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IPIS LATEST REPORTS

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.

Mapping Conflict Motives: Katanga update: December 2007-May 2008.

(25/06/2008 – IPIS)

Cartographie des motivations derrière les conflits: le cas du Katanga. Mise à jour : décembre 2007-mai 2008.

(28/07/2008 – IPIS)

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

This report is the second 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 December 2007 until May 2008.

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>

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.

Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

Pre-registrate now: International Fatal Transactions Conference 2008.

(18/09/2008 – Fatal Transactions)

<http://www.fataltransactions.org/News/2008/Pre-registrate-now-International-Fatal-Transactions-Conference-2008>

Fatal Transactions Conference 'Digging For Peace' in Bonn Private Companies and Emerging Economies in Zones of Conflict.

De strijd om natuurlijke rijkdommen.

(22/09/2008 – 11.be)

<http://www.11.be/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=105476>

Article on the struggle for natural resources, the heightened world market prices, ...

L'exploitation minière en Afrique: Enjeux de responsabilité et d'imputabilité.

(Juin/2008 – Bonnie Campbell)

<http://www.er.uqam.ca/nobel/ieim/spip.php?article4354>

Presentation of Bonnie Campbell at a conference in Conakry "Exploitation minière et développement durable en Afrique".

DRC

Mise en oeuvre de l'Initiative pour la Transparence dans les Industries Extractives en RDC (ITIE).

(16/09/2008 – World Bank)

For consultation at request.

Letter from the World Bank to Congolese minister Kamitatu for the relaunch of EITI in the DRC.

DRC mining contract review nearing completion.

(17/09/2008 – Mining Weekly)

http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=143346

Congo-Kinshasa: Contrats miniers - dossier clos.

(19/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809190347.html>

The DRC's mining review process was in its final phase, with negotiations between the State and a number of the 61 contract holders nearing conclusion, the Ministry of Mines said this week. However, some of the contract holders still have to make "meaningful contributions" to the negotiations before the September 30 deadline, the government said in an emailed statement.

Contrats miniers : la Société civile congolaise veut être impliquée.

(19/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20343>

A forum of Congolese ngo's demand more transparency in the renegotiation of the Congolese mining contracts.

Terms of Reference for the renegotiation and/or the termination of mining contracts.

(August 2008 – DRC Ministry of Mines)

For consultation at request.

The English translation of the "termes de références" which was published several weeks ago.

Guns, sweat and tears in North Kivu's tin ore mines.

(October-November/2008 – The Africa Report)

For consultation at request.

Hoping to profit from high world tin prices, armed groups in North Kivu still manage to control the mining of the metal and its movement to world markets.

Shituru copper project, Democratic Republic of Congo.

(19/09/2008 – Mining Weekly)

http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=143365

Information sheet on the Shituru copper project in Katanga.

Congo-Kinshasa: La Miba obtient un prêt de 140.000 dollars Us des Banques sud-africaines.

(19/09/2008 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809190378.html>

Kinshasa : IDC et DBSA accordent 140 millions USD à la Miba.

(19/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20340>

Deux banques sud-africaines prêtes à consentir un financement de 140 millions USD pour la relance de la Miba.

(20/09/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/53729>

MIBA will receive a 140 thousand dollar loan of the South African Banks IDC and DBSA.

Mbuji Mayi : les enfants sortis des mines demandent l'assistance du gouvernement.

(22/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20378>

The British ngo Save The Children asks the Congolese government to offer more support to children to quit the mines.

UGANDA

Uganda: Govt Repairs Oil Region Roads.

(17/09/2008 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809170059.html>

Two companies have been contracted to rehabilitate roads leading to the oil wells near Lake Albert.

RWANDA

Rwanda: Oil - Aerial Survey Team Here.

(20/09/2008 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809200113.html>

A team of experts is in the country to conduct the long-awaited airborne survey, as revealed by Eng. Albert Butare, State Minister for Energy. In a very brief update on oil exploration in the country Thursday, the Minister said that "the flying company" was scheduled to arrive Friday with the necessary equipment and aircraft to flyover "particularly" over the Lake Kivu area.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

Comment LOHL monte en puissance.

(17/09/2008 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Article on "Libya Oil Holdings Ltd" its rising activity in oil exploration and production. It also includes some of its oil pipeline building projects in DRC and Uganda.

Rio Tinto may stop negotiating long-term contracts.

(23/09/2008 – CommodityOnline)

<http://www.commodityonline.com/news/Rio-Tinto-may-stop-negotiating-long-term-contracts-11808-3-1.html>

Rio Tinto is likely to stop negotiating long term contracts with buyers for iron ore and instead opt for spot markets and hybrid contracts with regular price updates.

DRC

Mining offers hope to 'break through barriers of poverty' in Africa, says Australian High Commissioner.

(19/09/2008 – Mining Weekly)

http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=143006

Article on the responsibilities mining corporations carry in development countries. The Australian miner Anvil Mining is used as an example.

Anvil Mining annule la vente de 279 millions \$ d'actions à Catala Global.

(23/09/2008 – Les Afriques)

<http://www.lesafriques.com/congo-rdc/-anvil-mining-annule-la-vente-de-279-millions-d-actions-a-catala-g.html?Itemid=49?articleid=9658>

Anvil Mining has annulated the planned sale of 25% of its shares to Catala Global.

Alrosa agrees with DRC on Sengamines takeover.

(16/09/2008 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page37?oid=62638&sn=Detail>

President Joseph Kabila's review and reorganization of controversial diamond-mining licences and concessions in the DRC apparently took a new direction this past week, with approval of a Russian proposal to develop the Sengamines project. Until April of this year, this has been under the control of South African mining entrepreneur Mike Nunn and First African Diamonds Ltd. Nunn says First African Diamonds was illegally expropriated, and that he is taking the DRC government to arbitration in Geneva.

Katanga sees \$550 mln funding despite crisis.

(22/09/2008 – Reuters)

<http://www.reuters.com/article/marketsNews/idUSB3898420080922>

(23/09/2008 – Mining Weekly)

http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=143731

Katanga Mining Ltd does not expect the credit crisis to impede plans to raise \$550 million to develop a new copper mine in Congo.

Katanga in CEO search.

(23/09/2008 – Toronto Star)

<http://www.thestar.com/Business/article/503934>

Katanga Mining Still Searching for Successor to Chief Executive.

(22/09/2008 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=aZ4dZrytMNV8>

Katanga Mining Ltd., the company restarting the DRC's largest underground copper mine, said it's still searching for a successor to chief executive Arthur Ditto.

Rockwell Tells Shareholders to Reject Pala Bid.

(23/09/2008 – International Diamond Exchange)

http://www.idexonline.com/portal_FullNews.asp?id=31211

Rockwell Diamonds' board of directors told shareholders to ignore an aggressive takeover bid by Pala Investments Holdings. Rockwell owns alluvial diamond projects and properties in South Africa and an alluvial project in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Congo-Kinshasa: Spécialiste du domaine d'explo-production pétrolière - HRT-Petroleum, un support de redressement économique en RDC.

(22/09/2008 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809220748.html>

The Brazilian company HRT-petroleum is in DRC to evaluate, map and organize to certain limits the oil fields in the Central Basin.

UGANDA

Découverte de Tullow.

(17/09/2008 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Short article on the Irish Tullow company's oil discoveries in Uganda.

Heritage Oil in talks on disposal of assets.

(19/09/2008 – Financial Times)

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/79ee8bd2-85d4-11dd-a1ac-0000779fd18c.html>

Heritage Oil in Preliminary Takeover Talks.

(19/09/2008 – Neftegaz)

<http://english.neftegaz.ru/lenta/show/82886/>

Takeover of Heritage may be on the cards.

(18/09/2008 – EnergyCurrent)

<http://www.energycurrent.com/index.php?id=2&storyid=13211>

UPDATE 3-Heritage Oil says in possible offer talks, shares up.

(18/09/2008 – Reuters)

<http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssEnergyNews/idUSLI3762520080918>

Heritage Oil revealed it was in early-stage talks with a third party that may lead to an offer for the company. Frederick Kozak, an analyst at Canaccord Adams, said

Heritage might look to sell its Oman and Russian sites to raise cash for its exploration projects, but added that Uganda and Kurdistan were the two most likely targets.

Uranium Hunter Prepares to Initiate Advanced Field Work on Kibaale Project.

(17/09/2008 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Uranium-Hunter-Corp-900875.html>

Uranium Hunter Corporation is pleased to announce plans to initiate advanced field program on its Kibaale Project in Western Uganda in anticipation of aerial survey results.

RWANDA

BHEL poursuit son implémentation.

(17/09/2008 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Indian group Bharat Heavy Electricals is allowed to build the Nyabarongo hydroelectrical powerstation in Rwanda, with the support of the Exim Bank of India.

RWANDA: Carbon offset firm to help reverse deforestation.

(17/09/2008 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=80435>

A Canadian carbon offset development company, Ecosystem Restoration Associates, plans to invest US\$17m on reforestation projects in Rwanda over the next 20 years, one of its senior officials said.

Rwanda: Construction of Eldoret-Kigali Pipeline Set for November.

(17/09/2008 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809170122.html>

Construction of the long awaited oil Pipeline from Eldoret to Kampala is set to kickoff early November 2008, Tamoil East Africa Ltd has announced.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

Blood at the Crossroads: Making the case for a global Arms Trade Treaty.

(17/09/2008 – Amnesty International)

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/ACT30/011/2008/en>

This report shows through illustrative cases how arms trade contributes to serious violations of human rights in different parts of the world. In particular, it seeks to help demonstrate why the establishment of a global Arms Trade Treaty is an urgent necessity.

Kinshasa : le forum des parlements des pays des Grands Lacs s'ouvre ce jeudi.

(18/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20328>

The follow-up committee of the forum of the Great Lakes Region national parliaments gathers on Thursday to discuss several regional issues, such as the security situation.

The impact of small arms on women in Central Africa.

(18/09/2008 – IANSA – Pambazuka)

<http://www.pambazuka.org/en/category/comment/50607>

Article based on Marie-Claire Faray-Kele's full presentation to delegates on guns and both domestic and sexual violence at the Third Biennial Meeting of States on Small Arms and Light Weapons, held at the United Nations in New York, July 2008.

Uganda: SPLA Goes After Kony's Rebels.

(21/09/2008 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809210005.html>

Fears of a renewed offensive by the LRA, following the rebel group's attacks in South Sudan and eastern DR Congo, have emerged and are likely to turn the spotlight on northern Uganda's stalled peace process and the failure of Uganda, DR Congo and South Sudan to see through a regional military programme to flush out the rebels.

DRC

Joseph Kabila : «Le gouvernement trouvera une solution par tous les moyens»

(18/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20339>

Le Chef de l'Etat mène d'intenses consultations à Goma en rapport avec la situation de la guerre à l'Est du pays.

(18/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/53693>

Geweld in Oost-Congo: Kabila wijst beschuldigend naar Rwanda.

(19/09/2008 – CongoForum)

<http://www.congoforum.be/ndl/nieuwsdetail.asp?subitem=1&newsid=148437&Actualiteit=selected>

Kabila held a press meeting concerning the security situation in the eastern part of the country after a five-day visit to North Kivu.

Peace talks and agreements

The Goma Agreement : Chronicle of a missed opportunity?

(15/09/2008 – EurAc; published by allAfrica – 18/09/2008)

<http://www.africafiles.org/article.asp?ID=18996> (also mentioned under « Other » - Great Lakes Echoes)

Reaching the Goma agreement was a huge step forward in the DRC peace process; however, 8 months afterwards, the people of the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo continue to experience rape and killings. Militias continue to recruit children, and Nkunda continues his offensive. This article suggests what the international community urgently needs to do to safeguard the Goma Accord and prevent the "somalification" of DRC.

Congo-Kinshasa: La paix au Kivu - A quoi a servi le programme Amani?

(18/09/2008 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809181074.html>

In this article Le Phare wonders what have been the realizations of the Amani programme so far.

Congo-Kinshasa: La Monuc débordée.

(22/09/2008 – Le Phare; published by allAfrica – 23/09/2008)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809230416.html>

Article on the overload of tasks and incidents the MONUC has to cope.

UN to unveil DR Congo peace plan.

(17/09/2008 - BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7620908.stm>

The UN is to present a plan for the rival forces in the Democratic Republic of Congo to withdraw from their positions, following recent clashes.

Programme Amani : le plan de désengagement approuvé.

(17/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20326>

(18/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809180461.html>

The DRC authorities approve the disengagement plan prepared by MONUC.

(18/09/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=18131> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=18127> (French)

Congo-Kinshasa: Nord et Sud Kivu - un plan de désengagement approuvé par le gouvernement congolais.

(17/09/2008 – UN – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809171007.html>

Kamerhe présente les grands axes du Plan de désengagement des troupes signé mercredi à Goma.

(20/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/53733>

At the conclusion of a working session which was held in Goma, under the control of the President of the DRC, Joseph Kabila, the overall disengagement plan envisaged by the Goma Acts of Engagement, prepared by MONUC, was approved by the Congolese Government.

Congo-Kinshasa: Kivu Provinces - Security Situation for 18 September 2007.

(19/09/2008 – MONUC – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809190760.html>

The Congolese Government, MONUC and other representatives of the international facilitation team and the Amani Programme Coordinator continued their dialogue in Goma today on the application, as soon as possible, of the disengagement plan envisaged within the Amani Programme framework.

Bukavu : démarrage des travaux de concertation du comité du pilotage d'Amani.

(23/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20402>

Meeting in Bukavu on the Amani programme.

Goma : l'Union Européenne parle d'une crise grave dans le processus de Amani.

(17/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20312>

As a reaction to the recent fighting between FARDC and CNDP, the European Union declared the Amani programme finds itself in a deep crisis, but the Union says it is not planning to lose its courage.

Le Programme Amani sabordé par ses signataires est à revigorer avec le contrôle strict du désengagement des troupes.

(18/09/2008 – L’Avenir – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/53694>

The lack of commitment to a real disengagement of troops by the warring parties would be the major cause for the standstill of the Amani programme.

Malu Malu : « le programme Amani reste le seul cadre de discussion ».

(18/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20336>

(19/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809190294.html>

Malu Malu, the coordinator of the Amani programme, stated that the Amani programme is the only framework available for talking between the signatories of the Goma acts of engagement.

Le Programme Amani est l’unique cadre de concertation pour la paix en RDC, selon le ministre d’Etat Kalume.

(23/09/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/53787>

Congolese Minister Kalume repeated his support for the Amani programme as the sole manner to reach a durable peace.

Goma : le CNDP exige des négociations directes avec le gouvernement.

(17/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20315>

Congo-Kinshasa: Négociations directes gouvernement - CNDP : une diversion.

(18/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809180606.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Nkunda caresse l’opposition!

(18/09/2008 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809180292.html>

Congo Rebels Will Disengage If Direct Talks With Government.

(18/09/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=18142>

Amani : Pendant que les combats se poursuivent, jusqu’où ira la bonne foi de Kabila?

(20/09/2008 – L’Avenir – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/53741>

A spokesman of the CNDP declared the government itself violated the Amani programme. Furthermore the rebel organisation insists on direct negotiations with the government.

B. Bisimwa du CNDP : « Il n’y a pas de désengagement sans le respect du cessez-le-feu »

(21/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20368>

CNDP declares there can be no troop disengagement from its site as long as FARDC continues fighting.

East Congo rebels demand Germany mediate truce.

(19/09/2008 – Reuters – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=18143>

Democratic Republic of Congo's Tutsi rebellion has called for Germany to mediate peace talks to end more than a decade of fighting in the country's eastern borderlands, a rebel representative said on Thursday.

Congo-Kinshasa: Kabila répond à Nkunda!

(19/09/2008 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809190003.html>

Kabila told the CNDP it had to enter anew in the Amani programme, but Nkunda poses certain conditions.

Congo-Kinshasa: Kivu - La guerre d'usure.

(20/09/2008 – Le Potentiel ; published by allAfrica – 22/09/2008)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809220700.html>

With the renewed fighting in eastern DRC, the Amani programme seems to have come to a dead end.

Guerre du Kivu : une semaine décisive!

(22/09/2008 – Le Potentiel - Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/53757>

A meeting was held in Goma between the several parties involved in the Amani programme. These will be important matters for the returning to peace in the Kivu provinces.

Congo-Kinshasa: V. Kamerhe - « Nkunda doit privilégier la paix en passant par des moyens pacifiques ».

(23/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809230643.html>

The President of the Congolese National Assembly Kamerhe made an appeal to Nkunda to engage for a peaceful solution.

Fresh violence in eastern DRC raises fears of all-out war.

(17/09/2008 – Jane's Defence Weekly)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

The US is working to push rebels towards making good on their commitments to peace.

Violent confrontations in eastern DRC

Fresh fighting breaks out in eastern DR of Congo, UN mission reports.

(17/09/2008 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=28088&Cr=DRC&Cr1=Kivu>

Congo-Kinshasa: Reprise des combats au Kivu - Une épine dans le processus de paix en RDC.

(17/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809170751.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Nkunda devient sourd!

(17/09/2008 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809170433.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Sud-Kivu - Des combats entre FARDC et CNDP signalés près de Minova.

(17/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809170375.html>

Désengagement des troupes à l'Est : Le Programme Amani sous la botte de Nkunda.

(17/069/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/53682>

Les combats n'ont pas cessé à l'Est de la RDC et mettant toujours à mal le processus de paix dans le pays.

(17/09/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/53674>

UN reports more clashes in DRC.

(18/09/2008 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2008-09-18-un-reports-more-clashes-in-drc>

Intense fighting broke out yesterday between the army and rebels loyal to the former general Laurent Nkunda in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), with the army using rocket launchers and other heavy artillery, the United Nations peacekeeping mission reported.

Minova : tuerie, insécurité, pillages, intimidations.

(17/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20308>

Minova : la circulation est redevenue normale.

(18/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20332>

Fighting has stopped in Minova, but the villagers do not yet wish to return as the tension and feelings of insecurity remain.

Masisi : nouveaux affrontements entre FARDC et CNDP.

(19/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20351>

New confrontations have occurred on Friday between FARDC and CNDP in Masisi.

Congo-Kinshasa: In Troubled Eastern DR Congo, UN Helicopters Open Fire to Halt Rebel Advance.

(19/09/2008 – UN News Centre; published by allAfrica – 22/09/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809220224.html> (English)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809220027.html> (French)

Massi: les forces de la Monuc stoppent l'avancée du CNDP.

(20/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20360>

Congo-Kinshasa: Les hélicoptères de la Monuc stoppent l'avancée du CNDP à Masisi.

(22/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809221262.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Monuc Joins FDLR-FARDC Triangle in Eastern DRC War.

(22/09/2008 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809220141.html>

MONUC Forces required to use force against the CNDP in Masisi.

(19/09/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=18168> (English)

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La Monuc attaque Nkunda à 60 km de Goma !

(20/09/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/53743>

U.N. struggles to halt worsening Congo fighting.

(21/09/2008 – Reuters - MONUC)

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AFFRONTEMENTS FARDC-MONUC-CNDP A L'EST : Kivu : risque d'embrasement.

(22/09/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/53759>

MONUC has backed up FARDC on Friday in Masisi with some helicopters to push back Nkunda's CNDP.

Masisi : calme précaire, situation humanitaire préoccupante.

(19/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20356>

Since Friday afternoon calm seems to have returned at Masisi, although villagers for now refuse to return.

Sake : reprise des combats ce samedi matin.

(20/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20364>

CNDP and FARDC were still fighting on Saturday at Sake, some 30 kilometres from Goma.

Reprise des combats à Sake : la Monuc lance un appel à un cessez-le-feu immédiat.

(21/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20367>

MONUC demanded the warring parties at Sake to cease all fighting and to obey the peace agreements.

Sake : les combats ont encore repris ce dimanche.

(21/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20371>

(22/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809221222.html>

Guerre à l'Est : Les combats se rapprochent dangereusement de Goma!

(22/09/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/53756>

After a relative calm was observed on Saturday evening, fighting has resumed Sunday morning at Sake.

Sake : après les affrontements, le calme revient progressivement.

(22/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20386>

Renewed clashes between army, rebels in DRC.

(23/09/2008 - Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2008-09-23-renewed-clashes-between-army-rebels-in-drc>

Again fighting followed by some calm between CNDP and FARDC, on Monday.

Goma : les combats se poursuivent entre CNDP et FARDC.

(22/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20383>

Fighting between CNDP and FARDC continues in Masisi territory.

Offensive musclée des FARDC contre les troupes de Laurent Nkunda.

(23/09/2008 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/53780>

The Congolese army, FARDC, has launched a strong offensive on Monday against CNDP to drive the rebel movement away from Sake.

Masisi : accalmie sur le tronçon Sake-Bweremana-Minova.

(23/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20394>

Another night of fighting between CNDP and FARDC converted into calm on Tuesday morning.

UN urges Congolese parties to cease fire amid fresh fighting in North Kivu.

(20/09/2008 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=28141&Cr=DRC&Cr1=>

MONUC has called for an immediate ceasefire between the Government and rebels, as new clashes broke out in North Kivu, leading to further displacement in the troubled region.

More clashes in eastern DR Congo despite calls for immediate ceasefire – UN.

(22/09/2008 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=28159&Cr=DRC&Cr1=>

Heavy fighting has continued over the past few days in the eastern part of the DRC, despite repeated calls for an immediate halt to hostilities and respect for a ceasefire signed last week.

Rwanda: War Rages in DRC as Government Forces Seek FDLR Support.

(21/09/2008 – The New Times; published by allAfrica – 22/09/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809220171.html>

The clashes in the eastern DRC between the government forces and CNDP have taken new dimensions with the FARDC joining hands with Rwandan rebels, FDLR.

Clinics 'looted' in Congo clashes.

(18/09/2008 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7622869.stm>

(18/09/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=18139>

Armed groups looting DR Congo health centres: UN.

(17/09/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=18123>

Health centres have been systematically looted during the recent fighting in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, the UN says.

Nord-Kivu : l'enrôlement des enfants soldats s'intensifie.

(18/09/2008 – Syfia Grands Lacs)

[http://syfia-grands-](http://syfia-grands-lacs.info/index.php5?view=articles&action=voir&idArticle=1128&PHPSESSID=0fc37c422859b4df7915c72723322521)

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(20/09/2008 – Le Potentiel; published by allAfrica – 22/09/2008)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809220704.html>

Forced recruitment of child soldiers has done nothing but intensified since the signing of the Goma peace agreements in January.

Point chaud : Rebelle ou partenaire?

(17/09/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/53681>

Le récidiviste et dissident belliciste Laurent Nkunda sème la confusion en alliant la paix à sa folie guerrière

(17/09/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/53675>

Nkunda n'est pas un interlocuteur crédible.

(20/09/2008 – L'Avenir - Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/53742>

Articles on the ambiguous role Nkunda plays, from waging war to talking about peace.

La CCU de Lambert Mende s'insurge contre Nkunda et Kagame se prononçant sur la situation actuelle de l'Est du pays.

(17/09/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/53673>

Lambert Mende and his political movement CCU pronounce their vision on the security situation in the eastern part of the country.

Eastern DRC: MONUC deeply concerned over the plight of displaced people.

(17/09/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=18121> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=18122> (French)

Following the clashes that erupted on 28 August 2008 in North and South Kivu in eastern DRC, MONUC, UN agencies and the humanitarian community remain deeply concerned over the plight of hundreds of thousands of civilians who are trapped in combat zones and require urgent assistance.

Eastern Congo fighting displaces 100,000 - U.N.

(22/09/2008 – Reuters)

<http://africa.reuters.com/top/news/usnBAN258086.html>

(22/09/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=18184>

Weeks of heavy fighting between the army and Tutsi rebels in eastern Congo's North Kivu province has forced 100,000 people from their homes, the United Nations said on Monday.

The Great Lakes Pact and the Rights of Displaced People: A Guide for Civil Society.

(September/2008 – Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre)

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Following the entry into force in June 2008 of the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in Africa's Great Lakes region (the Great Lakes Pact), the Norwegian Refugee Council's IDMC and the International Refugee Rights Initiative released The Great Lakes Pact and the Rights of Displaced People: A Guide for Civil Society. The Guide aims to help organisations use the Great Lakes Pact to promote the rights of refugees and IDPs in the region.

RD Congo : hors camp, hors champ? Mieux répondre au problème du déplacement forcé en République Démocratique du Congo à travers l'aide aux familles d'accueil.

(19/09/2008 – Oxfam – ReliefWeb)

[http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/VDUX-](http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/VDUX-7JMRUG?OpenDocument&RSS20=18-P)

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Article from Oxfam on the release of its report concerning the harsh conditions refugees and IDP's in DRC have to cope.

Conditions right for Congolese to return home from Zambia, says UN agency.

(19/09/2008 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=28136&Cr=DRC&Cr1=>

UNHCR says conditions right for Congolese to go home from Zambia.

(19/09/2008 – UNHCR)

<http://www.unhcr.org/news/NEWS/48d3b7f64.html>

Le retour des Congolais venant de Zambie.

(22/09/2008 – UNHCR - MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=18182>

The United Nations refugee agency is encouraging the remaining 51,000 Congolese refugees in northern Zambia to return home, saying conditions in many areas of the DRC are suitable for repatriation.

DR Congo: UN steps up emergency aid for children affected by new fighting.
(18/09/2008 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=28115&Cr=drc&Cr1=>

UNICEF scales up emergency response as children suffer from resumed fighting in North Kivu.

(18/09/2008 – UNICEF)

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UNICEF: Danger for children in East Congo grows.

(18/09/2008 – The EarthTimes – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=18140>

UNICEF is scaling up existing emergency programmes in eastern DRC, where increased fighting has forced over 100,000 people to flee their homes, social services to close, and humanitarian organizations to suspend aid.

Goma : difficultés d'accès, les humanitaires suspendent l'aide aux déplacés.

(22/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20380>

The humanitarian situation in eastern DRC aggravated terribly since the beginning of the violent confrontations in September. The coordinator of OCHA in North Kivu complains most of the emergency aid is not reaching the people in need, because of problems with accessibility.

Bukavu : les étudiants protestent contre la guerre, le CNDP et la Monuc.

(17/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20319>

A peaceful protest is going to be organised on Wednesday by the students and the university in Bukavu. The march will protest against the insecurity situation in the eastern part of the country and particularly against the recent confrontations between CNDP and the FARDC.

Memorandum des étudiants de Bukavu: Non à la guerre.

(18/09/2008)

For consultation at request.

The memorandum of the students of Bukavu for their peaceful march.

Congo-Kinshasa: Nord-Kivu - Des veuves de soldats de Goma manifestent contre la reprise des combats au Kivu.

(23/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809230593.html>

Goma : retour au calme après des manifestation populaires contre la guerre.

(22/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20384>

Some popular protest activities were noticed in the streets of Goma.

Déclaration de la société civile du Sud Kivu relative à la recrudescence des hostilités dans les provinces du Nord et du Sud Kivu.

(12/09/2008 – Société civile du Sud-Kivu)

For consultation at request.

Declaration of the South Kivu Civil Society concerning the worsening security situation since the beginning of September.

LRA in eastern DRC

Kisangani : un homme tué, une femme blessée et plus de 40 personnes enlevées par les LRA.

(19/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20342>

LRA rebels have besieged Kiliwa in Dungu using some serious violence against the local population.

Dungu : après l'attaque des LRA, le bilan s'alourdit et les déplacés affluent.

(19/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20355>

The death toll after the LRA attacks at Ddungu last week, counts 3 persons so far.

Ugandan LRA rebels abduct 40 children in Congo : UN.

(19/09/2008 – Reuters)

<http://africa.reuters.com/top/news/usnBAN954618.html>

Dozens of children kidnapped in DRC by rebels.

(22/09/2008 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2008-09-22-dozens-of-children-kidnapped-in-drc-by-rebels>

LRA rebels abducted schoolchildren and killed a village chief in an attack in north-eastern DRC.

UN says Ugandan rebels take away children in Congo.

(23/09/2008 – AP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=18189>

Ugandan LRA rebels hold 90 Congo children: UNICEF.

(22/09/2008 – Reuters)

<http://africa.reuters.com/top/news/usnBAN257637.html>

Guerre généralisée à l'Est : Combats à l'arme lourde à Mweso.

(23/09/2008 – Le Phare – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/53781>

Children abducted from Democratic Republic of Congo by Ugandan rebels.

(23/09/2008 – Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2008/sep/23/uganda?gusrc=rss&feed=worldnews>

Rebels from neighbouring Uganda kidnapped 90 children in eastern Congo, and weeks of fighting in the restive border region have forced 100,000 people to flee their homes, U.N. officials said Monday.

UNICEF demands release of kidnapped children in DR Congo.

(22/09/2008 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=28151&Cr=UGANDA&Cr1=LRA>

(22/09/2008 – UNICEF)

http://www.unicef.org/media/media_45702.html

Congo-Kinshasa: L'UNICEF réclame la libération de 90 écoliers enlevés par des rebelles dans le nord-est.

(22/09/2008 – UN – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809221662.html>

Appeal for Congo child hostages.

(23/09/2008 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7631038.stm>

UNICEF today called for the immediate, unconditional release of 90 pupils who were abducted from their schools in the north-east of the DRC by members of the rebel LRA.

Uganda rebels reject attack claims.

(19/09/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=18155>

The rebels have been accused of launching attacks in southern Sudan's Western Equatoria region on Thursday and in areas close to reported LRA bases in the DRC, according to local reports.

Dungu : polémique autour du bilan des attaques de la LRA.

(23/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20398>

Controversy on the numbers of victims after the LRA attacks.

Isiro : 2 000 personnes manifestent contre les LRA.

(22/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20381>

Local civil society and students of the Uélé University have organised a protest march to condemn the misbehaviour of the LRA rebels in Dungu.

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Uganda: UPDF on High Alert Over LRA Rebels.

(21/09/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 22/09/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809220039.html>

The Uganda People's Defence Forces are ready to strike back in case of any fresh incursion of LRA rebels into the country, according to the army spokesman.

Uganda: Kony Attacks SPLA As UPDF Stay On Alert.

(22/09/2008 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809221448.html>

The LRA rebels have allegedly carried out more brutal attacks in South Sudan, killing several civilians in the process. A UPDF spokesperson said the army will not hesitate to attack LRA rebels should they dare enter Uganda.

Uganda: Ex-LRA Rebels Harass 'Wives'.

(19/09/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 20/09/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809200004.html>

Girls who were abducted and forcefully given as wives to LRA commanders are still being pursued by their 'bush husbands', a study by two researchers attached to the Feinstein International Centre in the US has revealed.

Kony Runs Rings Around Negotiators.

(22/09/2008 – 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=346795

As he has in the past, Kony continues to play humiliating games with negotiators seeking a final end to northern Uganda's brutal 20-year war with the LRA.

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Great Lakes Echoes.

(09/2008 – EurAc)

For Consultation at request, or at <http://www.eurac-network.org/web/bulletin.php>

The September issue of EurAc's bulletin. It includes a critical editorial on the Goma Agreement.

Africa: Uganda, Congo to Mark Lake Edward Borders.

(16/09/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 17/09/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809170249.html>

Uganda and the DRC are to mark their borders on Lake Edward. The move is aimed at stopping conflicts among fishermen in the two countries.

Persistently high corruption in low-income countries amounts to an “ongoing humanitarian disaster”.

(23/09/2008 – Transparency International)

http://www.transparency.org/news_room/latest_news/press_releases/2008/2008_09_23_cpi_2008_en

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(23/09/2008 – arib.info)

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Rwanda timber
Uganda timber
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