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IPIS

NEW ACQUISITIONS OF THE IPIS LIBRARY

Daniel Estulin (2010), *Shadow masters*, Trine Day LLC: USA, 357p.

Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

All Eyes On the Crude Continent.

(8/07/2010 – The Observer)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201007080428.html>

As the more volatile and mineral-rich countries of Africa look like settling down, peace and expanding workforces could lead to greater prosperity and more manpower and brainpower to detect and extract our resources. Africa may be quietly becoming the next oil-Mecca as more explorations are carried out; this, at least, is what some of the giant Asian economies feel as they turn their attention in our direction. Africa, both on-shore and off-shore, is the new and last great frontier.

DRC

More transparency in resource sector vital for Congo to benefit from debt relief says Global Witness.

(07/07/2010 – Global Witness)

http://www.globalwitness.org/media_library_detail.php/1016/en/more_transparency_in_resource_sector_vital_for_congo_to_benefit_from_debt_relief_says_global_witness

L'Ong « Global Witness » plaide pour plus de transparence dans les secteurs miniers et pétroliers de la Rdc

(9/07/2010 – APA – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/68331>

Mines et Pétrole - Global Witness conseille la transparence!

(8/07/2010 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201007080410.html>

Global Witness relance le débat sur la transparence dans le secteur des ressources naturelles.

(8/07/2010 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/68274>

Pour mieux profiter de l'allègement de sa dette.

(8/07/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201007080549.html>

Last week's long-awaited decision by the World Bank and International Monetary Fund to forgive \$12.3 billion of the Democratic Republic of Congo's debt is to be welcomed, but a raft of transparency reforms are urgently needed in the mining and oil sectors if the country is to truly benefit from the decision, said campaign group Global Witness today.

Avec l'atteinte du point d'achèvement - La RDC réconcilie le FMI aux contrats chinois.

(9/07/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201007090315.html>

Article on the Congolese Prime Minister Muzito who has reacted on the remission of debt, furthermore he also talked about the Chinese investments in the DRC.

Alors que l'anarchie gagne le secteur minier congolais - Cours du cuivre - Hausse à moyen et à long terme.

(10/07/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201007100041.html>

Because of the malfunctioning of its mining sector, the DRC does not manage to profit from the rising copper price on the world market

Climat des affaires dans le secteur minier - la FEC met le gouvernement à l'épreuve.

(7/07/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201007070482.html>

The president of the FEC has sent a letter to the Prime Minister concerning the Congolese mining sector.

Le Code minier, huit ans après - le rendez-vous manqué de la relance.

(13/07/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201007130676.html>

In 2002, the DRC created a new mining code to relaunch the county's mining sector. Eight years later, little has changed.

Evaluation du stock de carbone dans les terrains forestiers de la Rdc.

(13/07/2010 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/68387>

In the framework of REDD the DRC has launched an evaluation exercise of the country's carbon stocks.

UGANDA

Draft Uganda oil law needs more openness: group.

(8/07/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJ0E6670E820100708?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

A proposed law to manage Uganda's oil industry lacks provisions for competitive bidding for exploration and production licences and allows for direct applications to be made to the energy minister, a U.S.-based think tank has said.

Slippery Oil Agreements.

(12/07/2010 – The Independent – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201007131046.html>

In response to the June 29 tabling of the Petroleum Production Sharing Agreements (PSAs) by Energy Minister Hilary Onek, Rubanda West MP Banyenzaki says parliamentarians will seek expert analysis in order to determine whether or not they are fair to Uganda.

Country's Oil Find Stalls Plan to Extend Kenya's Pipeline.

(9/07/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201007090017.html>

Uganda's Oil Find Stalls Plan to Extend Pipeline.

(7/07/2010 – The Citizen – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201007080105.html>

The recent discovery of large deposits of crude in Uganda has thrown the construction of a major oil pipeline between Eldoret and Kampala into disarray forcing its financiers back to the drawing board. Kenya and Uganda governments are crafting a fresh design for the key regional infrastructure that could see a reversal of the pipeline's direction of flow as well as enhance its capacity to pump crude rather than processed petroleum products.

Banks Have Capacity to Support Oil Development.

(12/07/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201007120879.html>

A top bank official said recently that Ugandan banks have both the financial and requisite experience to participate in the financing of the ongoing petroleum development.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

Congo's new oil deals "massive regression": lobby.

(9/07/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE6680KE20100709?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

Democratic Republic of Congo's latest oil deal with two surprise South African entrants for two coveted blocks in the east of the country will lose the country millions of dollars of potential earnings, according to a lobby group and contract documents seen by Reuters.

Dr Giuseppe Ciccarelli - "La RDC pourrait devenir un des premiers producteurs pétroliers du continent".

(9/07/2010 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201007090272.html>

Interview with Dr Giuseppe Ciccarelli, who is associated to Caprikat and Foxwhelp, the enterprises that recently obtained exploration rights on Lake Albert.

Kilo Drilling Intersects 45.50 Metres Grading 3.18 g/t Gold, Part of a 151.00 Metre Zone Grading 1.61 g/t Gold on the Somituri Project, DRC.

(9/07/2010 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Kilo-Drilling-Intersects-4550-Metres-Grading-318-g-t-Gold-Part-15100-Metre-Zone-Grading-TSX-VENTURE-KGL-1287874.htm>

Kilo Goldmines Ltd. is pleased to announce results of the fourth diamond drill hole on the Company's Somituri Project in north-eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.

First Quantum 'shaken down' in DRC.

(8/07/2010 – Miningmx)

http://www.miningmx.com/news/base_metals/first-quantum-shaken-down-in-DRC.htm

First Quantum Minerals has been the victim of a “classic shakedown” in the DRC, according to UK institution Numis Securities. Despite the legal battles under way, Numis believed First Quantum shares were a buy at current levels of around £37.4. This is because of the company’s other operating mines, and projects under development in countries like Zambia and Mauritania.

First Quantum Minerals Provides Assistance to RDC Following Fuel Tanker Explosion.

(7/07/2010 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/First-Quantum-Minerals-Provides-Assistance-to-RDC-Following-Fuel-Tanker-Explosion-TSX-FM-1286749.htm>

First Quantum Minerals Ltd. and its subsidiaries in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Frontier and Comisa, have responded to a request from the RDC Minister of Health for assistance following a fuel tanker explosion in the eastern region of the country.

Metorex declares 1,5Mt resource at Lubembe in DRC.

(8/07/2010 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/metorex-declares-15mt-resource-at-lubembe-in-drc-2010-07-08>

Diversified miner Metorex plans to conclude a prefeasibility study on its Lubembe copper growth project, in the DRC, where it declared a maiden 1,5-million ton resource on Thursday, during 2011.

UGANDA

Government Approves Biggest Oil Sale.

(7/07/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201007070338.html>

Oil Firm Allowed to Sell Stake in Lake Albert.

(7/07/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201007080077.html>

Government of Uganda Approves Sale of Heritage's Ugandan Assets to Tullow.

(7/07/2010 – OilVoice)

http://www.oilvoice.com/n/Government_of_Uganda_Approves_Sale_of_Heritage39s_Ugandan_Assets_to_Tullow/af628b325.aspx

The Ugandan Government on Tuesday gave conditional approval for the sale of Heritage Oil's assets in the Lake Albert rift. Heritage, the firm exploring for oil and gas, is selling its two oil fields of Block 1 & 3A.

RWANDA

Methane Extraction Equipment Arrives.

(8/07/2010 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201007080120.html>

The long awaited extraction of methane gas from Lake Kivu is set to begin following the arrival of the extraction machinery from Kenya by ContourGlobal's subsidiary, KivuWatt Limited. Last year, the government signed a \$ 325m agreement with ContourGlobal, an American energy company to extract gas from the lake.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

Securing democracy in Africa is key.

(8/07/2010 – Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2010/jul/08/africa-great-lakes-stability-free-elections>

Economic growth in the Great Lakes region must be underpinned by free elections if future instability is to be avoided.

DRC

Do No Harm: A guide for companies sourcing from the DRC.

(8/07/2010 – Global Witness)

http://www.globalwitness.org/media_library_detail.php/1019/en/do_no_harm_a_guide_for_companies_sourcing_from_the_drc

Rebels, militias and army units have hijacked the trade in mineral ores from eastern DRC, while subjecting the civilian population to massacres, rape, extortion, forced labour and forced recruitment of child soldiers. Congo's 'conflict minerals' are laundered into the global supply chain by export houses, before being transformed into refined metals by large international smelting firms. This paper argues that the due diligence that companies using minerals or metals originating from eastern DRC needs to undertake consists of: A conflict minerals policy; Supply chain risk assessments, including on the ground checks on suppliers; Remedial action to deal with any problems identified; Independent third party audits of their due diligence measures; Public reporting.

Congo Now! petition calls on UK to do more to end violence in DRC.

(8/07/2010 – Global Witness)

http://www.globalwitness.org/media_library_detail.php/1017/en/congo_now_petition_calls_on_uk_to_do_more_to_end_violence_in_drc

Congo Now! is a campaign to raise awareness of the continuing violence and civilian suffering in the DRC. Congo Now! is backed by over 30 NGOs in the UK working on Congo, including Global Witness, UK-based Congolese groups, and the All Party Parliamentary Group on the Great Lakes Region of Africa.

Situation sécuritaire préoccupante au Nord-Kivu.

(12/07/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201007120589.html>

L'armée congolaise déterminée à arrêter l'activisme des rebelles de l'ADF-NALU à Beni.

(13/07/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/07/13/larmee-congolaise-determinee-a-arreter-lactivisme-des-rebelles-de-ladf-nalu-a-beni/>

The FARDC has launched a military campaign against the Ugandan ADF/NALU rebels in Beni territory.

Beni: sécurité à Rwenzori, l'implication de la Monusco vivement souhaitée.

(7/07/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/07/07/beni-securite-a-rwenzori-l%E2%80%99implication-de-la-monusco-vivement-souhaitee/>

Civil society organisations in Beni are asking the MONUSCO to secure the situation in the territory against the ADF/NALU rebels, following FARDC military operations against the rebels.

Nord-Kivu: les déplacés de Beni Mbau livrés à eux-mêmes.

(9/07/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/07/09/nord-kivu-les-deplaces-de-beni-mbau-livres-a-eux-memes/>

Article on the displacement in Beni following armed confrontations between FARDC, UNLA and ADF/NALU rebels.

Beni: les FARDC récupèrent les positions des ADF Nalu après affrontements.

(10/07/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/07/10/beni-les-fardc-recuperent-les-positions-des-adf-nalu-apres-affrontements/>

The FARDC has captured several positions from the ADF/NALU rebels following armed confrontations.

Beni: opérations contre les ADF-NALU, violents combats au village Makendi.

(11/07/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/07/11/beni-operations-contre-les-adf-nalu-violents-combats-au-village-makendi/>

Harsh fighting occurred during the weekend between the FARDC and ADF/NALU rebels in Makendi village.

Fresh clashes in DR Congo's North Kivu province displace thousands – UN.

(13/07/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=35306&Cr=democratic&Cr1=> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=22410&Cr=Congo&Cr1=> (French)

Beni: opérations militaires contre les ADF NALU, environ trente mille villageois en fuite.

(12/07/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/07/12/beni-operations-militaires-contre-les-adf-nalu-environ-trente-mille-villageois-en-fuite/>

Beni: trente mille personnes ont fui la zone des combats, selon la société civile.

(12/07/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/07/12/beni-trente-mille-personnes-ont-fui-la-zone-des-combats-selon-la-societe-civile/>

Clashes between the army in the DRC and ADF remnants, a Ugandan insurgency, forced an estimated 20,000 people to flee their villages in the troubled North Kivu province of the vast African country, the United Nations reported today.

Butembo: plus de trois mille déplacés manquent d'assistance.

(7/07/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/07/07/butembo-plus-de-trois-mille-deplaces-manquent-dassistance/>

IDPs in Butembo, coming from Lubero and Beni, who fled FDLR, ADF/NALU and other armed groups, are currently deprived from any assistance.

Province du Nord-Kivu - Rutshuru - Le calme revient à Nyamilima.

(7/07/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201007070387.html>

Calm has returned in Nyamilima following manifestations because local police allegedly killed a young man.

Mbandaka: vingt-huit enfants soldats remis à l'Unicef pour démobilisation.

(10/07/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/07/10/mbandaka-vingt-huit-enfants-soldats-remis-a-l%E2%80%99unicef-pour-demobilisation/>

The FARDC has handed over 28 child soldiers, who fought for the Enyele rebels, to UNICEF for their demobilisation.

Mbandaka: 3e Région militaire, le général Ekutshu trouve positif son bilan après trois ans de commandement.

(8/07/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/07/08/mbandaka-3e-region-militaire-le-general-ekutshu-trouve-positif-son-bilan-apres-trois-ans-de-commandement/>

FARDC General Michel Ekutshu has evaluated his three years at the head of the third Military Region.

La CNC/ALPC en campagne médiatique sur la destruction des armes légères.

(10/07/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201007100044.html>

Article on the “Commission nationale de contrôle des armes légères et de lutte contre la violence armée” (CNC/ALPC) sensitizing campaign on the destruction of small arms and light weapons.

DRC: Behind bars for rape.

(7/07/2010 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=89761> (English)

(8/07/2010 – IRIN – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201007090335.html> (French)

In a country known as the most dangerous in the world to be female, the most unusual aspect of the story of convicted rapist Eleka Amungu is that he is behind bars.

DRC: Getting away with rape.

(12/07/2010 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=89802>

It is depressingly easy to find examples of how the DRC's justice system completely fails to prosecute rape - in a country with 17,500 reported incidents of sexual violence in 2009, according to the UN Population Fund, representing only a tiny fraction of the total as most rapes go unreported.

De la Monuc à la Monusco.

(13/07/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201007130715.html>

Article analysing the motives behind the remodelling of the MONUC into the MONUSCO.

La Monusco à pied d'oeuvre en RDC.

(8/07/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201007080558.html>

Article on the MONUSCO's first press conference.

Equateur: retour timide de la population à Buburu.

(7/07/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/07/07/equateur-retour-timide-de-la-population-a-buburu/>

About 250 civilians have returned to Buburu, Province Equateur, after the FARDC has recaptured the locality.

Lukolela: la société civile accuse les militaires de la force navale de tracasser la population.

(12/07/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/07/12/lukolela-la-societe-civile-accuse-les-militaires-de-la-force-navale-de-tracasser-la-population/>

Civil society deplores the FARDC extortions in Lukolela village, Province Equateur.

Equateur: la situation humanitaire reste préoccupante au Sud-Ubangi.

(13/07/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/07/13/equateur-la-situation-humanitaire-reste-preoccupante-au-sud-ubangi/>

The humanitarian situation in South Ubangi remains precarious following the MLIA insurgency which rose last year.

RDC: OCHA/Nord-Kivu - Rapport hebdomadaire du 23 au 29 juin 2010.

(29/06/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/NMUO-876PGZ?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

RDC : OCHA/Orientale - Rapport hebdomadaire du 22 au 28 juin 2010.

(29/06/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/NMUO-876PBT?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

RDC : OCHA/Orientale - Rapport hebdomadaire du 29 juin au 05 juillet 2010.

(6/07/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/VDUX-87ALLP?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

RDC: OCHA/Nord-Kivu - Rapport hebdomadaire du 30 juin au 06 juillet 2010.

(6/07/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/VDUX-87ALJL?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

Briefing humanitaire en RDC du 03 au 09 Juillet 2010.

(9/07/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/FGAI-877PRJ?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

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

Monusco: le lieutenant-général Chander Prakash nommé commandant des forces.

(10/06/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/07/10/monusco-le-lieutenant-general-chander-prakash-nomme-commandant-des-forces/>

Un général indien à la tête de la force de la Monusco.

(12/07/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201007120592.html>

The Indian Lieutenant General Chander Prakash will succeed Babacar Gaye as commander of the MONUSCO blue helmets.

DRC Citizens Attempt to Violate Country's Border.

(12/07/2010 – AngolaPress – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201007120523.html>

Four attempts of border violation on the common border of Angola with the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) were recorded by the police over the last seven days in Zaire Province, representing a decrease in comparison to the previous period.

Experts Assess Situation at Border With DR Congo.

(13/07/2010 – Angolapress - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201007140002.html>

Experts from the six angolan provinces bordering with DR Congo are discussing today in Uige (North) the security situation along the common border and the prevailing conditions of the angolan nationals recently expelled from DR Congo.

Returnees From DRC Get Land Plots.

(13/07/2010 – Angolapress – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201007130660.html>

At least 266 Angolans expelled from the DRC, who have been resettled in Damba City, near Uíge City, recently received plots of land for construction of residences, ANGOP learnt from an official source.

Intermediary - I Did Not Bribe Former Child Soldiers Or Their Parents.

(5/07/2010 – Lubanga Trial Website – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201007070440.html>

An intermediary of prosecution investigators today denied that he bribed former child soldiers or their parents to provide incriminating testimony against war crimes accused Thomas Lubanga.

Trial Hears Lubanga Told Child Soldier to Get Women, Vehicles and Cows.

(6/07/2010 – Lubanga Trial Website – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201007070439.html>

Former Congolese rebel leader Thomas Lubanga told child soldiers to get women, cows, and vehicles, reassuring them that "everything belongs to soldiers," according to testimony heard today at his trial at the International Criminal Court (ICC).

ICC Suspends Trial of Warlord Accused of Recruiting Child Soldiers.

(8/07/2010 – UN News Centre - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201007090016.html> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=22378&Cr=Congo&Cr1=> (French)

Lubanga Trial Stalls As Prosecutors Fight to Keep Their Man's Identity Secret.

(7/07/2010 – Lubanga Trial Website – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201007090061.html>

Suspension du procès de Thomas Lubanga.

(8/07/2010 – Radio France Internationale – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201007080985.html>

Le procès de Thomas Lubanga devant la CPI suspendu jusqu'à nouvel ordre.

(10/07/2010 – Radio France Internationale – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201007100143.html>

Thomas Lubanga, procès suspendu!

(9/07/2010 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201007080975.html>

Report des procès Lubanga et Bemba - Le discrédit plane sur la CPI.

(10/07/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201007100034.html>

The International Criminal Court (ICC) today suspended proceedings in the case of Congolese warlord Thomas Lubanga Dyilo, accused of recruiting child soldiers, saying that prosecutors have refused orders to disclose information to his defence.

Dismissing appeal, ICC says trial of Congolese militia leader will go on.

(12/07/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=35294&Cr=internationalcriminalcourt&Cr1=> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=22397&Cr=CPI&Cr1=> (French)

Court allows trial for Congo's Katanga to continue.

(12/07/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE66B0GD20100712?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

Judges at the ICC today dismissed a request by Congolese militia leader Germain Katanga to have the war crimes case against him dropped. Mr. Katanga filed a motion on 30 June 2009 requesting that his detention be declared unlawful and a stay of proceedings against him for his alleged unlawful arrest and detention in the DRC prior to his surrender to the Court.

Bemba - Début du procès après le 20 août!

(8/07/2010 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201007080409.html>

CPI - L'ouverture du procès de Jean-Pierre Bemba est reportée.

(7/07/2010 – UN - allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201007070918.html>

CPI - Le procès Jean-Pierre Bemba de nouveau reporté.

(9/07/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201007090319.html>

CPI: nouveau report du procès Bemba.

(8/07/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/07/08/cpi-nouveau-report-du-proces-je-bemba/>

The International Criminal Court has announced the start of the Bemba trial has been postponed again.

FDLR**Katanga - Une dizaine d'ex-FDLR se soustrait du site de Kasenga.**

(8/07/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201007080560.html>

Nineteen ex-FDLR rebels have left their demobilisation camp in Kasenga.

LRA**Dungu: la RDC, l'Ouganda, le Sud-Soudan et la RCA évalue l'action de la LRA.**

(13/07/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/07/13/dungu-la-rdc-l%E2%80%99ouganda-le-sud-soudan-et-la-rca-evalue-l%E2%80%99action-de-la-lra/>

A conference on the LRA security problem has been organised in Dungu territory.

Kisangani: début d'assistance aux réfugiés centrafricains de Bondo.

(7/07/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/07/07/kisangani-debut-d%E2%80%99assistance-aux-refugies-centrafricains-de-bondo/>

More than 600 civilians from the CAR have arrived in Baye, Bas-Uélé, fleeing the LRA rebels.

Faradje: huit milles réfugiés congolais sont revenus du Sud Soudan.

(12/07/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/07/12/faradje-huit-milles-refugies-congolais-sont-revenus-du-sud-soudan/>

Refugees who fled LRA violence in Faradje territory in 2009 are returning home.

UGANDA**Another Election and Fear of ADF.**

(11/07/2010 – The Independent – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201007131051.html>

June ended with reports that suspected Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) rebels had attacked Mutwanga, a town in the Democratic Republic of Congo killing 16 civilians. The resurfacing of the ADF in the Eastern Congo town which is 50 kilometres from the Uganda border has left the Uganda army, Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF), on high alert. According to the UPDF Spokesman, Lt. Col. Felix Kulayigye it was not a surprise. Kulayigye believes the rebels staged the attack to create a climate of fear before Uganda's presidential race in February 2011.

Ban and Security Council strongly condemn bombings in Uganda.

(12/07/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=35296&Cr=world+cup&Cr1=> (English)

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Uganda bombs kill 74, Islamists claim attack.

(12/07/2010 – Reuters)

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Somali militants 'behind' Kampala World Cup blasts.

(12/07/2010 – BBC)

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Somali Islamist Group Claims Responsibility for Uganda Blasts.

(12/07/2010 – Radio France Internationale - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201007121281.html> (English)

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Bomb Blasts Death Toll Rises to 74 as Al Shabaab Claim Responsibility.

(12/07/2010 – The Independent – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201007121246.html>

Kampala Rocked By Bomb Attacks.

(12/07/2010 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201007120047.html>

Attentats - les milices Shebab pointées du doigt.

(12/07/2010 – Faszine – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201007121189.html>

Uganda bombs signal growing extremism of al-Shabab.

(12/07/2010 – Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/jul/12/uganda-bombs-al-shabab-somalia-jihad>

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and the Security Council have strongly condemned the bombings that struck the Ugandan capital on Sunday, killing dozens of people and wounding hundreds at two sites as they were watching the final match of the football World Cup. Al-Shabaab, a Somali-based militant group, has reportedly said it carried out the attacks in Kampala, which have claimed over 70 lives among Ugandans and other nationalities.

Uganda: Army Registers Success in Karamoja.

(12/07/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201007120892.html>

The army has put the number of illegal guns in the hands of Karimojong warriors at 700, a figure that shows substantial reduction in the illicit arms in Karamoja.

17,000 Troops Deployed in Karamoja to Boost Security.

(11/07/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201007120461.html>

Over 17,000 soldiers have been deployed in Karamoja sub-region to strengthen the disarmament operation aimed at getting rid of illegal guns. A battalion of Special Forces have been assigned to operate in difficult terrains, specifically the mountainous ones.

RWANDA

Rwanda anger at South Africa Nyamwasa shooting probe.

(7/07/2010 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/world/africa/10541021.stm>

Rwanda has expressed its concern over the way the authorities in South Africa are investigating the shooting of a former Rwandan army chief of staff, Lt Gen Faustin Kayumba Nyamwasa. "Some insinuations emanating from official circles in South Africa and carried in the media appear to be pointing a finger at the Rwandan government," Rwandan Foreign Minister Louise Mushikiwabo told the AFP news agency.

La France réclame l'extradition du général rwandais Faustin Kayumba.

(8/07/2010 – Radio France Internationale - allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201007080983.html>

France has asked South Africa to extradit Rwandan General Faustin Kayumba.

Kagame faces three challengers in Rwanda election.

(8/07/2010 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2010-07-08-kagame-faces-three-challengers-in-rwanda-election>

Présidentielle - Paul Kagame face à trois adversaires.

(9/07/2010 – Radio France Internationale – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201007090463.html>

President Paul Kagame will face three challengers in Rwanda's August 9 presidential elections, the electoral commission announced on Wednesday. Social Democratic Party candidate and Deputy Parliament Speaker Jean Damascene Ntawukuriryayo, the Liberal Party's Prosper Higiro and Alvera Mukabaramba of the Progress and Harmony Party -- the only woman candidate -- will challenge Kagame in the ballot.

Rwanda arrest critical editor for genocide denial.

(10/07/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJ0E66906Q20100710?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

Rwanda has arrested a newspaper editor on charges of genocide denial and stirring ethnic hatred less than a month ahead of August's presidential election, police said on Saturday.

Rwanda opposition party says top official missing.

(13/07/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJ0E66C0QV20100713?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

A senior Rwandan opposition official has gone missing after his car was found abandoned near the southern city of Butare, his party said on Tuesday. Rights groups have accused the government of tightening the screws ahead of a presidential election in August. Two opposition leaders have been arrested in the runup to the vote.

A Dangerous Impasse: Rwandan Refugees in Uganda.

(June 2010 - International Refugee Rights Initiative)

http://www.refugee-rights.org/Assets/PDFs/10_06_28_DangerousImpasse.pdf

Sixteen years after the genocide in Rwanda, tens of thousands of refugees remain in exile. Over the past few years these refugees have come under increasing pressure to return to Rwanda: they are an ongoing reminder of ethnic tensions that are supposed to have been addressed, and the Government of Rwanda has strongly pursued the return of all of its citizens accordingly. The country is enjoying stability and economic growth, so there is no reason for anyone to remain in exile. Yet many continue to resist return. So why are they refusing to return? The findings point to a number of reasons, all of which relate in some way to the fact that they believe that if they return to Rwanda they will not be safe, let alone have equal access to their rights as citizens of the country.

BURUNDI

Législatives - la porte reste ouverte à l'opposition.

(8/07/2010 – Radio France International – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201007080623.html>

The electoral commission in Burundi announced opposition parties have still time to register for the 23 July elections.

Country's Uprona on for Deputies' Elections.

(12/07/2010 – East African Business Week – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201007121255.html>

The Union pour le Progrès National (UPRONA), one of the six opposition parties which pulled its candidates out of the presidential election held on June 28 in Burundi, has announced that it will take part in the election of deputies due on July 23.

Un ex-chef de rébellion assure ne pas vouloir la guerre.

(8/07/2010 – BINUB)

http://binub.turretdev.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1121&Itemid=1

Agathon Rwasa, the Burundian ex-rebellion leader who disappeared a few weeks ago, announced he is not planning to start a new war on Burundi.

IPIS latest publications

IPIS LATEST REPORTS

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.

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.

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 Delcredere'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 Delcredere (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 Delcredere. 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 Delcredere 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 Delcredere provide support for Belgian exports.

The paper also looks into what extent FINEXPO's and Ducroire/Nationale Delcredere'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 Delcredere are responsible support measures or not. EURODAD's principles represent a general framework for a tough but fair policy.

Impact de l'exploitation de diamant et de l'or dans la reconstruction socio-économique de la Province Orientale.

(March 2009 – CENADEP)

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

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

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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