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## IPIS

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### IPIS LATEST REPORTS

#### **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.*

### **Towards a Sustainable Cocoa Chain: Power and possibilities within the cocoa and chocolate sector.**

(December 2008 – Oxfam - IPIS)

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

*IPIS drafted this report for Oxfam. It contributes in various ways to the debate on a sustainable cocoa economy. A sustainable cocoa economy is where each person investing time or money into the supply chain would be able to earn a decent income for themselves and their family, work in good conditions, and in a manner which did not harm the environment. It provides an overview of the various stakeholders in the cocoa and the wider chocolate supply chain. It identifies the concentration and purchasing power of companies as well as the trends in the supply chain. Finally, it makes a series of recommendations to the various stakeholders in the supply chain.*

### **Fatal Transaction's second submission on EIB Statements.**

(November 2008 – IPIS)

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

*The European Investment Bank launched in March 2008 a public consultation on its draft revised "EIB Statement of Environmental and Social Principles and Standards". The EIB adopted its first Environmental Statement in 1996, which was revised in 2002 and again in 2004. The Statement describes the Bank's environmental and social requirements for projects that it finances.*

*The EIB invited organizations and individuals to comment on its 2008 draft Statement. The Bank also organised two rounds of public consultations. Fatal Transactions and IPIS now also commented on the second draft Statement of the Bank.*

### **Fatal Transaction's submission on EIB Statement of Environmental and Social Principles and Standards.**

(June 2008 - IPIS)

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

*Fatal Transactions and IPIS commented on the Bank's environmental and human rights policy and its approach on good governance and transparency.*

### **From conflict resources to sustainable development: Memorandum by Fatal Transactions on the European Union's contribution to natural resource management in Africa**

(July 2008 – Fatal Transactions - IPIS)

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

*IPIS drafted this publication for Fatal Transactions. The Memorandum looks specifically at the European Commission's contribution to a sustainable exploitation of natural resources in Africa and a sustainable supply chain. It also assesses its approach on conflict resources. The paper provides an analysis of the Commission's trade policy, development cooperation, foreign and security policy, cooperation under bilateral and multilateral agreements, humanitarian aid and financial assistance. It also takes a look at the Commission's view on integrating and implementing external actions in its internal policies (e.g. energy and environment) in order to promote a sustainable management of natural resources abroad.*

### **L'Afrique révisé les contrats miniers.**

(July 2008 – Le Monde Diplomatique – IPIS)

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

*Article on the current contract revision projects throughout Africa.*

### **Heeft Congo iets aan zijn mijnen?**

(June 2008 – MO\*magazine – IPIS)

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

*DRC possesses huge reserves of minerals. Although the mineral prices increase on the international market, Congo hardly profits.*

### **Activity Report 2007**

(IPIS)

### **Jaarverslag 2007**

(IPIS)

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

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

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### **Metals fall forces retreat in resource nationalism.**

(11/02/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/metals-fall-forces-retreat-in-resource-nationalism-2009-02-11>

*The drop in metals prices has forced a retreat in resource nationalism after boom times led governments to seek more benefit from their countries' minerals, an official of the World Bank's private sector lender said. The Democratic Republic of Congo, Madagascar and Mozambique are states that had shown a strong interest in nationalising minerals due to the commodities boom, he said.*

### **Will copper recover sooner than people think?**

(17/02/2009 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.net/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page36?oid=78568&sn=Detail>

*A review of what is happening in copper supply suggests that losses in output through closures and project abandonments may be sufficient to turn the market round quicker than many analysts would seem to contemplate.*

## **DRC**

### **Metals in mobile phones help finance Congo atrocities.**

(16/02/2009 – Global Witness)

[http://www.globalwitness.org/media\\_library\\_detail.php/718/en/metals\\_in\\_mobile\\_phones\\_help\\_finance\\_congo\\_atrocities](http://www.globalwitness.org/media_library_detail.php/718/en/metals_in_mobile_phones_help_finance_congo_atrocities)

### **RDC: les métaux des téléphones mobiles financent le conflit dans l'est (ONG).**

(16/02/2009 – AFP)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20100>

*As the Mobile World Congress opens in Barcelona on 16 February, Global Witness is calling on mobile phone manufacturers to audit their supply chains in order to exclude minerals financing the armed conflict in eastern DRC. There is a direct causal link between the metals trade in eastern DRC and atrocities perpetrated by armed groups against Congolese civilians.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Joblessness Rises as Global Crisis Hits Mining.**

(12/02/2009 – IPS – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902120486.html>

**Le cycle de fermetures des entreprises minières du Katanga frappées par la crise financière cause déjà la perte de 250.000 emplois.**

(13/02/2009 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56535>

*The number of jobless men in Katanga has grown since the global economic crisis which has caused the collapse of the local mining industry. The global economic crisis has hit the central African state hard. Especially the Katanga in the south eastern part of the sprawling country, a region that predominantly relies on the mining of copper and cobalt, has taken a big blow.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Country Welcomes Investors.**

(11/02/2009 – BusinessDay – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902110050.html>

*Peace has returned to the DRC and the government is waiting for investors with open arms, Deputy Prime Minister Emile Bongeli said yesterday.*

*Despite the Congo's vast mineral wealth in copper, cobalt, gold and diamonds, investment has been deterred by the recent war in the northeast, the lengthy review of mining licences and the lack of infrastructure. After the recent collapse in commodity prices and credit conditions, several companies have postponed new projects.*

**DRC govt cuts tax to spur mining.**

(10/02/2009 – Miningmx)

[http://www.miningmx.com/events/indaba\\_2009/kasongo.drc.copper.review.htm](http://www.miningmx.com/events/indaba_2009/kasongo.drc.copper.review.htm)

*DRC authorities have introduced tax incentives for its faltering copper-heavy mining sector to stimulate developments in a year in which copper output could fall by half. The tax incentives come after a lengthy review of 61 mining licences that have seen 16 licences cancelled and six more that have still to be examined.*

**Congo May Introduce “Use It or Lose It” Principle for Mining.**

(11/02/2009 – Bloomberg)

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

*The DRC may introduce a “use it or lose it” principle for future mining contracts as part of an effort to unlock the country’s mineral wealth, deputy Mines Minister Victor Kasongo said. “We are so determined about mining,” Kasongo said. “We can’t afford to have key mining assets frozen.”*

**Gecamines Says Talks on Eight of 24 Accords Complete (Update1).**

(11/02/2009 – Bloomberg)

[http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601116&sid=a\\_bi7.LMWkTs&refer=africa](http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601116&sid=a_bi7.LMWkTs&refer=africa)

*Gecamines, the DRC’s state-owned copper miner, completed talks on eight of 24 mining contracts being renegotiated.*

**World Bank proposes \$100 million crisis loan to DR Congo.**

(17/02/2009 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJJOE51G0M420090217?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews>

*The World Bank has proposed lending the DRC \$100million in emergency funds from early March to help offset the effects of dwindling mineral export revenues, a Bank official said on Tuesday.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: La malédiction du pétrole frappe la RD Congo.**

(11/02/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902110662.html>

*Short article on the link between natural resources and the occurrence of violent conflicts.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Faut-il interdire l'exploitation artisanale des mines?**

(11/02/2009 – Le Potentiel - allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902110350.html>

*As a lot of misery in the DRC has been blamed on the artisanal mining sector, Le Potentiel analyses the question whether it would be a better idea to ban artisanal mining.*

## UGANDA

**Uganda: Country's Oil at One Billion Barrels.**

(13/02/2009 – New Vision - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902160202.html>

*An estimated 1 billion barrels of oil has been discovered in Uganda, an official from the ministry of Energy has said.*

**Uganda: Tamoil Gets Land for Giant Fuel Reservoir.**

(15/02/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902160154.html>

*The Government has secured land to set up a giant fuel reservoir near Kampala to serve Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi. Libyan oil company Tamoil is to construct the Kampala Oil Products Terminal and the Eldoret-Kampala oil pipeline extension project at \$250m.*

**Govt confirms delays in oil production.**

(13/02/2009 – Daily Monitor)

[http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/news/Govt\\_confirms\\_delays\\_in\\_oil\\_production\\_79785.shtml](http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/news/Govt_confirms_delays_in_oil_production_79785.shtml)

*The early extraction of oil in south western Uganda will not begin this year as had been promised but will hopefully kick off in the first quarter of 2010, a government official has said.*

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## International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

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**World Bank's IFC Says Mines May Buy Each Other, Merge to Survive.**

(11/02/2009 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=a4R9OpBQJeT4>

*The International Finance Corp., the World Bank's private sector lending arm, said it expects "mid-tier" mining companies to combine or buy each other as the global financial crisis saps demand for resources.*

## DRC

### **Katanga Announces Second Closing of US\$265 Million Mandatorily Convertible Loan Facility.**

(11/02/2009 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Katanga-Mining-Limited-TSX-KAT-948645.html>

*Katanga Mining Limited confirms that effective February 9, 2009 it has completed the second close of its previously announced US\$265.3 million two-year mandatorily convertible loan facility. Participations in the Facility amounting to US\$64.5 million have been transferred by Glencore Finance (Bermuda) Limited to RP Explorer Master Fund and certain affiliated entities.*

### **Katanga at 70,000 T copper from mid-2009.**

(11/02/2009 – Miningmx)

[http://www.miningmx.com/events/indaba\\_2009/942014.htm](http://www.miningmx.com/events/indaba_2009/942014.htm)

*The heavily flayed Katanga Mining wants to wrap up \$250m in fresh financing after successfully raising \$265m and is confident about settling a delayed agreement with the government on the review of its licences, said interim CEO Steven Isaacs.*

### **Congo hints at shelving mine deal talks.**

(17/02/2009 – Financial Times)

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/ad3497c4-fd21-11dd-a103-000077b07658.html>

*The protracted renegotiation of mining contracts signed in the DRC by Freeport McMoran and First Quantum could be formally put “on hold” if a deal is not reached soon, the head of Congo’s state-owned mining company has said.*

### **First Quantum Close to Concluding Congo Negotiation, IFC Says.**

(11/02/2009 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=a.IEaSHM0ekw>

*First Quantum Minerals Ltd. is close to concluding talks with the DRC over a review of mining contracts, William Bulmer, the head of the World Bank’s International Finance Corp.’s mining unit, said.*

### **First Quantum tightens its belt, but still sees output growth.**

(13/02/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/first-quantum-tightens-its-belt-but-still-sees-output-growth-2009-02-13>

*First Quantum Minerals will reduce capital spending, curtail exploration, review its dividend policy and slice into salaries, in a bid to conserve cash amid low copper prices, but still expects to increase its production of copper and gold in 2009.*

### **First Quantum Minerals forecasts 10 percent rise in 2009 copper production, gold output doubling.**

(13/02/2009 – proactiveinvestors)

<http://www.proactiveinvestors.co.uk/companies/news/4417/first-quantum-minerals-forecasts-10-percent-rise-in-2009-copper-production-gold-output-doubling-4417.html>

### **First Quantum Minerals Provides Update on Its 2009 Operating Plans, Outlook and Current Financial Position.**

(13/02/2009 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/First-Quantum-Minerals-Ltd-TSX-FM-949412.html>

*First Quantum Minerals Ltd is forecasting a 10 percent rise in copper production this year and gold output doubling against 2008 while capex is being reduced to US\$190 million from US\$430 million last year.*

**Metorex pushes hard on copper.**

(11/02/2009 – Miningmx)

[http://www.miningmx.com/events/indaba\\_2009/942508.htm](http://www.miningmx.com/events/indaba_2009/942508.htm)

*The core assets are its copper holdings in Ruashi in the DRC and the Chibuluma mine in Zambia, its 55% stake in listed gold group Pan African Resources and its Vergenoeg fluorspar mine in South Africa.*

**EnerGulf Update on DRC and Namibia Projects.**

(13/02/2009 – OilVoice)

[http://www.oilvoice.com/n/EnerGulf\\_Update\\_on\\_DRC\\_and\\_Namibia\\_Projects/df4f198a.aspx](http://www.oilvoice.com/n/EnerGulf_Update_on_DRC_and_Namibia_Projects/df4f198a.aspx)

*EnerGulf announces that it signed the Joint Operating Agreement with COHYDRO, the national oil and gas company of the DRC, setting out the various terms of which EnerGulf, as Operator, is to manage the exploration activities on its Lotshi Block.*

## UGANDA

**British oil firm eyes oil potential in Uganda.**

(17/02/2009 – Reuters)

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/rbssEnergyNews/idUKLH67628720090217>

*Uganda, expected to become an oil producer next year, could be a significant supplier in future, an official from a company working in the African nation said on Tuesday. British oil companies Heritage Oil and Tullow oil work in exploration projects in the Albert Basin, which is located in the west of Uganda close to the Congolese border.*

**UPDATE: Heritage Says Ugandan Oil Fields May Hold 2 Billion Bbl.**

(17/02/2009 – Easy Bourse)

<http://www.easypourse.com/bourse-actualite/marches/update-heritage-says-ugandan-oil-fields-may-hold-2-618198>

*The Buffalo-Giraffe oil field discovered in the Lake Albert Region of Uganda contains estimated oil reserves of 2 billion barrels, based on existing discoveries, Brian Smith, Heritage Oil Ltd.'s vice president of exploration, said.*

**Uganda Business News: Uganda allows Oil Company to sell out 50% to Global Petroleum.**

(14/02/2009 – UGPulse)

<http://www.ugpulse.com/articles/daily/news.asp?about=Uganda%20allows%20Oil%20Company%20to%20sell%20out%2050%20to%20Global%20Petroleum&ID=8149>

*The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development has allowed the Tower Resources which is licensed to explore oil in Block 5 in Uganda's Albertine Graben to sell 50% of Tower's exploration rights to Global Petroleum.*

**Vangold Resources Announces Kafunjo Project Still Very Much Alive.**

(12/02/2009 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Vangold-Resources-Ltd-949336.html>

*Vangold Resources Ltd. is pleased to present an update on their wholly owned Kafunjo Project, located in the Ntungamo District of Uganda.*

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## China in the Great Lakes Region

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### **Construction des barrages hydroélectriques : l'expertise chinoise disponible.**

(12/02/2009 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56493>

*The DRC has an enormous potential to generate electricity through hydropower, however it needs Chinese expertise to build infrastructure.*

### **Dettes et développement: la RD Congo et le casse-tête du "contrat chinois".**

(17/02/2009 – AFP)

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iANo4d5Qi9F13kq9X09HvPo-o2Xg>

*The DRC finds itself in a complicated situation with its "Chinese contracts", as it has to choose between the Chinese development partner and the Western creditors.*

### **China commodity imports to recover - Martyn Davies.**

(12/02/2009 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page72068?oid=78330&sn=Detail>

### **China's growth to hit a sustainable level.**

(12/02/2009 – Miningmx)

[http://www.miningmx.com/events/indaba\\_2009/943111.htm](http://www.miningmx.com/events/indaba_2009/943111.htm)

*If China turns on the taps for economic growth in the country commodity demand and investment in Africa will continue.*

### **China-Africa trade up 45% in 2008 to \$107 bln.**

(12/02/2009 – People's Daily Online)

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90778/90857/90861/6591232.html>

*Trade between China and Africa reached a record 106.84 billion U.S. dollars in 2008, up 45.1 percent from a year earlier, customs figures showed Wednesday.*

### **China's Hu Pledges to Boost Aid, Trade With African Nations.**

(16/02/2009 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=a5GhcWThp3iA>

### **Hu tour deepens China-Africa trade, investment ties.**

(12/02/2009 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJ0E51B0PT20090212?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews>

*China won't abandon plans to boost aid, trade and debt relief to Africa because of the global economic crisis which is causing "difficulties" in the world's third-largest economy, President Hu Jintao said.*

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## Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

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### DRC

#### **La France ne veut pas "démembrer" la RDC, affirme Sarkozy.**

(16/02/2009 – AFP - MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20101>

#### **Le président français Nicolas Sarkozy dément avoir mijoté un plan de démembrement de la RDC !.**

(16/02/2009 – L'Observateur – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56573>

*Sarkozy denied in an interview that France wants to tear up the DRC, he stated that he does not want to violate the Congolese territorial integrity.*

#### **Congo-Kinshasa: «Le président ougandais a un projet de la grandeur de l'Ouganda à partir de la faiblesse de la RDC»**

(16/02/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902160666.html>

*Interview with professor Philippe Biyoya concerning his views on the regional aspirations of President Museveni at the expense of the DRC.*

#### **Ex-child soldier recalls Congo war atrocities.**

(11/02/2009 – AP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20076>

#### **Procès Lubanga : un ancien enfant soldat raconte son enrôlement.**

(10/02/2009 – AFP - MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20061>

#### **Congo-Kinshasa: Child Soldier Tells of Battle Horrors.**

(14/02/2009 – Institute for war and peace reporting)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902150003.html>

*The young man testified at the International Criminal Court that he was abducted while on his way home from school and sent to brutal military training camps run by militia leader Thomas Lubanga.*

#### **'We want to go home,' Congolese in Zambia tell UN refugee agency.**

(12/02/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www0.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=29875&Cr=drc&Cr1=unhcr>

*Ninety per cent of some 25.000 refugees from the DRC in two camps in northern Zambia want to return home, the UN refugee agency said today after a survey was conducted in advance of voluntary returns planned for May.*

#### **Refugees flee Congo in several directions: UN agency.**

(17/02/2009 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJJOE51G0DN20090217?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews>

*Thousands of refugees are fleeing the DRC in several directions as a result of separate flare-ups of fighting in the vast country, the United Nations refugee agency UNHCR said on Tuesday.*

### **Congo-Kinshasa: How Many More Will Be Raped?**

(12/02/2009 – IPS – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902130019.html>

### **Turning Pain to Power.**

(10/02/2009 – OpEdNews)

<http://www.opednews.com/articles/Turning-Pain-to-Power-by-Marianne-Schnall-090210-263.html>

*Activists are working to ensure that the ongoing horrors of the conflict in the DRC are not forgotten. Over the past decade, hundreds of thousands women and girls have been brutally raped in the DRC, primarily by rebel groups vying over control of land and mineral resources.*

### **UNICEF campaign launches US tour to highlight DR Congo rape crisis.**

(11/02/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www0.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=29866&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=18433&Cr=Congo&Cr1=femmes> (French)

*UNICEF is kicking off a five-city tour of the United States aimed at highlighting the horrors faced by thousands of Congolese rape victims, while calling for an end to impunity for the perpetrators of the worst kinds of sexual violence.*

### **MONUC pursues its efforts for the separation of all children from armed groups.**

(13/02/2009 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=20086> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=20087> (French)

### **Journée internationale de l'enfant soldat : 10% de cette catégorie d'enfants se trouve en RDC.**

(16/02/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56511>

*The whole world celebrated International Children's Day on 12 February 2008 with the theme: "Stop children's recruitment and their use by armed forces and groups." DR Congo alone hosts 10% of the 300.000 child soldiers in the world.*

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Mass Child Soldier Release.**

(13/02/2009 – Save the Children)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902130842.html>

*In the past week, Save the Children has helped secure the release of 109 child soldiers from armed groups in eastern DRC. More children are expected to be set free in the coming days.*

### **Congo-Kinshasa: 53 ex-enfants-soldats regagnent leurs familles.**

(14/02/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902160400.html>

*With the help of Caritas-Développement Goma 53 ex-child-soldiers are about to be reunified with their families.*

### **John Holmes: "The situation in North Kivu is improving".**

(11/02/2009 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20077> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=20078> (French)

(11/02/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=18434&Cr=Congo&Cr1=MONUC> (French)

*At the end of his tour to eastern DRC, John Holmes, UN Under Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator said he was "fairly optimistic" about the overall situation in North Kivu province. He said the situation is getting better in North Kivu, with a new momentum following Laurent Nkundwa's arrest and the ongoing joint Rwanda-DRC operation against the FDLR militia.*

## **DR Congo: new developments could pave way for uprooted to return home – UN.**

(13/02/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www0.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=29909&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo>

*Recent developments in the eastern DRC – including the arrest of a rebel leader and a large-scale military operation against another militia – have sparked a “new dynamic” that could lead to the start of large numbers of displaced people returning home, the top United Nations relief official said today.*

## **Phase cruciale pour les opérations militaires de traque des rebelles rwandais et ougandais réfugiés en RDC.**

(16/02/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56570>

*Article analyzing the question whether the military presence of Ugandan and Rwandan troops should be prolonged to pursue the operation against the armed groups in eastern DRC.*

## **Congo-Kinshasa: Drame humanitaire au Nord Kivu.**

(11/02/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902110401.html>

*John Holmes declared that the humanitarian situation in North Kivu is dramatic, also now as fighting has ended to a large extent.*

## **MONUC helps transport traditional Kivu chiefs to Kinshasa.**

(13/02/2009 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=20084> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=20085> (French)

*On Wednesday evening 11 February 2008, a delegation of traditional tribal chiefs from North and South Kivu provinces arrived in Kinshasa on a special MONUC flight. They came to express their concerns to President Joseph Kabila and to hold talks with government authorities as well as MONUC officials regarding the prevailing situation in eastern DRC.*

## **Le président Joseph Kabila congratulé par les chefs coutumiers des deux Kivu pour sa stratégie du retour de la paix à l’Est de la RDC.**

(16/02/2009 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56559>

*The delegation of traditional tribal chiefs from North and South Kivu on Saturday, in a conversation with President Kabila, expressed their support for the military operations against armed groups in the provinces.*

## **Coltan and conflict in the DRC.**

(11/02/2009 – ISN)

<http://www.isn.ethz.ch/isn/Current-Affairs/Security-Watch/Detail/?lng=en&id=96390>

*A new alliance between the DRC and Rwanda against rebel groups brings new threats and opportunities for peace in the Great Lakes Region, while illegal coltan mining continues to fund conflict, Edoardo Totolo writes for ISN Security Watch.*

## **Guns and gems clash in DR Congo.**

(17/02/2009 – Trinity News)

<http://www.trinitynews.ie/index.php/opinion/world-review/509-guns-and-gems-clash-in-dr-congo>

*The Second Congo War in the DRC may have officially ended in 2002 but this has done little to damage the trafficking of arms and munitions into the country, due in no small part to the presence of arms-for-diamonds agreements between the Congolese government and companies in Eastern Europe and Israel.*

**L'opération Rwando-Congolaise et les « affaires » Nkunda et Ntaganda.**

(16/02/2009 – Jean-Claude Willame)

For consultation at request.

*Analysis of Jean-Claude Willame on the Rwandan-Congolese joint military operation and on the former rebel leaders Nkunda and Ntaganda.*

**FDLR****Central Africa: MPs Want Joint DRC-Rwanda Military Operations Extended.**

(11/02/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902110005.html>

*Rwandan Members of Parliament yesterday expressed dissatisfaction with the deadline set for the Joint Task Force operations in Eastern DRC and asked for the mandate to be prolonged for the exercise to be successfully completed.*

**RDC: confirmation du départ des troupes rwandaïses.**

(14/02/2009 – BBC)

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/french/news/story/2009/02/090214\\_rdc\\_mende\\_rwanda.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/french/news/story/2009/02/090214_rdc_mende_rwanda.shtml)

*A Congolese ministerial spokesperson has announced that a ceremony will be organised for the end of the Rwandan military presence in the DRC before the end of February.*

**DR Congo: Rwandan Rebels Slaughter Over 100 Civilians.**

(13/02/2009 – HRW)

<http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2009/02/13/dr-congo-rwandan-rebels-slaughter-over-100-civilians>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Over 100 Civilians Slaughtered by Rwandans.**

(14/02/2009 - Catholic Information Service for Africa – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902160338.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Plus de cent civils massacrés par les FDLR à Ufumando.**

(16/02/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902160501.html>

*The FDLR brutally slaughtered at least 100 Congolese civilians in the Kivu provinces in the east between January 20 and February 8, Human Rights Watch said Friday.*

**FDLR statement regarding Human Rights Watch allegations of civilian population's killings in Eastern DRC.**

(14/02/2009 – FDLR)

<http://www.fdlr.org/?DocID=0000000597>

*FDLR categorically deny the allegations made by Human Rights Watch in its report of 13 February 2009 in which it alleged that the FDLR have killed at least 100 people in eastern DRC since the starting of the war waged by the armed coalition of RPA and FARDC against the FDLR.*

**Rwanda: 'Umoja Wetu', Monuc Dismiss HRW Allegations.**

(15/02/2009 – The New times - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902160859.html>

*The joint Rwanda-DRC Operations Command Centre in Goma yesterday dismissed reports by Human Rights Watch that troops of the Joint Task Force had committed human rights abuses in the ongoing operations.*

**Rwanda: HRW - All Roads Lead to Kigali.**

(16/02/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902160219.html>

*Article from The New Times in which it states that for Human Rights Watch all roads seem to lead to Kigali. It complains that in yet another report detailing numerous cases of abuse of civilians by the FDLR in the eastern DRC, HRW seeks to once again point fingers at Kigali.*

**DR Congo, Rwanda forces deny rape allegations.**

(16/02/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20094>

*A senior official from the DRC's army Saturday dismissed as "baseless" reports by a global rights watchdog that Rwandan forces in the country's east were guilty of rape.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: L'opération militaire conjointe se déroule sans drame humanitaire dans l'Est.**

(11/02/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902110335.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Les opérations militaires conjointes ont produit des résultats positifs.**

(13/02/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902130294.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Opérations militaires dans l'Est de la RDC - Le gouvernement satisfait de premiers résultats sur le terrain.**

(10/02/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902100377.html>

*The Congolese government is satisfied so far with the development of the Rwanda-DRC joint military operation against the FDLR.*

**DR Congo, Rwanda accomplish 65% of joint military operation.**

(16/02/2009 – Xinhua - MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20097>

*The joint forces of the DRC and Rwanda have accomplished 65 percent of the military operation against Rwandan Hutu rebels, dealing a heavy blow to the insurgency, according to the Congolese government.*

**Rwanda: Museminali Briefs Diplomats on DRC.**

(10/02/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902100141.html>

*Rwandan Foreign Affairs Minister Rosemary Museminali yesterday called upon the International Community to play its part in helping consolidate the already made achievements towards lasting peace and stability in the region. Alluding to the "many" recent steps forward in achieving the objectives of the ongoing joint Rwanda-DRC military offensive against ex-Far/Interahamwe or FDLR, she maintained a call on "the rest of the world" to go beyond providing humanitarian work.*

**Joint operation destroys Hutu rebel bases.**

(11/02/2009 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2009-02-11-joint-operation-destroys-hutu-rebel-bases>

**L'offensive Rwanda-RDC a "détruit" les principales bases des FDLR (Kigali).**

(11/02/2009 – AFP - MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20074>

**Le Quartier Général des Fdlr à Masisi détruit par les forces de la coalition rwando – congolaise.**

(11/02/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56459>

*Joint operations by Rwandan and Congolese troops have destroyed the main bases of Rwandan Hutu FDLR rebels in eastern DRC, Rwandan government radio reported on Wednesday.*

**Congo air raid kills 40 Rwandan Hutu rebels.**

(13/02/2009 – AFP - MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20090> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20088> (French)

**Rwanda: Over 40 Rebels Killed in Joint Air Raid.**

(14/02/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902140003.html>

**Hutu rebels killed in Congo raid.**

(13/02/2009 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7888370.stm>

**Plus de 40 rebelles FDLR tués dans la traque menée contre eux après la reddition controversée de leur porte-parole.**

(14/02/2009 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56549>

**DRC claims dozens of Rwandan rebels killed.**

(13/02/2009 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2009-02-13-dr-claims-dozens-of-rwandan-rebels-killed-in-air-raids>

**Rebels, villagers said killed in Congo fighting.**

(13/02/2009 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJJOE51C08H20090213?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews>

*An air raid has killed more than 40 Rwandan Hutu rebels in eastern DRC, the Rwandan and Congolese armies said Friday after carrying out the raid.*

**RDC: les forces rwando-congolaises annoncent la prise d'un fief FDLR.**

(16/02/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20099>

*The Joint Rwandan-Congolese military has grasped new territories in North Kivu that were under FDLR command.*

**The FDLR warn the United Nations.**

(17/02/2009 – FDLR)

<http://www.fdlr.org/?DocID=000000600>

*The FDLR warn the United Nations against the fighting of the MONUC alongside the military coalition RPA / FARDC against Rwandan refugees in the DRC and members of the FDLR.*

**Rwandan rebels elude joint offensive in east Congo.**

(12/02/2009 – Reuters – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20083>

*United Nations peacekeepers have reported a tenfold increase in the rate of rebels surrendering over the last month as hardliners are loosening their grip on fighters, but analysts say the offensive is unlikely to achieve its goal on time.*

**Rwanda: FDLR - Opening Their Eyes And Coming Home.**

(12/02/2009 – Focus Media)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902120843.html>

*The joint Congolese-Rwandan military offensive is starting to bear fruit: peace is returning to Eastern Congo, and an increasing number of FDLR fighters are laying down their weapons and coming home.*

**Rwanda: DRC - Hundreds Repatriated As Rebel Colonel Surrenders.**

(12/02/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902120002.html>

*Hundreds of Rwandans were repatriated from the DRC Monday as rebel militia, including a Colonel, surrendered to the Rwanda-DRC military alliance, reported a communiqué from the Joint Operations' Command H.Q.*

**Le porte-parole des FDLR s'est rendu à la force Rwanda-RDC, selon Kigali.**

(13/02/2009 – AFP - MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20089>

**Congo-Kinshasa: FDLR Spokesman Surrenders.**

(13/02/2009 – The New Times - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902130130.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Le porte-parole des FDLR arrêté à Nyabiondo.**

(14/02/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902160345.html>

*The Rwandan army declared on Friday an FDLR spokesman has surrendered to the joint military forces.*

**Rwanda: FDLR Captain Captured as Armies Easily Seize Rebel Territory.**

(13/02/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902130137.html>

**Opération conjointe Fardc-armée rwandaise : 872 combattants Fdlr déjà rapatriés.**

(13/02/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56527>

*Another Captain of the FDLR, Pontier Nkeramihigo (alias Richard Amani), was captured by the joint Rwanda-DRC forces Wednesday and is reportedly on his way to Rwanda.*

**Rwanda: More FDLR Combatants And Hostages Repatriated From DRC.**

(11/02/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902110108.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: 260 ex-combattants rwandais déjà rapatriés.**

(12/02/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902120977.html>

**Quelque 327 ex-combattants Hutu rwandais déjà rapatriés dans le cadre de la section DDRRR de la Monuc, affirme la mission onusienne.**

(12/02/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56479>

*504 people were on Monday repatriated from the DRC via Rusizi 1 border post in the Western Province. According to Immigration officials at the frontier, 236 of these were from FDLR while 268 are civilians who left the country following the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsis.*

**Rwanda: More Repatriated From DRC.**

(16/02/2009 – The New Times - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902160207.html>

**Returns from Democratic Republic of the Congo to Rwanda increase.**

(17/02/2009 – UNHCR)

<http://www.unhcr.org/news/NEWS/499a977a6.html>

*UNHCR has repatriated another batch of 258 Rwandans from the DRC, immigration officials at Rusizi 1 border confirmed over the weekend.*

**DRC-RWANDA: Refugees in DRC opting to go back home.**

(13/02/2009 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=82918>

*Rwandans who have lived in eastern DRC since the early 1990s have started returning home following a joint military offensive against the rebels, officials said.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Les rebelles hutu rwandais sensibilisés au retour volontaire.**

(13/02/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902130277.html>

*As the repatriation of Rwandan Hutu's to their home country gets at full speed, Le Potentiel analyses the sensitizing campaign of the South Kivu authorities in this article.*

**DDRRR: MONUC launches an appeal to the ex combatants of the RUD and RPR groups.**

(10/02/2009 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20069> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=20070> (French)

**Rwandan rebels to be repatriated from DR Congo disappear.**

(11/02/2009 – AFP)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20075>

**En attente de rapatriement au Rwanda : 150 combattants rwandais et leurs familles portés disparus à Kasiki.**

(12/02/2009 – La Prospérité – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56490>

*A MONUC DDRRR team for foreign combatants went, on Sunday February 8 to Kasiki (200 km north of Goma), to ensure the transfer to Goma (for the voluntary repatriation to Rwanda), of some 150 ex combatants and dependents of the RUD and the RPR, who are dissenting factions of the FDLR. Upon arrival in Kasiki the team found to their surprise that the ex combatants and their dependents had fled the camp which sheltered them the night before.*

**DR Congo: group of Rwandan ex-militia still missing but repatriation continues.**

(11/02/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www0.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=29863&Cr=monuc&Cr1=rwanda>

*A group of ethnic Hutu fighters who disappeared over the weekend from a camp in the eastern DRC, from which they were supposed to be repatriated to Rwanda, are still missing, but many others have returned home, the MONUC said today.*

**Central Africa: British Military Chief Hails DRC Operation.**

(11/02/2009 – The New Times - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902110117.html>

*The Chief of General Staff of the British Army, Gen. Sir Richard Dannatt, has given full support to the ongoing joint operation by the joint Rwanda-DRC military offensive against negative forces in eastern DRC.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: John Holmes recommande la neutralisation des forces négatives.**

(11/02/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902110397.html>

*Radio Okapi reported that UN Under Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator John Holmes expressed his support for the joint military operation against the FDLR rebels.*

**Africa: Rwanda Goals in DRC Under Scrutiny.**

(16/02/2009 – Institute for war and peace reporting – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902160030.html>

*Opinion article of Eugène Bakama Bope, president of Friends of the Law in Congo, concerning the Rwandan military presence in the Congolese territory.*

**Rwanda's Move Into Congo Fuels Suspicion.**

(13/02/2009 – Washington Post)

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/02/12/AR2009021204082.html?wprss=rss\\_world/africa](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/02/12/AR2009021204082.html?wprss=rss_world/africa)

*With thousands of Rwandan troops fanned out across eastern Congo's green hills, many residents and international observers are questioning what is really behind the operation in the mineral-rich region and how long it is likely to last.*

**CNDP**

**Africa: Obasanjo Supports Rwanda-DRC Joint Operation.**

(13/02/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902130013.html>

*The Envoy to the United Nations Secretary General, Olusegun Obasanjo has hailed the progress of the Rwanda- DRC joint offensive against FDLR rebels in the Eastern part of DRC.*

**Visite à Kinshasa du médiateur de l'ONU pour le conflit dans l'est de la RDC.**

(11/02/2009 – AFP - MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20073>

*UN mediator Obasanjo has rendered a visit to Kinshasa to make some consultations in light of the continuation of the Nairobi negotiations.*

**Nairobi dialogue expected to resume soon.**

(12/02/2009 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20080> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=20079> (French)

**Special envoy says UN-backed Congolese peace talks will resume shortly.**

(12/02/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www0.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=29886&Cr=obasanjo&Cr1=>

**RDC: les négociations Kinshasa-rebelles vont reprendre à Nairobi (médiateur).**

(12/02/2009 – AFP - MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20081>

**UN envoy says peace talks in DR Congo will resume soon.**

(13/02/2009 – Xinhua - MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20093>

**Obasanjo est revenu à Kinshasa en comptant relancer Nairobi III après la neutralisation du grand agitateur du CNDP Nkunda.**

(12/02/2009 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56478>

*The dialogue between the DRC Government and the CNDP is expected to resume in the near future, following various consultations between the Special Envoy of the UN Secretary General for the Great Lakes Region, Olusegun Obasanjo, and the various parties involved in the process, which took place in Goma on Wednesday 12 February 2008.*

**Nairobi bis : Obasanjo veut tenter le diable.**

(14/02/2009 – L'Avenir – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56531>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Eviter de transformer Nairobi III en Sun City III.**

(13/02/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902130290.html>

**Obasanjo le médiateur aux pourparlers gouvernement-CNDP tient à relancer Nairobi III élargi cette fois aux autres groupes armés.**

(13/02/2009 – Africa News – allAfrica)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56526>

**Après l'arrestation de Nkunda : reprise des négociations entre Kinshasa et le Cndp à Nairobi.**

(12/02/2009 – Le Palmarès – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56488>

*Various articles analyzing the new round of Nairobi peace negotiations. It mentions among other things the opening up of the negotiations to other armed groups and the similarities with Sun City.*

**Peace before justice, Congo minister tells ICC.**

(13/02/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20091>

*The DRC's justice minister, Emmanuel-Janvier Luzolo, on Thursday justified a refusal to hand over former rebel chief Bosco Ntaganda for trial by ICC on the grounds that domestic peace was best served by his remaining free.*

**Congo Issues New Arrest Warrant for Rebel Leader Laurent Nkunda.**

(12/02/2009 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=a1OV27ro3ivY>

*The government of the DRC issued a new arrest warrant for rebel leader Laurent Nkunda that will enable the central African country to prosecute him for war crimes and crimes against humanity.*

**Kagame a sacrifié Laurent Nkunda.**

(10/02/2009 – Colette Braeckman)

<http://blogs.lesoir.be/colette-braeckman/2009/02/10/kagame-a-sacrifie-laurent-nkunda/>

*Colette Braeckman is contemplating on the alleged deal between Rwanda and the DRC that could explain the two countries regional policy about-turn.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Mende persiste et signe - le Rwanda est d'accord.**

(10/02/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902110394.html>

*Governmental spokesman Lambert Mende negated all rumours surrounding the extradition of Nkunda by Rwanda, and declared that Rwanda agreed without the inclusion of other conditions.*

**LRA****Congo : 865 civils tués par la LRA.**

(16/02/2009 – Le Soir)

<http://www.lesoir.be/actualite/monde/rdc-865-civils-tues-par-la-2009-02-16-690895.shtml>

*Human Rights Watch stated that more than 865 civilians have been killed from Christmas 2008 until the middle of January 2009.*

**Rebel hunt disaster for Congolese but must go on: UN.**

(10/02/2009 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE51901620090210?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews>

*An offensive against Ugandan LRA rebels in Congo has had catastrophic consequences for civilians but must go on to drive out the rebels, the U.N. humanitarian chief said on Monday. LRA fighters have killed nearly 900 people in northeastern DRC, mostly since the start of a multinational campaign on December 14 led by Ugandan forces.*

**Congo town mounts own defense against rebels.**

(13/02/2009 – AP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20092>

*News of Bangadi's success — and the lack of military protection — have spurred hundreds of villages to form self-defense groups, according to Avril Benoit, a spokeswoman for Medecins Sans Frontieres. The ragtag groups are filling a security vacuum as Congo tries to recover from back-to-back civil wars that devastated the Central African nation over nearly a decade. Aid workers and human rights activists are watching the phenomenon with trepidation. In a part of Congo with dozens of militias and rebels, they fear these self-defense groups could transform into a menacing force.*

**Over 15,000 Congolese fleeing Ugandan rebel attacks pour into Sudan, UN reports.**

(17/02/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=29917&Cr=DRC&Cr1=refugees>

**Influx of Congolese refugees into South Sudan continues.**

(17/02/2009 – UNHCR)

<http://www.unhcr.org/news/NEWS/499a97792.html>

*More than 15,000 Congolese have fled to South Sudan since the Ugandan rebel LRA began launching attacks in north-east DRC, the United Nations refugee agency reported today.*

**Uganda: 146 LRA Rebels Killed.**

(14/02/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902150006.html>

*A regional offensive to finish off the LRA rebels, planned and equipped with US support, has seen over 146 of the rebels killed and six rebel commanders captured so far.*

**LRA fighters trapped: Congo spokesman.**

(16/02/2009 – AFP - MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20095>

**Uganda: Kony, 250 Rebels Trapped in Swamp.**

(15/02/2009 – New Vision)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902160009.html>

*The remnants of the Ugandan rebel LRA are trapped by opposing forces in northeastern DRC and will have to surrender, a Congolese government spokesman said Saturday.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Retrait des troupes ougandaises.**

(13/02/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902130300.html>

*Museveni wishes to prolong the presence of the Ugandan national army on Congolese soil. He states this is necessary as the MONUC is unable to react sufficiently on the LRA atrocities.*

**Official: Ugandans to continue rebel hunt in Congo.**

(16/02/2009 – AP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20096>

**Uganda army 'to stay in DR Congo'.**

(15/02/2009 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7891493.stm>

*A Ugandan army spokesman says the Congolese government has allowed its forces to stay in the country indefinitely to continue hunting a brutal rebel group.*

**Confusion sur la fin des opérations dans l'est de la RDC.**

(16/02/2009 – BBC)

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/french/news/story/2009/02/090215\\_rdc\\_ouganda\\_mende\\_fin.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/french/news/story/2009/02/090215_rdc_ouganda_mende_fin.shtml)

**Congo-Kinshasa: Les troupes ougandaises quittent la RDC ce samedi.**

(14/02/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902160398.html>

**Congo denies Ugandan claim on pull-out deadline.**

(15/02/2009 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJ0E51E07O20090215?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews>

*Conflicting statements were expressed by the Ugandan and Congolese authorities on the end-date of the Ugandan military presence in the DRC.*

**UN: Send More Troops to DR Congo.**

(16/02/2009 – HRW)

<http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2009/02/16/un-send-more-troops-dr-congo-1>

**ONU : Il faut déployer plus de Casques bleus en RD Congo.**

(16/02/2009 – HRW – Reliefweb)

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

**Call for more UN troops in Congo.**

(16/02/2009 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7893142.stm>

*The United Nations Security Council should act with urgency to send additional peacekeepers to northern Democratic Republic of Congo, where the rebel LRA continues its brutal attacks on civilians, Human Rights Watch said in a report released today.*

**Uganda: LRA Should Fool Nobody Again.**

(11/02/2009 – New Vision)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902120053.html>

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*Okot Odhiambo declared he is prepared to surrender himself to the International Organization for Migration.*

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