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## Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

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### **Can Democracy Survive the 'Oil Curse'?**

(20/05/2010 – IPS – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005200828.html>

*Africa's economic boom, driven by oil, has undermined the idea that democracy is a prerequisite for economic development on the continent. This is the opinion of Dr Kathryn Sturman, speaking on the topic of whether oil and democracy mix following burgeoning oil and mining development in Africa between 2002 and 2008.*

## DRC

### **Congo's copperbelt wants to recover "illegal" taxes.**

(24/05/2010 – Reuters)

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSLDE64N19C20100524?type=marketsNews>

### **DRC's copperbelt wants to recover 'illegal' taxes.**

(24/05/2010 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/drcs-copperbelt-wants-to-recover-illegal-taxes-2010-05-24>

*Mining firms in Congo's copperbelt say they will withhold millions of dollars of tax payments to the local government this year in a row over export levies. Katanga, Congo's southern mining province, has flouted a national government ban on semi-finished product exports and has instead imposed a \$60 a ton tax on such shipments, which include the copper concentrate from which the metal is derived.*

### **Senate financial bill mandates SEC reporting of DRC-mined minerals.**

(24/05/2010 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page72068?oid=105279&sn=Detail&pid=92730>

### **Congo Minerals Provision Becomes Part of Financial Bill.**

(21/05/2010 – The New York Times)

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/05/22/business/22congo.html?src=busln>

*Tucked away in the landmark financial overhaul bill passed by the Senate is a provision requiring mining companies to declare with the SEC if certain minerals originated in the Congo or neighboring African nations. The amendment also requires mining companies to report what steps the company took to ensure that purchase of these minerals did not benefit armed groups in Africa. Originally known as the "Congo Conflict Minerals Act of 2009," the amendment requires the annual disclosure to the SEC of activities involving columbite-tantalite, cassiterite, and wolframite from the Democratic Republic of Congo. These metals are used in mobile telephones, laptop computers, and digital video recorders as well as other global technological products.*

### **Le secteur minier frappé par des contrats léoniens.**

(20/05/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201005200129.html>

*Article on the asymmetrical contracts that harm the Congolese mining sector.*

**Depuis Lubumbashi, la FEC appelle l'exécutif à un « dialogue franc » avec les miniers.**

(22/05/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201005241228.html>

**Le nouveau visage de l'industrie minière du Katanga.**

(25/05/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201005250420.html>

*At the third edition of the “journées minières du Katanga”, the Congolese Federation for Enterprises (FEC) has called for a “frank dialogue” between the different actors in the mining sector.*

**Jean-Pierre Muongo.**

(19/05/2010 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*Article on the plans of ‘Société des gaz et des hydrocarbures du Kivu’ to exploit Lake Kivu’s methane gas.*

**Succès pour le contrat Inga-Kinshasa.**

(19/05/2010 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*Six enterprises have applied to construct the second power transmission line between Inga and Kinshasa.*

**La SNEL mise sous tutelle.**

(19/05/2010 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*The World Bank is planning to place SNEL under tutelage.*

**Cacophonie sur la frontière maritime RDC-Angola - le Sénat exige des explications.**

(20/05/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201005191280.html>

**Cacophonie sur la frontière maritime.**

(19/05/2010 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*Article on the UN commission that has to discuss the dispute between the DRC and Angola concerning their common maritime border.*

## UGANDA

**Scramble for Minerals Begins.**

(20/05/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005210248.html>

*Foreign firms are rushing to get hold of mineral deposits as prices continue to rise due to economic recovery. Firms from China, India, Australia and South Africa have shown interest in exploring and producing the minerals. “We have really attracted significant investors both abroad and local ones. They are all doing well,” Joshua Tuhumwire, the commissioner in charge of geology department in the ministry of mineral development, said. The revelations come shortly after an aerial survey report confirmed that Uganda is endowed with copper, iron ore, cobalt, tin, gold as well as platinum.*

### **UPDATE: Uganda Bunyoro Kingdom Opposes Development of Waraga Oil Well.**

(25/05/2010 – The Wall Street Journal)

[http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20100525-711001.html?mod=WSJ\\_World\\_MIDDLEHeadlinesEurope](http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20100525-711001.html?mod=WSJ_World_MIDDLEHeadlinesEurope)

### **Ugandan monarchy says Tullow drilled on heritage site.**

(25/05/2010 – Interactive Investor)

<http://www.iii.co.uk/news/?type=afxnews&articleid=7910632&subject=general&action=article>

*The people of Uganda's Bunyoro Kingdom are opposed to the development of the Waraga oil well because it is located on a cultural site, a kingdom spokesman said Tuesday. "The Waraga well is named after King Waraga of the Bunyoro-Kitara Kingdom. He used to reside exactly where the well is located," said Ford Mirima. The well is located in block 2 and is licensed to U.K.-based Tullow Oil PLC.*

### **Uganda: Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper.**

(24/05/2010 – IMF)

<http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/cat/longres.cfm?sk=23894.0>

*Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSPs) are prepared by member countries in broad consultation with stakeholders and development partners, including the staffs of the World Bank and the IMF. Updated every three years with annual progress reports, they describe the country's macroeconomic, structural, and social policies in support of growth and poverty reduction, as well as associated external financing needs and major sources of financing.*

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## **International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region**

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### **DRC**

#### **First Quantum to fight loss of licence.**

(24/05/2010 – Financial Times)

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/5281d186-6763-11df-a932-00144feab49a.html>

#### **Yesterday's Top Story: Congolese court takes away two more First Quantum copper mines.**

(23/05/2010 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page72068?oid=105268&sn=Detail>

#### **DRC: mining reputation goes begging.**

(24/05/2010 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page72068?oid=105306&sn=Detail>

#### **First Quantum DRC copper/cobalt project options after court rulings.**

(24/05/2010 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page72068?oid=105289&sn=Detail>

#### **First Quantum sees DRC ruling as retaliation to Kolwezi arbitration.**

(24/05/2010 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/first-quantum-sees-drc-ruling-as-retaliation-to-kolwezi-arbitration-2010-05-24>

*First Quantum Minerals, the UK-listed copper miner, is threatening to escalate international arbitration against the DRC government after losing its licence to its best asset in the country. Congo's Supreme Court has withdrawn First Quantum's mining licence to its Frontier mine, according to a company statement released on Sunday.*

**First Quantum plunges on deepening DRC mine woes.**

(25/05/2010 – Reuters)

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSSGE640OIN20100525?type=marketsNews>

**First Quantum Falls as Congo Said to Reassign License.**

(25/05/2010 – Bloomberg - Businessweek)

<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2010-05-25/first-quantum-falls-as-congo-said-to-reassign-license-update1-.html>

*Shares of First Quantum Minerals plunged 15 percent on Tuesday on signs that the copper miner's legal troubles in the Democratic Republic of Congo are going from bad to worse. Already battling to regain rights that were stripped last year from its Kolwezi tailings project, the company learned on Friday that the Congolese Supreme Court had annulled the company's rights at the Frontier and Lonshi copper mines.*

**Freeport's huge DRC high grade copper/cobalt mine to exceed 2010 target.**

(21/05/2010 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page36?oid=105241&sn=Detail>

*Freeport-McMoRan's copper and cobalt mine in Congo has reached production capacity and will exceed targets for 2010, the U.S.-listed miner told Reuters. Freeport-McMoRan has a 57.75 percent share of the project, which has cost \$2 billion to set up and is Congo's largest private investment. State mining company Gecamines has 17.5 percent and Lundin Mining the remaining 24.75 percent.*

**Metorex to shut Ruashi plant to fix fault.**

(25/05/2010 – Interactive Investor)

<http://www.iii.co.uk/news/?type=afxnews&articleid=7910978&action=article>

**Metorex to shut Ruashi plant to fix fault.**

(25/05/2010 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/metorex-to-shut-ruashi-plant-to-fix-fault-2010-05-25>

*Diversified miner Metorex said on Tuesday it would shut down a plant at the Ruashi copper mine in the Democratic Republic of Congo to fix a technical fault which is expected to affect output.*

**Tiger Resources Announces Kipoi Central Resources Increased by 45% to 637,000T Copper Metal and Total Current Resource for Kipoi Project Increased to 841,600T Copper Metal.**

(21/05/2010 – Digitaljournal)

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/pr/40040>

*Tiger Resources Ltd is pleased to announce a 45% increase in copper resources at the high grade Kipoi Central deposit in the Katanga Province of the Democratic Republic of Congo.*

**Banro closes Cdn\$137,555,000 financing.**

(20/05/2010 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.co.za/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page674?oid=105181&sn=Detail&pid=102055>

*Banro Corporation is pleased to announce that it has closed the issuance and sale of 67,100,000 common shares of the Company at a price of CDN\$2.05 per share for aggregate gross proceeds of CDN\$137,555,000. The Company intends to use the net proceeds from the Offering as follows: (i) development costs of "Phase 1" of the Twangiza project; (ii) additional drilling programs at the Twangiza project and other projects; and (iii) administrative and general corporate purposes of the Company.*

**Chevron prend Kinshasa de haut.**

(19/05/2010 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*Negotiations between Kinshasa and Chevron on the Cabinda-Soyo oil pipeline are progressing with great difficulty.*

## UGANDA

### **Tullow Oil Makes New Oil, Gas Discovery In Uganda's Block 2.**

(19/05/2010 – Wall Street Journal)

[http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20100519-701970.html?mod=WSJ\\_World\\_MIDDLEHeadlinesEurope](http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20100519-701970.html?mod=WSJ_World_MIDDLEHeadlinesEurope)

### **Tullow Oil Provides Exploration and Appraisal Update.**

(19/05/2010 – OilVoice)

[http://www.oilvoice.com/n/Tullow\\_Oil\\_Provides\\_Exploration\\_and\\_Appraisal\\_Update/38870a631.aspx](http://www.oilvoice.com/n/Tullow_Oil_Provides_Exploration_and_Appraisal_Update/38870a631.aspx)

*Tullow Oil plc announces that the Nzizi-3 well in Uganda Block 2 has successfully appraised the Nzizi gas field and that the Noix de Coco-1 well in Gabon has encountered wet gas but in poor quality reservoir sandstones.*

### **Tullow veut vendre son fuel lourd.**

(19/05/2010 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*Although Tullow Oil has not yet started producing oil in Uganda, it is already negotiating with Hima Cement Ltd to sell it.*

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## Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

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### **New Colonialism - Pentagon Carves Africa into Military Zones.**

(20/05/2010 – Pambazuka - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005200851.html>

*Opinion article stating the activation of AFRICOM, initially under the wing of US European Command on 1 October 2007 and then as an independent entity a year later, emphasises the geostrategic importance of Africa in US international military, political and economic planning.*

### **ICGLR Meet to Discuss Elections.**

(25/05/2010 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005250097.html>

*Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Regional Corporation from country members of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) are meeting today in Kampala. They will assess, among other issues, the region's ability to monitor elections.*

### **Discussion à Kampala entre la RDC et l'Ouganda sur la facture de guerre à payer par l'Etat ougandais à l'Etat congolais.**

(24/05/2010 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/67142>

### **La facture de la guerre en discussion à Kampala.**

(24/05/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201005250326.html>

### **Ouganda-RDC: la facture de la guerre se discute à Kampala.**

(25/05/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/05/25/rdc-ouganda-la-facture-de-la-guerre-en-discussion-a-kampala/>

*The Congolese and Ugandan government gathered in Kampala to discuss the payment of the war debt Uganda has been sentenced to pay by the ICJ.*

## DRC

### **UN peacekeeper killed in clash in eastern DR Congo.**

(24/05/2010 – UN New Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=34790&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=22002&Cr=Congo&Cr1=> (French)

### **Indian peacekeeper dies following attack.**

(24/05/2010 – MONUC)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=932&ctl=Details&mid=1096&ItemID=8945> (English)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=8946> (French)

### **Nord-Kivu: un casque bleu indien et un civil tués dans une embuscade.**

(24/05/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/05/24/nord-kivu-un-casque-bleu-indien-et-un-civil-tues-dans-une-embuscade/>

### **Nord-Kivu - Un Casque bleu indien tué dans une embuscade à Ruthuru.**

(25/05/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201005250431.html>

### **Goma: dernier hommage au casque bleu indien tué à Rutshuru.**

(25/05/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/05/25/goma-dernier-hommage-au-casque-bleu-indien-tue-a-rutshuru/>

*An Indian soldier from the UN peacekeeping force in the DRC was killed today when his patrol went to the aid of national army forces caught in an ambush by unidentified gunmen in the east of the country.*

### **La Monuc remet au gouvernement le rapport sur les incidents de Mbandaka.**

(20/05/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201005200122.html>

*The MONUC has delivered a report on the incidents in Mbandaka to the Congolese government.*

### **Déploiement à l'Equateur d'une unité spéciale de la Monuc sur le fleuve Congo.**

(20/05/2010 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/67018>

*A special unit of the MONUC has been deployed on the Congo river to support the FARDC in its efforts to secure the Province Equateur.*

### **DR Congo rebels get death sentences for Mbandaka attack.**

(19/05/2010 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/8691243.stm>

*Eleven militia members have been sentenced to death in the DRC for their part in an attack that left two UN staff dead. During the attack, in April in the town of Mbandaka, local militia overwhelmed UN and government troops and briefly seized the airport. The unrest followed clashes between two ethnic groups over fishing rights.*

### **Unrest in Lubumbashi.**

(24/05/2010 – Jason Stearns)

<http://congosiasa.blogspot.com/2010/05/unrest-in-lubumbashi.html>

*On Sunday evening, the town of Lubumbashi was alerted by large movements of military personnel through town, deploying to the airport, the presidential residence and various other places. According to local sources, some members of Kabila's family were evacuated to military camps.*

**Province Orientale: les FARDC accusées des tracasseries au port Lobai.**

(20/05/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/05/20/province-orientale-les-fardc-accusees-des-tracasseries-au-port-lobai/>

*FARDC soldiers have been accused of committing extortions at the Lobai port, about 100 kms west of Kisangani.*

**Des soldats des FARDC pillent la carrière de Mwame à Kasese.**

(20/05/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/05/20/des-soldats-des-fardc-pillent-la-carriere-de-mwame-a-kasese/>

*FARDC soldiers have robbed 400 kilos of cassiterite at the Mwame Mokota mine in Kasese, Punia, Maniema Province.*

**Walikale: la 212e brigade FARDC indésirable.**

(22/05/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/05/22/walikale-la-212e-brigade-fardc-indesirable/>

*The Walikale civil society deplors the security situation in the territory and therefore asks for the replacement of the 212<sup>th</sup> FARDC brigade.*

**Une formation pour apprendre aux FARDC à respecter les civils.**

(25/05/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/05/25/une-formation-pour-apprendre-aux-fardc-a-respecter-les-civils/>

*55 FARDC soldiers in Kananga have received a human rights training.*

**African hot spots the focus of Security Council meeting.**

(19/05/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=34747&Cr=africa&Cr1=> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=21969&Cr=Congo&Cr1=> (French)

**Le retrait envisagé de la Monuc de la RDC au centre d'un débat houleux à New York au sein des structures dirigeantes de l'Onu.**

(22/05/2010 – Le Palmarès – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/67112>

*The simmering tensions and continued instability in both the Horn of Africa and the DRC were under the spotlight today as the Security Council met to discuss peace and security on the continent.*

**RDC : le départ de la MONUC n'est pas pour demain.**

(21/05/2010 – Afrik.com)

<http://www.afrik.com/article19819.html>

*Following a visit of a UN Security Council delegation, the UN and Kinshasa are no longer discussing the MONUC's retreat from the DRC, but rather a reconfiguration of the MONUC.*

**Equateur - Les acteurs humanitaires éprouvent des difficultés pour accéder aux sinistrés.**

(21/05/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201005210443.html>

*OCHA reported a lot of the victims of the military violence in Province Equateur are deprived of humanitarian assistance due to the situation of insecurity.*

**Mbandaka: les réfugiés au Congo-Brazzaville posent des conditions à leur rapatriement.**

(24/05/2010 – Radio okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/05/24/mbandaka-les-refugies-au-congo-brazzaville-posent-des-conditions-a-leur-rapatriement/>

*DRC refugees in Congo-Brazzaville, who fled violence in the Province Equateur, do not want to return home as long as the security situation has not improved considerably.*

**RDC : Bulletin d'information humanitaire, 17 mai 2010 - Province du Nord Kivu.**  
(17/05/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/VVOS-85NLB9?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

**RDC : Bulletin d'information humanitaire, 18 mai 2010 - Province Orientale.**  
(18/05/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/VVOS-85NLGM?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

**Situation humanitaire en République Démocratique du Congo : Note d'information à la presse, 19 mai 2010.**

(19/05/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/VDUX-85LM5G?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

**RDC : Bulletin d'information humanitaire 19 mai 2010 - Province du Sud-Kivu.**  
(19/05/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/VVOS-85NPQ9?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

**République Démocratique du Congo : Incidents sécuritaires contre les humanitaires de janvier à avril 2010 - Accès humanitaire dans les provinces du Nord-Kivu et Sud-Kivu.**

(19/05/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/AHAA-85RSJG?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P>

**Briefing humanitaire en RDC du 15 au 21 mai 2010.**

(21/05/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/NMUO-85NMC4?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

*OCHA reports on the humanitarian situation and humanitarian assistance in the eastern Congolese provinces.*

## **LRA**

**Obama Endorses Anti-Kony Legislation.**

(25/05/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005260003.html>

*US President Barack Obama on Monday signed a law aimed at helping Uganda and its neighbours fight Joseph Kony and his Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) rebels.*

**DR Congo: New Round of LRA Killing Campaign.**

(21/05/2010 – Human Rights Watch)

<http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2010/05/20/dr-congo-new-round-lra-killing-campaign> (English)

<http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2010/05/20/rd-congo-la-lra-lanc-une-nouvelle-vague-de-massacres> (French)

**Le HCR déplore la fréquence des attaques de la LRA aux frontières.**

(19/05/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201005190536.html>

**Human Rights Watch appelle les autorités américaines à s'impliquer dans la neutralisation de la rébellion ougandaise de la LRA en RDC.**

(22/05/2010 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/67113>

**HRW invite Washington à adopter une loi pour décourager la LRA.**

(22/05/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201005241238.html>

**HRW exhorte Obama à appliquer la nouvelle législation américaine contre la LRA.**

(21/05/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/05/21/hrw-exhorte-les-usa-et-les-etats-de-la-region-a-mettre-un-terme-au-phenomene-lra/>

*The Ugandan rebel LRA slaughtered 96 civilians and abducted dozens more between January and early April 2010 in a brutal killing campaign in northeastern DRC, Human Rights Watch said today. There has been no letup of LRA atrocities since Human Rights Watch reported on a deadly LRA rampage that took place in December 2009. Human Rights Watch urged the US government to swiftly implement the new legislation to develop a comprehensive strategy to protect*

*civilians in Central Africa from LRA attacks, to ensure the rule of law, and, together with regional governments, to take steps to end violence by the rebel group.*

**US: Act to End Lord's Resistance Army Violence in Central Africa.**

(24/05/2010 – Human Rights Watch)

<http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2010/05/24/us-act-end-lord-s-resistance-army-violence-central-africa>

**NGOs Call on Obama to Move Swiftly Against LRA.**

(25/05/2010 – IPS – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005251091.html>

*A coalition of nearly 50 Western and African human rights and humanitarian groups is calling on President Barack Obama to "move swiftly" in implementing a law he signed Monday committing Washington to step up U.S. and regional efforts to defeat Uganda's LRA.*

**Le Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les Réfugiés, le HCR, déplore les multiples attaques des rebelles ougandais de la LRA dans les régions frontalières du Nord-Est de la RDC.**

(19/05/2010 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/67014>

*UNHCR deplores the multiplication of attacks committed by the LRA rebels in the northeastern part of the DRC.*

**Plus de 1.156 Centrafricains fuient les attaques de la LRA.**

(21/05/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201005210440.html>

**UN: LRA rebels kill 36 in Central African Republic.**

(18/05/2010 – AP)

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5qFaDOQjKHiMCLVc6IVrn0tYKqg2wD9FPCL100>

*The LRA's activities in the border region between the DRC, South Sudan and the CAR have caused massive displacement. Since the end of March 1.156 CAR civilians have fled to the DRC.*

**Central Africans Kill LRA Rebels.**

(20/05/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005210232.html>

*Villagers at Guerekindo in eastern Central African Republic killed two LRA rebels in self-defence, the Red Cross in the nearby M'boki town reported on Monday.*

**Great Lakes Countries to Hunt Down LRA Rebels.**

(25/05/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005250727.html>

*Countries in the Great Lakes region have agreed to implement a joint operation against the Lords Resistant Army rebels.*

**Many challenges still remain in North East DRC.**

(20/05/2010 – MSF)

[http://www.msf.org/msfinternational/invoke.cfm?objectid=B780246E-15C5-F00A-2509E70263820997&component=toolkit.article&method=full\\_html](http://www.msf.org/msfinternational/invoke.cfm?objectid=B780246E-15C5-F00A-2509E70263820997&component=toolkit.article&method=full_html)

*The areas of Haut-Uélé and Bas-Uélé in the north east of the DRC have been prey to violence and armed conflict since late 2008. Pierre Kernén, who coordinated MSF's activities in Niangara between August 2009 and April 2010, describes the situation for the populations in the region and the challenges to humanitarian aid.*

## UGANDA

### **Illegal Gun Sales Rise in Zombo, Congo.**

(20/05/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005210147.html>

*Illegal gun sales are rising in Zombo district, which borders the DR Congo, the Police have said. The West Nile regional Police spokesperson, Henry Alyang, said it is suspected that the guns are smuggled from the DR Congo.*

### **We Have No Ghosts, Army Says.**

(19/05/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005190190.html>

*The army yesterday refuted reports of inflated army nominal roll commonly known as ghost soldiers in Karamoja. Defense and Army spokesperson, Lt. Col Felix Kulayigye said in statement that the reports of ghost soldiers in this newspaper yesterday were not accurate.*

### **Army Under Investigation Over Karamoja Killings.**

(25/05/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005250705.html>

### **Museveni Names Team to Probe Karamoja Killings.**

(25/05/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005241530.html>

*President Museveni has ordered an inquiry into alleged killing of Karimojong civilians by UPDF soldiers. This follows a dossier Jie County MP Peter Lokii sent to the President detailing harrowing tales and preliminary findings by the Uganda Human Rights Commission incriminating the army in various atrocities.*

### **Army Sends More Troops to Karamoja.**

(24/05/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005250560.html>

*More troops have been deployed to strengthen the UPDF 3rd division in Karamoja to guard the Uganda-Sudan border, through which illegal guns are smuggled into Uganda.*

### **Rwanda Relations Have Improved, Says Kagame.**

(24/05/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005240887.html>

*The bad blood between Rwanda and Uganda is no more as the two countries continue to happily get along together, President Paul Kagame has said.*

## BURUNDI

### **High turnout for Burundian polls, UN official says.**

(24/05/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=34794&Cr=burundi&Cr1=>

### **Fragile Burundi kicks off electoral marathon.**

(24/05/2010 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2010-05-24-fragile-burundi-kicks-off-electoral-marathon>

### **Voters Turn Out in Large Numbers.**

(24/05/2010 – Daily Nation – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005241502.html>

*Many Burundians have cast their ballots today in elections. Today's district polls are part of five stages of elections that will continue until September, with a presidential election to be held in June and parliamentary polls to be held in July.*

### **Burundi: Government Cancels Work Permit of Human Rights Watch Researcher.**

(19/05/2010 – Human rights Watch)

<http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2010/05/19/burundi-government-cancels-work-permit-human-rights-watch-researcher>

### **Burundi Expels Rights Group's Officer.**

(20/05/2010 – Daily Nation – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005200861.html>

*The Burundian government has expelled a major humanitarian watchdog from the country, saying that it was biased and publishing prejudice material against the country. Ms Neela Ghoshal, a researcher for Human Rights Watch, based in Burundi's capital Bujambura was told in a letter from the government to stop working immediately and that she must leave the country by early June.*

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## **IPIS latest publications**

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### **IPIS LATEST REPORTS**

#### **Jaarverslag 2009.**

(06/05/2010 – IPIS)

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

*IPIS has published its activity report 2009. The activity report is a comprehensive report of IPIS' activities in 2009. Its assignments, publications and lectures are presented in this document. The English version follows later on.*

#### **Mapping Conflict Motives: Province Orientale (DRC)**

(March 2010 – IPIS)

[http://www.ipisresearch.be/mapping\\_orientale.php?&lang=en](http://www.ipisresearch.be/mapping_orientale.php?&lang=en)

*It is the fourth study in the IPIS mapping series and deals with the presence, behaviour and motivation of the armed groups that have been active in the Orientale province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in 2009.*

*With the publication of this fourth mapping report, IPIS links two areas it has studied and mapped in the past: the Kivu provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Central African Republic. IPIS is trying to complete the jigsaw puzzle of a conflict-ridden region. The following report constitutes a new piece fitting into this puzzle. As the work advances, ever more linkages will appear and facilitate regional analysis.*

#### **From deceit to discovery: The strange flight of 4L-AWA (text and documents).**

(December 2009 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/arms-trade.php>

*On Saturday 12 December 2009 Thai authorities seized an aircraft at Bangkok's Don Mueang airport. The Ilyushin-76 had stopped on the 11th December for refuelling while en-route from Pyongyang to Tehran, and was carrying 35 tonnes of arms and ammunition. While the media rushed to make unproven claims about the plane and alleged former owners of the aircraft, little attention was paid to the web of companies, the flight plan, and final destination.*

**Activity Report 2008.**

(9/11/2009 – IPIS)

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

**Jaarverslag 2008.**

(13/10/2009 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/news.php?id=252>

*IPIS has published its activity report 2008. The activity report is a comprehensive report of IPIS' activities in 2008. Its assignments, publications and lectures are presented in this document.*

**Note accompagnatrice de la carte interactive des zones minières militarisées aux Kivus.**

(13/10/2009 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/mining-sites-kivus.php>

*The French version of the accompanying note on the interactive map of militarised mining areas in the Kivus has been published. It is an explanatory guide to the research methodology used to produce the interactive map of militarised mining areas in the Kivus (MiMiKi) map, the Concessions map and the 'Comptoirs 2008' table that are available at the site.*

**Africa's natural resources in a global context.**

(12/08/2009 – IPIS)

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

*While, on the one hand, it is widely acknowledged that Africa has great natural resource potential, on the other hand, one cannot but regret that the complex interplay between political and economic factors at the national and international level appears to make it impossible to use a more substantial part of the revenues from the exploitation and trade of these resources for the promotion of the well-being of people at the grassroots level. This paper, which concentrates on non-renewable natural resources, aims to disentangle some of the processes that explain the paradox between Africa's natural wealth and its relatively limited level of economic development. It shows that the state of affairs in the resource sectors of most African countries is still to a large extent determined by external factors. Extractive industries in Africa tend to be export-oriented and contribute disappointingly little to local development.*

**Militarised Mining Areas in the Kivus.**

(10/08/2009 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/mining-sites-kivus.php>

*IPIS has published an interactive map of militarised mining areas in the Kivus (MiMiKi). Together with the map comes an explanatory guide to the research methodology and the possible uses of the map, including some striking findings.*

*The MiMiKi map constitutes a first systematic attempt to clarify the issue of profit by armed groups from the extractive industry in the east of the DR Congo. The interactive map contains information on the location of mines, the presence of armed groups at mining pits and a number of other variables. Although most recent analyses written on the issue point out that the region's relative mineral wealth is not the primary cause of the armed conflict in the Kivus, its role in financing armed groups is indisputable. Because of this situation, Western companies buying ores originating from the Great Lakes region, have been targeted by international NGOs who are asking them to implement a thorough system of due diligence. In the light of the loudening call for a stricter regulation of the sector, the listing of mining sites in the Kivus is essential.*

*The MiMiKi map only shows a part of the mining sector, namely the extraction of the minerals. In order to find out whether Western companies are buying Congolese*

*minerals from which armed groups might benefit, the whole trading chain needs to be established. Therefore, in addition to the MiMiKi map, IPIS has appended a specific table containing information on the activities of the official comptoirs (mineral traders) in 2008.*

*It has to be noted that the MiMiKi map is not yet complete and should be considered as a work in progress. To date, more than 200 active mining sites are located on the map, including the most important. There are a few remaining blind spots (areas on which IPIS has no first hand information) on the map.*

### **Impact de l'exploitation pétrolière sur la santé des populations locales et de l'environnement à Moanda. Cas de la firme Perenco.**

(July 2009 – RRN)

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

*Report the Congolese NGO RRN made under direction of IPIS within the framework of IPIS' capacity building project.*

### **The impact of the global financial crisis on mining in Katanga.**

(14/07/2009 – IPIS)

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

*This report examines the impact of the global financial crisis on the mining sector in Katanga, the southeast province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. As far as the industrial mining sector is concerned, it is shown that the crisis exacerbated the uncertainty of mining companies that were waiting for the results of the review of the mining contracts and that were often in the middle of starting up or expanding their activities in Katanga. Nevertheless, IPIS remains convinced that the renegotiation of the mining contracts is of vital importance for the long-term development of the Congolese mining industry. As far as the artisanal mining sector is concerned, it is pointed out that, due to the sharp decline in mineral prices, large numbers of artisanal miners have left the mines. While some of them appear to have found a new source of income in agriculture, there are disturbing reports that others may have chosen to engage in criminal activities in order to stay afloat.*

*Given the importance of the mining sector as a source of revenue for the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the development of a sound policy for crisis management is of vital importance to protect the health of the Congolese Treasury and to keep intact the possibility of stepping up government efforts in terms of poverty reduction and infrastructure development once the global economy starts to recover. This report shows that both the central government in Kinshasa and the provincial government in Lubumbashi have taken a number of measures to cope with the consequences of the global financial crisis.*

*Unfortunately, there are indications that the ongoing decentralisation process tends to complicate the cooperation between the two governments. Moreover, as a result of the exaggerated attention for the so-called 'rétrocession' issue in the Congolese press, there is a real risk that the anti-crisis measures of the Congolese authorities are not examined in a critical manner.*

### **Zimbabwe - Arms and Corruption: fuelling human rights abuse.**

(July 2009 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/arms-trade.php>

*The following examples of irresponsible arms transfers involving Zimbabwe and other actors should be of great concern to the international community. The examples cited below are intended to illustrate further the need to ensure that the proposed international Arms Trade Treaty is as comprehensive as possible, and fully reflects the obligations of States to prevent arms transfers which pose a substantial risk of being used in serious violations of international human rights law. It is perhaps not a coincidence that these examples involve, amongst others, China and the U.S.A. – both of whose governments have been amongst the ‘doubters’ in the ongoing United Nations General Assembly deliberations on the ATT since 2006. Hopefully, as the new Obama Administration reviews the U.S. approach to the control of conventional arms, the U.S. position will become more constructive.*

### **Culprits or scapegoats? Revisiting the role of Belgian mineral traders in eastern DRC.**

(13/05/2009 – IPIS)

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

*Ever since the eruption of the second Congo war in August 1998, the mining sector in eastern DRC has been under the scrutiny of UN Sanctions Committees, academics, NGOs, and local and international media, who have been worried and disturbed by the links between natural resource exploitation and armed conflict in the region. Both state and non-state armed actors are deriving benefit from the local mining business by levying taxes on mineral exports, by selling minerals for their own profit, and by trading mining rights for financial and military support.*

*The present report aims to clarify the position and responsibility of Belgian mineral traders in the area. Our purpose is not only to shed more light on the activities of Trademet and Traxys, the two companies featuring in the latest UN report, but also to discuss the activities of two other companies that have received less attention so far, namely Services and Trading International (STI) and Société pour le Développement et l'Expansion d'Entreprises (SDE).*

### **An analysis of Finexpo's and Ducroire/Nationale Delcredere's support practices in comparison to the EURODAD principles on responsible financing.**

(29/04/2009 – IPIS)

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

*In 2007, Belgian exports generated 89,3% of Belgium's gross domestic product. The exports created employment as well as fiscal and para-fiscal revenues. Because of the importance that exporting holds in the Belgian economy, Belgium has several public instruments in place to encourage and support the export of goods and services. At the federal level, there are Ducroire/Nationale Delcredere (ONDD), FINEXPO and the Belgian International Investment Company (BMI-SBI). At the regional level, the most important are the Agence Wallonne à l'Exportation (AWEX) for Wallonia, Brussels Export for the Brussels region, and Flanders Investment and Trade for the Flanders Region.*

*This research paper looks specifically at the practices of the two most significant players at the federal level: FINEXPO and Ducroire/Nationale Delcredere. FINEXPO provides advice to the Belgian government about five types of support measures: rent stabilisation mechanism, interest relief (with or without grants), pure grants and loans (tied and untied). Ducroire/Nationale Delcredere provides insurances and financial guarantees against commercial and political risks. Annex 1 to this report lists and explains the various types of support. The paper will discuss the financial terms, legal terms and conditions in place when FINEXPO and Ducroire/Nationale Delcredere provide support for Belgian exports.*

*The paper also looks into what extent FINEXPO's and Ducroire/Nationale Delcrederedienst's practices match the financial terms, legal terms and conditions which are set out in the EURODAD Charter on Responsible Financing. The principles in the Charter outline the essential components of a reasonable loan. Given that only FINEXPO provides loans, the principles in the Charter are only directly applicable to the provision of loans by FINEXPO. Despite this fact, the principles are still useful in determining whether the financial and insurance practices of all support measures by FINEXPO and those by Ducroire/Nationale Delcrederedienst are responsible support measures or not. EURODAD's principles represent a general framework for a tough but fair policy.*

**Impact de l'exploitation de diamant et de l'or dans la reconstruction socio-économique de la Province Orientale.**

(March 2009 – CENADEP)

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

*Report the Congolese NGO CENADEP made under direction of IPIS within the framework of IPIS' capacity building project.*

### IPIS LATEST ARTICLES

**Illicit brokering of SALW in Europe: lacunae in Eastern European arms control and verification regimes.**

(September 2009 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/arms-trade.php>

*The article argues that no arms control agreement which does not recognize the need to licence and control the activities of arms brokers can ever hope to be effective. Therefore the vital interest of the EU Code of Conduct for the purposes of this article is that it is extended to cover arms brokering activities by the EU Common Position on arms brokering of June 2003.*

**Stabilisation et secteur minier dans l'Est de la RDC.**

(August 2009 – IPIS)

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

*In the beginning of July the Congolese government established a plan for the stabilisation of eastern DRC. The media remained silent concerning this initiative and the plan has not been made public. IPIS, however, managed to obtain this Congolese stabilisation plan. The objective of this article is to look at the essential points of the plan that could be useful as part of the Congolese and international efforts to dissolve the crisis in the eastern part of the country.*

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