Nkurunziza is attempting to silence critical press coverage of his administration with incessant judicial harassment of two of the country's leading independent broadcasters, the Committee to Protect Journalists said today.

Three killed in Burundi attack.

(03/08/2011 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJJOE77209920110803?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

Three people were killed in the south of Burundi after a clash between police and gunmen in the latest in a series of violent incidents that have increased fears of a new insurgency in the central African nation.

Burundi police kill gunmen as insurgency fears grow.

(08/08/2011 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJJOE7770GL20110808?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

Police killed three gunmen in Burundi's capital after a heavy exchange of fire in the latest of a series of clashes that have raised fears of a new insurgency in the central African nation.

Nation Should Bolster Peace.

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

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201108090842.html>

It is heartening to see that Burundi is set to establish a truth and reconciliation commission. This, in itself, is a sign that the government is serious about healing past wounds and resolving internal conflict once and for all.

Other

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) centre. The case of women's wear is used to explore whether and how recent national, regional and global social and economic changes affected Kigoma's cultural set-up.

Guide to Current Mining Reform Initiatives in Eastern DRC.

(April 2011 – IPIS)

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

US legislation has brought on a variety of initiatives aiming at mining reform in EDRC. This paper describes the basic elements of these initiatives, their genesis, the current state of affairs, the linkages between the initiatives and the main challenges they face. Further, the paper briefly evaluates the initiatives while focussing on the steps ahead.

The complexity of resource governance in a context of state fragility: The case of eastern DRC.

(November 2010 – IPIS / International Alert)

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

A host of publications over the last decade have highlighted the important role played by artisanal and small-scale mining of coltan, gold and cassiterite in the ongoing conflict in the DRC, yet there is still little awareness of the modus operandi of the various actors involved in the exploitation and trade of these minerals. It is vitally important that initiatives aimed at reforming the artisanal mining industry are based on a thorough knowledge of the political, economic and social dynamics at the grassroots level. This research report analyzes the trading networks within the mining sector and their links to military, economic and political actors in eastern DRC, focusing on the provinces of North and South Kivu, and Ituri District in Orientale Province.

MONUC/MONUSCO and Civilian Protection in the Kivus.

(February 2011 – IPIS)

http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications_internpapers.php

Although UN peace operations have evolved over time, they still do not manage to address the Protection of Civilians (POC) in an effective way as this constitutes a relatively new role for UN peacekeepers. This also applies to the United Nations Mission in the Congo (MONUC) where civilian protection remains a major concern. This paper aims to uncover the challenges MONUC is facing in the country's eastern provinces, North and South Kivu, where civilians are most heavily targeted by violence.

The Karamoja Cluster of eastern Africa: Arms transfers and their repercussions on communal security perceptions.

(December 2010 – IPIS, Transarms)

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

The pastoralist societies within the Karamoja Cluster have been unable to adequately defend themselves politically against claims that they, the pastoralists, are responsible for the proliferation of small arms and light weapons in East Africa. This report endeavours in a small way to redress this balance; it is our contention that the majority of the blame for this SALW proliferation should be laid at the doors of the three governments concerned, governments who themselves have failed to adequately address the problems of regional insecurity, weapons diversion and, in many cases, have been quite unable to resist the temptation to support individuals and groups intent on destabilising their neighbours. Although at first sight this linkage between State actors and local actors is, perhaps, not always obvious – and, indeed, may serve to mask the impact of SALW on pastoralists – it is our contention that all unavowed arms transfers are, ipso facto, destabilising and can only serve to exacerbate existing perceptions of communal instability. Indeed, the burden of our song is that any illicit or unavowed transfer of arms will earn a concomitant repercussion in such communal security perceptions.

The complexity of resource governance in a context of state fragility: An analysis of the mining sector in the Kivu hinterlands.

(November 2010 – IPIS / International Alert)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/mining-hinterlands.php> (website)

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La complexité de la gestion des ressources dans un contexte de fragilité de l'État : une analyse du secteur minier dans l'arrière-pays du Kivu.

(January 2011 – IPIS / International Alert)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/mining-hinterlands.php>

The report 'Mining activity and mineral trade in the Kivu hinterland' was commissioned by the Directorate General for Development (DG DEV) of the European Commission and aims to fill an information gap by identifying the principal mining sites and analysing the trade networks of the 'Eastern hinterland' of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), located in Maniema, North Katanga and Orientale Province, and the transport networks from these territories to the regional hubs of Bukavu, Goma, Butembo and Bunia.

Mapping the labyrinth: more on the strange weapons flight of 4L-AWA.

(October 2010 – IPIS / TransArms)

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

http://www.ipisresearch.be/att/20101203_4LAWA.pdf (pdf)

This research report is the third in a series about the case of a IL-76 aircraft used for an apparently clandestine arms flight in provenance from Pyongyang, which was impounded by Thai authorities during a technical stop in Bangkok December 12, 2009. The third updated report presents new information and documents that show other important actors in the chain of companies who managed the flight, shedding a new light on the information included in the previous reports.

Mining Concessions in the DR Congo.

(October 2010 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/mine-concessions-drc.php>

IPIS has produced an interactive web map of all mining concessions in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The data on this map are official and public data from the Cadastre Minier (CaMi) of the DR Congo, showing the situation as it was on 27 July 2010.

Deadly Movements. Transportation Controls in the Arms Trade Treaty.

(July 2010 – Amnesty International, IPIS, Transarms)

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

Effective regulation of the global trade in conventional arms must include adequate provisions to control the physical movement of arms across international borders. The proposed Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) should be designed to prevent unauthorised or irresponsible international transfers of weapons, munitions and related equipment internationally: it must therefore require states to impose effective controls and reporting requirements on the transport and transporters of arms, including through Free Trade Zones. Without such requirements, the ATT will fail to address a significant gap in international arms transfer controls, and will deprive states of a key tool to prevent arms transfers where it can be foreseen the arms are likely to be used to violate human rights and destroy lives and livelihoods contrary to international law.

Les devoirs de la République centrafricaine dans le contexte des activités des entreprises.

(July 2010 – IPIS)

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

Les devoirs internationaux de la République centrafricaine relatifs à la conservation des milieux d'importance et des espèces sauvages.

(July 2007 – IPIS)

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Une analyse de la législation environnementale et de la législation minière de la République Centrafricaine dans le contexte des activités des entreprises.

(June 2010 – IPIS)

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

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

(June 2010 – IPIS)

<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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