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Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

Lessons on Transparency in the Extractive Industry Sector.

(18/11/2010 – Pambazuka – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011221223.html>

Opinion article written by Uche Igwe, an Africa public policy scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Centre who attends a speech by US Senator Benjamin L. Cardin about new legislation that requires both US and internationally based companies to publish what they pay to governments for the commercial development of oil, gas and minerals.

Alternative civil society summit on the illegal exploitation of natural resources in the Great Lakes Region.

(12/11/2010 – SARW)

For consultation at request (French and English).

Final communiqué of the Alternative Civil Society Summit on the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources in the Great Lakes Region, held in Kinshasa in the DRC from 11 to 12 November 2010 on the initiative of the Southern Africa Resource Watch (SARW). More than eighty people representing civil society in the Great Lakes Region took part in this summit.

DRC

Congo sacks Gecamines top management: officials.

(22/11/2010 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/investingNews/idAFJJOE6AL09J20101122?pageNumber=1&virtualBrandChannel=0>

DRC sacks Gecamines top management – officials.

(22/11/2010 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/drc-sacks-gecamines-top-management-officials-2010-11-22>

Gecamines top management replaced.

(22/11/2010 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page504?oid=115537&sn=Detail&pid=92730>

DRC sacks state miner execs.

(22/11/2010 – Miningmx)

<http://www.miningmx.com/news/markets/DRC-sacks-state-miner-execs.htm>

The DRC has replaced the leadership of state mining company Gecamines due to management deficiencies and its failure to make the most of rising metals prices, officials said on Monday. Nine officials were sacked at the weekend in a shake-up ordered by President Joseph Kabila, according to officials at the mines ministry and the office of the prime minister.

Selon la Monusco - Des milliers de femmes «exploitées» dans les mines au Nord-Kivu.

(16/11/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011160497.html>

Article on MONUSCO report analysing the human rights situation of women and girls on artisanal mining sites in North Kivu.

Mines - Le Kivu transformé en Far west.

(24/11/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011240319.html>

Article stating the ban on mining in the eastern provinces of the DRC has not resulted in the hoped-for outcome. The absence of state authority turned the Kivu provinces into a Far West situation.

Congo general 'profits from blood gold'.

(10/11/2010 – BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-11722142> (English)

(12/11/2010 – BBC)

http://www.bbc.co.uk/french/highlights/story/2010/11/101112_drcmine_amisi.shtml (French)

A senior officer in the Democratic Republic of Congo has used the military to illegally profit from a gold mine, sources have told the BBC. The BBC has evidence that Gen Gabriel Amisi Kumba installed a mining firm at the Omate mine in return for a 25% cut. Following a mining ban in September, production is continuing at the mine under direct military control. The general refused to answer questions about his role and the firm involved, Geminaco, denies there was a deal.

Congo to Investigate General's Role in Gold Trade, Army Says.

(17/11/2010 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-11-17/congo-to-investigate-general-s-role-in-gold-trade-army-says.html>

Democratic Republic of Congo will investigate reports that a top general is implicated in illegal gold mining in North Kivu province, a military spokesman said today.

Arrestation des militaires auteurs d'exploitation illégale des ressources à Dungu.

(18/11/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011190560.html>

The MONUSCO welcomes the arrest of an FARDC lieutenant colonel and 5 officers accused of illegally exploiting natural resources in the Garamba National Park.

Board of Inquiry into Kibali Transaction in DRC.

(17/11/2010 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

A board of inquiry set up in the Congolese parliament will send a delegation to Bunia to look into the regularity of procedures that led in 2009 to OKIMO's disposal of shares it owned in Kibali Goldmines jv to AngloGold Ashanti and Randgold.

Gecamines falls victim to Kinshasa's creditors.

(17/11/2010 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

In two recent separate rulings, the Royal Court of Jersey has forbidden state-owned Gecamines from receiving payment of the money owed to it by Groupe du Terril de Lubumbashi.

DRC copper output to rise 25% next year.

(17/11/2010 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/drc-copper-output-to-rise-25-next-year-2010-11-17>

Exports from the DRC's southern copperlands will rise 25% to over one-million tons next year due to renewed investor confidence following a government mining contract review, the top official in the province told Reuters. Moise Katumbi, governor of Katanga province, said companies and their backers were boosting spending following the conclusion of the review last month, which resulted in Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold's conceding a small share of its huge Tenke Fungurume copper project to the state. The deal ended years of uncertainty in Congo's mining sector, and analysts widely viewed the outcome as positive for the company, which retained the bulk of its controlling interest in the project.

Déficit électrique dans les Grands lacs - Le gouvernement relance le projet de réhabilitation de la centrale de Ruzizi 2.

(16/11/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011160502.html>

The Congolese government reiterated its engagement to rehabilitate the Ruzizi II power station to increase the energy supply to populations of the SINELAC member states.

Rescued Mountain Gorillas Relocated to DRC.

(24/11/2010 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011240192.html>

Two mountain gorillas which were rescued from poachers by Rwandan authorities, were, on Tuesday, handed back to Congolese officials after three years at a care centre in Kinigi, Musanze District.

UGANDA

Bunyoro Kingdom Backs Besigye On Oil Revenue Sharing.

(17/11/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011170106.html>

Bunyoro Kitara Kingdom yesterday backed a proposal by Dr Kizza Besigye that a portion of oil revenue should be dedicated to fighting poverty in the oil-rich region where the resource has been discovered.

Protect People's Lives From Oil Waste Products.

(21/11/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011220429.html>

In the New Vision of November 5, it was reported that the residents and leaders of Nwoya district complained to the state minister for minerals, Peter Lokeris that about 68 trips of waste dug out of the oil exploration sites at Buffalo and Zebra drilling sites in Pabit Parish, had been dumped on people's farmland. Lokeris assured the people that some revenue from oil and gas would be given to the community. It is absurd that the environment and the lives of people are at stake due to these oil wastes.

Expert Tips On Oil Agreements.

(23/11/2010 – New Vision - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011231068.html>

Uganda should not rush the process of developing the politics and policies of petroleum management, a senior expert has advised. Heidi Lundeberg, the head of Southern and Eastern Trade Information Institute, explained that Ugandans should take the time necessary to develop good laws in a democratic manner.

RWANDA

Two Perish in Mine Accident.

(23/11/2010 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011230184.html>

Two people perished last Friday after being trapped in an abandoned 40m tin mine, in Bugaragara Cell, Shyorongi Sector in Rulindo District, local authorities said. Their bodies were discovered by residents two days later. The dead were identified as Aimable Nshimiyimana, 15, and Claude Munyentwari 17. The deceased are all residents of Kabaraza village, where the 37-year old uncovered tin mines are located.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

Mining firm 'almost certainly' victim of corruption.

(17/11/2010 – BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-11767687>

The president of what was one of the biggest copper mining companies operating in the DRC, First Quantum Minerals, has said his firm was "almost certainly" the victim of corruption. First Quantum's relations with the government have soured, and its operations were repossessed. One of its biggest mines at Kolwezi has since been resold to a rival international mining company, ENRC.

Renégociation des contrats miniers - TFM sauvé du naufrage, KMT coule à fond.

(20/11/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011221634.html>

Article on the different outcomes of the mining contract renegotiations with TFM and KMT.

South Koreans offer to revive Musoshi.

(17/11/2010 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

A South Korean consortium made up of Taejoo Synthesis Steel Co., Samsung, Hyundai and Daewoo said in late October it was willing to revive the Mushoshi copper mine, in partnership with SODIMICO.

Kilo Drilling Intersects 5.01 g/t Gold Over 21.0m on the Adumbi Prospect, Somituri Project, DRC.

(23/11/2010 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Kilo-Drilling-Intersects-501-g-t-Gold-Over-210m-on-Adumbi-Prospect-Somituri-Project-TSX-VENTURE-KGL-1358593.htm>

Kilo Goldmines Ltd. is pleased to announce partial results from diamond drill hole fifteen on the Company's Somituri Project in north-eastern DRC.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

Ban Ki-moon demande plus d'efforts pour résoudre les crises en Afrique centrale.

(18/11/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=23713&Cr=Afrique&Cr1=>

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon demanded to heighten efforts to resolve violent conflict in Central Africa.

Contrôle des transferts d'armes - L'exemple des États francophones d'Afrique subsaharienne.

(18/11/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.grip.org/fr/siteweb/dev.asp?N=simple&O=888>

GRIP report examining the regulations on international arms transfers in francophone sub-Saharan African countries.

CENTRAL AFRICA: New arms deal elicits optimism.

(22/11/2010 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=91158>

Officials and analysts expressed optimism that a convention signed in Brazzaville, the Congolese capital, on 19 November would succeed in stemming the flow of small arms in central Africa, as long as it is backed by robust implementation measures.

DRC

Congo: No Stability in Kivu despite Rapprochement with Rwanda.

(16/11/2010 – International Crisis Group)

<http://www.crisisgroup.org/en/regions/africa/central-africa/dr-congo/165-congo-pas-de-stabilite-au-kivu-malgre-le-rapprochement-avec-le-rwanda.aspx> (English)

<http://www.crisisgroup.org/fr/regions/afrique/afrique-centrale/rd-congo/165%20Congo%20Pas%20de%20stabilite%20au%20Kivu%20malgre%20le%20rapprochement%20avec%20e%20Rwanda.aspx> (French)

New Strategy Needed in the East.

(16/11/2010 – International Crisis Group – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011170528.html>

Opérations conjointes militaires RDC-Rwanda - Agendas contradictoires.

(18/11/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011190553.html>

Nouvelles révélations de Crisis Group - Opérations conjointes RDC - Rwanda - Un échec.

(18/11/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011190552.html>

Conflit au Kivu: ICG recommande un règlement politique.

(17/11/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/11/17/conflit-au-kivu-icg-recommande-un-reglement-politique/>

L'ICG appelle au renforcement du rôle de l'ONU dans le Nord-Kivu.

(18/11/2010 – Radio France Internationale – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011180633.html>

The plan to resolve the conflict in the Kivu by emphasising a military solution is failing. Two years after the rapprochement between Congolese President Joseph Kabila and his Rwandan counterpart, Paul Kagame, government soldiers are still battling militias for control of land and mines. Neither side has the strength to win, but both have the resources to prolong the fighting indefinitely. Meanwhile, civilians suffer extreme violence, and the humanitarian situation is deteriorating.

What Motivates Congo's Politicians: Good Question.

(18/11/2010 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosiassa.blogspot.com/2010/11/what-motivates-congos-politicians-good.html>

A new report on the Congo has come out by the International Crisis Group that concludes that the peace deal between Rwanda and the Congo has failed to bring about peace in the eastern DRC. It's a good report. But we've seen it before. Relatively few reports ask why the governments are carrying out so many abuses, why the CNDP does not want to integrate. Instead, the reports catalog the events, denounce the abuses and propose solutions. There is usually little analysis of the deeper Congolese and regional political motives.

Réforme de l'armée - Le choix de l'Africom s'impose.

(19/11/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011190927.html>

Article stating cooperation with AFRICOM is a plausible way to enforce the FARDC's capacity to guarantee the DRC's territorial integrity, an urgent matter according to the latest ICG report.

Oxfam Report on SSR in the Congo.

(18/11/2010 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosiasa.blogspot.com/2010/11/oxfam-report-on-ssr-in-congo.html>

Oxfam has just released a report on US efforts towards security sector reform in the Congo. It's a nice summary of the initiatives the US government is pursuing in the Congo.

Military Strategies Against the LRA Will Have no Lasting Impact Without Dialogue and Negotiations.

(16/11/2010 – EurAc - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011160574.html>

The network of European NGOs for advocacy on Central Africa (EurAc) and its member NGOs have read with great interest the various reports and declarations (Human Rights Watch, Resolve, Enough, International Crisis Group) on the problem of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA). They appreciate the attention that the different international bodies have given to this cause of instability and suffering in four countries.

300.000 armes aux mains des civils dans l'Est du Congo.

(18/11/2010 – GRIP)

<http://www.grip.org/fr/siteweb/dev.asp?N=simple&O=889>

300,000 Weapons Held by Civilians in the East of Congo.

(23/11/2010 – BICC - Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/MCOI-8BGJWP?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P> (English)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/MCOI-8BGJMD?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P> (French)

In the most comprehensive study ever undertaken into weapons and violence in the East of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Belgian, German and Congolese researchers estimate that at least 300,000 firearms are currently in the hands of civilians in Kivu, Ituri, Maniema and Tanganyika.

DR Congo: UN force launches operation to protect civilians in South Kivu.

(23/11/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=36850&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo>

DR Congo: Operation « Protection Shield » underway.

(23/11/2010 – MONUSCO – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/EGUA-8BGQHY?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P>

The MONUSCO said it launched the operation, code named "Protection Shield," in Minembwe, Fizi and Uvira areas in South Kivu following increasing reports of harassment of the local population and humanitarian agencies' staff by armed groups. The armed groups have also clashed with the DRC national army, the FARDC, the UN mission said in a press release.

Nord-Kivu : la démilitarisation de Beni est lancée.

(17/11/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/11/17/nord-kivu-la-demilitarisation-de-beni-est-lancee/>

The demilitarisation process in Beni has been launched on the 16th of November.

Affrontements FARDC-ADF/Nalu à Béni: 10 morts et plusieurs blessés.

(18/11/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/11/18/affrontements-fardc-adf-nalu-a-beni-10-morts-et-plusieurs-blesses/>

The situation has calmed down last week in the area where the FARDC is conducting the Rwenzori military operations against the ADF/Nalu rebels.

Masisi: l'attaque de Mpati est l'œuvre des hommes armés identifiés aux FARDC, selon des témoins.

(21/11/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/11/21/masisi-l%E2%80%99attaque-de-mpati-est-l%E2%80%99oeuvre-des-hommes-armes-selon-la-monusco/>

Calm has returned in the IDP camp in Mpati, Masisi territory, following an alleged FARDC attack last week.

Kitshanga: les habitants de Mpati accusent les FARDC de leur imposer des corvées.

(22/11/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/11/22/kitshanga-les-habitants-de-mpati-accusent-les-fardc-de-leur-imposer-des-corvees/>

Mpati inhabitants are accusing the FARDC of imposing forced labour on them.

Masisi: les ex-officiers du CNDP et les Mai-Mai accusés de recruter des jeunes à Kitshanga.

(23/11/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/11/23/masisi-les-ex-officiers-du-cndp-et-les-mai-mai-recrutent-des-jeunes-a-kitshanga/>

The Kitshanga population has expressed its concern about CNDP and Mai Mai ex-officers recruiting young people. FARDC representatives deny the accusations.

Rapport mapping - Divergences entre le pays et l'ONU.

(16/11/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011160493.html>

The DRC and the UN don't manage to reach agreement on the mechanisms to be set up to act upon the UN "Mapping Report".

Amani Forum to Petition UN Over DRC Mapping Report.

(22/11/2010 – The New times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011220754.html>

The great lakes Parliamentary Forum On Peace Amani Forum - that concluded its two-day meeting in Kigali, over the weekend, added its voice to the growing doubts over the UN "Mapping Report" on DRC, further questioning the report's objectivity and methodology and calling on the International body to reassess it.

Nord-Kivu - La résurgence des cas de justice populaire préoccupe le gouvernement provincial.

(24/11/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011240327.html>

The North Kivu provincial government has expressed its concern on the resurgence of popular justice in the province.

Equateur: Demonstrators demand continued MONUSCO presence in Gbadolite.

(17/11/2010 – MONUSCO)

<http://monusco.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=932&ctl=Details&mid=1096&ItemID=10982> (English)

<http://monusco.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=10980> (French)

RDC : la MONUSCO dément la fermeture de son bureau à Gbadolite.

(18/11/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=23708&Cr=Congo&Cr1=>

Some 3,000 people demonstrated in the Northern town of Gbadolite on Wednesday November 17 calling on the UN Mission “not to abandon the population to its sad fate”. The demonstration followed rumours that the MONUSCO was contemplating an imminent closure of its Gbadolite sub-office.

Katanga: Roger Meece met l’accent sur la stabilisation et les élections.

(21/11/2010 – MONUSCO)

<http://monusco.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=10998>

En séjour au Katanga - Roger Meece évoque la question de stabilisation.

(24/11/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011240323.html>

Lubumbashi: Roger Meece inspecte la Monusco.

(17/11/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/11/17/lubumbashi-roger-meece-inspecte-la-monusco/>

Lubumbashi: Roger Meece évalue la situation sécuritaire avec les autorités provinciales.

(18/11/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/11/18/lubumbashi-roger-meece-evalue-la-situation-securitaire-avec-les-autorites-provinciales/>

Kalemie: Roger Meece fait le point sur la situation sécuritaire.

(19/11/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/11/19/kalemie-roger-meece-fait-le-point-sur-la-situation-securitaire/>

Articles on the UN Secretary General’s special representative Roger Meece’s visit to the Katanga province.

Visite d'une haute responsable du HCR dans l'est de la RDC.

(23/11/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=23764&Cr=Congo&Cr1=>

Le Haut Commissaire assistant pour les opérations du HCR visite la RDC.

(24/11/2010 – Le Potentiel - allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011240330.html>

A UNHCR official, Janet Lim, conducts a visit to eastern DRC to confirm the UN agency will carry on its support to IDPs and refugees in the country.

UN Rushes to Aid Refugees in Congo.

(16/11/2010 – VOA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/KHII-8BA7L9?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P>

With at least 2 million displaced people, Congo has one of the world's largest populations of those who have lost their homes and fled their villages. Until recently, the patterns of displacement were fairly predictable. But this summer, refugees came from an unexpected direction, forcing humanitarians to adapt. The news in May that as many as 1,500 war refugees had been reported in Bondo territory, a once peaceful region of northern Congo south of the Central African Republic, was a surprise to the UN's refugee agency. UNHCR learned that the Lord's Resistance Army, a rebel group that was mostly confined to regions east of Bondo, had shifted north.

RD Congo : Bulletin d'Information Humanitaire - 16-22 novembre 2010 - Province du Sud-Kivu.

(22/11/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/VDUX-8BFQGW?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

RD Congo : Bulletin d'Information Humanitaire - 16 novembre 2010 - Province du Nord Kivu.

(17/11/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/VDUX-8BALMJ?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

Situation humanitaire en République Démocratique du Congo : Note d'information à la presse, 17 novembre 2010.

(17/11/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/VDUX-8BALHD?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

RD Congo : Bulletin d'Information Humanitaire - 9-15 novembre 2010 - Province du Sud-Kivu.

(15/11/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/MCOI-8BBDH6?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

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

ICC war crimes trial of former DR Congo leader begins.

(22/11/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=36831&Cr=international+criminal+court&Cr1=> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=23740&Cr=CPI&Cr1=> (French)

Congolese ex-rebel Jean-Pierre Bemba to face ICC trial.

(22/11/2010 – BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-11808293> (English)

(21/11/2010 – BBC)

http://www.bbc.co.uk/french/news/story/2010/11/101121_procesbemba_reaction_kinois.shtml (French)

Militia leader to go on trial on crimes against humanity.

(22/11/2010 – CNN)

http://edition.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/africa/11/22/netherlands.militia.leader.trial/index.html?eref=edition_africa&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+rss%2Fedition_africa+%28RSS%3A+Africa%29&utm_content=Bloglines

Jean-Pierre Bemba face à la justice internationale.

(22/11/2010 – afrik.com)

<http://www.afrik.com/article21328.html>

DRC-CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC: Bemba finally in the ICC dock.

(19/11/2010 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=91134>

Former Congo vice-president Bemba used 'rape as his method' of war.

(22/11/2010 – Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/nov/22/congo-vice-president-trial-war-crimes>

Trial Opens for Ex-Vice President.

(19/11/2010 – Human Rights Watch - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011190880.html> (English)

CPI - Ouverture du procès de l'ancien vice-président de la RD Congo Jean-Pierre Bemba - Bemba est accusé de crimes de guerre et crimes contre l'humanité liés à son rôle lors du coup d'État de 2002 en République centrafricaine.

(22/11/2010 – Human Rights Watch – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011221947.html> (French)

Jean-Pierre Bemba devant ses juges de la CPI.

(22/11/2010 – Radio France Internationale - allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011220547.html>

CPI - Le procès de Jean-Pierre Bemba s'ouvre ce lundi 22 novembre.

(22/11/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011221756.html>

La Haye: le procès JP Bemba s'ouvre lundi.

(20/11/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/11/20/la-haye-le-proces-jp-bemba-s%E2%80%99ouvre-lundi/>

Bemba face aux juges!

(22/11/2010 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011221865.html>

The war crimes trial of former Congolese rebel leader Jean-Pierre Bemba is to start at the International Criminal Court in The Hague. The former vice-president of the DRC is accused of murder, rape and pillage in the Central African Republic (CAR) in 2002 and 2003. He is the most high-profile figure to face trial at the ICC since it began its work eight years ago. The trial is expected to last several months.

Appeals Chamber directs Trial Chamber III to conduct a new review of Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo's detention.

(19/11/2010 – ICC)

<http://www.icc-cpi.int/NR/exeres/1727F18A-1BFA-4348-A49B-8FEADEA6FE27.htm>

CPI : la Chambre d'appel réclame le réexamen du maintien en détention de Bemba.

(19/11/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=23720&Cr=CPI&Cr1=>

Le MLC satisfait du réexamen de la décision de détention de son leader.

(22/11/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011221225.html>

La Chambre d'appel demande à la Chambre de première instance III de réexaminer la question du maintien en détention de Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo.

(19/11/2010 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011191206.html>

On Friday, 19 November, the Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Court (ICC) directed Trial Chamber III to conduct a new review of the ruling on the detention of Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo, reversing the Trial Chamber's decision of 28 July, 2010. Until and subject to that new review, Mr Bemba will remain in detention.

Jean-Pierre Bemba denies ICC war crimes charges.

(22/11/2010 – BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-11808293>

The war crimes trial of Congolese former rebel leader Jean-Pierre Bemba has begun at the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague. The former vice-president of DR Congo denies murder, rape and pillage in the Central African Republic (CAR).

Bemba Casts Shadow on Upcoming Elections.

(19/11/2010 – Institute for war and peace reporting - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011191191.html>

With the war crimes trial of Jean-Pierre Bemba due to start in the Hague next week, it seems unlikely that he will run in the 2011 elections in the Democratic Republic of Congo, DRC - but the former vice-president continues to exert a large amount of political influence in the country.

Lubanga Trial - Public Testimony Resumes With Prosecution Investigator.

(22/11/2010 – Lubanga Trial Website – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011230225.html>

Public testimony resumed today in the trial of Thomas Lubanga at the International Criminal Court (ICC) after a week of closed sessions to take the testimony of 'witness 582,' an investigator for the Office of the Prosecutor (OTP), by deposition. Another OTP investigator, Nicolas Sebire, also known as 'witness 583,' testified based on his written statement submitted in evidence.

Defense Examines Reliability of Intermediary 316.

(23/11/2010 – Lubanga Trial Website – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011240119.html>

Today in the trial of Thomas Lubanga, Defense counsel Jean-Marie Biju-Duval continued cross-examination of Nicolas Sebire, former investigator in the Office of the Prosecutor (OTP), about the prosecution's relationship with 'intermediary 316.' An earlier witness ('witness 15') accused 'intermediary 316' of bribing and coaching him to give false evidence that he was a child soldier in the militia of the accused.

FDLR

Nord-Kivu: 21 personnes meurent dans une embuscade des FDLR à Mungazi.

(17/11/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/11/17/nord-kivu-21-personnes-meurent-dans-une-embuscade-tendue-par-les-fdlr-a-mungazi/>

21 civilians have been killed in an FDLR ambush in Mungazi on the Masisi-Walikale axis.

Sud-Kivu: 2500 personnes fuient Basimimbi après les attaques des FDLR.

(18/11/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/11/18/sud-kivu-2500-personnes-fuient-basimimbi-apres-les-attaques-des-fdlr/>

2500 civilians fled groupement Basimimbi following armed violence confronting FDLR rebels and FARDC since ten days.

LRA

Kony gone for good – Museveni.

(19/11/2010 – New Vision)

<http://www.newvision.co.ug/D/9/803/738732>

President Yoweri Museveni has dismissed the Opposition's claims that LRA rebel leader Joseph Kony will return if the people of northern Uganda vote for him.

Selon Human Rights Watch - Congolais et Centrafricains victimes de la LRA sollicitent l'intervention des USA.

(16/11/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011160496.html>

According to Human Rights Watch, victims of the LRA violence in the DRC and CAR are calling on the USA to intervene.

NGO's call on President Obama to Adopt Bold Stance on LRA.

(22/11/2010 - Resolve Organisation and The Enough Project - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011240126.html>

President Barack Obama's strategy to address LRA atrocities in central Africa, set to be released on November 24, should prioritize a comprehensive approach to the crisis and include bold steps to protect civilians and bring LRA leaders to justice, said two advocacy organizations working to stop the conflict today.

Province orientale: plus de 4000 éleveurs Mbororo et LRA créent l'insécurité à Ango.

(19/11/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/11/19/province-orientale-plus-de-4000-eleveurs-mbororo-et-lra-creent-linsecurite-a-ango/>

Article on the LRA rebels' misbehaviour in Ango territory, Bas Uélé, near the CAR border.

Province Orientale: 25 000 déplacés de guerre en situation précaire à Ango.

(22/11/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/11/22/province-orientale-25-000-deplaces-de-guerre-en-situation-precaire-a-ango/>

Article on the precarious humanitarian situation in Ango territory because of the LRA ravaging.

UGANDA

UGANDA: Sexual Crimes Go Unpunished.

(17/11/2010 – IPS)

<http://www.ips.org/africa/2010/11/uganda-sexual-crimes-go-unpunished/> (English)

(23/11/2010 – IPS – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011240135.html> (French)

Thousands of women were raped during Uganda's civil war but there have been few government efforts to assist them, especially with psychosocial and counselling services.

Army Harassing Us, Say Opposition.

(22/11/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011220096.html>

As nomination of parliamentary candidates gets underway this week, the military is facing allegations of intimidating and sabotaging opposition candidates, particularly in Karamoja region. Two senior army officers have been accused of sieving potential parliamentary and local government flag bearers, raising questions about the neutrality of the UPDF as required by law.

Army Officers Destroying LRA Mines Demand More Pay.

(22/11/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011230028.html>

Army officers clearing and destroying mines planted by the LRA rebels in Agoro and Ngomoromo on the Uganda-Sudan border want the Government to increase their allowances and manpower.

Des crimes sexuels continuent dans l'impunité.

(20/11/2010 – IPS – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011220683.html>

Article stating the Ugandan government has done too little to take care of thousands of women who were victim of sexual violence during the civil war.

RWANDA

Des réfugiés rwandais à Bukavu en attente d'être rapatriés au Rwanda.

(17/11/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011180738.html>

About 208 Rwandan refugees are awaiting their repatriation in a transit centre in Bukavu.

BURUNDI

Crackdown on Rights Following Elections.

(23/11/2010 – Human Rights Watch – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011230235.html>

Burundi is cracking down on civil society, media, and opposition parties in the wake of troubled local and national elections from May through September 2010, Human Rights Watch said in a report released today.

Analysis: Burundi's shrinking political space.

(24/11/2010 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=91179>

Burundi's government is coming under increasing criticism for its alleged suppression of the opposition and for dismissing a recent spate of armed attacks as mere banditry. It was however hoped that elections earlier this year would consolidate the country's democratic progress after years of civil war.

Other

Congo copperlands boss prefers business to politics.

(24/11/2010 – Reuters)

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Article on Katanga's governor Moise Katumbi.

Paris Club cancels more than half of DR Congo's debt.

(18/11/2010 – BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-11784773>

Le pays obtient gain de cause devant le Club de Paris - Sept millions Usd de dette annulés.

(19/11/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011190930.html>

Club de Paris - 7, 35 milliards USD effacés!

(19/11/2010 – La Prospérité -allAfrica)

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Club de Paris - 7,3 milliards USD de dette annulés.

(19/11/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011190922.html>

Row over debt cancellation.

(21/11/2010 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosiasa.blogspot.com/2010/11/row-over-debt-cancellation.html>

The Paris Club of creditor nations has cancelled \$7.35bn (£4.6bn) of debt owed by the Democratic Republic of Congo. The deal was agreed following a meeting between representatives of Paris Club members and senior figures from the DRC government.

Creditors agree Congo debt write-off, flag worries.

(18/11/2010 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJQE6AH08C20101118>

Cancellation of debt owed to the Paris Club follows the approval in July by the World Bank and the IMF of an \$8 billion debt deal, but both groups of creditors have flagged concerns over transparency and the business environment.

Great Lakes Echoes.

(November 2010 – EurAc)

For consultation at request.

Monthly publication of the European Network for Central Africa. Contains several interesting articles, this month among other things: the security situation in North Kivu, Transitional justice in Burundi, the arrest of the FDLR's executive secretary, ...

World Bank Releases Draft Africa Strategy.

(15/11/2010 – The World Bank)

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/COUNTRIES/AFRICAEXT/0..contentMDK:22765606~pagePK:146736~piPK:146830~theSitePK:258644,00.html>

The World Bank on Monday released its draft strategy for Africa, Africa's Future and the World Bank's Role in it, aimed at steering its policies and operations in the Sub Saharan region for the next five years. The strategy, which comes later than its expected September release date due to the large amount of feedback from external stakeholders and as the Bank incorporated lessons learned from the previous Africa Action Plan.

IPIS latest publications

IPIS LATEST REPORTS

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)

<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.

Jaarverslag 2009.

(06/05/2010 – IPIS)

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

IPIS has published its activity report 2009. The activity report is a comprehensive report of IPIS' activities in 2009. Its assignments, publications and lectures are presented in this document. The English version follows later on.

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.

From deceit to discovery: The strange flight of 4L-AWA (text and documents).

(December 2009 – IPIS)

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

On Saturday 12 December 2009 Thai authorities seized an aircraft at Bangkok's Don Mueang airport. The Ilyushin-76 had stopped on the 11th December for refuelling while en-route from Pyongyang to Tehran, and was carrying 35 tonnes of arms and ammunition. While the media rushed to make unproven claims about the plane and alleged former owners of the aircraft, little attention was paid to the web of companies, the flight plan, and final destination.

Activity Report 2008.

(9/11/2009 – IPIS)

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

Jaarverslag 2008.

(13/10/2009 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/news.php?id=252>

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Note accompagnatrice de la carte interactive des zones minières militarisées aux Kivus.

(13/10/2009 – IPIS)

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

The French version of the accompanying note on the interactive map of militarised mining areas in the Kivus has been published. It is an explanatory guide to the research methodology used to produce the interactive map of militarised mining areas in the Kivus (MiMiKi) map, the Concessions map and the 'Comptoirs 2008' table that are available at the site.

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