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## IPIS

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### IPIS LATEST REPORTS

#### **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 is a snapshot of the situation as it was in the period May-July 2009.*

*All the armed groups deployed in the region profit directly from the mining activities. Armed groups have positions at more than half of the sites listed on the MiMiKi map where they obtain an (extra) income. The FARDC control some of the most important mining sites and do not restrain themselves from intervening in mining activities at several of those.*

*The FDLR are particularly active in the gold mining business. There are great differences in the level of their involvement in the mining activities. Some FDLR units force people to work for them, others do not seem to bother the local population and are only involved in trading the minerals.*

*After its integration into the FARDC, the (ex-)CNDP access to the mines has clearly increased. The MiMiKi map indicates that the (ex-)CNDP soldiers have installed a system of taxation in the mining centres they control.*

*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.*

## **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.*

## **Culprits or scapegoats? Revisiting the role of Belgian mineral traders in eastern DRC.**

(13/05/2009 – IPIS)

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

*Ever since the eruption of the second Congo war in August 1998, the mining sector in eastern DRC has been under the scrutiny of UN Sanctions Committees, academics, NGOs, and local and international media, who have been worried and disturbed by the links between natural resource exploitation and armed conflict in the region. Both state and non-state armed actors are deriving benefit from the local mining business by levying taxes on mineral exports, by selling minerals for their own profit, and by trading mining rights for financial and military support.*

*The present report aims to clarify the position and responsibility of Belgian mineral traders in the area. Our purpose is not only to shed more light on the activities of Trademet and Traxys, the two companies featuring in the latest UN report, but also to discuss the activities of two other companies that have received less attention so far, namely Services and Trading International (STI) and Société pour le Développement et l'Expansion d'Entreprises (SDE).*

## **An analysis of Finexpo's and Ducroire/Nationale Delcrederedienst's support practices in comparison to the EURODAD principles on responsible financing.**

(29/04/2009 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/corporate-social-responsibility.php>

*In 2007, Belgian exports generated 89,3% of Belgium's gross domestic product. The exports created employment as well as fiscal and para-fiscal revenues. Because of the importance that exporting holds in the Belgian economy, Belgium has several public instruments in place to encourage and support the export of goods and services. At the federal level, there are Ducroire/Nationale Delcrederedienst (ONDD), FINEXPO and the Belgian International Investment Company (BMI-SBI). At the regional level, the most important are the Agence Wallonne à l'Exportation (AWEX) for Wallonia, Brussels Export for the Brussels region, and Flanders Investment and Trade for the Flanders Region.*

*This research paper looks specifically at the practices of the two most significant players at the federal level: FINEXPO and Ducroire/Nationale Delcrederedienst. FINEXPO provides advice to the Belgian government about five types of support measures: rent stabilisation mechanism, interest relief (with or without grants), pure grants and loans (tied and untied). Ducroire/Nationale Delcrederedienst provides insurances and financial guarantees against commercial and political risks. Annex 1 to this report lists and explains the various types of support. The paper will discuss the financial terms, legal terms and conditions in place when FINEXPO and Ducroire/Nationale Delcrederedienst provide support for Belgian exports.*

*The paper also looks into what extent FINEXPO's and Ducroire/Nationale Delcrederedienst's practices match the financial terms, legal terms and conditions which are set out in the EURODAD Charter on Responsible Financing. The principles in the Charter outline the essential components of a reasonable loan. Given that only FINEXPO provides loans, the principles in the Charter are only directly applicable to the provision of loans by FINEXPO. Despite this fact, the principles are still useful in determining whether the financial and insurance practices of all support measures by FINEXPO and those by Ducroire/Nationale Delcrederedienst are responsible support measures or not. EURODAD's principles represent a general framework for a tough but fair policy.*

### **Mapping Conflict Motives: Central African Republic.**

(20/02/2009 – IPIS)

[www.ipisresearch.be/mapping\\_car.php](http://www.ipisresearch.be/mapping_car.php)

*IPIS has published 'Mapping Conflict Motives: Central African Republic'. It is the third study in the IPIS mapping series and it deals with the presence, behaviour and motivation of the armed groups that operated in the Central African Republic in 2008. Also the French version of the report is now online.*

### **Rechercher la problématique des ressources naturelles dans la RDC.**

(12/02/2009 – IPIS)

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

*This syllabus has been created by IPIS for its project 'Renforcement de capacité d'ONG congolaises qui travaillent autour les ressources naturelles : méthodologies de recherche et rédaction de dossiers de haute qualité servant de base aux activités de campagne et de lobbying'. The project aims to reinforce the capacity of Congolese NGOs to produce reports and articles of high quality.*

### **Mapping Conflict Motives: Katanga Update: May- September 2008.**

(6/01/2009 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/updates-katanga.php>

*This report is the third (and for the moment the last) in a series of updates following an initial report on conflict motives in the Congolese province of Katanga. It analyses the most important security developments from May 2008 until September 2008.*

*IPIS would like to highlight the following issues dealt with in the report:*

*Security problems in Katanga have stopped figuring in the news. To a certain extent this is justified because the overall humanitarian situation in Katanga has improved and in general the number of human rights violations has decreased.*

*However, with MONUC gradually retreating from the province the international presence diminishes and with it the number of eyes and ears of observers in the field. Nonetheless, for the future several security hazards remain.*

*For one, the impact of the economic crisis on Katanga is enormous. Virtually all mining companies have significantly reduced or stopped their activities. The social consequences are dire for a province that economically relies heavily on mining. Secondly, in August a law was promulgated providing for the creation of 25 Congolese provinces instead of the 10 current ones. In this scenario Katanga will be cut into 4 new provinces. Feelings about the issue are mixed. The possible impact is difficult to estimate. Finally, the human rights situation in the North of the province remains disquieting, with persistent violations committed by state agents.*

*The information for the updates is drawn from desktop research by IPIS and permanent field research carried out by four Katangese partner organisations based in different parts of Katanga.*

## **IPIS LATEST ARTICLES**

### **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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## Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

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### **Congo-Kinshasa: En réunion à Alexandrie - Initiative du Bassin du Nil.**

(5/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908050334.html>

*Article on the Alexandria meeting of the Nile Basin Initiative.*

### **The solution for Africa starts with transparency, says US Secretary of State.**

(6/08/2009 – Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative)

<http://eitransparency.org/node/1116>

*In a speech on 5 August in Nairobi, US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton lauded African countries for participating in the EITI. More articles on Clinton's AGOA speech below in the section "Other".*

### **Open Letter to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton: The U.S. should do more to support transparency efforts in Africa.**

(7/08/2009 – Publish What You Pay)

<http://www.publishwhatyoupay.org/en/resources/open-letter-secretary-state-hillary-clinton-us-should-do-more-support-transparency-efforts>

*PWYP, the international civil society coalition for transparency and accountability in the extractive industries, wrote an open letter to Secretary of State Clinton to draw her attention to the continued harassment of transparency and anticorruption advocates in Africa and the need for African governments to respect their commitments to encourage public debate on these issues.*

### **'Resource Curse' should be key focus of Clinton's Africa visit.**

(5/08/2009 – Global Witness)

[http://www.globalwitness.org/media\\_library\\_detail.php/795/en/resource\\_curse\\_should\\_be\\_key\\_focus\\_of\\_clintons\\_africa\\_visit](http://www.globalwitness.org/media_library_detail.php/795/en/resource_curse_should_be_key_focus_of_clintons_africa_visit)

### **In Brief: Focus on Africa's paradox of plenty, watchdog urges Clinton.**

(6/08/2009 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=85607>

### **Africa: Clinton Visit Should Address Conflicts in Resource Rich Countries.**

(10/08/2009 – East African – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908101435.html>

*There should be strong emphasis on the economic motives behind the conflict, corruption, human rights abuse and poverty in resource-rich African countries, an international lobby group said as US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton continued her 11-day tour of the continent.*

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Gaz méthane - Cap sur la production commune de 200 mégawatts d'électricité.**

(8/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908100221.html>

*The DRC and Rwanda are considering to release US\$480 million for the construction of a 200 megawatt power plant at Lake Kivu.*

### **East Africa: Burundi to Join Rwanda, DRC in Gas Project.**

(11/08/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908110003.html>

*Burundi will join Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in the exploration of methane gas reserves from the Lake Kivu. The joint venture comes months after Rwanda and DRC signed an agreement to exploit gas from Kivu.*

### **Rwanda: Country's Gas Power Plan On Course.**

(10/08/2009 – East African – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908101378.html>

*Rwanda is set to generate over 250 million cubic metres of methane per year when it starts extracting the huge deposits recently discovered in Lake Kivu. According to Minister for Energy Dr Albert Butare, collaboration with Democratic Republic of Congo on the exploitation of methane will help the two countries exploit the full potential of the deposit, which stands at 55 billion litres.*

### **Rwanda: Look Out, Lake Kivu Could Blow Any Time.**

(10/08/2009 – East African - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908101438.html>

*Over two million people who live on the shores of Lake Kivu on the border of Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo could be at risk if hundreds of cubic kilometres of carbon dioxide and methane stored deep within the lake are released.*

### **The Cobalt Commodity Story.**

(7/08/2009 – The Market Oracle)

<http://marketoracle.co.uk/Article12579.html>

*Cobalt became one of the two “major” minor metals in this decade’s metals cycle, the other being molybdenum. Cobalt also made the short list of four metals that the European Union chose to name in its press release as representative of the 40 metals it is classifying as critical.*

## **DRC**

### **Four firms clear Congo mining review.**

(6/08/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/four-firms-clear-congo-mining-review-2009-08-06>

### **Freeport's giant Tenke copper/cobalt project given 2 months to complete Contract Review.**

(7/08/2009 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page72068?oid=87222&sn=Detail>

### **Renégociations des contrats miniers : KMT du partenariat canadien déboutée et TFM d'un consortium américain maintenue.**

(6/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/60099>

*The DRC has cleared four more major mining contract agreements - with AngloGold Ashanti, Banro, Mwana and Gold Fields, but Tenke Fungurume has been given another 2-months to finalise its agreement. A First Quantum contract has been revoked.*

### **La Gécamines essoufflée, les privés montent en production.**

(5/08/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=24199>

*While Gécamines has to endure some harsh times, private mining companies in the DRC see their production levels rising.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Muzito veut voir clair dans l'exploitation de la cassitérite.**

(8/08/2009 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908070985.html>

*After his visit to Goma, Prime Minister Muzito is now staying in Walikale to get a clear view of the cassiterite exploitation.*

**Rangers v rebels: fight to save rare gorillas.**

(6/08/2009 – The Independent)

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/africa/rangers-v-rebels-fight-to-save-rare-gorillas-1767926.html>

*For the past week a remarkable battle has been raging in the mountain forests of Eastern Congo. Park rangers entrusted with protecting some of the world's most endangered gorillas have launched an offensive against the rebel armies in the area and the charcoal industry that helps to support them.*

**In the Democratic Republic of Congo, Planting Trees for a Better Environment and Healthier Citizens.**

(4/08/2009 – World Bank)

<http://go.worldbank.org/K1U9V0JGG0>

**World Bank Signs First ERPA for Reforestation Project in DRC.**

(4/08/2009 – World Bank)

<http://go.worldbank.org/6QDWU1L6I0>

**Congo-Kinshasa: La Banque mondiale signe un contrat de 500.000 tonnes de crédits carbone mardi à Kinshasa.**

(5/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908050335.html>

*The first Emission Reductions Purchase Agreement in the DRC was signed with a local Congolese firm, NOVACEL, at the World Bank office in Kinshasa today. Through this agreement, the World Bank-administered BioCarbon Fund is purchasing half a million carbon credits from an initiative to reforest 4,200 hectares of degraded land on the Plateau Bateke, 150 kilometers from the DRC capital of Kinshasa.*

**L'ennemi de la forêt en Rdc, c'est la pauvreté, selon le ministre José Endundo.**

(6/08/2009 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/60112>

*José Endundo, Congolese Minister for the Environment, replied on Greenpeace's critical questions concerning the management of the Congolese forests.*

**Deforestation.**

(7/08/2009 – A 24 Media)

<http://www.a24media.com/index.php/component/content/article/88-healthenvironment/314-deforestation?directory=53>

*As the a change in climate is witnessed all over the world, the Congo Basin's rate of deforestation is being debated as the loss of trees is leading to the destruction of essential animal and tribal habitats at an increasing rate and a large amount of carbon dioxide is remaining in the atmosphere unchanged.*

**Londres n'a pas un agenda caché en Rdc, affirme Phil Evans.**

(6/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/60111>

*London declared it does not have a hidden agenda concerning the DRC, it stated it is not aiming at the 'balkanisation' of the Congo.*

**Namibia: Inga Power Project Might Sink.**

(7/08/2009 – The Namibian – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908070434.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Projet de centrale électrique INGA III - Forte pression sur Kinshasa.**

(7/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908070462.html>

**Rdc : Le complexe hydroélectrique d'Inga au cœur des enjeux énergétiques du continent africain.**

(10/08/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/60203>

*A multibillion-dollar power project on the Congo River involving five African governments might be put on hold because the DRC wants to go it alone with the backing of international mining giant BHP Billiton.*

**RDC : visite de Robert Zoellick, le barrage d'Inga et la bonne gouvernance dans l'agenda.**

(9/08/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=24248>

*World Bank Group President Zoelick expressed his support for the rehabilitation of the Inga hydroelectric dams.*

**Kolwezi : poursuite des travaux de réhabilitation du barrage de Nseke.**

(9/08/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=24257>

*The Congolese national electricity company, SNEL, has begun with the rehabilitation of the Nseke hydropower station. Tenke Fungurume Mining will finance the entire reparation, estimated to be US\$200 million.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Affaire Golden Misabiko - Des activistes des droits humains dénoncent la politisation.**

(10/08/2009 – Le Phare –allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908110438.html>

**Kinshasa: la Synergie des ONG des droits de l'homme dénonce la politisation de l'affaire Golden Misabiko.**

(10/08/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=24266>

*Articles on the arrest of Asadho activist Golden Misabiko.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Lubumbashi : libération des activistes des droits de l'homme.**

(10/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908100694.html>

*Five human rights activists have been released from prison after they were arrested as they were protesting against the arrest of Golden Misabiko.*

## UGANDA

### **BREAKING NEWS: Oil agreements to remain secret.**

(11/08/2009 – The Independent)

<http://www.independent.co.ug/index.php/uganda-talks/uganda-talks/102-uganda-talks/1441-breaking-news-oil-agreements-to-remain-secret>

### **Ugandan Oil Contracts Will Remain Secret – Minister.**

(11/08/2009 – The Wall Street Journal)

<http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20090811-704454.html>

*The Minister of Energy and Minerals Development, Hilary Onek, has just told the Dow Jones Newswires that Uganda cannot make their oil exploration and production sharing agreements available due to confidentiality clauses with foreign companies. This is an interesting development as one of the oil companies operating in Uganda, Tullow Oil, had always maintained that it was a Government decision not to make the documents available. It now appears that the decision is at least mutual.*

### **Focus: Land Policy Creates Tension in Ugandan Oil Region.**

(11/08/2009 – The Wall Street Journal)

<http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20090811-700945.html>

*A Ugandan government policy of giving more political rights to the traditional Banyoro inhabitants of the oil-rich Bunyoro region has led to tensions which may threaten exploration and production activities.*

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## International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

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## DRC

### **Randgold's Moto takeover advances.**

(6/08/2009 – Miningmx)

[http://www.miningmx.com/news/gold\\_and\\_silver/randgold%27s-moto-takeover-advances.htm](http://www.miningmx.com/news/gold_and_silver/randgold%27s-moto-takeover-advances.htm)

*Moto Goldmines accepted a takeover offer valued at \$500m from Randgold Resources, which has its sights firmly set on Moto's 22.5 million ounce project in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Moto terminated an agreement on what turned out to be an inferior all-share offer from Red Back Mining and paid it a termination fee of C\$15.25m.*

### **Anglogold Ashanti note on Moto Goldmines arrangement agreement with Randgold Resources.**

(5/08/2009 – Mineweb)

<http://mineweb.net/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page674?oid=87165&sn=Detail>

(6/08/2009 – Your Industry News)

[http://www.yourindustrynews.com/news\\_item.php?newsID=37069](http://www.yourindustrynews.com/news_item.php?newsID=37069)

### **Moto accepts Randgold offer, pays Red Back termination fee.**

(5/08/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/moto-accepts-randgold-offer-pays-red-back-termination-fee-2009-08-05>

*Further to its announcement of 27 July 2009, AngloGold Ashanti Limited is pleased to note that Moto Goldmines Limited has entered into an arrangement agreement with Randgold Resources Limited to implement an acquisition of the Company. The board of Moto has today unanimously recommended the transaction to its shareholders.*

**Red Back drops bid for Moto gold - won't match Randgold/Anglogold offer.**

(5/08/2009 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page34?oid=87160&sn=Detail>

*Red Back Mining is not to pursue its bid for Moto Goldmines in competition with Rangold Resources which put in a higher offer, backed by Anglogold Ashanti. Red Back will receive a \$14,25 million termination fee from Moto.*

**UPDATE: Congo Wants Tenke Fungurume Issues Resolved in 2 Months.**

(6/08/2009 – EasyBourse)

<http://www.easybourse.com/bourse/actualite/update-congo-wants-tenke-fungurume-issues-resolved-in-2-715276>

*The Congolese government has given U.S.-based Freeport McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. (FCX) a maximum of two months to resolve contract issues with the state mining company, Gecamines, over the Tenke Fungurume copper project, government officials said Thursday.*

**First Quantum 'mystified' by DRC licence loss.**

(6/08/2009 – Miningmx)

[http://www.miningmx.com/news/base\\_metals/First-quantum-forges-ahead-in-drc.htm](http://www.miningmx.com/news/base_metals/First-quantum-forges-ahead-in-drc.htm)

**First Quantum finds it muddy going in Congo.**

(10/08/2009 – Financial Times)

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/4cd27d08-85e6-11de-98de-00144feabdc0.html>

*First Quantum has not been informed by the Democratic Republic of Congo authorities whether its contract for treating tailings at Kolwezi has been cancelled, said President Clive Newell. Reuters carried a report on Thursday that deputy mines minister Victor Kasongo had told it late on Wednesday that the Kingamyambo Musonoi Tailings (KMT) contract had been cancelled because it had failed to start commercial exploitation within the agreed timeframe.*

**We are not in breach of contract, First Quantum insists.**

(12/08/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/we-are-not-in-breach-of-contract-first-quantum-insists-2009-08-12>

**First Quantum urges Congo to reinstate contract.**

(11/08/2009 – Reuters)

<http://www.reuters.com/article/marketsNews/idUSLB17150720090811>

*TSX- and LSE-listed First Quantum Minerals is confident that it remains within the terms of a mining contract with the government of the DRC, for the company's Kolwezi tailings-recovery project, president Clive Newell said on Tuesday.*

**Anvil raises more finance for big DRC copper project.**

(10/08/2009 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page36?oid=87338&sn=Detail>

**Anvil to get \$200 mln financing for Congo mine.**

(10/08/2009 – Reuters)

<http://www.reuters.com/article/marketsNews/idUSBNG46224120090810>

**Anvil shares leap on Kinsevere financing, restart.**

(10/08/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/anvil-shares-leap-on-kinsevere-financing-restart-2009-08-10>

*Anvil Mining is raising an additional \$200 million in a combined debt and equity financing through Dutch trading company Trafigura, to fast track the Kinsevere Stage 2 copper mine project.*

**Katanga posts Q2 loss, refurbishment on track.**

(7/08/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/katanga-reports-575m-q2-loss-2009-08-07>

*TSX-listed copper and cobalt Katanga Mining on Friday posted a second quarter net loss of \$57,5-million, compared with a \$9,9-million loss in the same period last year.*

**Banro welcomes the DRC government's final ratification of the fiscal arrangement under its mining convention.**

(11/08/2009 – Stockhouse)

<http://www.stockhouse.com/News/CanadianReleasesDetail.aspx?n=7414347>

*Banro Corporation is pleased to report that the government of the DRC has ratified, with minor modification, the Fiscal Agreement reached between the government and the Company in February 2009. The Company continues to receive full cooperation and support from the DRC's central and provincial governments as it moves forward to develop its wholly-owned gold projects in the DRC.*

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## China in the Great Lakes Region

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**Progress seen on China-DR Congo deal: World Bank.**

(10/08/2009 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE57908C20090810?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews>

**World Bank targets DRC debt relief by next March.**

(12/08/2009 – Khaleej Times)

[http://www.khaleejtimes.com/DisplayArticle08.asp?xfile=data/international/2009/August/international\\_August766.xml&section=international](http://www.khaleejtimes.com/DisplayArticle08.asp?xfile=data/international/2009/August/international_August766.xml&section=international)

*World Bank President Robert Zoellick on Monday cited signs of progress in talks to adjust a \$9 billion infrastructure-for-minerals deal between China and the DRC that has raised IMF concerns. The International Monetary Fund fears the contract, which uses Congo's mineral reserves as a guarantee for infrastructure projects, could plunge the central African nation deeper into debt and have delayed forgiveness of most of the \$10 billion Congo already owes.*

**Africa: Continent Needs To 'Play Smart' in Trade With Asia.**

(6/08/2009 – The Namibian – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908060952.html>

**Africa's Cooperation with New and Emerging Development Partners: Options for Africa's Development.**

(March 2009 – UN Office of Special Advisor on Africa)

<http://asiandrivers.open.ac.uk/Kaplinsky%20Emerging%20Economies%20and%20SSA%20final%20March%2009.pdf>

*"Whilst some emerging economies have a strategy for Africa, Africa does not have a strategy towards the emerging economies," notes the UN Office of the Special Advisor on Africa (OSAA) in the new report. Having a strategic approach is vital, the paper says, because Africa is much less important to its new trading partners than they are to Africa, and ending dependence on commodity exports is vital to the region's development goals.*

### **China shoves US in scramble for Africa.**

(6/08/2009 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2009-08-06-china-shoves-us-in-scramble-for-africa>

(6/08/2009 – Reuters - Engineering News)

<http://www.engineeringnews.co.za/article/china-others-shove-us-in-scramble-for-africa-2009-08-06>

### **Clinton Seeks U.S. Africa Gains as China Expands Oil Purchases.**

(4/08/2009 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601116&sid=ac7YAStWmfo>

*A presidential visit followed by United States Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's African tour cannot conceal a stark reality: China has overtaken the US as Africa's top trading partner.*

## **Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region**

### **'New era' for DR Congo and Rwanda.**

(6/08/2009 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/8188715.stm>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Réunion entre les délégations congolaise et rwandaise à Goma.**

(6/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908060441.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Diplomats Speak Ahead of Kagame, Kabila Meeting.**

(6/08/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908060187.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Kabila to Meet Kagame Over Congo Peace.**

(6/08/2009 – Daily Nation – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908060865.html>

**Rwandan, Congolese presidents hold landmark talks.**

(6/08/2009 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2009-08-06-rwandan-congolese-presidents-hold-landmark-talks>

**Rwanda: Kagame, Kabila Meet a Step Towards Regional Peace and Security.**

(6/08/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908060186.html>

**DRC, Rwanda presidents hold rare meeting on border.**

(7/08/2009 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE57601A20090807?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews>

**Central Africa: Kagame, Kabila Talks to Go 'Beyond Security'.**

(6/08/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908060184.html>

**Rwanda: Kagame, Kabila Agree to Tackle FDLR Menace.**

(7/08/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908070007.html>

**Les Présidents Joseph Kabila et Paul Kagame apprécient les efforts conjoints déployés en vue de promouvoir la paix et la stabilité entre Kinshasa et Kigali.**

(7/08/2009 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/60131>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Kabila-Kagame en tête-à-tête à Gisenyi!**

(6/08/2009 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908060213.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: En attendant les travaux de la commission mixte en octobre prochain - Kinshasa et Kigali refusent d'être «otages du passé».**

(8/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908100241.html>

**Rwanda: RDC/Rwanda: L'embellie se poursuit.**

(9/08/2009 – L'Observateur – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908100250.html>

### **La rencontre Kabila-Kagame à Gisenyi signale le retour du leadership régional de la RDC avec caution américaine.**

(6/08/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/60125>

*The leaders of Rwanda and Democratic Republic of Congo have pledged to boost economic and security ties, hailing an "all new era" after a rare meeting. Rwandan President Paul Kagame told his Congolese counterpart that Rwanda would never be a base for militias that could destabilise Congo. They also agreed to develop projects to exploit natural gas reserves in Lake Kivu, and to revive joint commissions that have lain dormant for years.*

### **Ban welcomes summit between leaders of DR Congo and Rwanda.**

(7/08/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=31712&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=19804&Cr=congo&Cr1=rwanda> (French)

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Obasanjo salue les «relations améliorées» entre la RDC et le Rwanda.**

(10/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908100478.html>

*Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has welcomed yesterday's summit between the leaders of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Rwanda, the first official bilateral meeting since the neighbouring African nations broke off official ties more than one decade ago.*

### **Rwanda: Kagame-Kabila Summit - Border Residents Speak Out.**

(8/08/2009 – The New Times - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908100393.html>

*Residents of the Democratic Republic of Congo in the town of Goma and their Rwandan counterparts of Gisenyi town believe that the meeting by the two Heads of State is vital and will restore cross-border relationship and cooperation. The New Times interviewed various people from both towns to get their views on the meeting.*

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Hillary Clinton - les dossiers qui l'attendent à Goma.**

(10/08/2009 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908101162.html>

*The fact that Kabila and Kagame gathered in the run-up to Clinton's visit to Goma is not a coincidence. America strongly supports the normalisation of relations between the two countries and encourages the military operations against the FDLR rebels.*

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Govt-DRC to Revive Joint Permanent Commission.**

(9/08/2009 - The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908100984.html>

### **Congo-Kinshasa: La Grande Commission mixte RDC-Rwanda remise sur les rails.**

(10/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908100479.html>

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Kabila et Kagamé relancent la Grande Commission Mixte RDC- Rwanda.**

(7/08/2009 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908070677.html>

*Just a few days after President Paul Kagame's historical meeting with his DRC counterpart, Joseph Kabila, the two are now planning to revive the Joint Permanent Commission for cooperation between the two countries.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: A l'issue de son tête-à-tête avec J. Kabila jeudi à Goma - Kagame dissocie le cas Nkunda du CNDP.**

(7/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908070205.html>

*In his tête-à-tête with Kabila on security matters, Kagame asked to view Nkunda and the CNDP rebellion as two separate cases.*

**Afrique Centrale: Quelles retombées pour la paix dans la région des Grands Lacs?**

(9/08/2009 – Le Pays – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908100303.html>

*Article considering the chances of real peace in the Great Lakes region after the Kabila-Kagame meeting.*

**Central Africa: 'There's Relative Peace in Great Lakes Region'.**

(5/08/2009 – Times of Zambia – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908050842.html>

*Executive secretary for the international conference on the Great Lakes region Liberata Malamula said there was now relative peace in the region, which had not been seen for many years following interventions by leaders of the region in the various conflicts. She said the situation for the region had significantly improved in the last one year but that challenges still remained.*

**Ban urges leaders to consolidate peace in Africa's Great Lakes region.**

(10/08/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=31724&Cr=Great+Lakes&Cr1=>

*While tensions in Africa's Great Lakes region have eased in the past year, there are still serious issues to be dealt with, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said today, addressing the third summit of heads of State and government of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR). Mr. Ban commended in particular the commitment of the leaders of the DRC and Rwanda to promote peace and stability in the region. In a message delivered by his Special Envoy for the region, Olusegun Obasanjo, the Secretary-General welcomed last week's summit between the Presidents of the two countries, as well as the exchange of their ambassadors.*

**Uganda: Museveni Attends Lusaka Ordinary Summit.**

(11/08/2009 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908101625.html>

*The conference comprised African countries that share lakes Victoria, Albert, Kivu, Edward, Mweru and Tanganyika, commonly known as the Great Lakes, and deals with four main themes; peace and security, democracy and good governance, economic development and regional integration, humanitarian and social issues.*

**Rwanda: Country Mulls Regional Efforts to Eradicate FDLR.**

(11/08/2009 – The New times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908110018.html>

*Speaking on Monday at the regional inter-ministerial meeting of ICGLR in Lusaka, the Rwandan Minister of Foreign Affairs and Regional Cooperation, Rosemary Museminali, has appealed to the countries in the Great Lakes region for support in eradicating FDLR forces currently holed up in the eastern DRC.*

### **East Africa: Regional Joint Force On the Way.**

(5/08/2009 – Daily Nation – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908050985.html>

*Regional defence chiefs are meeting to plan for the training of a joint force that will intervene in conflicts in the eastern African countries. Eastern Africa - home to some of the deadliest conflicts - is expected to benefit from the joint force, which will create a standby unit for the continent's peace operations. The meeting, which started in Nairobi on Wednesday, brings together defence chiefs from Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Somalia, Djibouti, Ethiopia and Sudan.*

### **Africa: U.S. Military Command Aims to Help Africans Help Themselves – General.**

(6/08/2009 – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908070991.html>

*Interview with Africom commander General William E. Ward, who believes much of the criticism on United States Africa Command is waning.*

### **Thai court refuses to extradite 'Merchant of Death'.**

(11/08/2009 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2009-08-11-thai-court-refuses-to-extradite-merchant-of-death>

### **Thai court rejects US extradition for Bout.**

(11/08/2009 – The National)

<http://www.thenational.ae/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090812/NATIONAL/708119966/1010>

### **Chained together by a dark history.**

(11/08/2009 – The National)

<http://www.thenational.ae/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090811/NATIONAL/708109858/1001>

*A Thai court on Tuesday refused to extradite alleged Russian arms dealer Viktor Bout to the United States to face trial on charges of supplying weapons to Colombian rebels. Bout is alleged to have sold or brokered arms deals that have helped fuel wars in Afghanistan, Angola, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone and Sudan.*

## **DRC**

### **Military chiefs of UN peacekeeping forces in Africa call for more troops, equipment.**

(6/08/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www0.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=31703&Cr=peacekeep&Cr1=>

*The military chiefs of the United Nations' largest and most complex peacekeeping operations urged Member States today to provide the troops and equipment necessary to carry out their missions in the war-ravaged regions of Darfur in western Sudan and eastern DRC.*

### **Congo's Rape Epidemic Worsens During U.S.-Backed Military Operation.**

(10/08/2009 – Washington Post)

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/08/10/AR2009081000492.html?wprss=rss\\_world/africa](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/08/10/AR2009081000492.html?wprss=rss_world/africa)

*An already staggering epidemic of rape has become markedly worse since the January deployment of tens of thousands of poorly trained, poorly paid Congolese soldiers, with people in front-line villages such as this one saying the soldiers are not so much hunting rebels as hunting women.*

### **DR Congo: UN sends protection teams to east amid widespread reports of rape.**

(5/08/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www0.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=31692&Cr=monuc&Cr1=> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=19785&Cr=RDC&Cr1=> (French)

*With reports of widespread rape and other atrocities pouring in from the eastern Kivu provinces of the DRC, the United Nations mission there has sent some 40 teams to the region over the past six months to bolster the protection of civilians.*

### **Eastern DRC: MONUC makes the protection of civilians its main priority.**

(5/08/2009 – MONUC)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=932&ctl=Details&mid=1096&ItemID=5070> (English)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=5071> (French)

*The weekly MONUC press conference today focused on the activities of MONUC's Joint Protection Teams which were set up in February 2009. These multidisciplinary teams, comprising of MONUC's Human Rights, Child Protection, Civil Affairs and Public Information staff, are helping peacekeepers in reinforcing civilian protection mechanisms on the ground.*

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Le général Babacar Gaye - «Il faut des moyens à la Monuc pour sa mission en RDC».**

(10/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908100689.html>

*General Babacar Gaye stated the MONUC needs more means to be able to entirely fulfil its role, as it has to deal with several armed groups in eastern DRC.*

### **Restaurer la paix au Kivu : Quelles pistes de solutions pour faire face aux FDLR et la LRA.**

(22/06/2009 - Club des Amis du Droit du Congo)

For consultation at request.

*Report of a discussion panel organised by the CAD on the theme “Restoring peace in the Kivus: What solutions towards FDLR and LRA”.*

### **Goma : Kabila effectue une visite éclair à Rutshuru.**

(9/08/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=24256>

*President Kabila rendered a visit to Rutshuru territory to evaluate the security situation on the ground.*

### **OCHA: Two million internally displaced persons in eastern DRC.**

(4/08/2009 – MONUC)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=932&ctl=Details&mid=1096&ItemID=5052> (English)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=5053> (French)

### **Deux millions de déplacés internes répertoriés en Rdc.**

(6/08/2009 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/60116>

*The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs's report on IDPs issued on Monday 3 August 2009 estimates that there are two million IDPs in the Democratic Republic of Congo, despite the three million that have returned home. The situation has markedly deteriorated over the last few months, said OCHA, indicating that half of the IDPs live in South Kivu where their number was estimated at 536,000 as of June. In North Kivu, 350,000 persons were forced to leave their homes.*

**DRC: Respect and Protect Civilians.**

(7/08/2009 – IPS)

<http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=47997>

*IPS interview with Aimee Ansari, DRC coordinator for Oxfam GB. She states the government joint military offensive against the FDLR rebels in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo that began in January has dramatically increased sexual violence in the provinces of North and South Kivu.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Le PAM vole au secours des déplacés de Shabunda.**

(5/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908050346.html>

*Article on the WFP's aid delivery to the IDPs in Shabunda, South Kivu.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Situation humanitaire - La Russie accorde 1,8 million USD en faveur des déplacés de l'Est de la RDC.**

(10/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908100704.html>

*As the humanitarian situation of IDPs in eastern DRC is worrying, Russia promised US\$1,8 million.*

**RD Congo : Action humanitaire au Sud-Kivu - Rapport de situation du 29 juillet au 04 août 2009.**

(4/08/2009 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/STRI-7UMMVX?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

**Briefing humanitaire en RDC, 03 au 07 août 2009.**

(7/08/2009 – OCHA - Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/STRI-7UPL3Z?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

**Humanitarian crisis in eastern DRC, Aug 2009 - Briefing kit.**

(8/08/2009 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/MYAI-7UR82R?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

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

**Congo-Kinshasa: Clinton's Visit Rings Hope for Ravaged Country.**

(6/08/2009 – Daily Nation – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908060861.html>

**A Goma, Hillary Clinton sera confrontée au bilan contradictoire des opérations de paix.**

(5/08/2009 – Colette Braeckman)

<http://blogs.lesoir.be/colette-braeckman/2009/08/05/a-goma-hillary-clinton-sera-confrontee-au-bilan-contradictoire-des-operations-de-paix/>

*When Hillary Clinton steps off the plane in Kinshasa next week, she will be stepping into the wilting arms of one of the world's most needy places.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Hillary Clinton demande aux Congolais de tourner la page.**

(11/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908110305.html>

**Clinton demands end to Congo rape.**

(11/08/2009 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/8194836.stm>

*Article from Le Potentiel expressing hope Hilary Clinton's visit might help the DRC to turn the page of conflict.*

**Clinton off to DRC after Angola.**

(10/08/2009 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2009-08-10-clinton-off-to-drc-after-angola>

**Clinton to take fight against rape to east Congo.**

(11/08/2009 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJQE57A00U20090811?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews>

**Hillary Clinton à Kinshasa : 2 adresses significatives à la jeunesse congolaise et aux décideurs politiques!**

(11/08/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/60232>

*US Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton heads to the Democratic Republic of Congo on Monday to target an epidemic of sexual assault in the violence-torn nation after wrapping up a trip to Angola where she pushed democratic reform and trade.*

**Clinton to push Congo, UN on atrocities on women.**

(10/08/2009 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJQE5790DF20090810?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews>

*U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said on Monday she would press Democratic Republic of Congo's government to address the root causes of the conflict in the east, including the trade in minerals such cassiterite and coltan, and stop the use of women as "weapons of war".*

**Clinton appeal on Congo conflict.**

(11/08/2009 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/8193166.stm>

**Les Usa promettent un partenariat positif avec la Rdc.**

(11/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/60231>

**Hillary Clinton face aux étudiants: «la RDC doit suivre l'exemple du Botswana».**

(10/08/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=24268>

*US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has urged students in the Democratic Republic of Congo to speak out against the country's deadly civil conflict.*

**Hillary Clinton to meet MONUC officials.**

(10/08/2009 – MONUC)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=932&ctl=Details&mid=1096&ItemID=5111> (English)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=5110> (French)

*Mrs. Clinton will meet with the highest authorities of the DRC Government, notably the Prime Minister and the President of the Republic Joseph Kabila, as well as civil society representatives. She will also hold talks with officials of the MONUC.*

**United States vows support for UN efforts against sexual violence in DR Congo.**

(11/08/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www0.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=31737&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=19825&Cr=clinton&Cr1=RDC> (French)

*The United States stands alongside the United Nations ready to face down the use of rape as a weapon of war in eastern DRC, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton told a local UN-backed radio station during her visit to the strife-torn nation.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: No Excuses for Gender-Based Violence, Clinton Tells DRC.**

(11/08/2009 – American Government – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908120010.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Clinton Set on Ending Sexual Violence.**

(11/08/2009 – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908110499.html>

*Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton condemned the "terrible trend" of sexual and gender-based violence used as a tool of war, and said leaders in the DRC and other governments in the region, as well as nonstate entities, need to make a "concerted effort" to prevent and discourage sexual violence.*

**Clinton offers aid to victims of Africa's longest conflict.**

(11/08/2009 – CNN)

[http://edition.cnn.com/2009/WORLD/africa/08/11/clinton.congo/index.html?eref=edition\\_africa](http://edition.cnn.com/2009/WORLD/africa/08/11/clinton.congo/index.html?eref=edition_africa)

**La bonne gouvernance au centre du message de Hillary Clinton aux Congolais.**

(11/08/2009 – Le Phare – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/60212>

*In a meeting with leaders of nongovernmental organizations, Clinton said the United States will provide "more than \$17 million in new funds to prevent and respond to gender and sexual violence."*

*Furthermore on Monday, Clinton had delivered a blunt message to Prime Minister Adolphe Muzito when he hosted a dinner in her honor. "There must be an end to widespread financial corruption and abuses of human rights and women's rights," she said. "There must be an improvement in governance and the respect for the rule of law."*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Question and Answers - Dossier for Hillary Clinton's Visit.**

(10/08/2009 – Human Rights Watch - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908110223.html>

*Human Rights Watch wrote a short overview on the conflict in eastern DRC: the warring parties, the humanitarian situation, sexual violence, ...*

**DRC: Clinton Should Highlight Rape and Justice Issues.**

(10/08/2009 – Human Rights Watch)

<http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2009/08/10/drc-clinton-should-highlight-rape-and-justice-issues> (English)

(10/08/2009 – Human Rights Watch - allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908110982.html> (French)

*Killings and brutal sexual violence against women, girls and also men have massively increased in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo since the start of military operations in January 2009, the Congo Advocacy Coalition, a group of 88 humanitarian and human rights organizations, said today. The coalition urged Hillary Clinton, the United States secretary of state, who arrives in Congo today, to press the Congolese government and United Nations peacekeepers for more effective measures to protect civilians and to pursue justice for serious crimes.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Statement by John Pendergrast on Secretary Clinton's Trip to Congo.**

(10/08/2009 – ENOUGH Project – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908110720.html>

*Secretary Clinton's visit to Goma provides the opportunity for the United States to deepen its overdue engagement in search of a solution for the world's deadliest war.*

## FDLR

### **Repatriation of FDLR Rwandan combatants continues.**

(6/08/2009 – MONUC)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=932&ctl=Details&mid=1096&ItemID=5081> (English)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=5080> (French)

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Paul Kagame reçoit Alan Doss, le chef de la Monuc.**

(6/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908060451.html>

### **Le représentant spécial de l'Onu en Rdc reçu en audience à Kigali.**

(6/08/2009 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/60115>

*Last weekend, Alan Doss, met Rwandan President Paul Kagame, where they discussed the security situation in eastern DRC, notably the repatriation of FDLR combatants, the military operation "Kimia II" as well as sub-regional challenges and future perspectives. With regard to the MONUC DDRRR programme, it is also understood that discussions were focused on how to kick-start the process.*

### **Opération « Kimia 2 » : La Monuc implante des bases pour soutenir les Fardc.**

(6/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/60101>

*The MONUC is establishing several bases in South Kivu to be able to support the FARDC in its Kimia II military operation, among other things to protect civilians and to assist in the DDR process.*

### **General Gaye: Our support to the FARDC is crucial.**

(7/08/2009 – MONUC)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=932&ctl=Details&mid=1096&ItemID=5084> (English)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=5085> (French)

*In an interview with the UN Radio in New York this week, MONUC Force Commander General Babacar Gaye evaluated the military operation "Kimia II," and the engagement of the FARDC with MONUC in this joint operation against the FDLR rebels in the provinces of North and South Kivu. He also explained MONUC's logistical support to the Congolese army, the planning of joint operations, and perspectives for the future.*

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Sud-Kivu - Les FARDC reprennent le contrôle de Ngando.**

(5/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908050358.html>

### **Les Fardc ont réalisé des succès tactiques dans les opérations KIMIA 2, selon la Monuc.**

(6/08/2009 – L'Avenir – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/60100>

*Articles on the progress the military operation Kimia II is achieving at the moment.*

### **Uvira : les FRF coalisent avec les FDLR dans les hauts plateaux.**

(5/08/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=24214>

(7/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908070481.html>

*The civil society in Uvira reports on FDLR rebels, on the run for the FARDC military operation, taking shelter in FRF territory.*

**Rwanda: FDRL Kills Three Rwandan Pastoralists, Takes One Hostage.**

(9/08/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908100983.html>

*Goma yesterday, at least three pastoralists were reportedly killed and one kidnapped by rebels of the FDRL at Kibungu in Bwisha, Rucuru zone in North Kivu.*

**Kimia II: MONUC and traditional leaders reflect on collaboration strategies in South Kivu.**

(10/08/2009 – MONUC)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=932&ctl=Details&mid=1096&ItemID=5108> (English)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=5109> (French)

**Bukavu : les Bami s'engagent à soutenir l'opération Kimia 2.**

(9/08/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=24258>

*MONUC's Bukavu office held a two day meeting with traditional leaders in South Kivu Province from 7-8 August 2009, with a view to reflecting on collaboration strategies in the context of ongoing Kimia II military operations. The objective of the meeting was to brainstorm and discuss the challenges posed by the DRC military operations against the FDRL, and to develop strategies for an effective collaboration between partners in order to best protect the civilian population.*

**"Time for a New Approach to Disarm the FDRL".**

(7/08/2009 – International Crisis Group)

<http://www.crisisgroup.org/home/index.cfm?id=6263&l=1>

*François Grignon in The Africa Report says it is time for a comprehensive approach to disarm the rebels in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. Military action alone cannot achieve the stated objective of disarming the rebels and alleviating civilian suffering – despite enthusiastic statements by Congolese, Rwandan and some UN officials. A new multifaceted approach is needed.*

**LRA****Congo-Kinshasa: Province Orientale : Affrontement LRA-militaires ougandais - 2 morts et une femme enlevé.**

(5/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908050357.html>

*Article reporting on the violent confrontation between LRA rebels and the Uganda national army in Nakala last weekend.*

**Djungu-Faradje : affrontements entre FARDC et LRA à Zoro, 6 rebelles tués.**

(9/08/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=24253>

*Six rebels were killed during violent confrontations between the FARDC and the LRA rebels in Nzoro, near Dungu, last week.*

**UN warns of rebel 'rampage' through DRC.**

(7/08/2009 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2009-08-07-un-warns-of-rebel-rampage-through-drc>

*LRA rebels are killing people, displacing others, raping women and torching homes in north-eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), the United Nations warned on Friday.*

**Dungu : 38 civils tués et 6 blessés lors des attaques de la LRA en juillet 2009.**

(5/08/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=24205>

*The LRA attacks during last month caused a lot of human suffering.*

**Thousands of Congolese displaced by Ugandan rebels – UN.**

(7/08/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=31704&Cr=&Cr1=> (English)

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**New LRA rampage displaces thousands of Congolese.**

(7/08/2009 – UNHCR – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/PSLG-7UPE4Y?OpenDocument&RSS20=18-P>

**LRA Attacks in Country Displace 12,000.**

(10/08/2009 – IRIN - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908101359.html>

**Le Hcr dénonce les attaques des rebelles de la Lra provoquant la fuite de 12.500 civils.**

(10/08/2009 – L'Avenir – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/60192>

**RD Congo/Dungu : plus de cent milles déplacés sans assistance humanitaire.**

(10/08/2009 – Radio Okapi – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/NSPR-7USCSH?OpenDocument&RSS20=18-P>

*Some 12,500 people in eastern DRC have been uprooted from their homes in the past month by attacks by the Ugandan rebel LRA, the United Nations refugee agency reported today.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Ituri - La sécurité s'améliore grâce aux patrouilles FARDC-UPDF.**

(11/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908110258.html>

(9/08/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=24254>

*Article stating that thanks to the mixed UPDF-FARDC patrols the security situation in Ituri has improved considerably, the number of LRA attacks has diminished during the last two weeks.*

**Tchad, Soudan et RDC : Ban veut une enquête sur les violences sexuelles.**

(7/08/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=19800&Cr=sexuelle&Cr1=femmes>

*UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon asked to Security Council to urgently establish an enquiry commission for the investigation of sexual atrocities in the DRC, Sudan and Chad. The Secretary General furthermore wanted to draw the Security Council's attention to the LRA's human rights violations in the region.*

## UGANDA

**Government of Uganda and Representatives of ADF-NALU Met Under the Auspices of MONUC.**

(6/08/2009 – MONUC)

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**Le gouvernement ougandais et l'ADF-NALU se rencontrent sous les auspices de la MONUC.**

(6/08/2009 – MONUC)

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**Kampala et l'ADF-Nalu se concertent à Kisangani sous l'égide de la Monuc.**

(11/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/60227>

*Delegations of the Government of Uganda and of the ADF-NALU met on 5 and 6 August 2009 in Kisangani under the auspices of the MONUC, to discuss ways and means to find a peaceful solution to the conflict between the ADF-NALU and the Government of Uganda.*

**Uganda: UN to Expand Entebbe Base.**

(9/08/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908100149.html>

*The United Nations will expand its anchor operations at Entebbe army base to make it its logistical launchpad for UN missions in Africa. Uganda's permanent representative to the UN Security Council in New York, Dr. Ruhakana Rugunda, announced on Friday that the expansion of the logistics hub will commence next year.*

**BURUNDI****Burundi: Burundi's Former Child Soldiers Strive to Re-Enter Society.**

(5/08/2009 – American Government - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908051003.html>

*Knowing nothing but war, many boys growing up in Burundi during its civil conflict were raised to be soldiers. The future of these former child soldiers rests on their successful reintegration into society. Their successful reintegration also helps keep Burundi from reverting back to civil conflicts. The ABA Rule of Law Initiative's (ABA ROLI's) program in Burundi focuses on addressing the numerous legal, psychological, vocational and social challenges associated with reintegrating former child soldiers.*

**Tanzania naturalizes first batch of Burundian refugees, reports UN.**

(7/08/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=31706&Cr=tanzania&Cr1=> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=19799&Cr=Tanzanie&Cr1=Burundi> (French)

*After living in Tanzania for over three decades, thousands of Burundian refugees have been granted citizenship by the host Government, in the first large-scale naturalization of its kind in Africa, the United Nations refugee agency said today.*

**RWANDA****Rwanda: Senior U.S. Military Officers Arrive.**

(9/08/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908100981.html>

**Rwanda: Senior U.S. Army Officers On Study Visit.**

(9/08/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908100420.html>

*Senior US Military officers arrive today for an official three-day visit, the Rwanda Defence Forces has announced. The visit is expected to develop deeper understanding of common interests and how to build a stronger bond between the two armies.*

**Rwanda: Refugees Risk Losing Status.**

(4/08/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908050813.html>

*Government has issued an ultimatum to all Rwandan refugees that they might lose their status should they fail to abide by the December 2009 deadline to have returned home.*

**Uganda: Rwandan Refugees Repatriated.**

(4/08/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908050081.html>

*Uganda has repatriated 5,531 Rwandan refugees following a meeting between the two governments in April. The meeting set July 31 as the deadline to see off the Rwandan refugees who were given asylum in Uganda during the 1994 genocide.*

**Rwanda: Government, Uganda Agree to Extend Refugees' Repatriation Deadline.**

(7/08/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908070121.html>

**Repatriation Deadline Extended.**

(10/08/2009 – IRIN – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908101358.html>

*Rwandan refugees living in Ugandan camps who missed the July 31 deadline for voluntary repatriation have until the end of August to do so. This is one of the resolutions made yesterday by the Rwandan and Ugandan governments together with the UNHCR at the 7th Tripartite Commission on Repatriation of Rwandan refugees.*

**Land registration to help Rwanda recover from conflict.**

(5/08/2009 – United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID) – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/SNAA-7UN3EP?OpenDocument&RSS20=18-P>

**Rwanda: Funding to secure land.**

(6/08/2009 – afrol News – AfricaFiles)

<http://www.africafiles.org/article.asp?ID=21496>

*Men and women across Rwanda will be able to officially claim their right to land for the first time through a major new UK-funded project launched today, ending a source of violent conflict and dispute.*

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**World Bank President to Tour Africa.**

(6/08/2009 – World Bank)

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**WB chief heads to Africa as economies hurt.**

(7/08/2009 – Daily Nation)

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**Congo-Kinshasa: Le président de la BM depuis hier à Kinshasa.**

(10/08/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908110440.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Robert Zoellick est arrivé hier à Kinshasa.**

(10/08/2009 – La Prospérité - allAfrica)

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**Afrique Centrale: La région préoccupe la Banque mondiale.**

(10/08/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

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**Congo-Kinshasa: Visite du président R. Zoellick - La RDC et la Banque mondiale échangent sur la base des réalités du terrain.**

(11/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908110102.html>

*World Bank Group President Robert B. Zoellick next week begins a three-nation African tour to encourage investor and donor support to help the world's poorest continent cope with the global economic crisis. During visits to the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Uganda, Zoellick will see up-close some of the damage the financial crisis has wrought on these three countries of Africa's Great Lakes region.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: M.F. Marie Nelly donne les grandes préoccupations de la BM en RDC.**

(10/08/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908110444.html>

*Marie-Françoise Marie Nelly, World Bank director for the DRC, stated WB President Zoellick's visit to the DRC aims to evaluate the impact of earlier WB efforts in the Congo, and to outline new engagements.*

**Africa: Continent Wants U.S. to Review Agoa Pact.**

(5/08/2009 – Business Daily – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908050477.html>

*Africa will be pushing for a comprehensive revision of key provisions of US legislation to remove hidden barriers to trade, delegates to the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act conference said.*

**Africa: Clinton's Remarks at Agoa Forum.**

(5/08/2009 – United States Department of State – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908050929.html>

(5/08/2009 – US Department of State)

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**Africa: In Agoa, U.S. Gave Nets But Continent Has Still Failed to Fish.**

(7/08/2009 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

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**Congo-Kinshasa: Autour de la visite de Hillary Clinton.**

(6/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908060307.html>

**Hillary Clinton appelle les Africains à s'attaquer à la corruption.**

(6/08/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

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**Congo-Kinshasa: Conférence de l'Agoa - Hillary Clinton en Afrique pour faire les affaires.**

(6/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908060335.html>

*The eighth Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (Agoa) forum yesterday ended in the Kenyan capital, Nairobi, after US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton called on African countries to diversify the products they sell to the American market and enhance their competitiveness by value addition if they are to take advantage of the initiative.*

**Afrique: Les Etats-Unis d'Amérique réajustent leur politique africaine.**

(6/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908060306.html>

*Article on Hilary Clinton's Africa tour.*

**Africa: Food Security is Top Agenda Item On Clinton Africa Trip.**

(4/08/2009 – American Government – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908050001.html>

*Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton is putting a spotlight on food security and partnerships as she makes her first official visit to sub-Saharan Africa, a region that the international nongovernmental organization (NGO) World Vision says is "riddled with hunger."*

## Clinton in Africa: Promoting US corporate interests.

(6/08/2009 – Pambazuka)

<http://www.pambazuka.org/en/category/features/58287>

*International media attention is focused this week on the visit of the US Secretary of State, Hilary Clinton, to seven countries in Africa. But what is the significance of Clinton's visit? Does it really hold out hope for Africa? There are three dimensions to this visit: AGOA, oil and natural resource exploitation, and security. And in each case, it is US corporate interests, not the interests of Africans, that are being pushed, argues Firoze Manji from Pambazuka News.*

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