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IPIS LATEST REPORTS

Mapping Conflict Motives: Central African Republic.

(20/02/2009 – IPIS)

www.ipisresearch.be/mapping_car.php

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

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>

Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

Copper to collapse thanks to low Chinese imports?

(11/03/2009 – Commodity Online)

<http://www.commodityonline.com/news/Copper-to-collapse-thanks-to-low-Chinese-imports-15912-3-1.html>

Chinese copper demand in December 2008 was stronger than widely expected, encouraged by the positive premium between the Shanghai copper price and LME price, which boosted imports as traders naturally sought profits. This proved to be a false dawn however, as China's copper imports soon crashed back down to earth in January.

Record copper buying by China to lift prices.

(14/03/2009 – Commodity Online)

<http://www.commodityonline.com/news/Record-copper-buying-by-China-to-lift-prices-16001-3-1.html>

China has started to buy copper in a big way again. As part of the country's strategy to make use of the recessionary trends in the global markets, China has hiked its copper buying during the past few months.

Breaking The Curse. How transparent taxation and fair taxes can turn Africa's mineral wealth into development.

(March 2009 – South African Resource Watch)

<http://www.sarwatch.org/resource-insights/37-resources-insight/279-breaking-the-curse.html>

This report has been compiled by a group of African and international civil society organisations concerned about the lack of transparency in mining contracts, as well as the revenue that national budgets forego because of excessive mining tax concessions as well as multinational mining companies avoiding and evading tax. The analysis is drawn from research conducted in Ghana, Zambia, Tanzania, Sierra Leone, Malawi, DRC and South Africa.

Africa: IMF Conference Identifies Diversification Delays As a Problem.

(13/03/2009 – Mmegi – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903160517.html>

Botswana and most African countries reeling from the volatility in commodity prices caused by the global economic crisis are paying for their delay in diversifying their economies, it emerged at the IMF-Africa Conference this week.

DRC

Afrique Centrale: Complot contre la RDC - le leadership économique de la CEPGL au Rwanda et Burundi.

(12/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903120421.html>

Article of Le Potentiel stating there is a real complot against the DRC. The Belgian-Luxemburg Chamber of Commerce would have constructed a plan in 2005 to strengthen Burundi's and Rwanda's influence in the resource-rich DRC.

Mbuji Mayi : Le processus de Kimberley examine le circuit de vente du diamant.

(17/03/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57033>

A delegation from the Kimberley Process visited Mbuji-Mayi last week to look at the formal and informal trade of diamonds from the Kasai provinces.

Bandundu: le ministre provincial des hydrocarbures interpellé à l'Assemblée provinciale.

(13/03/2009 – Radio okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22594>

Minister of Hydrocarbons Edouard Kinanga has been asked some questions in the Bandundu provincial parliament on his management of the oil reserves in the province.

Congo-Kinshasa: Conversion des titres forestiers en RDC - Les provinces forestières soutiennent la démarche du gouvernement central.

(10/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903100478.html>

The authorities of the "forest provinces", being Bandundu, Equator and Orientale, have expressed their satisfaction with the Congolese national government's policy on the forestry titles.

IMF Executive Board Approves US\$195.5 Million Disbursement to the Democratic Republic of the Congo Under the Exogenous Shocks Facility.

(12/03/2009 – IMF)

<http://www.imf.org/external/np/sec/pr/2009/pr0974.htm>

Congo-Kinshasa: 200 millions Usd du FMI à la RDC!

(16/03/2009 – Le Phare - allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903161818.html>

The Executive Board of the IMF has approved a disbursement of about US\$195,5 million to the DRC under the Rapid-Access Component of the Exogenous Shocks Facility (RAC-ESF). The disbursement helps mitigate the impact of the adverse effects of the global financial crisis, which has translated into a severe drop in the country's terms of trade and in foreign direct investment, particularly in the mining sector.

UGANDA

Uganda: Nema Clears Early Oil Production.

(12/03/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903130034.html>

The National Environment Management Authority has approved the construction of a mini oil refinery and commercial extraction of oil in Hoima district. This follows an environmental impact assessment by Tullow Oil.

Bientôt de nouveaux permis.

(11/03/2009 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

The Ugandan Energy State Minister Simon D'Ujanga announced the abolition of the freeze on the permission of new petroleum licenses.

Uganda wants all of its oil refined domestically.

(16/03/2009 – Oil&Gas Journal)

http://www.oj.com/display_article/356352/7/ONART/none/DriPr/1/Uganda-wants-all-of-its-oil-refined-domestically/

Uganda's newly appointed energy minister, Hillary Onek, stressing the need of energy independence for her country, said the government wants all of the extra oil recently discovered by Heritage Oil and Tullow Oil to be processed domestically.

Uganda: MPs Advised to Keep Watchful Eye on Oil.

(15/03/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903161470.html>

MPs have been urged to keep alert and develop good regulations if Uganda is to benefit from oil production. Attending a workshop on Friday, MPs were told that although revenue from oil had potential to lift people out of poverty, it could also bring suffering to the masses as it benefited a handful of people.

Uganda People News: MPs asked to be more informed on oil.

(16/03/2009 – UGPulse.com)

<http://www.ugpulse.com/articles/daily/news.asp?about=MPs%20asked%20to%20be%20more%20informed%20on%20oil%20&ID=8861>

Members of Parliament that represent district in the Albertan stretch that have been asked to be informed on oil matters.

Uganda: Country Looks to Nuclear Energy.

(15/03/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903160005.html>

Uganda: Country Gets Ready for Nuclear Energy.

(13/03/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903160088.html>

Uganda mineral fortunes continue to rise. From petroleum in Lake Albert region, the country is now getting ready to embrace the first ever nuclear energy programme from uranium, which a Canadian company has prospected in Mubende, a central region.

RWANDA

Rwanda needs \$200 million for power grid expansion.

(13/03/2009 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJ0E52C0H020090313?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews>

Rwanda requires \$200 million by 2012 to connect 220.000 new electricity customers to the national grid, a government official said on Friday. Electricity supply is expected to rise from 55 mw when two generation projects from methane gas in Lake Kivu are completed in three years.

Rwanda: Government Acquires Generators for Gas Extraction Plant.

(17/03/2009 – Focus Media – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903170959.html>

To stave off high costs of hiring generators to produce electricity, the government has bought its own generator set for the Kibuye Power 1 (KP1) project. KP1 has been renting these generators from Aggreko at about US\$ 30,000 annually. The generators are vital in burning methane gas into electricity that is fed on the national grid.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

Moto Goldmines Limited Announces Signing of Joint Venture Agreement.

(17/03/2009 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwirecanada.com/mw/releas.asp?id=962134&sourceType=3>

Moto Goldmines finalises DRC project JV agreement/

(17/03/2009 – Proactive Investors)

<http://www.proactiveinvestors.co.uk/companies/news/4820/moto-goldmines-finalises-drc-project-jv-agreement-4820.html?MOE>

DJ Moto Goldmines Signs Borgakim Mining JV >MGL.T.

(17/03/2009 – MarketWatch)

http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/dj-moto-goldmines-signs-borgakim/story.aspx?guid={EECCF0D4-C63B-4AFB-ACBD-C21C57F96BC4}&dist=msr_1

Moto Goldmines Limited is pleased to announce that it has finalised and signed the Joint Venture Agreement and ancillary agreements with OKIMO in respect of the establishment and conduct of the joint venture company Borgakim Mining s.p.r.l. The joint venture is a joint venture over the Moto gold project located in the Moto goldfields in the north-east of the DRC.

Anvil Mining Reports fourth quarter and year-end 2008 financial results.

(17/03/2009 – Fox Business)

<http://www.foxbusiness.com/story/markets/industries/industrials/anvil-mining-reports-fourth-quarter-year-end-financial-results/>

Katanga : activités minières, 150 millions USD de perte pour Anvil Mining en 2008.

(17/03/2009 – Radio okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22642>

Anvil Mining Limited today announced a net loss for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2008 of \$151.2 million. Net sales for the fourth quarter of 2008 totalled \$13.9 million, down 83% from the fourth quarter of 2007. The year-end 2008 net loss was \$138.5 million on net sales of \$191.2 million. These results were negatively affected by higher operating costs mainly at the Dikulushi and Mutoshi mines, lower production and realized copper prices.

Banro Announces Updated Independent Mineral Resource for the Namoya Gold Project of 1.124 Million Ounces of Measured and Indicated Resources and 407,700 Ounces of Inferred Resources.

(11/03/2009 – PRNewswire)

<http://news.prnewswire.com/DisplayReleaseContent.aspx?ACCT=104&STORY=/www/story/03-11-2009/0004986742&EDATE=>

Banro Corporation is pleased to announce an updated Independent Mineral Resource estimate for its wholly-owned Namoya project located on the Twangiza-Namoya gold belt in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

TWP starts R22,8m dewatering design contract for First Quantum.

(13/03/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/twp-starts-r228m-dewatering-design-contract-for-first-quantum-2009-03-13>

Multidisciplinary consulting engineering firm TWP has begun work on a R22,8-million contract for the design of a dewatering shaft and pump station capable of pumping 100 megalitres of water a day at Canadian-miner First Quantum's Frontier copper mine, in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

First Quantum's copper-gold mosaic.

(11/03/2009 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.co.za/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page36?oid=80029&sn=Detail>

Among established miners focused on copper production, First Quantum can lay claim to being among the best relative stock price performers. First Quantum ranks first and foremost as an African copper miner, but also has substantial gold ounces under its belt and increasingly flying through the mine gates. The group owns and operates in Zambia, the DRC, Mauritania.

BRC DiamondCore on the brink.

(13/03/2009 – Miningmx)

<http://www.miningmx.com/diamonds/BRC-Diamond-Core-on-%20the-brink.htm>

The technically insolvent BRC DiamondCore is widely said to have made a potentially company-making kimberlite discovery in the Democratic Republic of Congo as it grapples with laying off workers at its mothballed South African operations, which are being looked at by potential buyers.

Diamond junior Lucara will buy partner Motapa.

(17/03/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/diamond-explorer-lucara-will-buy-partner-motapa-2009-03-17>

Vancouver-based Lucara Diamond Corp has signed a letter of intent to acquire fellow junior Motapa Diamonds in an all-share transaction, the firms announced on Tuesday. The enlarged firm will have exploration assets in Namibia, Gabon and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Forrest seeks more time to close Forsys uranium deal.

(14/03/2009 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page72103?oid=80231&sn=Detail>

DRC mining entrepreneur George Forrest's deal to take over Forsys Metals closing extended to not later than July 31 as more time needed to complete financing.

UGANDA

Uganda: Tullow Secures U.S.\$2 Billion Loan.

(10/03/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903110101.html>

Tullow Oil, the firm exploring for oil and gas in Uganda and Ghana, can borrow up to \$2b, an arrangement that highlights the strength of its assets and credit worthiness.

Uganda: Tullow to Pump Oil in 2010.

(15/03/2009 – East African Business Week - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903161214.html>

Tullow to Pump Uganda Oil in 2010, Expand for Export (Update1).

(11/03/2009 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=asbJEh.5rPiE>

Uganda: Oil Production Scheme Pushed to 2010.

(12/03/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903130027.html>

Tullow Oil Plc said it plans to produce its first oil in Uganda early 2010. Daily output will start at about 500 barrels and be limited to 2,000 barrels or "a bit more" for the first three years, Chief Operating Officer Paul McDade said last Wednesday.

Tullow 2008 Profit Rises After Oil Price Increase.

(11/03/2009 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=aDaBuea42QSU>

Tullow Oil Plc, the U.K. explorer with projects in Ghana and Uganda, posted a fourfold increase in earnings last year after oil and gas prices rose.

Tullow oils the wheels of recovery.

(17/03/2009 – Interactive Investors)

http://www.iii.co.uk/articles/articledisplay.jsp?section=ShareDealing&article_id=10004526

Despite all the corporate doom and a supposedly depressed outlook for commodities in the downturn, FTSE 100-listed Tullow Oil is proving a success story that looks to have plenty further to run - on a two to three year investment view.

Heritage Says Lake Albert Blocks Hold 2 Billion Barrels of Oil.

(13/03/2009 – Bloomberg)

http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601116&sid=aYHt_XLPS8Y0&refer=africa

Heritage Oil Ltd., the U.K.-based oil producer with projects in Uganda, estimates that the two blocks its controls around Lake Albert contain at least 2 billion barrels of oil, said Brian Smith, vice president for exploration and production.

RWANDA

ContourGlobal investit au Kivu.

(11/03/2009 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

The American CounterGlobal decided to invest US\$325 million in the methane gas extraction project from Lake Kivu.

BURUNDI

Dwyka Resources secures 100% interest in Muremera Nickel Project.

(13/03/2009 – SmallCapNews)

http://www.smallcapnews.co.uk/article/Dwyka_Resources_secures_100_interest_in_Muremera_N/6921.aspx

Dwyka secures full-ownership of Burundi nickel project.

(13/03/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/dwyka-secures-full-ownership-of-burundi-nickel-project-2009-03-13>

Dwyka Resources has secured 100% ownership of the Muremera Nickel Project in Burundi, Africa, after BHP Billiton passed up the chance to take a 10% stake in the operation despite spending US\$7.3 million on the project.

China in the Great Lakes Region

Jane Goodall accuses China of plundering Africa.

(11/03/2009 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2009-03-11-jane-goodall-accuses-china-of-plundering-africa>

China's thirst for natural resources including wood and minerals is leading to massive deforestation in Africa and the destruction of crucial wildlife habitat, world-renowned primatologist Jane Goodall stated.

China ready to invest in Africa again.

(5/03/2009 – Financial Times)

http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/c65a2540-09ae-11de-add8-0000779fd2ac.html?ftcamp=rss&nclick_check=1

China is regaining its appetite for acquisitions in Africa as asset prices on the continent tumble, according to Standard Bank, Africa's largest lender that is partially owned by China's biggest bank.

Stanbic boosts China-Uganda trade.

(8/03/2009 – New Vision)

<http://www.newvision.co.ug/D/8/220/673928>

Stanbic Bank has partnered with the Chinese businessperson in Uganda to boost trade between Uganda and China. The partnership resulted into the formation of the China Enterprises Chamber of Commerce in Uganda, aimed at promoting trade and economic ties between the two countries.

China keeps it going.

(13/03/2009 – Pambazuka)

http://www.pambazuka.org/en/category/africa_china/54830

As a leading UN economist argued that China could lead the world out of slump, all the signs last week were that Chinese investment in Africa was continuing unabated. So was concern by campaigners at the possible environmental and social impact of some Chinese deals and debate over the impact of Chinese traders and migrants. But there were also signs of continuing efforts by larger Chinese corporations to attend to their image. Meanwhile, the annual meeting of China's parliament provided an occasion for an insight into future policy trends and thinking by China's rulers.

Beijing to Boost Spending in Africa Fund.

(16/03/2009 – Financial Times)

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/2e22e976-1258-11de-b816-0000779fd2ac.html>

China is to pump a further \$2bn into its African investment fund earlier than planned to snap up opportunities left by the hasty retreat of western investors from the continent.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

Summary Report of an International Conference entitled “Towards an African Conflict Prevention Strategy”.

(9/03/2009 – Institute for Security Studies)

http://www.issafrica.org/dynamic/administration/file_manager/file_links/ISPIREP.PDF?link_id=5391&slink_id=7404&link_type=12&slink_type=13&tmpl_id=3

The overarching objective of the conference was to examine various initiatives put in place by the AU and Regional Economic Communities to enhance their conflict prevention strategies. In doing so, the conference was geared to stimulate debates and contribute to the operationalisation of the evolving African Peace and Security Architecture.

Regional Integration and Security in Central Africa – Assessment and Perspectives 10 Years After the Revival.

(December 2008 – Egmont Royal Institute for International Relations)

<http://www.irri-kiib.be/paperegm/ep25.pdf>

Paper on regional integration and security in Central Africa. It questions why – 10 years after the increased new orientation of the Central African regionalisation processes towards security issues – the real contribution of the regional bodies towards sustainable security in the region is still rather low? What is hence wrong with the current approach?

DRC

Institute for War & Peace Reporting: ICC Update - Democratic Republic of Congo.

(6/03/2009 – AfricaFiles)

<http://www.africafiles.org/article.asp?ID=20328>

This Institute for War & Peace Reporting: ICC Update deals with ICC issues in the Democratic Republic of Congo; namely, ex-LRA captives, Bosco Ntaganda's reprieve, and child soldiers' accounts at the Lubanga trial.

DR Congo: Militia Leader Guilty in Landmark Trial.

(10/03/2009 – Human Rights Watch)

<http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2009/03/10/dr-congo-militia-leader-guilty-landmark-trial>

D R Congo: Mai Mai militia leader and 20 others guilty in landmark trial.

(10/03/2009 – Human Rights Watch – AfricaFiles)

<http://www.africafiles.org/article.asp?ID=20371>

The conviction of the Mai Mai commander Gédéon Kyungu Mutanga and 20 other Mai Mai combatants for crimes on major charges, including crimes against humanity, by a military court on March 5, 2009, was a crucial step toward creating accountability in the DRC, Human Rights Watch said.

DR Congo conflicts threaten people's already-shaky living conditions – UN official.

(17/03/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www0.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=30215&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=18711&Cr=Congo&Cr1=droits> (French)

Although the global spotlight has been on the conflict in the volatile far east of the DRC, violations have been occurring in other parts of the vast African nation, Kyung-wha Kang, UN Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights today said. "The public space for protests and criticism in the rest of the country has diminished," Kyung-wha Kang told the Human Rights Council in Geneva, as she presented the latest report on the DRC.

Japan gives an almost \$8 million boost to UN mine clearing efforts in Africa.

(10/03/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www0.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=30141&Cr=mine+action&Cr1=>

The effort to rid the DRC and Chad of unexploded bombs that kill and maim people years after they are laid received a multi-million dollar boost today from the Japanese Government, announced the United Nations Mine Action Service.

DR Congo: Destroying surplus arms, reducing danger.

(11/03/2009 – Mines Advisory Group – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/CJAL-7Q2QSG?OpenDocument&RSS20=18-P>

Throughout the DRC there are large numbers of poorly maintained arms and ammunitions stockpiles resulting from the country's long history of conflict and strife.

Congo-Kinshasa: Présence des soldats angolais au Bas-Congo.

(12/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903120359.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Désintégration progressive d'un pays.

(10/03/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903110488.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Bas-Congo - L'occupation de Sava Ina par les soldats angolais rend difficile la vie des habitants.

(16/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903161500.html>

RD Congo/Mbanza Ngungu : drame humanitaire à Sava Ina après l'occupation de l'armée angolaise.

(14/03/2009 – Radio Okapi – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/RMOI-7Q5KUC?OpenDocument&RSS20=18-P>

Since the beginning of March Angolan soldiers have occupied two villages in Bas-Congo. This occupation is impeding seriously the lives of the local villagers. The Angolan and Congolese ministers of foreign affairs will meet shortly to solve this situation.

North Kivu: MONUC supports deployment of Congolese National Police.

(11/03/2009 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20220> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=20221> (French)

UN supports deployment of police to help stabilize eastern DR Congo.

(11/03/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www0.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=30158&Cr=monuc&Cr1=> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=18655&Cr=Congo&Cr1=police> (French)

Congo-Kinshasa: La police congolaise poursuit son déploiement avec l'appui de la Monuc.

(12/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903120422.html>

The United Nations and the Congolese Government have decided to fast-track the implementation of the Stabilization plan for eastern DRC, with the deployment of 332 Congolese police officers in North Kivu. The Stabilization plan was initially developed by the United Nations, following the Goma Conference in early 2008 and later consolidated by the DRC Government, and is jointly implemented by both United Nations and DRC officials.

MONUC continues to support the Congolese Army.

(11/03/2009 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20223> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=20224> (French)

Congo-Kinshasa: Les doutes de la Monuc.

(12/03/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903130158.html>

At the weekly MONUC press conference of 11 March 2008, the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General in the DRC Alan Doss explained the action of MONUC's forces in support of the FARDC in operations against the FDLR rebels in North Kivu and the LRA rebels in Haut Uele. Mr. Doss also explained MONUC's support to the Stabilisation Plan for the Kivu provinces.

RDC: le commissaire européen "très heureux" de la pacification dans l'est.

(12/03/2009 – Xinhua – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=20226>

Congo-Kinshasa: Louis Michel - «Sans la paix, il est impossible de mettre en marche les 5 chantiers».

(12/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903120356.html>

Louis Michel, le Commissaire européen au Développement et à l'aide humanitaire attendu ce mercredi à Goma.

(11/03/2009 – Le Potentiel - Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56971>

European Commissioner Louis Michel has expressed his satisfaction on the improved security situation in the eastern part of the DRC.

Vive la paix dont le décor s'installe résolument à l'Est à partir de la ville de Goma, chef-lieu du Nord-Kivu!

(11/03/2009 – Uhuru – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56986>

Nord-Kivu : Le Gouvernement confirme le retour de la paix.

(13/03/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56997>

The residence of President Kabila in Goma is an important symbolic indication, for the Congolese, for the improved security situation in North Kivu.

Nord-Kivu : Après la paix, place à la justice.

(13/03/2009 – Le Potentiel - Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57001#>

North Kivu governor Jean Paluku is reflecting on the future of the province as peace seems to consolidate itself.

Joseph Kabila à Bukavu pour la reconstruction.

(13/03/2009 – L'Avenir - Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56996#>

After his visit in North Kivu President Kabila went to South Kivu to show his support for the reconstruction of the province.

RDC – La Paix aujourd'hui.

(2/03/2009 – GADHOP (Groupe d'Associations de Défense des droits de l'homme et de la paix))

For consultation at request.

GADHOP analysis of the current security situation in North Kivu.

Le médiateur Obasanjo reçu par Joseph Kabila à Goma.

(16/03/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57031>

President Kabila has received UN negotiator Obasanjo to talk about the negotiations between the Congolese government and the armed groups in the country.

Rwanda: Kagame, Oxfam Boss Discuss DRC.

(16/03/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903160004.html>

The situation in Eastern DRC featured prominently yesterday during a meeting between President Paul Kagame and Mary Robinson, the President of Oxfam International.

FDLR**Congo-Kinshasa: Après une incursion des FDLR à Miriki, calme précaire à Lubero.**

(10/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903100481.html>

Calm has returned in Miriki, near Lubero, after some violent confrontations between FARDC and FDLR last weekend.

Rwanda Hutu rebels claim gains in DRC.

(13/03/2009 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2009-03-13-rwanda-hutu-rebels-claim-gains-in-drc>

Rwanda's Hutu rebels in the DRC claimed on Friday they had inflicted heavy losses on the forces involved in the joint operation launched against them by Kinshasa and Kigali.

Congo-Kinshasa: Les Fardc repoussent des rebelles rwandais à Pinga.

(17/03/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903170853.html>

New violent confrontations between FDLR rebels and FARDC soldiers, supported by the MONUC, in Pinga, North Kivu.

DRC: Waiting for militias to leave the Kivus.

(12/03/2009 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=83418> (English)

(12/03/2009 – IRIN – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/CJAL-7Q3RNK?OpenDocument&RSS20=18-P> (French)

Civilians affected by recent violence in eastern DRC's South Kivu Province are facing continuing insecurity, sources said. In South Kivu, several armed groups have remained active, including various Mai-Mai factions, the Forces Republicaines Federalistes militia [the Banyamulenge - Congolese Tutsi] and the FDLR, who are operating in seven of the eight territories.

Congo-Kinshasa: La Monuc et les FARDC vont mener des opérations conjointes contre les FDLR.

(12/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903120357.html>

Alan Doss has declared MONUC will support the Congolese national army in its operation against the FDLR rebels in South Kivu.

Congo-Kinshasa: Army Consolidating Presence in East – Monuc.

(11/03/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903110317.html>

The FARDC have strengthened their presence in the war-ravaged eastern Congo, following the pullout of the Rwandan army last month. In an email to The New Times, the MONUC revealed that it was also working closely with the Congolese army as they plan to launch the next offensive against FDLR/Interahamwe in DRC's South Kivu Province.

Congo-Kinshasa: Depuis janvier 2009 - Le HCR rapatrie 4.000 réfugiés rwandais.

(13/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903130683.html>

UNHCR stated, in a press communiqué, that 4.000 Rwandan refugees have been repatriated to their home country since January, compared to 8.000 for the entire 2008.

Rwanda: More Hutus return home from DRC.

(13/03/2009 – Africa News)

http://www.africanews.com/site/Rwanda_More_Hutus_return_home_from_DRC/list_messages/23702

The number of Rwandan Hutu rebels who have left the DRC and gone home has risen substantially since the beginning of the year, Bruno Donat head of the United Nations' disarmament, demobilization and repatriation efforts in the DRC has said. According to Bruno Donat, about 13,000 Rwandan Hutu rebels and their dependents have returned home since the programme's creation in 2002.

RD Congo : Ocha - «la réintégration des déplacés dans leurs villages pose problème».

(13/03/2009 – Radio Okapi – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/ASAZ-7Q4JSJ?OpenDocument&RSS20=18-P>

The return of Congolese displaced people to their homes in North Kivu after the end of the joint military operation poses a lot of reintegration problems.

CNDP

La justice rwandaise rejette une demande de remise en liberté de Nkunda.

(12/03/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20225>

A court of first instance in Kigali has rejected a request from Laurent Nkunda's defence for his release.

Compte à rebours pour l'extradition de Nkunda à la faveur des derniers et positifs développements de la situation à l'Est.

(11/03/2009 – Le Palmarès – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56985>

Article analysing the prospects of Nkunda's extradition as there have been a lot of positive developments in Congo's relationship with Rwanda recently.

Nkunda "Unlawfully Detained" in Rwanda.

(16/03/2009 – Institute for war and peace reporting)

http://www.iwpr.net/index.php?apc_state=hen&s=o&o=l=EN&p=acr&s=f&o=350988

The militia chief's lawyer says he has information his client is being held by the military in Gisenyi.

The Ntaganda Controversy.

(16/03/2009 – Institute for war and peace reporting)

http://www.iwpr.net/index.php?apc_state=hen&s=o&o=l=EN&p=acr&s=f&o=351010

Bosco Ntaganda's days of freedom in the Democratic Republic of Congo, DRC, may be numbered if President Joseph Kabila responds to international pressure that the militia leader be arrested.

LRA

Uganda's top rebel commander killed in DR Congo.

(11/03/2009 – Xinhua – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20222>

Un commandant rebelle de la LRA tué par l'armée ougandaise au Sud-Soudan.

(12/03/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20227>

Okello Yape, a senior commander of Uganda's notorious rebel group LRA, has been killed during the on-going joint military operation to wipe out the rebel group holed up in northeast of the DRC.

Uganda army kills 16 rebels in DRC.

(11/03/2009 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2009-03-11-uganda-army-kills-16-rebels-in-drc>

The Ugandan army on Monday killed 16 rebels and rescued 19 people abducted by rebels as part of operations in north-eastern DRC, reported a Ugandan government newspaper on Wednesday.

Small Breakthrough in Kony Hunt.

(12/03/2009 – Institute for war and peace reporting)

http://www.iwpr.net/index.php?apc_state=hen&s=o&o=l=EN&p=acr&s=f&o=350887

Last week's capture of Lords Resistance Army commander Thomas Kwoyelo bought Uganda more time to do what it has been unable to for the past three months: put an end to LRA leader Joseph Kony. Kwoyelo's capture comes just as the Ugandan government convinced the Congolese government to extend Uganda's stay in DRC – permission that is critical if the mission is to avoid becoming a dismal failure.

Uganda: UPDF Gets List of Kony Financiers.

(17/03/2009 – New Vision - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903180006.html>

The army has got a list of LRA financiers and sympathisers, spokesperson Maj. Felix Kulayigye has said. He said the army obtained the names from the laptops which it captured while pursuing the rebels in the Garamba forest north-east of the DR Congo.

Uganda: Record Statement of U.S. Senator Russ Feingold on Lord's Resistance Army.

(12/03/2009 – United States Congress – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903120846.html>

American Senator Russ Feingold in Congress expressing his concern at the continuing massacres, kidnappings and terror orchestrated by the LRA in northeastern Congo and southern Sudan.

Uganda: Govt Has No Power to Try Top LRA Commanders – ICC.

(11/03/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903120053.html>

The International Criminal Court has said it is its mandate and not that of the Ugandan Government to determine where LRA rebel chief Joseph Kony will be tried. The court said the proposal by the Government that the four indicted fugitives would be tried in the special division of the High Court had been made irrelevant "in the absence of the final peace agreement and the ongoing military offensive against the rebels in the DRC".

Uganda: Ninety Days of War in Garamba Forest.

(13/03/2009 – New Vision - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903140008.html>

Article analyzing the military offensive code-named Operation Lightning Thunder that began exactly three months ago, directed by Uganda army, aimed at finishing the LRA rebels.

Ugandan troops pull out from DR Congo.

(16/03/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20234> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=20235> (French)

Ugandan troops begin Congo pull-out : military.

(16/03/2009 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJQE52F03N20090316?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews>

Ugandan army begins Congo pullout.

(15/03/2009 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7945050.stm>

Uganda: Lightning Thunder a Great Milestone.

(16/03/2009 – New Vision - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903170655.html>

Début de retrait de l'armée ougandaise de la Rdc.

(16/03/2009 – Acp – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57028>

Ouganda: Traque contre la LRA - L'armée ougandaise commence à se retirer de la RDC.

(16/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903161444.html>

Début de retrait des troupes ougandaises : « Dans 8 jours, toutes les unités de l'UPDF auront quitté la RDVC » assure le Gén. Etumba.

(17/03/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57051>

Uganda began withdrawing its troops on Sunday from northeast DRC, where they were deployed to hunt Lord's Resistance Army rebels, but failed to catch their leader.

Haut-Uélé : l'armée ougandaise se retire, mission accomplie, selon Lambert Mende.

(15/03/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22607>

As the Ugandan troops are leaving the Congolese territory, governmental spokesperson Lambert Mende stated that although the LRA has not been eliminated completely, the joint military operation has been accomplished largely

Top UN envoy hails joint Ugandan, Congolese operation against rebels.

(16/03/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=30193&Cr=LRA&Cr1=congo> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=18693&Cr=RDC&Cr1=MONUC> (French)

Congo-Kinshasa: La Monuc salue le début du retrait des troupes ougandaises de la RDC.

(17/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903170508.html>

As Ugandan troops began withdrawing from the DRC after a three-month joint operation to flush out a notorious rebel group, the United Nations' top envoy in the country praised the cooperative effort, the world body's mission there said today.

DR Congo and Uganda call for MONUC's assistance for further operations.

(17/03/2009 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=20241> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=20240> (French)

On 15 March 2009, troops from the Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF) and the South Sudan Liberation Army (SSLA) began withdrawing from Haut Uele district in northeastern DR Congo, three months after the launch of the joint operation "Thunderclap" against the Ugandan rebels of the Lord's Resistance Army.

Kisangani : la localité de Banda investie par la LRA, la population s'est enfuie.
(17/03/2009 – Radio okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22634>

RD Congo - Ango/P.-Orientale: des milliers des déplacés vers Dakwa, après l'attaque de la LRA à Banda et Boeli.

(16/03/2009 – Caritas – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/VDUX-7Q7PUE?OpenDocument&RSS20=18-P>

An LRA attack on Banda during the weekend resulted in several deaths, injuries, abductions and displacements.

UGANDA

Uganda ends military operation against LRA in Congo.

(16/03/2009 – Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/katine/2009/mar/16/uganda-withdraws-troops-from-drc>

Article on the pull out from Ugandan troops from the DRC, but also on other topics such as Uganda's national nuclear energy programme.

Uprooted continue to return home in northern Uganda, UN reports.

(17/03/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www0.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=30211&Cr=lra&Cr1=> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=18709&Cr=ouganda&Cr1=> (French)

Northern Ugandans uprooted during two decades of fighting between the Government and a notorious rebel group are continuing to return home, the United Nations humanitarian arm announced today.

UGANDA: Land rows reverse resettlement.

(17/03/2009 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=83511>

Violent land disputes have prompted hundreds of people in northern Uganda to flee their home areas, dealing a blow to recent efforts to reverse the massive displacement that followed a rebel insurgency in the late 1980s. Local officials say four deaths have occurred in the districts of Gulu and Amuru following disputes since the beginning of 2009.

BURUNDI

Entre 35.000 et 40.000 armes retirées de la population.

(28/02/2009 – Binub)

http://binub.turretdev.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=722&Itemid=1

Between 35.000 and 40.000 weapons of the estimated illegally possessed 100.000 in Burundi, have been recovered from the population.

Other

World Bank Approves US\$90 Million Loan to Enhance Environmental Management of the Lake Victoria Basin.

(10/03/2009 – World Bank)

<http://go.worldbank.org/69NJZUZ520>

The Executive Board of the World Bank approved last week a US\$90 million loan for the first phase of the Lake Victoria Environmental Management Project II. The project involves Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. Apart from supporting a wide diversity of flora and fauna, the Basin also supports a large fishing industry for export and local consumption, water supply, lake transportation, and hydropower generation.

Burundi: Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper - Annual Progress Report.

(10/03/2009 – IMF)

<http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/cat/longres.cfm?sk=22770.0>

The annual progress reports describe the country's macroeconomic, structural, and social policies in support of growth and poverty reduction, as well as associated external financing needs and major sources of financing.

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