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## IPIS

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### IPIS LATEST REPORTS

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

(20/02/2009 – IPIS)

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

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

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

(12/02/2009 – IPIS)

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

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

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

(6/01/2009 – IPIS)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **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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### **Diplomacy wins in oil game.**

(16/04/2009 – upstreamonline.com)

<http://www.upstreamonline.com/live/article175822.ece>

### **Uganda, Congo Step Up Efforts To Tap Border Minerals-Official.**

(15/04/2009 – EasyBourse)

<http://www.easybourse.com/bourse-actualite/marches/uganda-congo-step-up-efforts-to-tap-border-651251>

*Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo have stepped up efforts to improve diplomatic ties as the two countries weigh up exploiting hydrocarbon resources in the cross-border Albertine rift play, according to reports.*

## **DRC**

### **FCX and FQM among companies whose mining contracts still rejected by DRC government.**

(17/04/2009 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page34?oid=82003&sn=Detail>

### **Congo rejects proposals by 6 big mining firms.**

(16/04/2009 – Miningmx)

[http://www.miningmx.com/mining\\_fin/998814.htm](http://www.miningmx.com/mining_fin/998814.htm)

### **Congo rejects miners' contract proposals.**

(16/04/2009 – Reuters – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/congo-rejects-miners-contract-proposals-minister-2009-04-16>

*The DRC Government has apparently still rejected new contract proposals for six of the 61 companies whose projects were up for review - and these include some of the biggest names in global mining.*

### **DRC to move quickly on disputed contracts.**

(17/04/2009 – Miningmx)

[http://www.miningmx.com/mining\\_fin/999649.htm](http://www.miningmx.com/mining_fin/999649.htm)

### **Congo to decide on mining contracts soon.**

(17/04/2009 – Reuters – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/congo-to-decide-on-mining-contracts-soon-2009-04-17>

*Democratic Republic of Congo will soon decide the fate of its contracts with six of the biggest mining firms there, putting an end to a much delayed review process, a deputy prime minister said on Friday.*

### **Congo Mining-Review Caprice Delaying Investment, Mackenzie Says.**

(21/04/2009 – Bloomberg)

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

*The Democratic Republic of Congo's indecision over a review of accords with foreign mining companies is delaying investment in the industry, Mackenzie Financial Corp. said.*

### **Mining Companies to Benefit as Zambia, Congo Scale Back Demands.**

(16/04/2009 – Bloomberg)

[http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=aSKm\\_xodF3M](http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=aSKm_xodF3M)

*Mining companies operating in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Zambia are benefiting as governments cut taxes and scale back demands to revise contracts as world demand for metals weakens, Eurasia Group said.*

### **Listen to Mark Doyle.**

(9/04/2009 – BBC)

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/news/2009/04/090409\\_doyle\\_nh\\_sl.shtml?bw=nb&mp=wm&bbcws=1&news=1](http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/news/2009/04/090409_doyle_nh_sl.shtml?bw=nb&mp=wm&bbcws=1&news=1)

*In this audio-fragment the BBC's Mark Doyle investigates how illegal mining of tin ore is fuelling the conflict in the DRC.*

### **Conflict minerals and crimes against humanity in Congo.**

(21/04/2009 – Reuters)

<http://www.alertnet.org/db/blogs/57942/2009/03/21-094255-1.htm>

#### **Why disrupting Congo's mineral trade won't solve the conflict.**

(21/04/2009 – Reuters)

<http://www.alertnet.org/db/blogs/57941/2009/03/21-092321-1.htm>

*Opinion articles published by Reuters on the link between natural resources and conflict in the DRC. The first is written by David Sullivan, Research Associate at Enough, whereas the second is from the pen of Harrison Mitchell and Nicholas Garrett, two of the founding directors of Resource Consulting Services.*

### **« Katanga Business » : une réflexion essentielle pour le devenir du Congo.**

(17/04/2009 – Afrique.com)

<http://www.afrik.com/article16618.html>

*Article concerning Thierry Michel's latest film, « Katanga Business », as it was released in France last week.*

### **La crise financière oblige : Katanga prépare déjà l'après minerais.**

(16/04/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57619>

### **Lubumbashi : comment garantir l'avenir du Katanga après les mines?**

(19/04/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23008>

*Katanga Governor Moïse Katumbi asked the provincial government to propose to the province's population several alternatives for mineral exploitation, to ensure a strong economy for the province beyond its natural resources.*

### **Moïse Katumbi s'engage à contribuer à la résurrection de la Gécamines et la Sncc.**

(15/04/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57591>

*Katanga Governor Moïse Katumbi gathered with some managers of SNCC and Gecamines to study ways and means for the revitalization of the two companies.*

**Mbuji-Mayi : l'effort de guerre et la mauvaise gestion ont ruiné la Miba.**

(16/04/2009 – Radio Okapi – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57620>

*The Information Commission from the East Kasai provincial Assembly presented its report on Miba and Sengamines. It renders some interesting thoughts on the causes of Miba's bankruptcy.*

**Mme Tusse Daumba, nommée directrice générale a.i. de la MIBA.**

(15/04/2009 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57592>

*Article reporting on the redundancy of Miba's General Director as he would have failed to implement the recommendations of the government to revitalise the state-owned diamond miner.*

**Lubumbashi : la Gécamines acquiert 4 locomotives pour le transport de ses minerais.**

(17/04/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22994>

*Gecamines hopes to rectify its transport problem with the purchase of four new locomotives. Two of them were bought through Gecamines finances, the other two were payed by the Chinese company COVEC.*

**Uranium/RDC: l'opposition katangaise opposée à l'exclusivité de la France.**

(15/04/2009 – Romandie News)

<http://www.romandie.com/infos/news2/090415162203.p4w7fqkq.asp>

*Nine opposition parties in Katanga have expressed their disapproval of the exclusive position France acquired in the exploitation of Congo's uranium.*

**Africa: Countries Funded to Plan Forest Protection.**

(16/04/2009 – SciDev.net – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200904160860.html>

*Five developing countries have received US\$18 million in funding to plan how to implement a proposed scheme to reward countries that protect forests and reduce deforestation. The Democratic Republic of Congo, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Tanzania and Vietnam will share the funds, which will enable them to prepare national action plans to take part in the proposed Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD) mechanism - likely to be agreed upon at climate talks in Copenhagen in December this year.*

**Déforestation à outrance : le gouvernement et la Banque mondiale impliqués dans le pillage des forêts congolaises.**

(16/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57622>

*Environmentalists complain that forest exploitation in Bandundu province has been executed to intensely, and now causes soil erosion, floods, ...*

**La société civile de la Rdc évalue le processus de conversion des titres forestiers.**

(21/04/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57717>

*A workshop is being organised in Kintambo, near Kinshasa, by the "Réseau Ressources Naturelles". The workshop aims to sensitize the Congolese civil society on the process of the conversion of the forestry titles.*

**Too big to fail.**

(16/04/2009 – Economist)

[http://www.economist.com/world/mideast-africa/displaystory.cfm?story\\_id=13496903&fsrc=rss](http://www.economist.com/world/mideast-africa/displaystory.cfm?story_id=13496903&fsrc=rss)

*The slump in demand for Congo's bountiful minerals has been painful. Since February the Congolese state has been virtually broke. Foreign donors are worrying that a decade of investment in stability, including costly elections in 2006 overseen by the UN's largest peacekeeping mission, may evaporate in a whirlwind of riots and army mutinies. "There's not enough money to pay salaries on time, to pay soldiers on time, to pay the costs of running a government," says a western diplomat in Kinshasa, the capital. "And I don't think any country has stability if these costs are not met."*

## UGANDA

**Uganda: Use 1955 Agreement to Share Oil Money, Bunyoro Says.**

(18/04/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200904201100.html>

**Bunyoro hopes of oil wealth rise as colonial treaty is found.**

(19/04/2009 – The East African)

<http://www.theeastafrican.co.ke/news/-/2558/561658/-/riqsacz/-/>

*The Bunyoro-Kitara Kingdom wants the government of Uganda to operationalise the 1955 agreement on oil to solve the problems of proceeds from oil exploration.*

**Government starts oil exploration courses.**

(20/04/2009 – New Vision)

<http://www.newvision.co.ug/detail.php?newsCategoryId=12&newsId=678738>

*Diploma courses in oil exploration and engineering will start next financial year, the Government has announced. An initial group of 30 students will be selected for the courses at Kigumba Petroleum College in Masindi to address the need in human resources for Uganda's nascent petroleum industry, state minister for higher education Mwesigwa Rukutana told MPs on the social service committee yesterday.*

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## International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

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**Fatal Transactions calls on the EU to tackle corporate abuse right now.**

(20/04/2009 – Fatal Transactions)

<http://www.fataltransactions.org/News/2009/Fatal-Transactions-calls-on-the-EU-to-tackle-corporate-abuse-right-now>

*Fatal Transactions has urged the EU to stop European Multinational Enterprises from profiting at the expense of human rights at a public hearing on 16 April 2009 of the Parliamentary Committee on Human Rights of the EU. Fatal Transactions, together with some other organisations, made up some strong recommendations to end corporate abuse of European companies outside the EU, including those extracting the natural resources of Africa.*

## DRC

### **USD 140m fee for Katanga Mining.**

(15/04/2009 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*Katanga Mining has completed the mining contract renegotiation process. The company has accepted among other things paying USD 140 million to Gecamines as an entry premium between now and 2016.*

### **Katanga Mining Workers Facing Dismissal Protest at Copper Mine.**

(17/04/2009 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601116&sid=aBDcDTA4HZ.c&refer=africa>

*Police in the Democratic Republic of Congo fired blanks and used tear gas to disperse protesting workers outside Katanga Mining Ltd.'s copper and cobalt mine in the south of the country, a local police inspector said. For the past three days, about 500 workers facing forced redundancy protested in front of Katanga's site on the outskirts of the mining hub of Kolwezi.*

### **Who is to mine Shinkolobwe?**

(15/04/2009 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*The George Forrest International group may play a major role in renovating the former uranium mine of Shinkolobwe in Katanga, which recently fell into Areva's hands.*

### **De Beers freezes activity.**

(15/04/2009 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*Although the DRC was still being presented as De Beer's top exploration priority last year, the country has just disappeared off the radar screen of the world's top diamond producer.*

### **Is the Congo returning to dark days?**

(18/04/2009 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page72068?oid=82036&sn=Detail>

*Strange rumblings in Katanga Province, including a rumoured threat to shut down Freeport-McMoRan's huge new Tenke Fungurume copper-cobalt mine.*

### **Kilo Goldmines Diamond Drills Will Start by Late May 2009.**

(16/04/2009 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Kilo-Goldmines-Ltd-TSX-VENTURE-KGL-975793.html>

(16/04/2009 – Kilo Goldmines Ltd)

<http://www.kilogold.net/news/apr16-2009.cfm>

*Kilo Goldmines Ltd. has signed a 6000metre drill contract with Tandrill Limited. Tandrill has good DRC drilling experience and has carried out substantial diamond drilling for Moto Gold Mines in the DRC during the last three years.*

**Camec's shares rise as it resumes DRC copper mining.**

(15/04/2009 – Reuters – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/comecs-shares-rise-as-it-resumes-drc-copper-mining-2009-04-15>

**Camec Rises as Copper Production Restarts in Congo (Update1).**

(15/04/2009 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601116&sid=a9d.FzWbRTKA&refer=africa>

*Central African Mining and Exploration has resumed copper production at its Luita operation in the Democratic Republic of Congo, sending shares in the company as much as 30 percent higher.*

**Tiger Resources increases total resource by 47% at Kipoi Project.**

(16/04/2009 – Proactive Investors)

<http://www.proactiveinvestors.com.au/companies/news/1242/tiger-resources-increases-total-resource-by-47-at-kipoi-project-1242.html>

*Emerging copper miner Tiger Resources Limited has advised of a significant increase in minerals resources for the Kipoi Copper Project in the Katanga Province of the Democratic Republic of Congo.*

**Lundin Mining says enters copper hedges.**

(21/04/2009 – Reuters)

<http://in.reuters.com/article/rbssIndustryMaterialsUtilitiesNews/idINN2041183020090420>

**Lundin hedges copper.**

(20/04/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/lundin-hedges-40-000t-of-copper-2009-04-20>

**Lundin Mining Announces Copper Hedging Program.**

(20/04/2009 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Lundin-Mining-Corporation-TSX-LUN-977056.html>

*Lundin Mining said on Monday it has forward sold, or hedged, about 40.000 tonnes of copper over the next year to lock in recent gains in the metal's price. Lundin said in late February that it expects to produce 90.000 tonnes of copper in 2009, excluding output from the Tenke-Fungurume project in the Democratic Republic of Congo, which produced its first copper in late March.*

**Producer Sees Chrome Market Reviving.**

(21/04/2009 – The Moscow Times)

<http://www.themoscowtimes.com/article/1009/42/376428.htm>

*RosSpetsSplav (Russian Special Alloys), Russia's largest chrome producer, expects output of the metal to recover from the summer after a drop in demand led to an abrupt halt to production last year. The company has a unit in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Congo Russia Industry, which participates in a project to mine niobium there. This project was restarted recently. "As the political situation [in Congo] has returned to normal, we have started producing niobium concentrate," the company's head Grigoryev said.*

## UGANDA

**Uganda: Court Suspends Kilembe Mine Sale.**

(18/04/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200904201098.html>

*The High Court has stopped the Government from privatising Kilembe Mines Limited until a case filed by Uganda Gold Mines Limited, is finally decided.*

**Early oil production scheme to change.**

(20/04/2009 – New Vision)

<http://www.newvision.co.ug/detail.php?newsCategoryId=220&newsId=678689>

*Tullow Oil is “reconsidering” its development strategy for the early oil production scheme after discovering huge amounts of oil and gas, a move that will further delay the scheme. The early production scheme, which was supposed to start this year, was pushed to the last quarter of next year. It was supposed to produce 4.000-5.000 barrels of oil per day of heavy fuel oil and petroleum products from the Mputa oil wells.*

**Tower Resources Announces 2008 Results and Operational Review.**

(21/04/2009 – OilVoice)

[http://www.oilvoice.com/n/Tower\\_Resources\\_Announces\\_2008\\_Results\\_and\\_Operational\\_Review/14ccc765.aspx](http://www.oilvoice.com/n/Tower_Resources_Announces_2008_Results_and_Operational_Review/14ccc765.aspx)

*Tower Resources plc, the AIM-listed oil and gas exploration and production company, announces its final results for the year ended 31 December 2008. Among other things, results for its activities in Uganda are presented.*

**Tower Resources raises new cash as confidence grows in African licences.**

(21/04/2009 – SmallCapNews)

[http://www.smallcapnews.co.uk/article/Tower\\_Resources\\_raises\\_new\\_cash\\_as\\_confidence\\_grows\\_in\\_African\\_licences/7194.aspx](http://www.smallcapnews.co.uk/article/Tower_Resources_raises_new_cash_as_confidence_grows_in_African_licences/7194.aspx)

*Oil and gas group Tower Resources has raised £1.285 million in a share placing to fund its working capital commitments over the next 12 months. The move comes ahead of imminent drilling at the company’s EA5 licence in Uganda.*

## BURUNDI

**Argosy leaves Musongati to Chinese firm.**

(15/04/2009 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*Argosy Minerals decided to end the arbitration proceedings it had begun to secure rights to the Musongati, Nyabikere and Wagga nickel deposits. In current circumstances, Musongati is not profitable.*

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## China in the Great Lakes Region

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**China juggles its future in Africa.**

(16/04/2009 – Asia Times)

<http://www.atimes.com/atimes/China/KD16Ad01.html>

*Article stating: “China isn’t in Africa merely to snap up raw materials, exploit African labor, or build geopolitical influence. Rather, its goals blend a combination of all the above with a need to beta-test future global brands, open new markets, enhance its soft power through international organizations such as the International Standards Organization - where African votes carry more than a third of the weight - nurture a new diaspora and build a resilient microeconomic bridge by exporting entrepreneurs.”*

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## Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

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### **DR Congo, Rwanda take first steps to repatriate 150,000 refugees.**

(17/04/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www0.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=30506&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=18943&Cr=HCR&Cr1=rwanda> (French)

### **Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda and UNHCR discuss returns.**

(17/04/2009 – UNHCR)

<http://www.unhcr.org/news/NEWS/49e86c942.html>

### **Congo-Kinshasa: La tripartite Kinshasa-Kigali-HCR examine les conditions de retour des réfugiés.**

(16/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904160493.html>

### **Congo-Kinshasa: HCR-Monuc - Les réfugiés rwandais et congolais peuvent regagner volontairement leurs pays.**

(17/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904170291.html>

### **Goma : Accords HCR- RDC- Rwanda sur les réfugiés.**

(16/04/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22979>

### **La Rdc, le Rwanda et le HCR discutent sur les retours des exilés.**

(18/04/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57676>

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Le HCR s'apprête à rapatrier les Congolais du Rwanda.**

(21/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904210504.html>

*UNHCR is encouraged by the strong desire of the governments of the DRC and Rwanda to have their nationals who are now refugees in their respective countries return home. Officials of the two countries met in Goma in eastern DRC to discuss the first steps in the return of their nationals, estimated at more than 150.000. The two-day tripartite gathering was facilitated by UNHCR.*

## DRC

### **UN special envoy on visit to advocate for children's rights in the DRC.**

(14/04/2009 – MONUC)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=932&ctl=Details&mid=1096&ItemID=3469> (English)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=3468> (French)

*Ms. Radhika Coomaraswamy, the UN Secretary General's Special Representative for the protection of the rights of children in armed conflict, began an official six-day visit to the DRC. Ms. Coomaraswamy will seek to assess firsthand the situation of children in the DRC, and will focus on the plight of children associated with armed forces and groups, sexual violence and other crimes against children, and the special needs of internally displaced and refugee children.*

### **Child soldiers to be released amid crisis in volatile eastern DR Congo – UN envoy.**

(21/04/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www0.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=30547&Cr=child+soldier&Cr1=> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=18972&Cr=Congo&Cr1=enfants> (French)

### **R. Coomaraswamy: 48% des victimes des violences sexuelles en RDC sont des enfants.**

(21/04/2009 – MONUC)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=3598>

*Plans are under way to release more child soldiers in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), a UN envoy said today at the end of a one-week visit, urging an end to ongoing violations against children in a humanitarian crisis engulfing the country's east.*

### **UN peacekeeping mission, DR Congo set up joint coordination centres.**

(16/04/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=30498&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo> (English)

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### **MONUC continues its support to the FARDC in eastern DRC.**

(15/04/2009 – MONUC)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=932&ctl=Details&mid=1096&ItemID=3482> (English)

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*MONUC noted that joint FARDC / MONUC coordination centres have been established in Sake and Kiwanja in North Kivu, within the framework of MONUC's wider mission support to the FARDC in eastern Congo. These joint coordination centres have to support Government efforts to restore safety and security to the volatile north-eastern provinces of the vast African nation. The security situation in North Kivu is characterised by the continuation of the activities of troops of the FDLR, who continue to attack the FARDC, civilians and MONUC forces.*

### **Alan Doss proclame la fin de la guerre à l'Est de la Rdc.**

(21/04/2009 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57716>

*Although Alan Doss recognised the temporary resurgence of the FDLR in eastern DRC, he stated the FARDC-MONUC joint military operation will eliminate the LRA and the FDLR, and will end the war in eastern DRC.*

### **UN, Congolese forces call joint operation in northeast a success.**

(20/04/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www0.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=30533&Cr=monuc&Cr1=> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=18960&Cr=RDC&Cr1=MONUC> (French)

*The UN Mission in the DRC said today that most of the objectives of its joint military operation with the FARDC against armed groups in the north-east of the vast country have been achieved. The operation, launched earlier this month and code-named "Rock of Steel," is intended to neutralize the remaining forces of the Front for Patriotic Resistance of Ituri, known under its French acronym FPRI, and other illegal armed groups in the area.*

**Sud Kivu : Des groupes armés Maï Maï entament leur intégration au sein de l'armée nationale.**

(16/04/2009 – MONUC)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=3494>

**Luberizi : 132 combattants Maï-Maï au centre de formation pour le mixage accéléré.**

(15/04/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22962>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Sud-Kivu - 132 combattants Maï-Maï au centre de formation de Luberizi.**

(16/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904160496.html>

*In Luberizi, near Uvira, more than 180 former Maï Maï militiamen on Wednesday started with the first phase of their integration into the FARDC.*

**DRC: Armed groups sign their own “death certificate”.**

(21/04/2009 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=84017>

**Goma : fin de l'existence des groupes armés.**

(20/04/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23013>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Nord-Kivu-Plus de mille ex-combattants identifiés et intégrés au sein des FARDC.**

(21/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904210502.html>

*Eighteen rebel and self-defence militia groups in the eastern DRC signed an agreement on 18 April to dissolve their organisations, although some expressed concern that the grievances that led them to take up arms had not been fully addressed.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Les éléments de Pareco et les Fardc s'affrontent -.**

(15/04/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904160527.html>

*Regular reporting of fighting shows the precarious security situation in the eastern part of the DRC. Monday morning violent confrontations between FARDC and Pareco/Maï Maï rebels were noticed in Lubero territory.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Rebondissement des groupes rebelles à l'Est.**

(15/04/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904160279.html>

*New rebel attacks in eastern DRC, show that the Congolese joint military operations with the Ugandan and Rwandan armies against the LRA and the FDLR have not been successful. Some critical sources state that the single result of these operations is an institutional crisis in the DRC.*

**BBC allegations false – MONUC.**

(17/04/2009 – The New Times)

<http://www.newtimes.co.rw/index.php?issue=13868&article=14992>

*MONUC's chief military spokesman Lt. Col. Jean-Paul Dietrich on Thursday declined to back-up recent claims on BBC by one of their officers, Capt. Karl Fuller, that the joint Rwanda-DRC military operations earlier this year had failed to neutralise the FDLR rebels.*

**Nord-Kivu : L'insécurité refait surface à Beni.**

(17/04/2009 – ACP)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57656>

*Criminality and insecurity are rising again in Beni and the surrounding areas.*

**Irumu : nouvelle incursion des miliciens du FPJC, 3 morts et 5 femmes violées.**

(21/04/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23033>

*FPJC rebels have attacked several villages in Ituri, killing three people and raping five women.*

**Rwanda: Laurent Nkunda va en justice contre le Rwanda.**

(20/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904200134.html>

**Congo rebel Nkunda sues Rwanda for wrongful arrest.**

(17/04/2009 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE53G0CR20090417?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews>

*Congo's rebel general Laurent Nkunda is suing Rwanda for wrongful arrest but he will ultimately be extradited back to Congo where he is wanted for war crimes, a Rwandan presidential official said on Friday.*

**Rwanda rejects suit for release of Congo rebel.**

(21/04/2009 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE53K01X20090421?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews>

**Gisenyi : la justice se déclare incompétente pour traiter la libération de Nkunda.**

(21/04/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23027>

*A Rwandan court has rejected a suit seeking the release of Congolese rebel leader Laurent Nkunda on the ground that he is being held illegally, his lawyer said on Monday.*

**FDLR****RD Congo/Lubero : les FDLR encore à la charge, 17 villageois tués.**

(18/04/2009 – Radio Okapi – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/RMOI-7R8MGR?OpenDocument&RSS20=18-P>

**Eight killed in eastern Congo attacks: witnesses.**

(19/04/2009 – Reuters)

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**Lubero : calme relatif à Luofu après la dernière attaque des FDLR.**

(19/04/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23010>

**Nord-kivu, 7 morts et 255 maisons incendiées à Luofu.**

(21/04/2009 – Le Phare – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57720>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Butembo - Les FDLR sèment la désolation à Luofu.**

(21/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904210506.html>

*Several people were killed during an FDLR attack on Luofu and Kasiki, two villages in Lubero, South Kivu.*

**Lofu: après l'attaque des FDLR, le CICR promet l'assistance aux victimes.**

(20/04/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23020>

*The International Committee of the Red Cross promises to render assistance to the 400 households in need in Luofu after the FDLR attacks of last week.*

**Walikale : attaque des FDLR à Myanga, 14 morts dont 10 éléments FARDC.**

(21/04/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23035>

*As calm has returned in Myanga, Walikale, the village is surveying the harm FDLR has caused with its attacks ten days ago.*

**Kinshasa : éventuelles opérations conjointes FARDC-Monuc contre les FDLR, les inquiétudes de Ocha.**

(15/04/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22971>

*OCHA is concerned about the humanitarian consequences that might result from a MONUC-FARDC joint military operation against the FDLR rebels in South Kivu.*

**Continuing displacement in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.**

(21/04/2009 – UNHCR)

<http://www.unhcr.org/news/NEWS/49ed96ce2.html>

**Rebel raids displace more than 100,000 civilians in eastern Congo.**

(21/04/2009 – UNHCR)

<http://www.unhcr.org/news/NEWS/49ede9672.html>

*In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the number of civilians uprooted in continuing raids by the so-called FDLR in the Lubero area of North Kivu over the last seven weeks has risen to over 100,000. A series of concerted attacks carried out by the rebel group against civilians in the villages of Luofu, Kirumba, Kanyabonga and Kayna near Lubero, 170 kms north of Goma, have left a trail of death and destruction and caused recurrent displacement.*

**The leadership of Rwandan armed groups abroad with a focus on the FDLR and RUD/Urunana.**

(December 2008 - Rwandan Demobilisation and Reintegration Commission)

For consultation at request.

*Extensive report aiming to document the evolution, nature, and command and control structure of the leadership of the FDLR, as well as the background, mindset and politics of the leaders and their relationship with the rank and file. The research was expanded to include the main splinter group, the RUD/Urunana, allied with the RPR. There are other very small groups, such as Rasta or Soki, but they are mostly involved in banditry and, unlike the FDLR and RUD, appear to have no political agenda.*

**Strong denunciation of Rakiya Omaar's report on the leadership of opposition groups including RUD/Urunana.**

(December 2008 – RUD/Urunana)

<http://www.rud-urunana.org/documentation%5CRUD-PPComm23Dec2008EngTxt.pdf>

*Reaction from the RUD/Urunana rebel group on the above mentioned report from the Rwandan Demobilisation and Reintegration Commission.*

**LRA****Bas Uélé : l'armée ougandaise et la LRA s'affrontent encore à Banda.**

(15/04/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22968>

*Violent confrontations have occurred more than a week ago in Banda, Orientale Province, between the Ugandan army and LRA rebels.*

**No quick fix for the LRA.**

(16/04/2009 – The Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/katine/katine-chronicles-blog/2009/apr/16/katine-joseph-kony-lra>

*The international community must provide a tailored package of carrots and sticks to end Joseph Kony and the LRA's reign of terror, The Guardian writes.*

**Uganda: LRA Commander Held As Prisoner of War.**

(15/04/2009 – New Vision - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200904160169.html>

*The LRA rebel's fourth in command, Thomas Kwoyelo, has been taken as a prisoner of war, the Ugandan army said on Tuesday. "He is a prisoner of war. He was captured in action," said army spokesperson Maj. Felix Kulayigye.*

**Uganda: Army Probes Caritas Over LRA Food.**

(20/04/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200904210291.html>

*THE Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF) is investigating the Catholic relief agency Caritas over suspected fresh food supplies to rebels of the LRA in the DR Congo.*

## BURUNDI

**Burundi rebels sign agreement to reintegrate ex-rebels.**

(16/04/2009 – Afrique en ligne)

<http://www.afriquejet.com/news/afrique-news/burundi-rebels-sign-agreement-to-reintegrate-ex-rebels-2009041725661.html>

*The Burundi Minister of National Defence Forces, Lieutenant General Germain Niyoyankana, announced on Thursday a new agreement aimed at demobilizing, disarming and reintegrating 8.500 ex-combatants of the National Forces of Liberation (FNL). The agreement was signed in Pretoria under the South African mediation and aims at reintegrating 3.500 ex-rebels into the different defence and security departments -- 60 per cent in the regular army and 40 per cent in the national police for mula, Niyoyankana said. About 5.000 other ex-rebels will return to civilian life, according to the source.*

**BURUNDI: Demobilisation of thousands of former rebels begins.**

(20/04/2009 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=83997> (English)

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**Burundi: le chef de la rébellion renonce à la "lutte armée".**

(18/04/2009 – AFP)

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5qDx9eztNOU3trS84UpAR131mhjQQ>

**Leader of Burundi rebels disarms.**

(18/04/2009 – BBC)

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(21/04/2009 – BBC)

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**Burundi rebels starting to disarm.**

(21/04/2009 – BBC)

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**Burundi's last rebel chief renounces 'armed struggle'.**

(18/04/2009 – Terra Daily)

[http://www.terradaily.com/reports/Burundis\\_last\\_rebel\\_chief\\_renounces\\_armed\\_struggle\\_999.html](http://www.terradaily.com/reports/Burundis_last_rebel_chief_renounces_armed_struggle_999.html)

*Agathon Rwasa, leader of Burundi's notorious rebel Forces nationales de liberation (FNL), gave up his AK-47 and military uniforms on 18 April at a ceremony to mark the beginning of the demobilisation of thousands of combatants; FNL is due to become a political party soon.*

**Burundi : seuls ceux qui ont faim rendent leurs armes.**

(16/04/2009 – Syfia Grands Lacs)

<http://www.syfia-grands-lacs.info/index.php5?view=articles&action=voir&idArticle=1375>

*Article analyzing the disarmament programme "armes contre compensation", that has collected 208 arms since its launch in the beginning of March.*

**BURUNDI: Human rights worsened in 2008 – report.**

(21/04/2009 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=84031>

*Delays in the implementation of a 2006 peace accord in Burundi contributed to a deteriorating human rights situation there in 2008, according to a leading human rights organisation, Iteka.*

**Le système d'asile au Burundi mis en place avec le soutien du HCR.**

(17/04/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=18944&Cr=Burundi&Cr1=r%E9fugi%E9s>

*Burundi, which has been an important host country for refugees for some decennia, is putting up a new asylum system with the help of UNHCR.*

**US report gives UNHCR high marks for Burundi operation.**

(20/04/2009 – UNHCR)

<http://www.unhcr.org/news/NEWS/49ec69a02.html>

**UN refugee operation given high marks by US Government study.**

(21/04/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www0.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=30542&Cr=burundi&Cr1=> (English)

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*A report commissioned by the United States has praised UNHCR's assisted voluntary repatriation programme for Burundi while warning that major challenges remain. In the second article also other UNHCR operations are praised.*

## RWANDA

### **Rwanda: U.S. Africom Commander Jets in.**

(21/04/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200904210437.html>

*Gen. William E. Ward, Commander of the United States Africa Command - U.S. AFRICOM, arrived in Rwanda yesterday afternoon for a two-day official visit. Gen. Ward whom Army Spokesperson Maj. Jill Rutaremara noted has been in the country before, is here to enhance bilateral relations between Rwanda and the US in the defence field.*

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## Other

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### **IEC: “The elections train is moving”.**

(16/04/2009 – MONUC)

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<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=3491> (French)

*The President of the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) Reverend Apollinaire Malu Malu, appealed to media in Kinshasa today to explain processes and procedures for the upcoming municipal and local elections, to the public. “The elections train is moving,” he said.*

### **Signature PEG II avec le FMI incertaine : Désaccord Muzito-Masangu.**

(20/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57692>

*A Congolese governmental delegation is visiting Washington this week to discuss a new economic agreement with the Bretton Woods institutions.*

### **Kasaï Oriental : l'Etat ne contrôle que 20 % d'emploi à Mbuji Mayi.**

(20/04/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57688>

*East Kasai is highly inaccessible for investors, 80% of the people are employed in the parallel, informal economy. Outside this parallel economy there is only Miba.*

### **Great Lakes Echoes.**

(April 2009 – EurAc)

For consultation at request.

*Monthly publication of the European Network for Central Africa. Contains several interesting articles, this month among other things: the African tour of Sarkozy, an evaluation of the Amani programme and the Rwandan-Congolese joint military operation.*

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