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## IPIS

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### IPIS LATEST REPORTS

#### **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.**

(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.*

#### **Democratic Republic of the Congo, mining contracts - state of affairs. The Congo wants to raise the profits of its mining sector.**

(04/04/2008 – IPIS)

#### **Congo, contract miniers - état des affaires. Le Congo veut accroître ses rentrées du secteur minier.**

(04/04/2008 – IPIS)

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

*In March the Congolese government published the final report of the Interministerial Commission for the Revisitation of Mining Contracts. This article discusses the findings of the report.*

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## Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

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#### **Risk, infrastructure limit Africa aluminium growth.**

(19/06/2008 – Reuters – Mining Weekly)

[http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a\\_id=136107](http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=136107)

*Africa boasts some of the biggest, purest bauxite deposits and could harness more hydropower to smelt it into aluminium. However blackouts and delays to big new projects across Africa are hampering aluminium makers keen to cash in on rising metal prices driven by surging Asian demand.*

#### **Forests and deforestation in Africa - the wasting of an immense resource.**

(21/06/2008 - afrol News)

<http://www.afrol.com/test2008/features/10278>

*Except for the Congo Basin, Africa's frontier forests have largely been destroyed, primarily by loggers and by farmers clearing land for agriculture.*

**Britain, Norway launch fund to preserve Congo Basin rainforest.**

(17/06/2008 – AFP – TerraDaily)

[http://www.terradaily.com/reports/Britain\\_Norway\\_launch\\_fund\\_to\\_preserve\\_Congo\\_Basin\\_rainforest\\_999.html](http://www.terradaily.com/reports/Britain_Norway_launch_fund_to_preserve_Congo_Basin_rainforest_999.html)

(18/06/2008 – World Bank)

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/NEWS/0,,date:2008-06-18~menuPK:34461~pagePK:34392~piPK:64256810~theSitePK:4607,00.html>

*The prime ministers of Britain and Norway on Tuesday launched a multi-million-pound initiative to preserve the rainforest in the Congo Basin, which has been described as "the world's second lung."*

**Wagari Maathai, Prix Nobel de la paix, Co-présidente du Conseil d'administration du Fonds forestier du Bassin du Congo.**

(18/06/2008 – African Development Bank)

[http://www.afdb.org/portal/page?\\_pageid=293,174339&\\_dad=portal&\\_schema=PORTAL&press\\_item=30734697](http://www.afdb.org/portal/page?_pageid=293,174339&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&press_item=30734697)

*Wagari Maathai has been chosen as head of the Congo Basin Forest Fund, together with Paul Martin.*

**Donors pledge \$216 mln to protect African forests.**

(19/06/2008 – Reuters)

<http://africa.reuters.com/country/RW/news/usnBAN924649.html>

*Donors have pledged \$216 million for a fund to protect the Congo Basin forests of central Africa, home to 26 percent of the world's remaining tropical forests, the African Development Bank said.*

**Biggest ever forest protection fund targets Congo basin.**

(17/06/2008 – The Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2008/jun/17/forests.endangeredhabitats?gusrc=rss&feed=worldnews>

**£108m scheme to save rainforest to be policed by satellite.**

(18/06/2008 – The Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2008/jun/18/forests.endangeredhabitats?gusrc=rss&feed=worldnews>

*The biggest ever fund set up to battle deforestation was launched today, targeting the vast Congo basin rainforest in central Africa. Britain and Norway are providing £108m and will also supply satellite imaging technology to monitor the area.*

**New Fund Launched for Congo Basin.**

(23/06/2008 – IPS)

<http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=42919>

**Westerse geldschieters plaatsen Congobekken hoog op de agenda.**

(24/06/2008 – IPS)

[http://ipsnews.be/index.php?id=35&no\\_cache=0&tx\\_uwnews\\_pi4\[art\\_id\]=21680](http://ipsnews.be/index.php?id=35&no_cache=0&tx_uwnews_pi4[art_id]=21680)

*The prime ministers of Norway and Britain have launched a 200 million dollar fund to tackle deforestation in the Congo Basin, the world's second largest tropical forest.*

**Britain offers \$100 mln for Congo basin.**

(18/06/2008 – Xinhua; published by MONUC – 19/06/2008)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=17620>

*The British government has given a grant of over 100 million U.S. dollars to help protect the forest ecosystem within the expansive Congo Basin.*

## DRC

### **Mining pushes DRC to 12 percent annual growth rate.**

(18/06/2008 – Reuters - Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page67?oid=54902&sn=Detail>

(18/06/2008 – International Business Times)

<http://www.ibtimes.com/articles/20080618/mining-pushes-drc-to-12-percent-annual.htm>

### **Congo to grow 12 percent on mining in 2008.**

(17/06/2008 – Reuters; published by MONUC – 18/06/2008)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=17613>

*The resurgence of the country's mining sector is helping push the DRC's annual growth rate to over 12 percent, but inflation is rising even faster.*

### **Brownback, Durbin Introduce Conflict Mining Bill: Legislation would require certification of minerals mined in Congo.**

(23/0/2008 – Sam Brownback press release – Bruce Broomhall)

<http://brownback.senate.gov/pressapp/record.cfm?id=298357>

*On Thursday 22 May 2008, U.S. Senators Brownback and Durbin introduced the Conflict Coltan and Cassiterite Act, legislation which would require certification of minerals imported from the DRC. If passed, the Act would require the U.S. President to compile a list of armed groups in the DRC that are committing violations of human rights, and make it illegal to import into the U.S. any products containing coltan or cassiterite that benefited one of those groups.*

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Protection de la nature - un préalable aux investissements?**

(18/06/2008 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806180916.html>

*Article concerning the environmental and social standards money-lenders maintain in DRC.*

### **Congo-Kinshasa: L'ITIE et la responsabilité sociale des entreprises extractives.**

(24/06/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806240644.html>

*Concerning the standards extractive companies should encompass, in order to obey the EITI guidelines.*

### **RDC: comment impliquer la population à la gestion des ressources naturelles?**

(22/06/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=19173>

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Ressources naturelles - les préoccupations de la population ignorées.**

(23/06/2008 – Le Phare)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806231692.html>

*A conference is held in Kinshasa to discuss the involvement of the Congolese people in the management of the country's natural resources.*

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Sur le pas des Chinois en RDC - Le Japon envisage le contrat gagnant-gagnant.**

(20/06/2008 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806200849.html>

*A Japanese delegation is visiting DRC to investigate the possibilities of investing in the mining and the hydrocarbon sector of the Congo.*

**Congo diamond miner seeks South African loan support.**

(20/06/2008 – Reuters)

<http://africa.reuters.com/country/CD/news/usnBAN049335.html>

(20/06/2008 – Miningweekly)

[http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a\\_id=136215](http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=136215)

(20/06/2008 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page37?oid=55101&sn=Detail>

(20/06/2008 – International Business Times)

<http://www.ibtimes.com/articles/20080620/drc-diamond-miner-miba-close-to-signing.htm>

*Congo's state diamond miner MIBA is close to signing a \$140 million loan deal with South African state lenders to rebuild its infrastructure and restart industrial mining operations, a senior company official said.*

**MIBA Seeks \$290M to Revive Diamond Mining in DRC.**

(23/06/2008 – Diamonds.net)

<http://www.diamonds.net/news/NewsItem.aspx?ArticleID=22039>

*The DRC state diamond miner, MIBA is seeking approximately \$290 million to help revive large scale mining in the war-ravaged country.*

**Bandundu : quand le diamant empoisonne la vie.**

(19/06/2008 – Syfia Grands Lacs)

[http://syfia-grands-](http://syfia-grands-lacs.info/index.php5?view=articles&action=voir&idArticle=1039&PHPSESSID=f6b2db8ead7426a6f61a38d67764189e)

[lacs.info/index.php5?view=articles&action=voir&idArticle=1039&PHPSESSID=f6b2db8ead7426a6f61a38d67764189e](http://syfia-grands-lacs.info/index.php5?view=articles&action=voir&idArticle=1039&PHPSESSID=f6b2db8ead7426a6f61a38d67764189e)

*Article on the bad humanitarian situation diamond diggers have to bear. A case study concerning Itey in Bandundu.*

**Négociations gelées.**

(18/06/2008 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request or at IPIS library.

*Kabila asked his Minister of Hydrocarbon to halt the petrol negotiations for the exploitation of the north-eastern part of the Congo. The DRC president wishes to examine the participation of the national company Cohydro.*

**Flambée des prix du pétrole : Le ministre Lambert Mende explique les perturbations du secteur pétrolier.**

(19/06/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/52042>

**L'interpellation du ministre Mende : Pétrole, l'heure de vérité à sonné.**

(24/06/2008 – Mediacongo.net)

<http://www.mediacongo.net/show.asp?doc=9704>

*DRC Minister of Hydrocarbon, Lambert Mende, imputes the strong rising of oil prices to structural world conditions. Consequently the Minister claims he can not be blamed for the consequences.*

**Assemblée nationale : L'autre face de l'affaire Mende.**

(17/06/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/52009>

*Some analysts claim the opposition in parliament has not played a nice game, and think Mende should strongly defend himself.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Pétrole, voici le cri de la Société Civile de l'Ituri à l'Assemblée Nationale!**

(23/06/2008 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806230778.html>

**Motion de défiance contre Mende : la société civile de l'Ituri d'accord.**

(21/06/2008 – Mediacongo.net)

<http://www.mediacongo.net/show.asp?doc=9694>

*The civil society in Ituri is glad with the attention in parliament for the petrol management of Minister Lambert Mende.*

**Etude de faisabilité sur Inga.**

(18/06/2008 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request or at IPIS library.

*SNEL searches a consultant to conduct a feasibility study on the Inga project.*

**Kinshasa : comment préserver les forêts congolaises et lutter contre la pauvreté?**

(23/06/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=19187>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Gestion durable des forêts en RDC.**

(24/06/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806240645.html>

**RDC: Un atelier national sur la gestion des ressources naturelles.**

(19/06/2008 – DIA)

<http://www.dia-afrique.org/suite.php?newsid=5904>

*The Congolese Minister of Environment opened an international conference in Kinshasa concerning the mechanisms for a durable management of its forests.*

## UGANDA

**Uganda: Copper Smelting to Begin.**

(23/06/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 24/06/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806240097.html>

**Uganda Plans to Restart Copper Mining, New Vision Reported.**

(24/06/2008 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601116&sid=aHTx14PlyNDg&refer=af rica>

**Uganda to Smelt Congolese Copper From July, New Vision Reports.**

(24/06/2008 – Bloomberg)

[http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=aMnrnmMOxE\\_A](http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=aMnrnmMOxE_A)

*Copper ore from the DRC is to be smelted in Jinja when the Kilembe smelting plant resumes operation next month. Thomas Eggenburg, the general manager of Deutsche Rohstoff and Bergbau Mining Company, said Congo has the potential to supply the Jinja plant for a very long time.*

**Uganda: Investors Eye \$1.2b Copper At Kilembe.**

(23/06/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 24/06/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806240053.html>

*International companies are interested in purchasing Kilembe copper mines, the energy minister has said. The mines have copper reserves worth \$1.2b according to world prices of copper, excluding the value of cobalt and other minerals.*

**Uganda: Country Should Be Firm On Crude Oil.**

(18/06/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 19/06/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806190066.html>

*President Yoweri Museveni has said Uganda will not export crude oil but have it refined to maximise returns from its exploration.*

**Uganda: Residents Want Govt Quarry in Mukono Closed.**

(20/06/2008 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806200213.html>

*Residents of Buntaba in Mukono District have asked the government to stop the operation of a quarry in the area. They said the quarry under management of Seyani International Company Limited is a threat to their lives and property.*

**Will oil proceeds benefit all?**

(18/06/2008 – The Monitor)

[http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/letters/Will\\_oil\\_proceeds\\_benefit\\_all.shtml](http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/letters/Will_oil_proceeds_benefit_all.shtml)

**Uganda: Oil Policy Should Be Clear On Accountability.**

(23/06/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 24/06/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806240094.html>

*The Oil and Gas policy clearly states that it will create lasting benefits to society but it does not guarantee this lasting benefit. Past experiences have shown that when the government has access to immense resources like donor funds, it tends to be wasteful.*

**Le barrage de Karuma relancé.**

(18/06/2008 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request or at IPIS library.

*The Ugandan government released \$130 million to re-launch the construction of the hydroelectric central of Karuma.*

## RWANDA

**Rwanda: Final Countdown.**

(23/06/2008 – Focus Media; published by allAfrica – 24/06/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806240172.html>

*The Lake Kivu methane plant should be up and running by the end of June. A team of local engineers and labourers is working alongside international contractors to put the finishing touches to Rwanda's first underwater methane extraction plant.*

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## International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

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### DRC

**Campbell Cassidy.**

(18/06/2008 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request or at IPIS library.

*Energulf is planning to recruit Campbell Cassidy for the exploration at its Lotshi bloc in DRC.*

**La question de l'exploitation pétrolière dans le lac Albert exposée au président du Sénat.**

(23/06/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/52108>

*A delegation of Tullow Oil met Leon Kengo wa Dondo, President of the Congolese Senate.*

**Sud-Kivu : la recherche de l'or divise les habitants de Luciga.**

(19/06/2008 – Syfia Grands Lacs)

[http://syfia-grands-](http://syfia-grands-lacs.info/index.php5?view=articles&action=voir&idArticle=1033&PHPSESSID=f6b2db8ead7426a6f61a38d67764189e)

[lacs.info/index.php5?view=articles&action=voir&idArticle=1033&PHPSESSID=f6b2db8ead7426a6f61a38d67764189e](http://syfia-grands-lacs.info/index.php5?view=articles&action=voir&idArticle=1033&PHPSESSID=f6b2db8ead7426a6f61a38d67764189e)

*Life of the people in Luciga, South Kivu, has drastically changed since Banro has started its gold exploration activities three years ago.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Réflexion sur la relance de la production.**

(23/06/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806231544.html>

*OKIMO organised a meeting for its board to reflect on its future. The company considers including other businesses instead of exclusively focussing on mineral exploitation.*

**La Mineral Mining Company toujours dans la tourmente.**

(18/06/2008 – Le Phare – Mediacongo.net)

<http://www.mediacongo.net/show.asp?doc=9669>

*Miminco is in trouble after the Congolese Public Prosecutor noticed the damage it causes to the villages near its mineral concessions.*

**Rio Tinto partners with BRC DiamondCore in DRC prospects.**

(20/06/2008 – Mining Weekly)

[http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a\\_id=135641](http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=135641)

*Diamond junior BRC DiamondCore (BRC) reported last week that it had signed a letter of intent with diversified giant Rio Tinto, whereby the bigger company could earn a 60% stake in the company's northern DRC prospects.*

**DMC iron project could earn \$1.1bn.**

(23/06/2008 – Business News)

<http://www.wabusinessnews.com.au/en-story/1/64018/DMC-iron-project-could-earn-1-1bn->

*A study into DMC Mining Ltd's Mayoko iron ore project in the Republic of Congo has revealed potential revenue earnings of \$US1.1 billion based on a 11 million tonne per annum operation.*

**Scoping Study Complete – Mayoko Iron Ore Project.**

(23/06/2008 - Sydney Morning Herald)

<http://newsstore.smh.com.au/apps/previewDocument.ac?docID=GCA00853379DMM>

*Includes the Scoping Study of DMC's Mayoko iron ore's project.*

**Metorex poised on "most exciting" copper project.**

(18/06/2008 – miningmx)

[http://www.miningmx.com/mining\\_fin/621354.htm](http://www.miningmx.com/mining_fin/621354.htm)

*The Musonoi project in the DRC appears to have Metorex management excited. It could add 25,000 to 35,000 tonnes of copper on top of the forecast output of 100,000 tonnes in 2011.*

**Mwana Plans to Sell 15% Stake to Plug Zimbabwe Losses (Update2).**

(18/06/2008 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=ajUPoCuJ1Ej0>

**Mwana to raise £25m to boost Zim unit, fund exploration.**

(18/06/2008 – Mining Weekly)

[http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a\\_id=135941](http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=135941)

*Mwana will offer new shares to institutional investors and may give as much as \$10 million of the proceeds as assistance to Bindura. As much as \$15 million will also go on a copper project in the Democratic Republic of Congo.*

**Mining firms on watch for wealth funds - Anglo CEO.**

(19/06/2008 – Reuters – Mining Weekly)

[http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a\\_id=136023](http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=136023)

*Anglo American looking forward to work together with China in the Congolese mining sector.*

**Mining Watch (CA) : Kinross Gold and Katanga Mining: Part of the Pillage of the Democratic Republic of Congo?**

(18/06/2008 – CongoForum)

<http://www.congoforum.be/en/nieuwsdetail.asp?subitem=1&newsid=144943&Actualiteit=selected>

*According to various analyses, a joint venture involving Kinross Gold, and which is now being taken over by Katanga Mining Limited, gives the multinationals access to huge pieces of the Democratic Republic of Congo's state mining company, Gécamines at "fire sale" prices.*

## UGANDA

**Tullow Oil to boost education.**

(23/06/2008 – New Vision)

<http://www.newvision.co.ug/detail.php?newsCategoryId=220&newsId=635182>

(24/06/2008 – Trading Markets)

<http://www.tradingmarkets.com/.site/news/Stock%20News/1708076/>

*Tullow Oil, one of the companies exploring for oil in western Uganda, is to set up modern schools in the area to promote education to boost the livelihoods of the locals.*

**Tullow Announces Successful Ngege-1 Exploration Well in Block 2 Uganda.**

(24/06/2008 - OilVoice)

[http://www.oilvoice.com/n/Tullow\\_Announces\\_Successful\\_Ngege1\\_Exploration\\_Well\\_in\\_Block\\_2\\_Uganda/e42ffa88.aspx](http://www.oilvoice.com/n/Tullow_Announces_Successful_Ngege1_Exploration_Well_in_Block_2_Uganda/e42ffa88.aspx)

(24/06/2008 – The Earth Times)

<http://www.earthtimes.org/articles/show/tullow-oil-plc--successful,443829.shtml>

(24/06/2008 – Bloomberg)

[http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601116&sid=aCo5aEjXVZSo&refer=af\\_rica](http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601116&sid=aCo5aEjXVZSo&refer=af_rica)

**Ugandan cheer for Tullow.**

(24/06/2008 – Growth Company)

<http://www.growthcompany.co.uk/news-and-comment/444636/ugandan-cheer-for-tullow.shtml>

**Tullow Oil encounters oil and gas at Uganda's Lake Albert Rift Basin.**

(24/06/2008 – Forbes.com)

<http://www.forbes.com/afxnews/limited/feeds/afx/2008/06/24/afx5145912.html>

**Tullow finds more oil in Uganda.**

(24/06/2008 – ShareCast)

[http://www.sharecast.com/cgi-bin/sharecast/story.cgi?story\\_id=2177131](http://www.sharecast.com/cgi-bin/sharecast/story.cgi?story_id=2177131)

*Tullow Oil plc announces further success in Uganda's Lake Albert Rift Basin with the Ngege-1 exploration well encountering both oil and gas. The well is the second in a continuous exploration campaign in the Butiaba region of Blocks 1 and 2.*

**Uganda: Shell Not Profiteering in Oil Business, Says Kyayonka.**

(19/06/2008 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806190362.html>

**Uganda: Shell Explains Fuel Prices.**

(17/06/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 18/06/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806180056.html>

*Shell Uganda has said people protesting against the company thinking it is profiteering and responsible for the high oil prices have missed the point. Shell attributed the increase in oil prices to international fundamentals such as a surge in commodity prices, increased demand from emerging economies, instability in oil-producing countries saying they have all contributed to the rising oil prices.*

**Uganda: Duo Takes Jinja Oil Reserves Deal.**

(18/06/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 19/06/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806190138.html>

*GAPCO and MOGAS oil companies have won the controversial deal to restock the government's oil reserves in Jinja.*

**Heritage Oil says to start drilling Block 1, Uganda in Q3.**

(19/06/2008 – Forbes.com)

<http://www.forbes.com/afxnews/limited/feeds/afx/2008/06/19/afx5132008.html>

*Heritage Oil Ltd. said it will begin drilling in Block 1, Uganda in the third quarter and in Iraq's Kurdistan region by the end of the year.*

**Heritage Oil provides operational update at its Annual General Meeting.**

(19/06/2008 – CNW Telbec)

<http://www.cnw.ca/fr/releases/archive/June2008/19/c5798.html>

(19/06/2008 – OilVoice)

[http://www.oilvoice.com/n/Heritage\\_Oil\\_Provides\\_Operational\\_Update/03dc3474.aspx](http://www.oilvoice.com/n/Heritage_Oil_Provides_Operational_Update/03dc3474.aspx)

*Heritage Oil Limited, an independent upstream exploration and production company, announces an operational update to accompany its Annual General Meeting.*

**Israeli Firm Wants to Provide 100MW.**

(18/06/2008 – New Vision)

<http://www.newvision.co.ug/detail.php?newsCategoryId=220&newsId=634303>

(19/06/2008 – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806190123.html>

*Invespro, has initiated a power purchase agreement with the Uganda Electricity Transmission Company to build, own and operate a 100 megawatt heavy-fuel thermal plant.*

**Uganda: Aggreko Applies for Tariff Review.**

(17/06/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 18/06/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806180198.html>

*AGGREKO International, the emergency power giant, has asked the Electricity Regulatory Authority to amend the Lugogo generation licence and increase its power tariffs.*

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## China in the Great Lakes Region

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### **Il est indispensable d'intégrer la Chine au G8.**

(20/06/2008 – Le Monde)

[http://www.lemonde.fr/archives/article/2008/06/20/il-est-indispensable-d-integrer-la-chine-au-g8\\_1060863\\_0.html](http://www.lemonde.fr/archives/article/2008/06/20/il-est-indispensable-d-integrer-la-chine-au-g8_1060863_0.html)

*This article claims China should be incorporated in the G8. China's strong demand for natural resources should be better coordinated.*

### **Africa: China in Africa - Mercantilist Predator, Development Partner Or Both?**

(20/06/2008 – New Era – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806200738.html>

*China's engagement in Africa should be seen beyond the three dimensions of access to raw materials, trade and New Era reports.*

### **Special Report: The Chinese in Africa.**

(17/06/2008 – Harare Tribune)

<http://www.hararetribune.com/specialreports/china%20in%20africa/chinainafrica06170.php>

*With its resource-hungry push into the sub-Sahara, Beijing puts the planet to the test.*

### **Is China Africa's solution to prosperity?**

(19/06/2008 – Fatal Transactions)

<http://www.fataltransactions.org/News/2008/Is-China-Africa-s-solution-to-prosperity>

*On Thursday 29th of May, IKV Pax Christi and NiZA organized a public debate on the role of China in resource exploitation in Africa.*

### **Mining companies and China, prices and sustainability, platinum and education.**

(20/06/2008 – Mining Weekly)

[http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a\\_id=135819](http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=135819)

*South Africa ranks second as a Chinese mining investment destination, with five projects. Top of the list is the Democratic Republic of Congo, with six projects. Zambia also has five and Zimbabwe four.*

### **Controversy over agreements with China.**

(19/06/2008 – EurAc)

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

*The agreements made with China continue to fill the news pages. The opposition is not convinced of the good of these contracts.*

### **Programme triennal : La bataille FMI-RDC se joue sur les prêts chinois.**

(19/06/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/52043>

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Implication du contrat Chinois - Le FMI scrute le cadre macro économique congolais.**

(20/06/2008 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806200845.html>

**Difficile conciliation autour de prêts chinois : Pas de programme avec le FMI en 2008.**

(21/06/2008 – Le Potentiel - Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/52084>

*An IMF delegation in Kinshasa currently examines whether the Congolese contracts with the Chinese investors can be integrated into the IMF program for DRC.*

**Matadi : arrivée d'un 2e lot de matériels chinois.**

(22/06/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=19176>

*A second shipment of materials has arrived at the port of Matadi under the Congolese contract with the Chinese investors.*

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**Central Africa: Small arms convention for Central Africa.**

(20/06/2008 – IANSA)

<http://www.iansa.org/updates/update200608.htm>

*Central African ministers have agreed to develop a legally binding instrument to regulate small arms in the region, at a meeting in Luanda.*

**Regional Peace, Development Pact Comes Into Force.**

(23/06/2008 – The New Times)

<http://www.newtimes.co.rw/index.php?issue=13571&article=7325>

(24/06/2008 - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806240131.html>

*The Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region, which was signed on the December 15, 2006 by Heads of State and Government entered into force on Saturday.*

**Ban applauds entry into force of security pact in African Great Lakes region.**

(24/06/2008 – UN News)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=27137&Cr=great&Cr1=lakes>

*Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon welcomed the entry into force of the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region after its ratification by eight African countries.*

**Nigeria: Still On Africom.**

(19/06/2008 – Leadership – alAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806190433.html>

*Recently, the minister of foreign affairs, Chief Ojo Maduekwe, briefed reporters on the latest position of Nigeria with regards to the US Africa Command. This article expresses strong criticism on that position.*

**Afrique: Présence militaire en Afrique - La France ne démantèlera pas ses bases.**

(18/06/2008 – Wal Fadjri - alAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806180864.html>

*France will not withdraw its military presence from Africa. Nevertheless there will be some reorganisation.*

**The deadly convenience of Victor Bout.**

(24/06/2008 - ISN)

<http://www.isn.ethz.ch/news/sw/details.cfm?id=19114>

*The arrest on 6 March of Viktor Bout in Bangkok continues to shine a most unwelcome (for some) spotlight on the shadowy world of the international arms trade, and will doubtless leave many governments, including the US, scrambling for cover as they attempt to limit the fallout from his arrest.*

**UNIFEM : High-level Consultation in Goma calls for Eradication of Sexual Violence and Ending Impunity in the Great Lakes Region.**

(20/06/2008 – CongoForum)

<http://www.congoforum.be/en/nieuwsdetail.asp?subitem=1&newsid=145034&Actualiteit=selected>

*The International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), urged for a coordinated approach to bolster efforts to prevent, protect, end impunity and eventually eradicate sexual violence.*

**Fin de la 3ème réunion de la Commission mixte sur la frontière RDC-Ouganda.**

(18/06/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806180303.html>

*The commission established to examine the exact location of the borderline between DRC and Uganda has gathered for the third time.*

**Ouganda-Rdc : Les travaux de démarcation de la frontière doivent commencer par les zones prioritaires.**

(18/06/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/52026>

*The “borderline commission” should make immediate work of the priority areas for the clear demarcation of the two countries territories.*

## DRC

**ISS Seminar: Security Sector Reform in the DRC: Post Transition Period Pretoria, 25 June 2008.**

(23/06/2008 – Institute for Security Studies)

[http://www.issafrica.org/index.php?link\\_id=6137&link\\_type=12&tmpl\\_id=3](http://www.issafrica.org/index.php?link_id=6137&link_type=12&tmpl_id=3)

*During February 2008 the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo announced its master plan on Security Sector Reform. This seminar aims at updating the current situation as to the military.*

**Base militaire chinoise.**

(19/06/2008 – La Lettre du Continent)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*The Chinese government wants to establish a solid military base in DRC.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Depuis Sun City la formation d'une armée républicaine pose problème.**

(19/06/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806190499.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: La formation d'une armée congolaise moderne pose encore problème.**

(19/06/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806190476.html>

*The formation of a unified, republican army was one of the principal objectives of the Sun City agreement. However, this appears to be very difficult to implement on the ground.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Démobilisation d'enfants - La Banque mondiale octroie 5 millions USD.**

(18/06/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806180339.html>

*The World Bank has offered \$5 million for the demobilisation of Congolese child soldiers.*

**Bukavu : lancement de la campagne « zéro enfant dans les forces et groupes armés ».**

(23/06/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=19186>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Lancement de la campagne zéro enfant associé aux groupes armés.**

(23/06/2008 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806231693.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Goma - Démarrage de la campagne «Zéro enfant associé aux groupes armés »**

(24/06/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806240671.html>

*This campaign is part of the national DDR program. It aims at liberating all the children that are still part of armed groups in South Kivu.*

**DR Congo: UN mission begins sensitization training for Government troops.**

(20/06/2008 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=27101&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo>

**Congo-Kinshasa: South Kivu - Monuc Sensitizes New Fardc Integrated Brigades in Luberizi.**

(20/06/2008 – MONUC – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806200945.html>

*Government forces in the DRC are being given a week-long training course in child protection, human rights, sexual violence and military justice by the MONUC.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Sud-Kivu - Les habitants fuient les tracasseries suite à l'afflux de déplacés à Bagira.**

(20/06/2008 – Le Potentiel –allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806200416.html>

*Villagers of Kabare have fled to Bagira, in South Kivu, because of trouble with soldiers of the fourteenth brigade of the FARDC.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: La misère des déplacés au Nord et Sud-Kivu.**

(18/06/2008 – Le Phare)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806180894.html>

*The Congolese IDP's, from the war in the eastern part of the country, live in disastrous humanitarian conditions.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Des milliers de réfugiés congolais vivent dans les pays limitrophes de la RDC.**

(23/06/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806231469.html>

*There are still living more than 300.000 Congolese refugees living in neighbouring countries of the DRC since several years.*

**All sides in DR Congo continue to violate human rights, UN report finds.**

(19/06/2008 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=27077&Cr=drc&Cr1=human>

*Government troops, national police, foreign groups and local militia in the DRC continue to contribute to deteriorating human rights conditions, the MONUC said in a report.*

**MONUC's difficult mission.**

(19/06/2008 – EurAc)

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

*Article on the difficulty MONUC is experiencing to bring meaningful security on the ground.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Monuc Reports Several Ceasefire Violations in East.**

(19/06/2008 – MONUC – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806190916.html>

**RDC : Situation militaire contrastée en République Démocratique du Congo constate la Monuc.**

(20/06/2008 – DIA)

<http://www.dia-afrique.org/suite.php?newsid=5926>

*At its weekly press conference of 19 June 2008, MONUC said that the military situation remained unchanged in the Democratic Republic of Congo, with a relative calm in the west, and several violations of the ceasefire, in particular of new forced recruitment of children by armed groups in the east.*

**DR Congo situation improving, president tells pope.**

(20/06/2008 – AFP)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=17628>

*Democratic Republic of Congo President Joseph Kabila told Pope Benedict XVI the situation in his conflict-ravaged country was "a little better" when they met at the Vatican Thursday.*

**Bafwasende : affrontements entre l'armée nationale et Maï Maï, plus de 30 morts.**

(22/06/2008 – Radio Okapi) <http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=19172>

**Congo's army has killed 29 militia in northeast.**

(22/06/2008 – Reuters)

<http://africa.reuters.com/country/CD/news/usnBAN256651.html>

*Congo's army has killed 29 militia fighters in operations since late May against a local militia group and its Rwandan Hutu rebel allies in the country's northeast, a senior army officer said on Sunday.*

**Bafwasende : 800 familles de déplacés en situation difficile.**

(23/06/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=19181>

(24/06/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806240462.html>

*People in Bafwasende, who left their villages after the fighting of late May, have to endure harsh situations at the time.*

**Kaina : les Maï-Maï s'installent dans une plantation, le propriétaire s'enfuit.**

(23/06/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=19184>

*The Maï Maï militia of Vita Kitamba have set up their camps on a plantation in Nyamihindo, in line with the Amani program. The owner and the people working on the fields have fled.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Situation sécuritaire au Nord-Kivu.**

(19/06/2008 – Le Potentiel)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806190401.html>

*Nkunda judges the Amani programme insufficient, balancing its realizations.*

**Le Programme Amani connaît des progrès.**

(19/06/2008 – Xinhua)

[http://www.french.xinhuanet.com/french/2008-06/20/content\\_655040.htm](http://www.french.xinhuanet.com/french/2008-06/20/content_655040.htm)

(19/06/2008 - Jeuneafrique.com)

[http://www.jeuneafrique.com/jeune\\_afrique/article\\_depeche.asp?art\\_cle=XIN40848leprosgorp0](http://www.jeuneafrique.com/jeune_afrique/article_depeche.asp?art_cle=XIN40848leprosgorp0)

*This article states the Amani program is making some real progression.*

**Etat d'avancement des travaux des différentes commissions du programme "Amani".**

(23/06/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/52109>

*The ongoing of the economic looting and the problem of the displaced persons in North and South Kivu form a huge obstacle for the realisation of the Amani program.*

**Rutshuru : les Casques bleus contrôlent Mutabo.**

(22/06/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=19175>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Derniers affrontements de Mutabo - Arrivée d'une délégation mixte Monuc-UE.**

(21/06/2008 – Le Potentiel)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806231635.html>

*CNDP and FARDC agreed MONUC would install in Mutabo, a village between the frontier lines of the two warring parties.*

**DRC: ICC suspension a risk for Ituri stability.**

(19/06/2008 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=78820>

*The suspension of the landmark war crimes case at the ICC of Thomas Lubanga, who may walk free as a result, could hamper crucial efforts to end impunity in the powder keg Ituri region of the DRC, according to humanitarian and human rights officials.*

**Kivu : l'espoir de paix fait place à la désillusion.**

(19/06/2008 – Syfia Grands Lacs)

<http://syfia-grands-lacs.info/index.php5?view=articles&action=voir&idArticle=1035&PHPSESSID=f6b2db8ead7426a6f61a38d67764189e>

*The hope Congolese people embraced for peace in the Kivu's, following the conference in January, fades after confrontations on the ground continue. Officials stay hopeful, stating peace cannot be consolidated in such a short time.*

**La question des FDLR au Nord et au Sud-Kivu.**

(18/06/2008 – Pole Institute)

<http://www.pole-institute.org/site%20web/echos/echo81.htm>

Report by Pole Institute from Goma on the consequences of the FDLR presence in North and South Kivu.

**Le Rwanda et la RDC pour une neutralisation des rebelles du FDLR.**

(18/06/2008 – afrik.com)

<http://www.afrik.com/article14565.html>

**Rwanda: Local, DRC Military Chiefs Meet Over FDLR.**

(17/06/2008 – The New Times; published by allAfrica – 18/06/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806180002.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: La RDC et le Rwanda s'accordent pour neutraliser les FDLR.**

(19/06/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806190404.html>

**La RDC et le Rwanda veulent neutraliser les FDLR.**

(20/06/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/52067>

**Les armées rwandaise et congolaise discutent des groupes miliciens.**

(18/06/2008 – APA)

[http://www.apanews.net/apa.php?page=show\\_article&id\\_article=67057](http://www.apanews.net/apa.php?page=show_article&id_article=67057)

*Rwandan and Congolese military chiefs are talking, under the facilitation of the MONUC, on the neutralisation of the FDLR.*

**Operation Plan Against Negative Forces Finalised.**

(20/06/2008 – The New Times)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806200057.html>

*Regional military chiefs will today decide on the operational plan of routing negative forces out of the eastern DRC.*

**Repatriation of the FDLR.**

(19/06/2008 – EurAc)

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

*At the beginning of 2008, that is to say, since the Nairobi Plan of Action was put into effect, a series of measures was planned, which would put an end to the illicit activities of foreign armed groups in the FDLR and dissident factions in the east of the DRC.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Province Orientale - La 9ème région militaire annonce pour bientôt la traque de la LRA.**

(20/06/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806200310.html>

*In their mission to end the problem of armed groups in the east of the country, a commander of the FARDC stated they would also track down the LRA.*

**DR Congo troops prepare to move in on Ugandan rebels.**

(19/06/2008 – Xinhua; published by MONUC – 20/06/2008)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=17630>

*The DRC will very soon launch a new operation to track down and expel elements of the LRA, a Ugandan rebel group, from the east of the country, according to official sources.*

**War Against LRA Looms in Congo.**

(24/06/2008 – 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=345360](http://www.iwpr.net/index.php?apc_state=hen&s=o&o=l=EN&p=acr&s=f&o=345360)

*Government troops look set to take on Ugandan rebels who terrorise and plunder Congolese villagers.*

## UGANDA

**Uganda: 1,200 Guns Recovered From Karamoja.**

(17/06/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 18/06/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806180035.html>

*The army has recovered 1,210 guns from Karamoja and Teso sub-regions in the ongoing disarmament.*

**Uganda: Two Held Over Arms Trafficking.**

(18/06/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 19/06/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806190063.html>

*Two people have been arrested by the army for allegedly trying to buy bullets from soldiers in Bukwo and Moroto districts. A military spokesman added that the army had intensified operations against arms traffickers in Karamoja sub-region.*

**East Africa: Kenya, Uganda to Jointly Stop Arms Trafficking, Cattle Rustling.**

(20/06/2008 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806200209.html>

*The security chiefs from Uganda and Kenya have agreed on a joint action and strategy to at end cross border arms trafficking in the region.*

**Report and Recommendations of the Chief Mediator of the Peace Process between the Government of Uganda and the LRA.**

(16/06/2008 – Institute for Security Studies)

[http://www.issafrica.org/dynamic/administration/file\\_manager/file\\_links/MACHAREP.PDF](http://www.issafrica.org/dynamic/administration/file_manager/file_links/MACHAREP.PDF)

**Give Kony More Time, Says Machar.**

(18/06/2008 – The Monitor)

[http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/regional-special/Give\\_Kony\\_more\\_time\\_says\\_Machar.shtml](http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/regional-special/Give_Kony_more_time_says_Machar.shtml)

(18/06/2008 – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806180635.html>

*Dr. Riek Machar, the Government of Southern Sudan Vice President said he would continue to reach out to Joseph Kony.*

**Uganda: Sudan Attempts to Woo Kony.**

(21/06/2008 – The Nation; published by allAfrica – 23/06/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806230087.html>

**Machar writes to Kony about peace.**

(21/06/2008 – The Monitor)

[http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/news/Machar\\_writes\\_to\\_Kony\\_about\\_peace.shtml](http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/news/Machar_writes_to_Kony_about_peace.shtml)

*South Sudan Vice-President Dr Riek Machar has written to Ugandan rebel leader Joseph Kony in an attempt to woo him back to the negotiating table.*

**Uganda: Kony Emissary in Kampala for Talks.**

(17/06/2008 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806170803.html>

*An emissary of the LRA rebels is in Kampala in an attempt to persuade President Yoweri Museveni to drop the planned military offensive against the rebels after the failed peace talks.*

**Uganda rebel Kony breaks silence, wants more talks.**

(23/06/2008 – Reuters)

<http://africa.reuters.com/country/CD/news/usnL23167897.html>

**Ugandan Rebel Leader Calls for Return to Negotiations.**

(23/06/2008 – VOA)

<http://www.voanews.com/english/2008-06-23-voa33.cfm?rss=africa>

**Ouganda: Processus de paix en Ouganda - La rébellion prête à reprendre les négociations avec le gouvernement.**

(24/06/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200806240522.html>

**Uganda: Kony ready to resume peace talks.**

(24/06/2008 – AfricaNews)

[http://www.africanews.com/site/list\\_messages/19089](http://www.africanews.com/site/list_messages/19089)

*Uganda's fugitive rebel Joseph Kony has broken months of silence to call for the resumption of peace talks that collapsed in April and prompted three nations to threaten a joint attack on his forces.*

**Uganda: Northern Legislators Tell Govt, LRA to Reconsider Peace Talks.**

(24/06/2008 – The Monitor)

[http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/news/Northern\\_legislators\\_tell\\_government\\_LRA\\_to\\_reconsider\\_peace\\_talks.shtml](http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/news/Northern_legislators_tell_government_LRA_to_reconsider_peace_talks.shtml)

(24/06/2008 – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806240208.html>

*The Greater North parliamentary Association, a grouping of about 90 members of Parliament from the five war-affected sub-regions has urged the government and rebel Lord's Resistance Army not to resume war.*

**UGANDA: Government welcomes Kony's "change of heart" but rules out more talks.**

(23/06/2008 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=78888>

*The Ugandan government has hailed rebel leader Joseph Kony's latest commitment to peace but ruled out a return to the negotiating table, saying the talks had been concluded.*

**Confusion Creeps in LRA Ranks.**

(20/06/2008 – The Monitor)

[http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/news/Confusion\\_creeps\\_in\\_LRA\\_ranks.shtml](http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/news/Confusion_creeps_in_LRA_ranks.shtml)

(20/06/2008 – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806200197.html>

*Confusion has crept into the ranks of rebel LRA camp, with two groups now claiming to be the bonafide representatives of rebel leader, Joseph Kony.*

**UGANDA: US accuses LRA of abuses, calls for a quick peaceful solution.**

(18/06/2008 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=78804>

*The United States has accused Ugandan LRA rebels of committing various abuses against civilians including abductions in recent attacks in three African countries.*

**US Demands Uganda Rebels Sign Final Peace Deal.**

(19/06/2008 – VOA)

<http://www.voanews.com/english/africa/2008-06-19-voa3.cfm?rss=africa>

*The United States is demanding that the leader of the LRA rebels sign a final peace deal that would end more than two decades of a rebel insurgency in northern Uganda. The US government also accuses the rebels of committing various abuses against civilians.*

**UN: Council Should Help End Fresh Abuses by Uganda's LRA.**

(19/06/2008 – Human Rights Watch)

<http://hrw.org/english/docs/2008/06/19/uganda19154.htm>

*The UN Security Council should adopt a resolution or presidential statement supporting efforts to rein in the capacity of the Lord's Resistance Army to attack civilians and to ensure justice for the most serious crimes committed during the northern Uganda conflict.*

**Central African countries becoming impatient with Ugandan rebels – UN envoy.**

(20/06/2008 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=27109&Cr=uganda&Cr1>

*The LRA is continuing to commit atrocities in Central Africa, and the countries of the region are growing impatient with the rebel group's actions and its failure to sign a peace deal ending its long-running conflict with Uganda.*

**Uganda: Chissano to Brief UN On Juba Peace Talks.**

(19/06/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 20/06/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806200005.html>

**UN Security Council to discuss Uganda peace process.**

(18/06/2008 – Sudan Tribune)

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article27579>

*THE UN special envoy for areas affected by the Lord's Resistance Army insurgency, Joachim Chissano, is expected to brief the UN Security Council in New York, on the status of the Uganda peace process.*

### **Uganda: Need for UN Leadership on New Peace Strategy as LRA Attacks Continue.**

(20/06/2008 – ENOUGH project – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806201022.html>

*Today, United Nations Special Envoy for LRA-affected areas Joaquim Chissano is briefing the U.N. Security Council on the need to continue a two year peace process which has not succeeded in ending the LRA's attacks against civilians.*

### **Museveni assures north of peace.**

(22/06/2008 – New Vision – AfricaFiles)

<http://www.africafiles.org/article.asp?ID=18306>

*President Yoweri Museveni has assured northern Uganda that the LRA rebels will not return to wage war again.*

### **Uganda: Army Denies Rebel Incursion Into Country.**

(18/06/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 19/06/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806190122.html>

*Media reports had indicated the LRA rebels, moving in small groups of 50, had crossed into Kitgum, which borders Sudan. The army has refuted this reports that the LRA entered Uganda.*

### **Uganda: UPDF Steps Up Sudan Border Patrols.**

(17/06/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 18/06/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806180045.html>

*THE UPDF has stepped up deployment along the Uganda-Sudan border from Kitgum district to the West Nile region. The army says the build-up is intended to block LRA rebels from crossing back to northern Uganda.*

### **Uganda: Plot to Overthrow Museveni Revealed.**

(24/06/2008 – The Monitor)

[http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/news/Plot\\_to\\_overthrow\\_Museveni\\_revealed.shtml](http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/news/Plot_to_overthrow_Museveni_revealed.shtml)

(24/06/2008 – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806240012.html>

*Major Roland Kakooza Mutale, who also acts as a director of Special Duties at State House, made the revelation on Saturday. The major, who is no stranger to controversy, said the alleged coup plot was by individuals from western Uganda, Mr Museveni's home area.*

## **BURUNDI**

### **Ceasefire agreement.**

(19/06/2008 – EurAc)

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

*In Bujumbura on 26 May 2008 the government and the rebels of Palipehutu-FNL signed a declaration for the immediate cessation of hostilities, reviving hopes that the country would finally see the end of the civil war.*

### **Assembly Points Identified for Burundi Combatants.**

(18/06/2008 – BuaNews – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806180249.html>

*Following the recent meeting between the Burundi government and the rebel group Palipehutu-FNL in South Africa, the parties have agreed on six pre-assembly areas for returning combatants.*

**Communiqué du Gouvernement à propos du démarrage du cantonnement des combattants du PALIPEHUTU-FNL.**

(19/06/2008 – ReliefWeb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/RWB.NSF/db900SID/SODA-7FV5A9?OpenDocument>

*Communiqué from the government of Burundi on the cantonment of the FNL combatants.*

**Burundi arrests 'rebel recruits'.**

(19/06/2008 – BBC News)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7463002.stm>

**Burundi arrests more than 100 rebel members.**

(18/06/2008 – Reuters)

<http://africa.reuters.com/top/news/usnBAN856994.html>

*Burundi's army says it has arrested more than 100 young people who were being recruited to join the country's last active rebel group, FNL.*

**Burundi: UN Will Finance Transitional Justice Consultations.**

(20/06/2008 – Hirondele; published by allAfrica – 23/06/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806230649.html>

*The Government of Burundi, Joint Steering Committee for Consolidation of Peace in Burundi and UNDP have signed an agreement to support the national consultations on the set up of the mechanisms for transitional justice in Burundi.*

**Peacebuilding Commission's interim report on Burundi's Strategic Framework finds much success, but says overcoming stability risks requires firmer commitments.**

(23/06/2008 – ReliefWeb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/KKAA-7FW3CW?OpenDocument&RSS20=18-P>

*The Government, the Peacebuilding Commission and other stakeholders had made considerable strides in Burundi, but overcoming the remaining risks to stability there required firmer and more continuous commitments, according to the first interim report on the Strategic Framework for Burundi's recovery from its decades-long civil war, which was adopted by the Burundi configuration of the Commission.*

**La Norvège augmente son aide budgétaire en faveur du Burundi.**

(23/06/2008 – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/RWB.NSF/db900SID/LRON-7FVHE4?OpenDocument>

*Norway has increased its budgetary aid assistance to Burundi to support the peace process.*

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**Rwanda: Country Gets \$1.8 Million for Poverty Reduction.**

(17/06/2008 – The New Times; published by allAfrica – 18/06/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806180082.html>

*The International Monetary Fund has approved a US\$1.8 million loan to fund government development, a statement from the World Bank shows.*

**Rwanda: IMF in Poverty Reduction.**

(24/06/2008 – The Monitor)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200806240285.html>

*The International Monetary Fund has approved about \$1.8m for a poverty reduction facility in Rwanda. This money is usually released after the review of a country's performance under a three-year Poverty Reduction and Growth Facility arrangement.*

**IMF Country's Policy Intentions Documents -- Rwanda: Letter of Intent, Memorandum of Economic and Financial Policies, and Technical Memorandum of Understanding.**

(29/05/2008 – IMF)

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