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IPIS RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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.

Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

La CENCO souhaite que la loi américaine soit adoptée au Congo.

(4/08/2010 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201008040819.html>

The CENCO (Conférence Episcopale Nationale du Congo) supports the new American bill on conflict minerals and asks the Congolese government to adopt in the DRC.

DRC: Humans versus animals in a conflict zone.

(4/08/2010 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=90059> (English)

(6/08/2010 – IRIN – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201008090294.html> (French)

On a Friday in Goma central prison in the eastern DRC, 25 men accused of illegal fishing in Lake Edward are gathered before three judges. Their alleged crime is fishing in Virunga National Park, a protected area in North Kivu province. In a war zone, should conservation trump human needs?

Congo's tax review may help copper.

(6/08/2010 – Commodity Online)

<http://www.commodityonline.com/news/Congo-s-tax-review-may-help-copper-30701-3-1.html>

Congo is one of the copper giants in the world and certain taxes levied by the government for copper exports have been worrying the exporters for quite sometime. But, things are changing fast now. Congo is now mulling changes in taxes levied on exports of semi processed copper and cobalt after appeals from business community which says illegal taxes are crippling sectors across the board.

Un colis de diamant saisi à l'aéroport de Mbuji-Mayi.

(9/08/2010 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/69114>

A box of eleven diamonds has been captured by the anti-fraud service at the Bipemba airport in Mbuji-Mayi.

Le feuillet MIBA : le PAD et le gouverneur du Kasai Oriental s'accusent mutuellement.

(10/08/2010 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/69140>

The governor of East Kasai has been accused of parcelling out 4 hectares of MIBA's land.

Dégazage du lac Kivu : la procédure de décaissement des fonds suit son cours normal.

(6/08/2010 – Radio Okapi – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/69035>

The DRC is waiting for a 3 million dollar support from the World Bank for the exploitation of Lake Kivu's methane gas.

India signs \$42 mln loan with Congo following debt relief.

(5/08/2010 – Reuters)

<http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/LDE6741R9.htm>

India has signed a deal with Democratic Republic of Congo to extend a \$42 million credit line for building the Kakobola hydroelectric plant, in the country's western Bandundu province, Congolese and Indian officials said on Thursday.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

Randgold Resources - riding the African gold roller coaster.

(7/08/2010 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page34?oid=109416&sn=Detail>

Strong quarterly financials reported by Randgold despite loss of production at Loulo, while the company is making strong progress on new gold mining projects.

DRC

DRC moves to liquidate First Quantum project.

(4/08/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJ0E6730BW20100804?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

First Quantum Minerals Provides Update on KMT Legal Proceedings in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

(4/08/2010 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/First-Quantum-Minerals-Provides-Update-on-KMT-Legal-Proceedings-Democratic-Republic-TSX-FM-1299789.htm>

First Quantum told Kolwezi venture to be liquidated.

(4/08/2010 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/first-quantum-told-kolwezi-venture-to-be-liquidated-2010-08-04>

DRC begins proceedings to liquidate First Quantum project.

(5/08/2010 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page72068?oid=109282&sn=Detail>

DRC liquidator moves in on First Quantum copper/cobalt project.

(7/08/2010 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page36?oid=109414&sn=Detail>

First Quantum vs. The Grim Reapers.

(10/08/2010 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page72068?oid=109541&sn=Detail>

First Quantum Minerals said that a court in the DRC has initiated proceedings to liquidate its Kingamyambo Musonoi Tailings (KMT) project at Kolwezi, as the dispute between the Canadian miner and the DRC continues to escalate. The DRC shut First Quantum's KMT copper project last September, after a review flagged contract irregularities and production delays at the mine. Earlier this year, a top court in the country also annulled the Canadian miner's rights to two other copper mines.

Kilo Announces Amendments to Terms of KGL-Somituri SPRL Partnership/Cross of Shares.

(4/08/2010 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Kilo-Announces-Amendments-to-Terms-of-KGL-Somituri-SPRL-Partnership-Cross-of-Shares-TSX-VENTURE-KGL-1300270.htm>

Kilo Goldmines Ltd. announced today that it has amended the terms of its KGL-Somituri SPRL partnership formed for the joint exploration for gold of 20 mineral exploration permits and 8 mineral exploitation permits in the north-eastern DRC. The permits, which are currently being explored by diamond drilling by Kilo, include the past producing Adumbi, Manzako and Kitenge gold mines.

Fungurume : des creuseurs artisanaux manifestent contre TFM.

(10/08/2010 – Radio Okapi – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/69137>

Kolwezi: incidents de Fungurume, procès en flagrance annoncé contre trente deux creuseurs artisanaux.

(10/08/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/08/10/kolwezi-incidents-de-fungurume-proces-en-flagrance-annonce-contre-trente-deux-creuseurs-artisanaux/>

UPDATE 1-Illegal miners overrun Freeport's Congo mine.

(10/08/2010 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/commoditiesNews/idAFN1015606920100810>

Illegal miners overrun Freeport's Congo mine.

(10/08/2010 – Mining weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/illegal-miners-overrun-freeports-congo-mine-2010-08-10>

Artisanal miners have protested against the enterprise Tenke Fungurume Mining because it prevents them from mining minerals for their survival.

East Africa Resources concludes divestment program in DRC.

(6/08/2010 – Fortbridge)

<http://announcements.fortbridge.net/2010/08/06/east-africa-resources-concludes-divestment-program-in-drc/>

East Africa Resources Ltd has signed a binding Terms Sheet for a Management Buy Out of all the Company's shares held in its wholly owned DRC subsidiaries, Macro Mining sprl and Nova Mining sprl.

UGANDA

Uganda MPs oppose arbitration in Heritage tax row.

(6/08/2010 – Reuters – allAfrica)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE6750FM20100806?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

MPs Want Heritage to Pay Oil Taxes.

(6/08/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201008060134.html>

Some Ugandan legislators want their government to collect all the tax from the sale of Heritage Oil's assets in the country, and plan a motion to bar Kampala from seeking arbitration over the dispute. Abdu Katuntu, the leader of the 11 members of parliament told Reuters on Friday Heritage was pressing for international arbitration because this would favour the oil producer.

Confusion over Uganda's Lake Albert oil deal.

(10/08/2010 – AFP)

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jKo3-S0TYEX6TcBb1U4dOXHCHTyw>

Uganda has backtracked after signing off on a deal that allowed Anglo-Irish Tullow to purchase oil reserves controlled by Canada's Heritage, a Tullow spokesman told AFP Monday.

UPDATE: Uganda Energy Minister: Heritage Oil Asset Sale Incomplete.

(9/08/2010 – The Wall Street Journal)

<http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20100809-711785.html>

The sale of Heritage Oil PLC's Ugandan assets to Tullow Oil PLC is "incomplete" until Heritage pays \$405 million in capital gains taxes on the transaction, Uganda's minister of Energy and Minerals Development said Monday.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

La tripartite RDC–Rwanda–Hcr convient de la nécessité de déterminer le profil des réfugiés congolais du Rwanda.

(5/08/2010 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/69025>

The DRC-Rwanda-UNHCR tripartite considers it is necessary to determine the profile of the Congolese refugees in Rwanda.

DRC

Field dispatch: Conflict minerals windfall for armed forces in Eastern Congo.

(4/08/2010 – Enough Project)

<http://www.enoughproject.org/publications/conflict-minerals-windfall-armed-forces-eastern-congo>

Whether within rebel groups and militias or the Congolese national army, or FARDC, senior commanders continue to benefit from Congo's lucrative mineral trade. Striking examples of this trend are the staggering lifestyle and investments of some Congolese army officers here in the Kivus. Although official army salaries top out at 90,000 Congolese francs per month, less than \$100, many Congolese generals and colonels own gas stations, run minerals exporters or 'comptoirs', and new buildings are sprouting up like mushrooms throughout cities of Goma, Bukavu, Butembo, Bunia, and Kinshasa. "It is a war economy," I was told by a FARDC officer.

L'ICCN et les FARDC lancent l'opération «démilitarisation du parc des Virunga».

(10/08/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/08/10/l%E2%80%99iccn-et-les-fardc-lancent-l%E2%80%99operation-%C2%AB-demilitarisation-du-parc-des-virunga-%C2%BB/>

The ICCN and the FARDC have launched a joint operation to demilitarise the Virunga National Park.

Après la libération des otages de Kilambo - Les négociations ne dissuadent pas les seigneurs de guerre.

(5/08/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201008050440.html>

Critical article on the practice of negotiating with warlords and offering them high positions in the national army. The article also looks at the Mai Mai Tsheka case in Walikale territory.

Lambert Mende - «Les FARDC ont tué le colonel Katado de l'ADF/NALU à Beni».

(4/08/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201008040459.html>

Les Fardc prennent le contrôle du QG des rebelles ougandais en débandade.

(04/08/2010 – L'Avenir – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/68968>

Congo Army Killed Ugandan Rebels Commander in North Kivu – Government.

(4/08/2010 – Congo Planet)

<http://congoplanet.com/article.jsp?id=45261705>

Le gouvernement est satisfait du déroulement des opérations «Rwenzori».

(4/08/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/08/04/le-gouvernement-satisfait-du-deroulement-des-operations-rwenzori/>

Governmental spokesperson Lambert Mende confirmed the FARDC has killed ADF-Nalu Colonel Katado in Mwalika, Beni territory.

RD Congo : Beni - les ADF/Nalu ont enlevé quatorze personnes depuis samedi, selon la société civile.

(5/08/2010 – Radio Okapi – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/ASHU-882MGX?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P>

Nord-Kivu - Beni - La Société civile accuse les ADF/Nalu d'avoir enlevé quatorze personnes.

(7/08/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201008070006.html>

Beni civil society organisations say at least 14 civilians have been abducted by the ADF-Nalu rebels since 31 July.

Beni: des militaires incontrôlés se livrent aux pillages dans les localités récupérées, selon la société civile.

(6/08/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/08/06/beni-des-militaires-incontroles-se-livrent-aux-pillages-dans-les-localites-recuperees-selon-la-societe-civile/>

Civil society organisations are complaining FARDC soldiers are pillaging villages the army recently “freed” from the ADF-Nalu rebels.

Beni: les déplacés d'Oicha hésitent de rentrer chez eux.

(8/08/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/08/08/beni-les-deplaces-d%E2%80%99oicha-hesitent-de-rentre-chez-eux/>

IDPs in Beni territory are still hesitant to return home, despite FARDC presence.

Beni: déplacés de guerre, l'hôpital de Oicha débordé.

(6/08/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/08/06/beni-deplaces-de-guerre-l%E2%80%99hopital-de-oicha-deborde/>

The hospital in Oicha, Beni territory, is being flooded with IDPs on the run for FARDC confrontations with ADF-Nalu rebels.

Ituri: regroupement des démobilisés à Joo, les notables craignent un ralliement aux FRPI.

(9/08/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/08/09/ituri-regroupement-des-demobilises-a-joo-les-notables-craignent-un-ralliement-aux-frpi/>

The dignitaries of the secteur Walendu Pitsi denounce the regrouping of demobilised combatants in Djugu territory to join the FRPI militia.

Fizi: un combattant tue deux soldats des FARDC.

(7/08/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/08/07/fizi-un-combattant-tue-deux-soldats-des-fardc/>

A Mai Mai rebel has killed two FARDC soldiers in Sebele locality, Fizi territory.

Face à la menace des rebelles au Sud Kivu : La population d'Uvira s'octroie d'un système d'autodéfense.

(5/08/2010 – L'Observateur – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/69032>

The MONUSCO has expressed its concern about the establishment of a system of auto-defence by the Uvira population, because it might help to prolong insecurity in the long term.

Kasaï Occidental: affrontements entre deux tribus à Mashala, un mort et plusieurs blessés.

(8/08/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/08/08/kasai-occidental-affrontements-entre-deux-tribus-a-mashala-un-mort-et-plusieurs-blesses/>

A conflict over land in West Kasaï, between Bena Kalombo and Bena Tshimbayi, resulted in a violent confrontation in which one civilian got killed.

Mahagi: nouvel accrochage entre les Djupagasa et les Djupio, deux morts.

(8/08/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/08/08/mahagi-nouvel-accrochage-entre-les-djupagasa-et-les-djupio-deux-morts-2/>

In a conflict over land, Djupagasa villagers have conducted a revenge attack on groupement Djupio in chefferie Anghals, 200 kilometres north of Bunia.

North Kivu: Leila Zerrougui calls for minerals trade center project to benefit populations.

(7/08/2010 – MONUSCO)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=932&ctl=Details&mid=1096&ItemID=9954> (English)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=9948> (French)

The Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General of the UN in DRC, Ms Leila Zerrougui closed Friday, August 6 its 72-hour stay in the province of North Kivu. Arriving on Wednesday in the provincial capital, Ms. Zerrougui has had working sessions with the civilian and military MONUSCO, provincial authorities and with local civil society in Goma.

Roger Meece : «la protection des civils reste toujours notre première priorité».

(9/08/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/08/09/roger-meece-%C2%AB-la-protection-des-civils-reste-toujours-notre-premiere-priorite-%C2%BB/>

Monusco: Roger Meece parle de ses priorités.

(9/08/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/08/09/monusco-roger-meece-parle-de-ses-priorites/>

Interview with Roger Meece, the new special representative of the UN Secretary General in the DRC.

Ituri: Roger Meece promet le soutien de la Monusco aux FARDC pour éliminer la menace des groupes armés.

(10/08/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/08/10/ituri-les-groupes-armes-residuels-constituent-une-menace-selon-roger-meece/>

Roger Meece, the UN Secretary General's Special Representative in the DRC, stated the MONUSCO will support the FARDC in its efforts to eradicate armed groups in eastern DRC.

Analysis: Rethinking sexual violence in DRC.

(6/08/2010 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=90081> (English)

(9/08/2010 – IRIN)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201008101104.html> (French)

A survey conducted by American scientists among the population of eastern Congo challenges the traditional image of sexual violence as perpetrated by men against women – but NGOs assisting rape survivors urge caution in interpreting the study's gender findings.

Elections in the DRC: Just a year away.

(7/08/2010 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosiassa.blogspot.com/2010/08/elections-in-drc-just-year-away.html>

In late July President Kabila finally signed into a law legislation creating a new electoral commission. It will be led by an office of 7 people, four of whom are designated by the majority coalition in the national assembly (Kabila's AMP) and three by the opposition.

Briefing humanitaire en RDC du 31 Juillet au 06 Août 2010.

(6/08/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/ASHU-883PWP?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

Humanitarian Action in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC): Weekly Bulletin, 06 August 2010.

(6/08/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/VVOS-883Q93?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

RDC/Nord-Kivu: Rapport hebdomadaire du 28 juillet au 04 août 2010.

(4/08/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/MUMA-8846VC?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

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

Prosecutor Says Halting Lubanga Trial Was Erroneous and Excessive.

(3/08/2010 – Lubanga Trial Website - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201008040521.html>

International Criminal Court (ICC) prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo claims in an appeal that the order by trial judges for a stay of proceedings in the Thomas Lubanga war crimes trial was erroneous and excessive. While disputing the grounds on which judges based their decision, the prosecutor also contends in a July 30, 2010 filing that the trial judges should have considered sanctioning prosecutors rather than ordering a stay of proceedings.

FDLR

MONUSCO and UNMAC destroy 390 small arms and a large amount of ammunition.

(2/08/2010 – MONUSCO)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=932&ctl=Details&mid=1096&ItemID=9921> (English)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=9893> (French)

Nord-Kivu : 390 armes légères des Fdlr détruites par la Monusco à Goma.

(5/08/2010 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/69030>

The DDRRR Section of MONUCSCO and its partners destroyed 390 small arms (Kalashnikov, machine guns, etc) collected from FDLR fighters who have joined the demobilization process. The weapons were destroyed during a ceremony held at the headquarters of the Uruguayan contingent of MONUSCO in Goma on 30 July 2010.

Sud-Kivu - Une nouvelle attaque des FDLR fait 4 morts à Shabunda.

(9/08/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201008090364.html>

Shabunda: nouvelle attaques des FDLR, quatre morts et des centaines de maisons incendiées.

(7/08/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/08/07/shabunda-nouvelle-attaques-des-fdlr-quatre-morts-et-des-centaines-de-maisons-incendiees/>

Four civilians have been killed during FDLR attacks in Luembu and Ndesse villages, Shabunda territory.

LRA

UPDF Killed 400 LRA Rebels Last Year.

(3/08/2010 – New Vision – alAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201008040593.html>

A total of 397 rebels of Joseph Kony's Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) were killed by the UPDF between July 2009 and June 2010, the commander of the land forces, Lt. Gen. Katumba Wamala, has said. He added that during the same period, 123 rebels defected to the UPDF, 63 were captured, while 364 rifles (mainly AK47) were recovered.

Report - Lord's Resistance Army Creates New Safe Haven in Northeastern region.

(10/08/2010 – ENOUGH Project – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201008101378.html>

“This is our land now”: Lord’s Resistance Army attacks in Bas Uele, northeastern Congo.

(10/08/2010 – ENOUGH Project)

<http://www.enoughproject.org/publications/%E2%80%9C-our-land-now%E2%80%9D-lord%E2%80%99s-resistance-army-attacks-bas-uele-northeastern-congo>

The Lord's Resistance Army has depopulated a remote corner of northeastern Congo, killing and abducting hundreds of civilians, and forcing tens of thousands to flee their homes. In a new report, "This is our land now": Lord's Resistance Army attacks in Bas Uele, northeastern Congo," Enough Project Field Researcher Ledio Cakaj documents 51 attacks by the LRA in Bas Uele, Congo, resulting in at least 105 deaths and 570 abductions during the last 15 months.

RWANDA

Is political repression on the rise in Rwanda?

(4/08/2010 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/programmes/newsnight/8889173.stm>

In recent years President Kagame's attempts to reform and rebuild Rwanda have brought political stability and economic growth. Yet when Rwandans go to the polls on 9 August it will be against a backdrop of accusations that the government has crushed the opposition, assassinated rivals and silenced its independent media.

Rwanda: Attacks on opposition condemned by Amnesty International.

(6/08/2010 – Catholic Information Service for Africa - AfricaFiles)

<http://www.africafiles.org/article.asp?ID=24138>

Amnesty Condemns Pre-Poll Killings.

(8/08/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201008090018.html>

With presidential elections to be held on August 9, Amnesty International condemns attacks made on opposition parties and individuals and has called on the government to ensure people are free to express their views. This following the July killing of the vice president of the Rwanda opposition Democratic Green Party.

Rwanda government denies link to assassinations.

(5/08/2010 – BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-10879859>

Rwanda's government has issued a statement denying any involvement in the killing of political opponents. The comments are in response to allegations made during a BBC investigation that President Paul Kagame's government had ordered assassinations. In recent months there has been a spate of attacks on government critics.

Rwanda opposition hopeful despite low rally turnout.

(5/07/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJ0E6740LP20100805?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

Analysts say Kagame, faces little competition because three outspoken would-be rivals were unable to run for the country's top seat. In spite of their parties being dwarfed by the financial and organisational muscle of the RPF, Kagame's nominal contenders say they are optimistic and deny being "stooge" candidates from "satellite" parties.

The real challenge for Kagame.

(6/08/2010 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosiasa.blogspot.com/2010/08/real-challenge-for-kagame.html>

Most of the focus in the run-up to the elections in Rwanda has been on the crack-down on opposition and the media. People are right to focus on this out of principle, but this is not where the real political struggle is taking place. The opposition is weak and divided and does not pose much threat to the RPF.

Millions Vote in Peaceful Elections.

(9/08/2010 – Daily Nation – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201008091184.html>

Rwandans Vote for President Today.

(9/08/2010 – Daily Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201008090105.html>

Voting Opens in Presidential Polls.

(9/08/2010 – Radio France Internationale – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201008091011.html>

Voting opened for Rwanda's presidential election early on Monday. Incumbent president Paul Kagame is favourite to win what is the country's second election since the 1994 genocide.

Presidential Campaigns Were Peaceful – Police.

(9/08/2010 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201008090016.html>

The Rwanda National Police (RNP) has announced it has put in place new mechanisms to ensure today's Presidential elections are peaceful. In an interview with The New Times, the force's Spokesperson, Eric Kayiranga, said that all police officers have been engaged in the electoral process in all parts of the country to protect the election materials, staff and voters at all polling stations around the country.

"Climate of Repression" as Voting Concludes.

(9/08/2010 – IPS)

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Rwandan leader fails to quell despot fears.

(7/08/2010 – Financial Times)

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As voting concluded in Rwanda's presidential elections, with incumbent President Paul Kagame expected to win by a landslide, fears remain that not all citizens will accept the results amidst claims the elections were neither free nor fair.

Yes, Kagame is a Dictator, but I Like Him, Says Voter.

(10/08/2010 – Daily Nation – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201008101351.html>

Heritier Dusibimana, a 20-year old musician in Rwanda's capital, Kigali, put it simply. "There is the Tutsi mind, and there is the Hutu mind," Mr Dusibimana said the day before Rwanda's second presidential elections since the end of the genocide in 1994. "We need Kagame to bring us together." "Yes, Kagame is a dictator," he said. "But I like him. We need him."

Rwanda's Kagame poised for landslide election win.

(10/08/2010 – Reuters)

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Kagame set for landslide win in Rwanda election.

(10/08/2010 – Financial Times)

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Kagame Sweeps 93 Percent of Votes.

(11/08/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201008101363.html>

Kagame Wins by Landslide.

(10/08/2010 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201008100174.html>

Rwandan President Paul Kagame was set for a second seven-year term after provisional results on Tuesday showed he had won 93 percent of the vote in an election marred by the repression of dissent. Rwandans had been expected to vote overwhelmingly for Kagame in Monday's poll, partly because of the economic growth and stability he has delivered during his decade in power but also because of a crackdown on rivals and critics.

Kagame Sweeps Diaspora Vote.

(10/08/2010 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201008100188.html>

Preliminary election results from the Diaspora released, late Monday, showed that the incumbent, President Paul Kagame, earned a landslide victory of 96.7 percent.

U.S. Groups Urge Obama to Reject a Kagame Win.

(9/08/2010 – The East African – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201008080004.html>

Africa advocates in the United States have joined Rwandans critical of President Paul Kagame in calling on President Obama to reject the results of what they say will be a "sham election" on August 9.

BURUNDI

Six Opposition Party Members Arrested.

(9/08/2010 – Radio France Internationale – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201008091228.html>

Police in Burundi have arrested six members of an opposition group whose leader fled the country two weeks ago apparently fearing for his life the party announced on Monday. Police are also reported to have confiscated two grenades from the party. Spokesman for the Movement for Peace and Development (MSD) Francois Nyamoya accused the police of planting the grenades and harassing them.

Le chef de l'ex-rébellion hutue, Agathon Rwasa, sort de son silence.

(7/08/2010 – Radio France Internationale – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201008070128.html>

Agathon Rwasa, the ex-rebellion leader from the FNL, has reacted in a press release on his deposition.

Burundi, Elections Without Competition and no Peace Without Participation: Where Might it go From Here?

(2/08/2010 – Institute for Security Studies)

<http://www.iss.co.za/uploads/No19Jul2010.pdf>

"Burundi is at a dangerous crossroads and clearly ill-intentioned people on both sides of the political divide are seeking to exploit recent tensions. The government should end unnecessary restrictions on basic freedoms, and those fomenting violence should stop".

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IPIS LATEST REPORTS

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

(July 2010 – IPIS)

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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>

IPIS has published its activity report 2008. The activity report is a comprehensive report of IPIS' activities in 2008. Its assignments, publications and lectures are presented in this document.

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.

Exceptions in dual-use export licenses.

(September 2009 – Steunpunt Buitenlands Beleid / IPIS)

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

This paper begins with a general explanation of the applicable export policies in the United States and provides in chapter two an overview of the restrictions and conditions in applying a License Exception. Chapter three focuses on the License Exceptions that are similar with the CGEAs in the EC's Proposal.

Africa's natural resources in a global context.

(12/08/2009 – IPIS)

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

While, on the one hand, it is widely acknowledged that Africa has great natural resource potential, on the other hand, one cannot but regret that the complex interplay between political and economic factors at the national and international level appears to make it impossible to use a more substantial part of the revenues from the exploitation and trade of these resources for the promotion of the well-being of people at the grassroots level. This paper, which concentrates on non-renewable natural resources, aims to disentangle some of the processes that explain the paradox between Africa's natural wealth and its relatively limited level of economic development. It shows that the state of affairs in the resource sectors of most African countries is still to a large extent determined by external factors. Extractive industries in Africa tend to be export-oriented and contribute disappointingly little to local development.

Militarised Mining Areas in the Kivus.

(10/08/2009 – IPIS)

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

IPIS has published an interactive map of militarised mining areas in the Kivus (MiMiKi). Together with the map comes an explanatory guide to the research methodology and the possible uses of the map, including some striking findings.

The MiMiKi map constitutes a first systematic attempt to clarify the issue of profit by armed groups from the extractive industry in the east of the DR Congo. The interactive map contains information on the location of mines, the presence of armed groups at mining pits and a number of other variables. Although most recent analyses written on the issue point out that the region's relative mineral wealth is not the primary cause of the armed conflict in the Kivus, its role in financing armed groups is indisputable. Because of this situation, Western companies buying ores originating from the Great Lakes region, have been targeted by international NGOs who are asking them to implement a thorough system of due diligence. In the light of the loudening call for a stricter regulation of the sector, the listing of mining sites in the Kivus is essential.

The MiMiKi map only shows a part of the mining sector, namely the extraction of the minerals. In order to find out whether Western companies are buying Congolese minerals from which armed groups might benefit, the whole trading chain needs to be established. Therefore, in addition to the MiMiKi map, IPIS has appended a specific table containing information on the activities of the official comptoirs (mineral traders) in 2008.

It has to be noted that the MiMiKi map is not yet complete and should be considered as a work in progress. To date, more than 200 active mining sites are located on the map, including the most important. There are a few remaining blind spots (areas on which IPIS has no first hand information) on the map.

Impact de l'exploitation pétrolière sur la santé des populations locales et de l'environnement à Moanda. Cas de la firme Perenco.

(July 2009 – RRN)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/ong-congolaises.php?&lang=en>

Report the Congolese NGO RRN made under direction of IPIS within the framework of IPIS' capacity building project.

The impact of the global financial crisis on mining in Katanga.

(14/07/2009 – IPIS)

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

This report examines the impact of the global financial crisis on the mining sector in Katanga, the southeast province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. As far as the industrial mining sector is concerned, it is shown that the crisis exacerbated the uncertainty of mining companies that were waiting for the results of the review of the mining contracts and that were often in the middle of starting up or expanding their activities in Katanga. Nevertheless, IPIS remains convinced that the renegotiation of the mining contracts is of vital importance for the long-term development of the Congolese mining industry. As far as the artisanal mining sector is concerned, it is pointed out that, due to the sharp decline in mineral prices, large numbers of artisanal miners have left the mines. While some of them appear to have found a new source of income in agriculture, there are disturbing reports that others may have chosen to engage in criminal activities in order to stay afloat.

Given the importance of the mining sector as a source of revenue for the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the development of a sound policy for crisis management is of vital importance to protect the health of the Congolese Treasury and to keep intact the possibility of stepping up government efforts in terms of poverty reduction and infrastructure development once the global economy starts to recover. This report

shows that both the central government in Kinshasa and the provincial government in Lubumbashi have taken a number of measures to cope with the consequences of the global financial crisis.

Unfortunately, there are indications that the ongoing decentralisation process tends to complicate the cooperation between the two governments. Moreover, as a result of the exaggerated attention for the so-called 'rétrocession' issue in the Congolese press, there is a real risk that the anti-crisis measures of the Congolese authorities are not examined in a critical manner.

Zimbabwe - Arms and Corruption: fuelling human rights abuse.

(July 2009 – IPIS)

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

The following examples of irresponsible arms transfers involving Zimbabwe and other actors should be of great concern to the international community. The examples cited below are intended to illustrate further the need to ensure that the proposed international Arms Trade Treaty is as comprehensive as possible, and fully reflects the obligations of States to prevent arms transfers which pose a substantial risk of being used in serious violations of international human rights law. It is perhaps not a coincidence that these examples involve, amongst others, China and the U.S.A. – both of whose governments have been amongst the 'doubters' in the ongoing United Nations General Assembly deliberations on the ATT since 2006. Hopefully, as the new Obama Administration reviews the U.S. approach to the control of conventional arms, the U.S. position will become more constructive.

IPIS LATEST ARTICLES

Illicit brokering of SALW in Europe: lacunae in Eastern European arms control and verification regimes.

(September 2009 – IPIS)

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

The article argues that no arms control agreement which does not recognize the need to licence and control the activities of arms brokers can ever hope to be effective. Therefore the vital interest of the EU Code of Conduct for the purposes of this article is that it is extended to cover arms brokering activities by the EU Common Position on arms brokering of June 2003.

Stabilisation et secteur minier dans l'Est de la RDC.

(August 2009 – IPIS)

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

In the beginning of July the Congolese government established a plan for the stabilisation of eastern DRC. The media remained silent concerning this initiative and the plan has not been made public. IPIS, however, managed to obtain this Congolese stabilisation plan. The objective of this article is to look at the essential points of the plan that could be useful as part of the Congolese and international efforts to dissolve the crisis in the eastern part of the country.

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