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IPIS LATEST REPORTS

From conflict resources to sustainable development: Memorandum by Fatal Transactions on the European Union's contribution to natural resource management in Africa

(July 2008 – Fatal Transactions - IPIS)

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

IPIS drafted this publication for Fatal Transactions. The Memorandum looks specifically at the European Commission's contribution to a sustainable exploitation of natural resources in Africa and a sustainable supply chain. It also assesses its approach on conflict resources. The paper provides an analysis of the Commission's trade policy, development cooperation, foreign and security policy, cooperation under bilateral and multilateral agreements, humanitarian aid and financial assistance. It also takes a look at the Commission's view on integrating and implementing external actions in its internal policies (e.g. energy and environment) in order to promote a sustainable management of natural resources abroad.

L'Afrique révisé les contrats miniers.

(July 2008 – Le Monde Diplomatique – IPIS)

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

Article on the current contract revision projects throughout Africa.

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

(25/06/2008 – IPIS)

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

(28/07/2008 – IPIS)

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

This report is the second in a series of updates following an initial report on conflict motives in the Congolese province of Katanga. It analyses the most important security developments from December 2007 until May 2008.

Heeft Congo iets aan zijn mijnen?

(June 2008 – MO*magazine – IPIS)

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

DRC possesses huge reserves of minerals. Although the mineral prices increase on the international market, Congo hardly profits.

Activity Report 2007

(IPIS)

Jaarverslag 2007

(IPIS)

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

Fatal Transaction's submission on EIB Statement of Environmental and Social Principles and Standards.

(June 2008 - IPIS)

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

Fatal Transactions and IPIS commented on the Bank's environmental and human rights policy and its approach on good governance and transparency.

Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

'Great era of opportunity' for 'still-growing' Africa – Anglo.

(19/11/2008 – Engineering News)

http://www.engineeringnews.co.za/article.php?a_id=147940

Anglo American head Kuseni Dlamini said on the Africa Investment Forum 2008 in Johannesburg that the continent would continue on a significant economic growth path, despite the setback of the current global financial turmoil. He said that the additional level of foreign direct investment coming into Africa would enable more of the continent's resource-rich countries to follow in the exemplary footsteps of Botswana, which had used its diamond wealth to invest successfully in education, infrastructure and health.

Canada in Africa: The mining superpower.

(20/11/2008 – Pambazuka)

<http://www.pambazuka.org/en/category/features/52095>

The time when Canada's presence on the African continent was primarily characterised by numerous missionaries and food donations is well over. In countries such as Congo, Mali and Tanzania, when it is learned that you are from Canada, you are immediately asked if you work for the 'mining', a perception entirely consistent with reality. Canada is now a superpower in the African mining sector, a position the country intends to maintain and develop using all means at its disposal.

Mandatory, not voluntary: Holding Canadian companies accountable.

(20/11/2008 – Pambazuka)

<http://www.pambazuka.org/en/category/comment/52094>

Highlighting the slow progress around the implementation of greater Corporate and Social Responsibility by the Canadian government and Canadian mining companies, Ian Thomson describes the efforts of diverse groups of civil society organisations to hold mining companies to account for their actions in African countries.

Congo-Kinshasa: Prises en tenaille dans la crise financière, les matières premières se prépare à la revanche.

(25/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811250656.html>

Article on some predictions that raw materials are recovering from the shocks from the financial crisis.

Copper to Rebound as Demand Grows, Output Drops, Freeport Says.

(24/11/2008 – Bloomberg)

[http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601116&sid=adxYV.eRVhjY&refer=afri
ca](http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601116&sid=adxYV.eRVhjY&refer=afri
ca)

Copper, headed for its biggest annual price drop in at least two decades, will rebound as demand grows and mine output drops, Freeport-McMoRan CEO Richard Adkerson said. "There is going to be a need for copper as China, the rest of Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America's standard of living rises," Adkerson said.

Noord-Kivu : Kofi Annan voorstander van verbod op handel in ertsen.

(20/11/2008 – CongoForum)

[http://www.congoforum.be/ndl/nieuwsdetail.asp?subitem=1&newsid=151292&Actuali
teit=selected](http://www.congoforum.be/ndl/nieuwsdetail.asp?subitem=1&newsid=151292&Actuali
teit=selected)

Kofi Annan in favour of the export ban of raw, unprocessed ores.

DRC**Congo-Kinshasa: Footprints And Paradoxes of Canadian Mining.**

(20/11/2008 – Pambazuka)

<http://www.pambazuka.org/en/category/comment/52092> (English)

<http://www.pambazuka.org/fr/category/comment/52128> (French)

(21/11/2008 – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811210110.html>

Opinion article from Mikhael Missakabo, in which he reveals the extent to which Canadian mining companies are benefiting from instability and weak institutions in the Democratic Republic of Congo to reap huge profits while paying little attention to the ecological and human cost of their actions.

Congo govt calls for swift end to mining review.

(24/11/2008 – Mining Weekly)

http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=148246

Congo's recently-appointed government called on Monday for the rapid completion of a delay-plagued review of mining contracts as it seeks to combat waning confidence among investors.

Congo-Kinshasa: Extraction des minerais en RDC - Des journalistes nationaux invités à s'y impliquer.

(20/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811200435.html>

SARW will invite journalists from all over the DRC to talk about the problems concerning the mining sector in the country, on a conference from 19 till 29 November.

Congolese Economic Growth May Slow on Reduced Mining Production.

(25/11/2008 – Bloomberg)

[http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601116&sid=aH824HXMIP90&refer=af
rica](http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601116&sid=aH824HXMIP90&refer=af
rica)

Economic growth in the DRC may slow to between 5.7 percent and 7.4 percent next year because of reduced output in the mining industry, a government-appointed commission said.

Congo-Kinshasa: Mbuji-Mayi - Un audit des experts sud-africains attendu à la Miba.

(21/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811210363.html>

Experts from a South-African audit company have arrived in Mbuji-Mayi, to conduct an audit on the Miba activities.

Dubai undercuts Antwerp in Diamonds.

(19/11/2008 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request.

Rough diamonds exports from Congo to Antwerp have decreased 40% in recent years. Companies are heading for Dubai as it offers generous tax holidays.

Congo-Kinshasa: Conversion des anciens titres en contrats de concessions forestières.

(20/11/2008 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811200736.html>

The “Réseau Ressources Naturelles” devoted a day on some thinking on the process to convert the old forestry titles into new concession contracts.

UGANDA

Uganda: Is Country's Oil Boom in Danger?

(19/11/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 20/11/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811200853.html>

There has been speculation that with the plummeting world oil prices, Uganda's oil exploration efforts may have to be plugged. A barrel of oil is now trading in the low \$60s a sharp decline from the July's historic high of \$147.

Uganda: What is Plan B for Oil.

(20/11/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 21/11/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811210049.html>

The falling oil world prices, currently at \$54 a barrel, is causing concern about the exploitation of our oil reserves in western Uganda.

Uganda: Nigeria to Help Country on Petroleum.

(20/11/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 21/11/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811210023.html>

Nigeria to help Uganda explore oil.

(22/11/2008 – AfricaNews)

http://www.africanews.com/site/list_messages/21757

Ugandan leader seeks oil expertise from Nigeria.

(20/11/2008 – AFP)

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iSfO9ByVvtHSWSWi1k2RdNJmFZQ>

Nigeria will help Uganda start a petroleum institute through which to build capacity to extract petroleum, President Yoweri Museveni has said.

Uganda: We Can Refine Our Oil – Museveni.

(22/11/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 24/11/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811240266.html>

President Yoweri Museveni has vowed to ensure that Ugandans are able to refine the recently-discovered oil resource into diesel and other byproducts. Museveni was responding to President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua's seven-point programme, in which the Nigerian leader hopes to tackle strategic bottlenecks and propel Nigeria from the third to the first world bracket.

RWANDA

Rwanda: At Long Last! Power From Kivu Methane Gas Now a Reality.

(12/11/2008 – Focus Media; published by allAfrica – 21/11/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811210816.html>

Rwanda learnt for sure that the methane gas in the Kivu can be harnessed to produce electricity. Kigali has successfully harnessed one of its few natural resources to address an urgent national problem-the problem of shortage of electricity.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

Project delays, mine shutdowns and cutbacks.

(20/11/2008 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?id=147279>

Overview of mine project delays and shutdowns from July till November. Includes some companies active in the Great Lakes region.

One to watch: Heritage Oil.

(25/11/2008 – Business.scotsman)

<http://business.scotsman.com/energyutilities/One-to-watch-Heritage-Oil.4726527.jp>

Article presenting Heritage Oil, which is the operator of and holds a 50 per cent interest in two licences in the Albert Basin of the Western Rift Valley of Uganda, and a 39.5 per cent non-operating interest in two blocks in the same region on the DRC side of the border.

BHP Billiton retire son offre géante sur Rio Tinto.

(25/11/2008 – MineralInfo)

<http://www.mineralinfo.org/Actualit%C3%A9s/actual.asp>

BHP Billiton withdraws its bid for Rio Tinto.

DRC

Canada's First Quantum cuts jobs at Zambia mine.

(25/11/2008 – Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/business/feedarticle/8079870>

Temporary Lay-offs at Bwana Mkubwa.

(19/11/2008 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request.

Canada's First Quantum Minerals, which suspended copper output at its Bwana Mkubwa processing plant last month after running out of copper ore, has laid off 286 workers at the facility, union officials said. The DRC banned the export of copper ore to Zambia in 2007. Bwana Mkubwa shut down after copper ore stockpiles ran out.

Camec suspends DRC copper, cobalt operations.

(19/11/2008 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?id=147953>

Africa-focused diversified miner Central African Mining & Exploration has temporarily halted its copper and cobalt mining operations in the DRC. The company stated on Wednesday that the decision had been a swift reaction to a sudden steep decline in the cobalt demand from China, as well as a further decline in the copper price.

Cobalt fall reflects slowdown in China.

(25/11/2008 – Financial Times)

http://www.ft.com/cms/s/98c7d136-ba8f-11dd-aecd-0000779fd18c.Authorised=false.html?_i_location=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.ft.com%2Fcms%2Fs%2F0%2F98c7d136-ba8f-11dd-aecd-0000779fd18c.html&_i_referer=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.bloglines.com%2Fmyblogs_display%3Ffolder%3D67714108

Industrial activity in China has slowed so quickly that demand for cobalt has ground to a halt, according to one of the biggest cobalt miners in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the world's largest source of the metal.

Katanga suspends cobalt production.

(21/11/2008 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?id=148158>

Katanga Halts Cobalt-Concentrate Output on Low Prices (Update2).

(21/11/2008 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601116&sid=aRQG0XMgIOEA&refer=africa>

Katanga Mining has temporarily stopped mining operations at the Tilwezembe open pit and ore processing at its Kolwezi concentrator, in the Democratic Republic of Congo, in response to slumping cobalt prices.

In the Congo, timing is not enough.

(24/11/2008 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page43?oid=73695&sn=Detail>

The mining curtains are falling in Katanga Province, DRC, as ambitious mid-tier miners with battered balance sheets continue to halt operations, mainly in cobalt.

HudBay to buy Lundin Mining.

(21/11/2008 – CBC)

<http://www.cbc.ca/money/story/2008/11/21/hudbay-lundin.html>

HudBay Minerals to Buy Lundin for C\$800.3 Million (Update1).

(21/11/2008 - Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=a9NxN5LREVnc>

HudBay, Lundin merger plan runs into headwinds.

(21/11/2008 – Mining Weekly)

http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=148157

HudBay Minerals is taking over Lundin Mining. The combined company will have cooper, zinc, lead, gold and silver production in Canada, Portugal, Sweden, Spain and Ireland, and development projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Guatemala.

China in the Great Lakes Region

Congo-Kinshasa: Laurent Nkunda déclare la guerre à la Chine.

(19/11/2008 – LA Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811190349.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Nkunda, gendarme des puissants groupes opposés à l'entrée de la Chine au Congo.

(24/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811240554.html>

Nkunda's rejection of the contracts with the Chinese investors.

La présence des chinois inquiète les Congolais.

(20/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/54919>

The presence of the Chinese in the retail trade in the DRC is disturbing many Congolese.

Chinezen herstellen secundaire wegen in Kinshasa.

(24/11/2008 – CongoForum)

<http://www.congoforum.be/ndl/nieuwsdetail.asp?subitem=1&newsid=151462&Actualiteit=selected>

Chinese enterprises are restoring Congolese roads.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

John Bredenkamp, Billy Rautenbach, added to US sanctions list.

(25/11/2008 – politicsweb)

<http://www.politicsweb.co.za/politicsweb/view/politicsweb/en/page71656?oid=110909&sn=Detail>

The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) today designated four Mugabe regime cronies and a number of entities owned or controlled by two of them. The designations included John Bredenkamp and Muller Conrad Rautenbach (a.k.a. Billy Rautenbach).

DRC

South Kivu: Mai-Mai groups agree to join demobilization programme in Uvira.

(18/11/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19149>

South Kivu governor Louis-Leonce Muderhwa met the Mai-Mai leaders of the Zabuloni and Shikito groups in Uvira, within the framework of the sensitization arm of the Amani programme. The Mai-Mai gave their agreement in principle to accept disarmament and demobilization and to send their combatants next week to the Luberizi military training camp, located 50 km north of Uvira.

Congo-Kinshasa: Sud-Kivu - Le Centre de brassage de Luberezi prêt à accueillir 4.000 ex-combattants.

(21/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811210875.html>

The centre for the 'brassage' in Luberezi is ready to receive 4000 ex-combatants, the Governor of South Kivu announced.

Congo-Kinshasa: Ministers Reveal Joint Plans to Weed Out FDLR in Country.

(25/11/2008 – The New Times)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811250108.html>

Rwanda: Joint Plan to Root Out FDLR Forces Most Welcome.

(25/11/2008 – The New Times)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811250104.html>

Parliament was yesterday, briefed on the start of a joint DR Congo and Rwandan government initiative, to root out FDLR forces from the Eastern DR Congo.

Le «Phénomène Rasta» : Actualisation

(November 2008 – UPDI/LPI)

For consultation at request.

An update on the "Rasta phenomenon". The Rasta group is responsible for disturbing the security situation in Nindja-Kaniola, South Kivu, DRC.

Congolese militias controleren mijnbouw.

(24/11/2008 – IPS – 11.be)

<http://www.11.be/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=106051>

Mine workers in Walikale are angry because the FARDC tries to control the mining sector by asking taxes to pass roadblocks.

Kisangani: The United Nations envisages an operation to assist Dungu refugees.

(19/11/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=19177> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=19174> (French)

A plan to redeploy humanitarian agencies to Dungu, in Haut-Uélé territory 800 kilometres to the north of Kisangani, is being considered to allow aid to reach 34,000 internally displaced refugees in the area. It follows a series of attacks, looting and abduction of children carried out by Ugandan fighters from the LRA.

War in North Kivu – General

Congo-Kinshasa: Louis-Léonce Muderhwa - «La guerre de l'Est est une guerre d'intérêts économiques»

(20/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811200427.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Les revendications opportunistes de Nkunda dévoilent les intérêts réels de la guerre.

(21/11/2008 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811210978.html>

The Governor of South Kivu, Muderhwa, states the war in eastern DRC is essentially about economic interests.

Congo-Kinshasa: Nord- Kivu - La guerre favorise le pillage des minerais.

(21/11/2008 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811210465.html>

This article sees the Congolese war particularly as a war for natural resources.

Congo-Kinshasa: La troisième guerre mondiale a déjà commencé - La RDC en fait déjà les frais.

(19/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811190317.html>

Le Potentiel thinks the Congolese war may be a foretaste of the next (the third) world war, an economic war.

La guerre du coltane fait rage au Congo.

(18/10/2008 – AfricaFiles)

<http://www.africafiles.org/article.asp?ID=19493>

A human catastrophe threatens the Congo In Kivu, in the East of the DRC, war has broken out again, bringing atrocities and displaced persons in its wake. At stake: the control of the fabulous reserves of coltan, a highly prized mineral fought over by all the major industrial powers.

Union européenne : les députés contre l'exploitation illégale des minerais en RDC.

(21/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21154>

The European Parliament discussed on a system to improve the traceability of raw materials in the DRC, hoping it might curb the conflict potential in the war torn country.

Congo-Kinshasa: Invité des ONGD belges - Malumalu préconise la traque des groupes armés.

(25/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811250500.html>

L'abbé Malu Malu défend le programme Amani.

(21/11/2008 – Colette Braeckman)

<http://blogs.lesoir.be/colette-braeckman/2008/11/21/labbe-malu-malu-defend-le-programme-amani/>

Coordinator of the Amani programme, Apollinaire Malumalu, was in Brussels to explain the current situation in eastern DRC.

Le gouverneur du Nord-Kivu fait la lecture de la guerre dans sa province.

(25/11/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/54991>

Julien Paluku, Governor of North Kivu, on the crisis situation in his province.

Butembo : la province initie une réconciliation entre Mai-Mai, FARDC et la Société civile.

(21/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21160>

The North Kivu government organises a meeting to reconcile FARDC, Mai Mai and the civil society, in order to improve the security situation in the province and to allow normal life to restart there.

Congolese in Kinshasa angry over eastern conflict.

(19/11/2008 – Reuters)

<http://africa.reuters.com/top/news/usnJOE4AI035.html>

Fighting in eastern Congo has provoked anger and frustration in the distant capital Kinshasa, where some pillory the army for failing to defeat the rebels and others call for a political compromise to end the conflict.

Congo-Kinshasa: Balkanisation de la RDC - Le plan déjà en marche.

(21/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811210409.html>

Alerte au pacte de Nkunda avec les Anglo-saxons pour humilier la RDC dans le permanent complot de la balkanisation du Congo démocratique!

(22/11/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/54956>

Some worries that the financing by foreign powers of different factions in the DRC conflict, aiming at the countries natural resources, might lead to the Balkanisation of the DRC.

ICC Risks Losing the Plot in Congo.

(21/11/2008 – 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=347941

Article on the Congolese war's consequences for ordinary life and the role the international community should play.

Congo-Kinshasa: Feingold, Brownback Call for Ceasefire.

(19/11/2008 – US Congress – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811191017.html>

Today U.S. Senators Russ Feingold and Sam Brownback introduced a bipartisan resolution calling for a ceasefire in the DRC following escalating violence in the country.

Joint Communiqué: 11th Africa-EU Ministerial Troika Meeting.

(21/11/2008 – Council of European Union)

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/er/104245.pdf

Communiqué of the Africa-EU summit, including some comments on the current crisis in the DRC.

Congo-Kinshasa: Masire Talks DRC.

(21/11/2008 – The Reporters; published by allAfrica – 24/11/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811241250.html>

As yet another war rages in the DRC, an interview with the man who once facilitated the peace process in that country, former president of Botswana Ketumile Masire

Kabila to discuss Congo crisis with Angola president.

(20/11/2008 – Reuters – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19198>

Rencontre Joseph Kabila – Eduardo Dos Santos ce vendredi à Luanda.

(20/11/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/54936>

Angola: La situation en RDC au centre de l'entretien entre les deux chefs d'Etat.

(22/11/2008 – Angola Press Agency; published by allAfrica – 24/11/2008)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811240346.html>

Axe Kinshasa-Luanda : l'Angola réaffirme son appui au peuple congolais et au gouvernement élu de la RDC.

(24/11/2008 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/54982>

Congolese President Joseph Kabila will discuss the conflict in his country with Angola's president on Friday as a pullback by rebel fighters raises hopes for peace talks to end the violence in eastern Congo.

Les militaires des Fardc « pillards » de Kanyabayonga comparaissent devant la justice militaire à la 8^{ème} région militaire de Goma.

(20/11/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/54930>

The FARDC soldiers who took part in the pillaging of Goma and Kanyabayonga will be traileed before the court-martial.

UN head outlines DR Congo 'abuse'.

(25/11/2008 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7747271.stm>

Congo army, rebels committed grave rights abuses: UN.

(25/11/2008 – Reuters)

<http://africa.reuters.com/top/news/usnJOE4AO02E.html>

Government and rebel armed groups in the DRC have committed serious human right abuses, including mass killings, rape and torture, according to a new U.N. report. The human rights situation in Congo as "a cause for grave concern," according to the 28-page document, prepared by the office of U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon for the Security Council.

Human rights council may meet on Congo violations.

(22/11/2008 – AP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19253>

The president of the U.N.'s Human Rights Council said Friday members could meet next week to look at the rampant shootings, rape and looting among 1 million civilians uprooted by fighting in eastern Congo.

Congo-Kinshasa: Quelle armée et pour quels objectifs?

(24/11/2008 – Le Phare; published by allAfrica – 25/11/2008)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811250488.html>

Article wondering whether the Congolese national army still has any use, when looking at the pillages it committed during the last weeks.

Congo-Kinshasa: Aba - La population proteste contre les tracasseries militaires.

(21/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811210433.html>

Protest march in Ituri to condemn the bad behaviour of the national army.

Congo child soldiers forced to fight, kill.

(20/11/2008 – Reuters)

<http://africa.reuters.com/top/news/usnJOE4AJ03E.html>

Snatched from their homes by armed men who force them to carry ammunition, fight and kill, beaten if they refuse, east Congo's child soldiers are teenage victims of an unforgiving war.

Congo-Kinshasa: Ban exhorte les groupes armés à mettre fin au recrutement d'enfants.

(24/11/2008 – UN; published by allAfrica – 25/11/2008)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811250285.html>

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon calls on the different warring parties in the DRC conflict to stop the recruitment of children.

Rebels rewrite Congo's history.

(20/11/2008 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7739342.stm>

Article focussing on some accomplishments in the CNDP held territory after government forces were driven away two weeks ago.

Congo-Kinshasa: Nkunda éclipse Kinshasa.

(19/11/2008 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811190943.html>

Article on the way Nkunda knows and uses the media.

Congo-Kinshasa: Qui est Laurent Nkunda?

(19/11/2008 – Le Messanger – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811190571.html>

Le rebelle Nkunda, protecteur des Tutsi ou danger pour sa communauté?

(20/11/2008 – JeuneAfrique.com)

http://www.jeuneafrique.com/jeune_afrique/article_depeche.asp?art_cle=AFP33208Ierebtuanum0

Articles on Laurent Nkunda.

Rebel chief Nkunda aims to take over whole of Congo.

(19/11/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19169>

Laurent Nkunda, the rebel chief whose armies have swept aside Congolese government forces, aims to take over the whole of the Democratic Republic of Congo, he said in an interview published Wednesday in Germany.

L'homme qui dit non.

(17/11/2008 – Africa Confidential)

For consultation at request or at IPIS library.

Rebel leader Laurent Nkunda describing his actions in eastern DRC.

DR Congo rebel rallies support.

(22/11/2008 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7743804.stm>

Defiant Congo rebels stage rally in captured town.

(22/11/2008 – Reuters)

<http://africa.reuters.com/top/news/usnJOE4AL0AD.html>

Congo rebel leader addresses rally.

(22/11/2008 – AP - MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19255>

Rebel DR Congo general Laurent Nkunda has held a rally in the newly captured town of Rutshuru, in a show of strength and defiance by his forces.

War in North Kivu – Recent fighting**De graves incidents armés signalés à Kayna et Kirumba en dépit du cessez-le-feu unilatéral du CNDP.**

(19/11/2008 – Le Potentiel - allAfrica)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/54897>

Some harsh fighting on Tuesday, last week, near Kanyabayonga between FARDC soldiers and the Mai Mai.

UN confirms a massive rebel withdrawal.

(19/11/2008 – France 24)

<http://www.france24.com/en/20081119-un-confirms-massive-rebel-withdrawal-dr-congo>

UN confirms DR Congo rebel retreat.

(19/11/2008 – Aljazeera)

<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/africa/2008/11/2008111910033816654.html>

Congo Rebel Pullback Raises Hopes For Peace Talks.

(19/11/2008 – Javno)

<http://www.javno.com/en/world/clanak.php?id=205357>

Congo-Kinshasa: La rébellion annonce un retrait partiel.

(18/11/2008 – Fraternité Matin; published by allAfrica – 19/11/2008)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811190124.html>

Laurent Nkunda se retire de 40 Km sur les axes Kanyabayonga et Kiwanja dans le Nord-Kivu.

(20/11/2008 – Le Palmarès – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/54927>

Nord-Kivu : le CNDP annonce le recul de 40 Km sur les axes Kanyabayonga et Kiwanja.

(19/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21121>

The withdrawal by rebel General Laurent Nkunda's CNDP fighters followed a commitment made by Nkunda to a U.N. envoy, Obasanjo, that he would take part in peace talks and respect a ceasefire.

DR Congo: Ban welcomes rebel pullback and increased aid access in east.

(19/11/2008 – UN News Service)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=29002&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo>
(English)

(19/11/2008 – UN – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811191001.html> (French)

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today welcomed the announcement of a military pullback by a rebel militia and the opening of humanitarian corridors to allow unfettered access to vulnerable people in the eastern DRC.

DR Congo rebels say Hutu militia heading to evacuated zone.

(21/11/2008 – AFP - MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19226>

Rebels charged Friday that a Hutu militia they say is allied to government forces was heading to an area of eastern DRC that the rebels evacuated earlier this week.

Congo rebels say rivals generally respecting buffer zones.

(23/11/2008 – AFP - MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19266>

Rebels said Sunday rival forces were mostly staying out of the buffer zones created by their unilateral withdrawal from key fronts in strife-torn eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.

General Babacar Gaye: MONUC through its mandate continues to assist the FARDC.

(20/11/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=19187> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=19181> (French)

The security situation is calm overall today. The CNDP, in accordance with its declaration, started withdrawals. Nonetheless, Blue Helmets came under fire in the locality of Mabenga. A MONUC armoured tank patrol responded to the Mai Mai armed groups by returning fire.

Rutshuru : la Monuc satisfaite de son appui aux FARDC.

(19/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21130>

MONUC authorities were satisfied of the support their militaries rendered to the Congolese national army.

Situation globalement calme mais avec des accrochages et des pillages dans le secteur de Kiwanja.

(20/11/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=19213>

Overall situation is calm despite clashes and looting in the sector of Kiwanja.

(21/11/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19220>

Nord-Kivu : nouveaux pillages à Kayna et tension à Kiwanja.

(20/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21144>

The security situation in North Kivu was quite calm on Thursday, apart from some small confrontations with Mai Mai rebels.

Congo militia fires at peacekeepers.

(19/11/2008 – CNN)

http://edition.cnn.com/2008/WORLD/africa/11/19/congo.un.fighting/index.html?eref=edition_africa

UN troops open retaliatory fire on Mai-Mai militia.

(19/11/2008 – AFP – France24)

<http://www.france24.com/en/20081119-un-troops-open-retaliatory-fire-mai-mai-militia-dr-congo>

UN peacekeepers opened fire after pro-government Mai-Mai militia attacked them in the east of the DRC, according to a UN spokesman.

Eastern DR Congo relatively calm, UN mission reports.

(21/11/2008 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=29032&Cr=Democratic&Cr1=Congo>

The security situation in war-torn east of the DRC is calm, with the recent ceasefire apparently holding, the United Nations peacekeeping mission to the country reported today.

Congo-Kinshasa: Camp Violence Sparks UN Concern for Refugee Safety in East.

(21/11/008 – UN News Service – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811210857.html>

Refugees: Troops go on looting spree at Congo camp.

(24/11/2008 – AP)

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/A/AF_CONGO_FIGHTING?SITE=MAHYC&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT

U.N.: Gunmen kill woman while trying to rape girl at camp.

(21/11/2008 – CNN)

<http://edition.cnn.com/2008/WORLD/africa/11/21/congo.camp.killing/index.html>

Lubero : les pillages se poursuivent à Kanyabayonga, Kayina et Kirumba.

(24/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21189>

The UNHCR today expressed its mounting concern for the safety of nearly 70,000 displaced people taking shelter in camps, where shootings and lootings have been reported, outside a provincial capital in the war-wracked eastern DRC.

New fighting in eastern DR Congo sends more civilians fleeing in panic, UN reports.

(25/11/2008 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=29077&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo>

Goma : les populations fuient les combats sur l'axe Kiwanja-Ishasha.

(25/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21197>

Rebels in the strife-torn eastern DRC launched new military attacks today under the cover of a so-called police and pacification operation, breaking the ceasefire and exacerbating the humanitarian crisis, the United Nations mission reported today.

Mai-Mai say UN troops siding with DR Congo rebels.

(20/11/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19191>

Mai-Mai militia accused UN peacekeepers of fighting alongside Laurent Nkunda's rebels as fresh clashes erupted Thursday in the east of DRC. The latest fighting broke out at the villages of Katoro and Nyongera, near Kiwanja in Nord-Kivu province.

Rwanda: British Minister Refutes Rwanda-CNDP Links.

(21/11/2008 – The New Times)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811210277.html>

Britain calls on Kagame to use 'influence' in DR Congo.

(20/11/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19195>

Britain called on Rwandan President Paul Kagame Thursday to use his "influence" over Congolese rebels led by general Laurent Nkunda to end to violence in eastern DRC. But British Foreign Minister Mark Malloch-Brown, who is in Kigali after three days in DR Congo, said he would not "fall into the trap of believing that somehow this rebel group is just a puppet group whose strings are pulled from Kigali.

DR Congo rebels recruited from Rwanda army.

(20/11/2008 – Telegraph)

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/africaandindianocean/democraticrepublicofcongo/3488938/DR-Congo-rebels-recruited-from-Rwanda-army.html>

Fighters recruited from inside Rwanda's army have joined General Laurent Nkunda's rebels in Congo, according to first-hand accounts.

International reactions and efforts – Military**Plea to halt DR Congo atrocities.**

(19/11/2008 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7737013.stm>

Community groups in the DRC have made an impassioned plea for European troops to be sent to halt atrocities there.

Europeans could aid Congo if UN adds peacekeepers.

(20/11/2008 – AP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19184>

Europeans are considering whether to mobilize a rapid-response force in Congo if the U.N. Security Council approves adding 3,100 troops to its beleaguered peacekeeping mission, diplomats said Wednesday.

[Comment] What else must happen in Congo before the EU really helps?

(19/11/2008 – EUObserver)

<http://euobserver.com/9/27135?print=1>

Oxfam opinion on the EU troops for the DRC.

Lord Malloch-Brown : « L'Union européenne n'exclut pas la possibilité d'envoyer des troupes à l'Est de la RDC »

(19/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21117>

British Minister Malloch-Brown does not totally reject a EU military operation in the DRC, but says he does prefer a stronger MONUC presence or a regional military force.

UK government must back EU peacekeepers for Congo say new coalition.

(21/11/2008 – Global Witness)

http://www.globalwitness.org/media_library_detail.php/684/en/uk_government_must_back_eu_peacekeepers_for_congo_say_new_coalition

A new campaign launches today calling for better protection of civilians in the DRC. The unprecedented coalition is launching the campaign with a series of full page adverts in the national press calling on the UK government to take decisive action to protect thousands of civilians still at risk in DRC.

German President Wants More Western Help for Congo.

(18/11/2008 – Der Spiegel)

<http://www.spiegel.de/international/world/0,1518,591179,00.html>

With violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo continuing unabated, German President Horst Köhler says it is time for Western countries to help the UN bring the conflict to an end.

Congo-Kinshasa: What Future for Monuc?

(19/11/2008 – IPS)

<http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=44769>

(19/11/2008 – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811190816.html>

The familiar tension between MONUC's mandate and its inability to use force against either rebel groups or government soldiers leads many Congolese civilians to criticize the effectiveness of MONUC.

ANALYSIS-Criticised U.N. Congo force seeks clearer mission.

(20/11/2008 - Reuters – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19201>

U.N. peacekeepers in east Congo, under fire for failing to shield civilians from a chaotic war between rebels, army and militias, are struggling to find their role to halt a wider conflict and humanitarian disaster.

United States Support for Troop Increase in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Taken Question).

(20/11/2008 – US Department of State)

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2008/nov/112138.htm>

“The United States strongly supports MONUC and its mandate to protect civilians, and restore peace and security, especially in the eastern region. We encourage member states to rapidly put forward troops and resources for this effort.”

Congo-Kinshasa: Top UN Envoy Voices Hope for Additional Troops in Volatile East.

(19/11/2008 – UN News Service – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811190196.html>

The top UN envoy to the DRC, Alan Doss, expressed hope that the Security Council will shortly approve a request for 3,000 additional troops to buttress blue helmets already on the ground in the country's east, the scene of fierce recent conflict.

Belgium Urges Stronger Congo Military Role for UN Peacekeepers.

(20/11/2008 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601116&sid=aaeQ.4h5Rx.4&refer=afri>
[ca](#)

Belgium said United Nations peacekeepers in its former colony, the DRC, should be given a revised mandate to strengthen their military role and intervene in “illegal” mining.

Congo-Kinshasa: UN Press Conference on Situation.

(19/11/2008 – UN – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811190197.html>

MONUC proceeds with new troop configuration in North Kivu.

(19/11/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=19178> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=19175> (French)

Alan Doss outlined efforts to address the crisis in North Kivu Province, including diplomatic efforts by the new Special Envoy, the redeployment of forces to the east of the country, the request for an additional 3,000 peacekeepers and plans to create a separation zone between the belligerent parties.

Congo-Kinshasa: La révision du mandat de la Monuc en discussion au Conseil de sécurité.

(20/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811200458.html>

The Un Security Council has to reassess the MONUC mandate as it expires on December 31, 2008.

Congo-Kinshasa: Karel De Gucht à New York pour la balkanisation du Congo.

(20/11/2008 - Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811200338.html>

Article expressing some distrust of De Gucht, as it thinks the Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs will halt a resolution for the employment of more UN-troops and will plead the balkanisation of the DRC.

Security Council authorizes boost to UN peacekeeping force in DR Congo.

(20/11/2008 – UN News Service)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=29021&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo>

(English)

(20/11/2008 – UN – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811200982.html> (French)

Congo-Kinshasa: U.N. Seeks Large Military Force to Restrain Congo.

(20/11/2008 – IPS)

<http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=44796>

(20/11/2008 – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811210002.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Seeking to Stabilize Situation in Democratic Republic of Congo, Security Council Reinforces United Nations Troop Strength By Nearly 3,000, Until Year's End.

(21/11/2008 – UN – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811210423.html>

Le Conseil de sécurité de l'ONU vient de décider de renforcer la Monuc de plus de 3.000 hommes.

(20/11/2008 – AFP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/54937>

Extra 3,100 UN troops to be deployed to Congo.

(20/11/2008 – Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2008/nov/20/congo-unitednations>

The Security Council today authorized a temporary increase of more than 3,000 blue helmets serving with the MONUC to deal with the violence in the country's east, which has displaced an estimated 250,000 civilians in recent months.

UN spokesman hopes new troops in Congo in weeks.

(21/11/2008 – AP – allAfrica)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19225>

Col. Jean-Paul Dietrich hopes thousands of new peacekeepers will arrive in Congo within weeks.

More UN troops for DR Congo welcome but not enough: France.

(24/11/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19275>

France: UN mandate in DRC should be more 'robust'.

(24/11/2008 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2008-11-24-france-un-mandate-in-drc-should-be-more-robust>

The planned deployment of extra UN troops in the Democratic Republic of Congo is a welcome move but not enough to restore peace, France's Human Rights Minister Rama Yade said on Monday. "You can have as many troops as you want, the real question is where they are stationed," Yade told AFP during a visit to Oslo.

France says Congo peacekeepers need more force.

(21/11/2008 – AP)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19234>

France said Friday it wants U.N. peacekeepers in Congo to be empowered with more robust rules of engagement to better protect civilians.

Rebels reject more Monuc troops.

(23/11/2008 – AlJazeera)

<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/africa/2008/11/20081122225043496371.html>

Laurent Nkunda, the Congolese rebel leader, has rejected the planned deployment of extra UN troops in the Democratic Republic of Congo, saying they cannot usher in peace.

DR Congo rebel leader says UN troops cannot bring peace.

(22/11/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19254>

Congo-Kinshasa: Après l'adoption de la résolution 1843 - Laurent Nkunda menace la Monuc.

(24/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811240695.html>

Nkunda, a renegade general who holds vast swathes of the sprawling country's mineral-rich east, launched a tirade against the UN mission in DR Congo at his first public rally in Rutshuru since he captured the town last month.

DRC demands stronger mandate for UN troops.

(21/11/2008 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2008-11-21-drc-demands-stronger-mandate-for-un-troops>

Congo demands stronger mandate for reinforced UN troops.

(21/11/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19249>

The DRC government on Friday demanded a stronger mandate for the peacekeeping force in the country after the United Nations Security Council voted to send 3 000 extra international troops.

'Elite troops' needed in DR Congo.

(21/11/2008 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7741258.stm>

The 3,000 extra UN troops being sent to the Democratic Republic of Congo need to be elite soldiers from Europe, the UN's ex-peacekeeping chief Jean-Marie Guehenno says.

UN nations step forward to boost force numbers in DRC.

(24/11/2008 – Jane's – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19271>

The forces of India, Pakistan, South Africa and Uruguay are likely to boost their numbers in the DRC following the decision on 20 November by the UN Security Council to reinforce the world's largest peacekeeping operation with an additional 3,100 personnel.

Troop surge no quick fix for beleaguered MONUC.

(21/11/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19227>

The UN peacekeeping force in Congo has warned that the promised 3,000 reinforcements will provide no quick fix to the beleaguered UN force facing a "very volatile" conflict.

Congo-Kinshasa: What Difference Will the Extra 3000 Make?

(23/11/2008 – The New Times; published by allAfrica – 24/11/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811240908.html>

The problem with the issue of more peace keepers according to diplomatic sources is that the proposed 3000 additional troops may not make much difference. Foremost, according to analysts, they will remain overstretched and at the same time the problem is not necessarily a military one.

UN peacekeepers attacked in Congo.

(24/11/2008 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7745495.stm>

Men seized from DR Congo UN convoy.

(24/11/2008 – AlJazeera – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19273>

Rwindi : un convoi de la Monuc essuie des pierres, les effets des Maï Maï brûlés.

(24/11/2008 – Radio okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21182>

Civilians in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo have surrounded and stoned a UN convoy after it was stopped by soldiers searching for rebels.

Angola: Incident entre la Monuc et l'armée congolaise au nord de Goma.

(24/11/2008 – Angola Press Agency; published by allAfrica – 25/11/2008)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811250297.html>

An incident occurred between the FARDC and the MONUC, north of Goma.

Namibia: RDP Slams Nujoma About Troops to DRC.

(20/11/2008 – The Namibian – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811200834.html>

Namibia should not send troops to the DRC where a military conflict between government troops and a rebel army is escalating, an opposition party has urged.

SADC sends fact-finding mission in DR Congo amid post-conflict lull.

(24/11/2008 – Xinhua – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19272>

Situation humanitaire au Nord-Kivu : Les déplacés de Kibati reçoivent une mission de la SADC.

(25/11/2008 – Le Potentiel - Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/55017>

Military officials of southern African countries have been in the troubled DRC on a fact-finding mission since Friday amid a lull after the recent conflict between the government army and Tutsi rebels.

International reactions and efforts – diplomacy**Enter Obasanjo.**

(20/11/2008 – The Economist)

http://www.economist.com/world/mideast-africa/displaystory.cfm?story_id=12650289&fsrc=rss

Article on Obasanjo's efforts to end the fighting in the DRC.

UN Urged to Withdraw Obasanjo As Envoy to Congo.

(20/11/2008 – Leadership – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811200562.html>

The Socio-Economic Rights and Accountability Project and the Committee for the Defence of Human Rights have petitioned Ban Ki-moon, requesting him to withdraw the recent appointment of Olusegun Obasanjo because of the widespread allegations of high level official corruption and almost absolute poverty perpetrated by his administration between 1999 and 2007."

Congo-Kinshasa: Nord-Kivu - Résiliation des contrats chinois, une des exigences de Laurent Nkunda.

(19/11/2008 – Le Potentiel - allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811190261.html>

Avec ses « 8 » revendications, Nkunda donne à sa guerre son vrai visage!

(22/11/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/54971>

Nkunda sets some conditions before he is prepared to negotiate: a foreign mediator, termination of the contracts with the Chinese investors, ...

Dialogue between warring parties crucial to peace in DR Congo, says UN envoy.

(24/11/2008 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=29065&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo>

DRC: 'A cause for grave concern'.

(25/11/2008 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2008-11-25-drc-a-cause-for-grave-concern>

Encouraging dialogue between the Congolese Government and rebels is critical to securing peace in the war-torn far east of the DRC, Olusegun Obasanjo said.

UN envoy says rebels want to join Congo army.

(25/11/2008 – AP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19285>

Congo rebel leader wants to merge his troops with army.

(24/11/2008 – CNN)

http://edition.cnn.com/2008/WORLD/africa/11/24/congo.rebel.army/index.html?eref=edition_africa

Former Nigerian president Olusegun Obasanjo says Nkunda wants to meet the government side to discuss political, economic and security issues and he says the government of Congo's President Joseph Kabila is not opposed to such a dialogue.

Congo's Kabila has few options but talk to rebels.

(21/11/2008 – Reuters)

<http://africa.reuters.com/top/news/usnJOE4AK0QA.html>

DRC rebels flex their muscles.

(22/11/2008 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2008-11-22-drc-rebels-flex-their-muscles>

Congo's battered government has little choice but to open unpopular talks with dissident General Laurent Nkunda, but the rebel leader himself faces a challenge converting his military upper hand into political capital.

RD Congo : Kabila relance l'offensive diplomatique.

(21/11/2008 – afrik.com)

<http://www.afrik.com/article15734.html>

Kabila convoque un sommet de la CEEAC sur la crise du Nord-Kivu.

(25/11/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/55014>

Kabila will host a CEEAC (Communauté économique des Etats de l'Afrique centrale) summit in Kinshasa, on the current conflict in eastern DRC.

Humanitarian situation and action

DRC: Rape crisis set to worsen amid Kivu chaos.

(19/11/2008 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=81549>

Soaring insecurity in eastern DRC has raised fears of a new wave of sexual violence in a region termed "the worst place in the world to be a woman" by aid workers. During the first six months of 2008, there were more than 5,000 reported rape cases in the flashpoint province of North Kivu, according to data collected by doctors at health centres.

Congo-Kinshasa: Kanyabayonga dans la désolation.

(19/11/2008 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811190939.html>

People have left the locality Kanyabayonga empty, as armed attacks and pillaging has driven them away.

Kibati : 4000 enfants, dont certains orphelins ou abandonnés, regroupés au camp de déplacés.

(22/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21170>

In the Kibati refugee camp, a local ngo has counted already 4000 children.

DRC: Concern grows for civilians in Kibati.

(21/11/2008 – UNHCR – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/MCOT-7LLH7Q?OpenDocument&RSS20=18-P> (English)

(21/11/2008 – UN – allAfrica)

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UNHCR spokesperson William Spindler: "We are increasingly concerned about the safety of tens of thousands of displaced Congolese civilians in the Kibati camps in the outskirts of Goma."

DRC: Fears for IDP safety following camp attack.

(25/11/2008 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=81655>

Fears for the safety of IDPs have escalated after the weekend shooting of a civilian in Kibati camp, North Kivu province, in the east.

DRC: Thousands flee Kiwanja amid fears of attack.

(21/11/2008 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=81611>

Rutshuru : Plus de peur que de mal ce mercredi matin à Kiwanja.

(19/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21122>

Tens of thousands of IDPs have fled transit sites in Kiwanja, northeast of Goma, the provincial capital of North Kivu, amid fears of an imminent militia attack. The attack however did not take place.

UN: Congo refugees suffer shooting, rape, looting.

(21/11/2008 – AP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19244>

Shootings, looting and rape plague the already desperate lives of refugees in eastern Congo, where people caught between soldiers and rebels live in constant fear, U.N. officials said Friday.

South-Kivu: Humanitarian agencies mobilise to assist displaced people at Minova.

(21/11/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=19247> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=19248> (French)

Due to the armed conflict in North Kivu province, some 6,000 people have found shelter in the town of Minova in Kalehe territory some 150 kilometres north of Bukavu, capital of the neighbouring South Kivu province. These newly IDPs are in need of emergency aid, it is reported.

DRC: Healthcare crisis as cholera, malnutrition rise.

(21/11/2008 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=81602>

Many of the displaced in the eastern province of North Kivu urgently need healthcare amid an increase in the number of cholera, gunshot injury and malnutrition cases being reported, according to aid agencies.

Congo-Kinshasa: UN Ramping Up Aid to Feed 100,000 Displaced in East.

(18/11/2008 – UN News Service)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811180882.html>

The United Nations World Food Programme is increasing its food distributions in the war-ravaged east of the DRC in a bid to reach almost 100,000 people uprooted by the conflict.

Thousands receive aid in DR Congo as ceasefire holds.

(24/11/2008 – Telegraph)

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/africaandindianocean/democraticrepublicofcongo/3507178/Thousands-receive-aid-in-DR-Congo-as-ceasefire-holds.html>

Thousands of people received aid supplies in the DRC on Sunday as a ceasefire agreement brought a measure of calm to an area torn by suffering. For the first time in weeks, aid workers were able to move freely in North Kivu province, the epicentre of the rebellion led by Laurent Nkunda.

UNHCR and partners rush to complete new camp in eastern Congo.

(20/11/2008 – UNHCR)

<http://www.unhcr.org/news/NEWS/492595da2.html>

Un nouveau camp de déplacés dans l'est de la RDC.

(24/11/2008 – News Press)

http://www.newspress.fr/communiqu209396_2575.aspx

The UN refugee agency and its partners have been taking advantage of relative calm in the eastern Congolese province of North Kivu this week to step up work on a new camp for up to 30,000 displaced people. UNHCR and the provincial authorities want to move almost half of the 67,000 IDP currently staying in two camps in Kibati to the new Mugunga III camps.

Ruthuru : la vie n'a toujours pas repris sur l'axe Kibumba - Kiwanja - Kanyabayonga.

(21/11/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21166>

The population in Kibumba-Kiwanja-Kanyabayonga is only very slowly returning although fighting has loomed for some days.

Congo-Kinshasa: Situation humanitaire au Nord-Kivu - L'ONG internationale Memisa Belgique au chevet des déplacés de guerre.

(19/11/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200811190337.html>

The Belgian NGO Memisa's efforts in eastern DRC.

Thousands more Congolese refugees enter Uganda: HCR.

(19/11/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19162>

Thousand more refugees from the DRC have crossed the border into Uganda, UNHCR told AFP on Wednesday.

Uganda: Over 3,000 Congolese in Kanungu.

(18/11/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 19/11/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811190057.html>

Over 1,000 Congolese refugees have entered Uganda since Tuesday last week. This brings the number of Congolese refugees in Kanungu district to 3,290, up from 2,011 in just six days.

DRC-UGANDA: Refugees seek a better life over the border.

(21/11/2008 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=81589>

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(20/11/2008 – IRIN)

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Uganda: Army Hands Over 84 Congolese Fleeing Clashes in Their Country.

(22/11/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 24/11/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811240241.html>

The UPDF has handed over 84 Congolese to the government of Congo. The Congolese recently fled their country due to violence. They included 35 police officers, their 15 wives and 34 children fled from their country on Wednesday through Ishasha border post and took refuge in Uganda as fighting between government forces and rebels intensified in eastern Congo.

Congo-Kinshasa: War Hinders Refugees' Repatriation.

(22/11/2008 – The Times of Zambia; published by allAfrica – 24/11/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200811240520.html>

Reports of armed conflict in the eastern DRC have slowed down voluntary repatriation of Congolese refugees from Zambia, the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) has said.

Condition: Critical – Voices from the war in eastern Congo.

(20/11/2008 – Médecins sans Frontières)

<http://www.condition-critical.org/>

MSF has launched an internet site dedicated to the war in eastern DRC. The site will cover stories of Congolese witnesses.

UGANDA

ICC Judges to Review LRA Cases.

(19/11/2008 – 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=347885

Judges at the International Criminal Court, ICC, are re-evaluating cases against leading member of the rebel Lord's Resistance Army, LRA, to determine if they are still viable and whether Uganda's proposed special court could be used for some of the prosecutions.

BURUNDI

Paix des combattants, guerre des couples.

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