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IPIS UPCOMING EVENTS

17 September – IPIS lecture 'Between hammer and anvil: the predicament of artisanal miners in Katanga', at 'Great Lakes Conference: people and power in transition' organised by IOB – 14h, University of Antwerp, Rodestraat 14 2000 Antwerp.

Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

Contentieux FQM - Entre la raison et la passion.

(3/09/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009030677.html>

Article on the opacity of the FQM dispute, which is damaging the DRC's reputation.

A la Sodimico d'assurer la relève - FQM quitte la RDC et démonte ses usines de Frontier et Comisa à Sakania.

(1/09/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009010207.html>

Le Potentiel is analysing Sodimico's capacity to take over the mining rights of FQM's branches, Frontier and Comisa, in Sakania.

Djugu: sept morts et six blessés dans un éboulement dans la mine d'or d'Iga Barriere.

(3/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/03/djugu-sept-morts-et-six-blesses-dans-un-eboulement-dans-la-mine-d%E2%80%99or-d%E2%80%99iga-barriere/>

Seven people died after a gold mine collapsed in Iga Barrière, a locality 25 kilometres north of Bunia, Province Orientale.

US 'conflict minerals' law likely to cause price hike.

(6/09/2010 – supplymanagement.com)

<http://www.supplymanagement.com/news/2010/us-conflict-minerals-law-likely-to-cause-price-hike/>

US legislation that came into force this summer could prompt price rises on the cost of some minerals as supplies become squeezed.

UGANDA

2.5 Billion Barrels of Oil Discovered – Tullow.

(3/09/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009030052.html>

Uganda's oil find surpasses 2bn barrels.

(6/09/2010 – The Citizen)

<http://thecitizen.co.tz/business/14-international-business/4033-ugandas-oil-find-surpasses-2bn-barrels>

Oil exploration firm Tullow Oil says the quantity of oil discovered in Uganda has surpassed the 2 billion barrels that were confirmed last year. The announcement indicates that more crude oil remains beneath the Albertine Graben in the western part of Uganda.

Portion congrue pour les locaux.

(1/09/2010 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Article on the discussion over the distribution of the oil revenues. In the latest petroleum bill, the central government redistributes 15% of royalties from petroleum exploitation to local governments.

Govt, Kenya Plot a Joint Venture Oil Refinery and Pipeline at Albertine Basin.

(6/09/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009070354.html>

Uganda Mulls Joint Venture With Kenya Over Oil Refinery-Govt.

(6/09/2010 – The Wall Street Journal)

<http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20100906-702993.html>

Uganda and Kenya have agreed to form a joint partnership to build an oil refinery and a pipeline to exploit oil and gas in the Lake Albert basin. "President Yoweri Museveni has said the East African region needs to cooperate in proposed oil refinery in Uganda," a State House statement said yesterday.

RWANDA

Minifom to Market Minerals.

(5/09/2010 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009060282.html>

The Ministry of Forestry and Mines will embark on marketing the country's minerals to boost the mining sector. The move was revealed yesterday during a meeting that brought together investors in the mining sector and other stakeholders. The meeting was aimed at discussing how to add value to the country's minerals so as to match international standards and find ways of combating a number of challenges in the sector.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

Province Orientale - Pétrole de l'Ituri - CAPRIKAT déjà à pied d'oeuvre à Bunia.

(6/09/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009060598.html>

Less than three months after Caprikat obtained the oil concessions in Ituri it is already on the verge of entering the field.

Sishen Echo as Zuma's Nephew Sells Congo Rights.

(6/09/2010 – Business Day - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009060018.html>

South African president Jacob Zuma 's nephew Khulubuse Zuma is reliably understood to have sold on his disputed rights - thought to be worth tens of millions of dollars - to oilfields in the Democratic Republic of Congo, only four months after gaining them in a controversial battle with Tullow Oil, a UK prospector and oil producer.

We Have Not Sold Claims in DR Congo, Says Zuma Lawyer.

(7/09/2010 – Business Day – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009070031.html>

The case of the disputed Democratic Republic of Congo oil rights took a new turn yesterday when President Jacob Zuma's lawyer, Michael Hulley, denied that two companies in which he and Mr Zuma's nephew, Khulubuse Zuma, are involved had sold their claims.

DRC sanctions new kind of mining & oil madness.

(6/09/2010 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page72068?oid=110832&sn=Detail>

"Asset flipping" hundreds of millions of dollars in the DRC is the brazen new national sport to the benefit of the few while legitimate companies lose their assets. "Asset flipping" is becoming a crystallising feature of the DRC's vermin-ridden landscape. As a victim, London- and Toronto-listed First Quantum is perhaps the global show house for this bent and twisted practice. Furthermore the article informs that Khulubuse Zuma, a nephew of South African president Jacob Zuma, has denied selling two oil blocks in and around Lake Albert, in the north eastern DRC. The underlying accusation was that within a few months of acquiring Caprikat and Foxwhelp, Zuma had onsold the assets for untold millions of dollars.

First Quantum may sue ENRC over Kolwezi.

(6/09/2010 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/first-quantum-may-sue-enrc-over-kolwezi-2010-09-06>

First Quantum Resources is considering taking legal action against rival miner ENRC over the disputed Kolwezi project in the DRC. First Quantum president Clive Newall said his company might demand billions of dollars of compensation for lost market value after the DRC government took away the Kolwezi licence and ENRC bought the rights to the copper project.

ENRC's stake in disputed DRC mine is a minefield.

(6/09/2010 – The Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/business/2010/sep/06/viewpoint-drc-enrc-first-quantum>

Mining companies clash over Congo copper mine.

(6/09/2010 – The Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/business/2010/sep/06/congo-copper-mine-first-quantum-enrc>

Canadian copper group First Quantum Minerals claims some of its assets in the DRC were illegally seized last year by the government. International arbitration proceedings continue. A fortnight ago, Kazakh-based Eurasian Natural Resources Corporation (ENRC) bought a stake in one of the disputed mines and says its lawyers demonstrated that it was free to do so.

Ruashi delivers for Metorex.

(7/09/2010 – Miningmx)

http://www.miningmx.com/news/base_metals/ruashi-delivers-for-metorex.htm

Restructured Metorex upbeat about copper prospects, lifts output.

(7/09/2010 – Mining weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/restructured-metorex-boosts-output-upbeat-about-prices-demand-2010-09-07>

Copper and cobalt production from the Ruashi mine in the DRC are 324% and 165% up respectively on the previous 12-month levels, now that the mine and plant are operating almost at planned full output. The Ruashi mine is expected to maintain stable monthly production levels of 2,800 tonnes to 3,000t of copper, and 300t to 350t of cobalt for the coming year.

SOCO Update on Nganga Well Onshore the Democratic Republic of Congo.

(3/09/2010 – OilVoice)

http://www.oilvoice.com/n/SOCO_Update_on_Nganga_Well_Onshore_the_Democratic_Republic_of_Congo/489585f46.aspx

SOCO International plc announces that its subsidiary, SOCO Exploration & Production - DRC SPRL has reached total depth on the wildcat exploration well Nganga 1 in the Nganzi Block, onshore the DRC. The well was drilled to 2,175 metres Measured Depth reaching the Basement as prognosed.

ENI prend sa revanche.

(1/09/2010 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

ENI finally succeeded in entering the DRC through the acquisition of 55% in the Ndunda permit.

Gazoduc Chevron: l'épilogue.

(1/09/2010 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Chevron and Kinshasa finally agreed on a bonus Chevron has to pay to the DRC for the gas pipeline between Cabinda and Soyo that passes Congolese territorial waters.

Zijin Mining drops Platmin Congo acquisition plan.

(7/09/2010 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/zijin-mining-drops-platmin-congo-acquisition-plan-2010-09-07>

China's Zijin Mining said on Tuesday it had terminated a plan to acquire Congolese copper miner Platmin Congo after the agreement expires. The agreement on the deal expired on August 30, but the conditions for the acquisition had not yet been met, and the involved parties failed to reach an agreement on further extension of the agreement.

UGANDA

Tullow perd Kingfisher.

(1/09/2010 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

The Ugandan government still refuses to validate Tullow's purchase of Lake Albert's oil blocs 1 and 3A from Heritage.

Uganda Mulls Kingfisher Oil Field Ownership Issue – Official.

(7/09/2010 – The Wall Street Journal)

<http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20100907-702928.html>

The Ugandan government is in talks to decide how to proceed on the ownership of the Kingfisher oil field, which it recently repossessed from Tullow Oil PLC, the head of Uganda's Petroleum Production and Exploration Department told Dow Jones Newswires Tuesday. Ernest Rubondo said in a telephone interview that the government will soon decide whether to allow Tullow to take back ownership of the field, located in exploration area 3A of the Lake Albert basin, or whether to invite other players to bid for it.

Uganda leaning towards Tullow for license.

(7/09/2010 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/investingNews/idAFJOE6860E820100907>

The Ugandan government will consider British oil explorer Tullow Oil favourably if it applies for a production license for the Kingfisher oil field in western Uganda, the energy minister said on Tuesday.

Oil Well Licence Set to Expire.

(7/09/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009070582.html>

How Power Play Led Tullow Down Empty Oil Well.

(7/09/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009070579.html>

The government could take back a major oil field in western Uganda if the exploration licence over it, which expires today, is not renewed. Block 1, in which Heritage Oil Uganda had a 50 per cent stake with Tullow Oil Uganda holding the same size, has some of the largest oil fields that have been discovered near Lake Albert. Heritage sold its 50 per cent stake in Block 1 and 3A to Tullow in July but the government has refused to approve the transaction because Heritage only paid \$121 million out of a tax bill of \$405 million.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

UN report on rights violations in DR Congo to be released next month.

(2/09/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=35801&Cr=democrafic&Cr1=congo> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=22873&Cr=Congo&Cr1=> (French)

UN delays publication of Congo report till October 1.

(2/09/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE6810JN20100902?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

The report documenting the most serious human rights violations committed in the DRC between 1993 and 2003 will be made public on 1 October, the United Nations announced. The so-called mapping exercise and its resulting report are “unprecedented in scope,” the Office for the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) stated in a news release.

Droits de l’homme: 220 ONG congolaises réclament la publication, le 1er octobre prochain, du rapport «Mapping».

(6/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/06/droits-de-l%E2%80%99homme-220-ong-conglaises-reclament-la-publication-le-1er-octobre-prochain-du-rapport-%C2%ABmapping%C2%BB/>

Des ONG congolaises soutiennent le rapport de l'ONU.

(6/09/2010 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009070177.html>

220 Congolese NGOs signed a document welcoming the “mapping report”, but criticizing the delay of the publication.

Uganda, DRC Slam UN Report.

(3/09/2010 – The New times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009030320.html>

Regional leaders have come out to condemn the recently leaked UN draft report that alleges Rwandan soldiers committed atrocities in the DRC between 1994 and 2003.

Documents on the mapping report.

(3/09/2010 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosiassa.blogspot.com/2010/09/documents-on-mapping-report.html>

The following link offers the leaked draft of the mapping report along with the responses of the Congolese government and the Rwandan government.

Will there be any justice for the Congo?

(1/09/2010 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosiassa.blogspot.com/2010/09/will-there-be-any-justice-for-congo.html>

In all of the drama of the UN mapping report, most of the media have forgotten what the report was intended to do: hold the perpetrators accountable, provide the Congolese with some justice for all the crimes that have been committed. So what are the chances that there will be justice?

Ban arrives in Rwanda to discuss upcoming report on DR Congo rights violations.

(7/09/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=35852&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=22905&Cr=Rwanda&Cr1=> (French)

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon arrived today in Kigali, where he plans to meet with Rwandan leaders to discuss the soon-to-be-released United Nations report on serious human rights violations committed in the DRC between 1993 and 2003.

Retombées de la Tripartite RDC-Burundi-HCR.

(3/09/2010 – Le Potntiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009030679.html>

Le rapatriement des réfugiés congolais et burundais prévu en octobre.

(2/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/02/le-rapatriement-des-refugies-congolais-et-burundais-envisage-en-octobre-prochain/>

A tripartite meeting between UNHCR, Burundi and the DRC decided Congolese and Burundian refugees can return home in October.

DRC

North Kivu: Indian Blue Helmets rescuing IMC employees.

(4/09/2010 – MONUSCO)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=932&ctl=Details&mid=1096&ItemID=10312> (English)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=10311> (French)

Aid group says workers safe after Congo rebel attack.

(2/09/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE68104Q20100902?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

Nord-Kivu - un avion des humanitaires attaqué à Walikale.

(3/09/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009030285.html>

Prise d'otage à Walikale, 1 mort et 1 blessé.

(1/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/01/walikale-affrontements-miliciens-cheka-fardc-a-kilambo-un-mort-et-un-blesse/>

International Medical Corps Staff Safe After Attack in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.

(1/09/2010 – IMC – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/EGUA-88VMK2?OpenDocument&RSS20=18-P>

Armed men attacked an aircraft with 4 members of the International Medical Corps (IMC). on 1 September. The aircraft had just touched ground on the Kilambo airstrip, 15 km NW of Walikale. The MONUSCO 3rd Indian Batallion reacted immediately on appraisal by deploying a Rapid reaction team from its operational base in Walikale. Prior to the intervention of the Indian Forces, the armed group suspected to be a coalition of Mai-Mai Cheka and FDLR, had attacked an FARDC position near the air trip, killing one FARDC soldier and injuring one civilian.

Kindu: des déplacés affluent vers Lubutu.

(7/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/07/kindu-des-deplaces-affluent-vers-lubutu/>

IDPs from Walikale, fleeing the violent confrontations between FARDC and Mai Mai Cheka rebels, are arriving in Lubutu, Maniema province.

Beni: lancement de la 2e phase des opérations Rwenzori contre les ADF/Nalu, 6 combattants tués et 3 soldats FARDC blessés.

(7/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

[http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/07/beni-lancement-de-la-2e-phase-des-operations-rwenzori-contre-les-
adf-nalu-6-combattants-tues-et-3-soldats-fardc-blessees/](http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/07/beni-lancement-de-la-2e-phase-des-operations-rwenzori-contre-les-adf-nalu-6-combattants-tues-et-3-soldats-fardc-blessees/)

Last weekend, the FARDC has launched the second phase of its military operation against the ADF/Nalu rebels in the Rwenzori mountains, Beni territory, North Kivu.

Ituri - Des miliciens sèment la panique dans plusieurs localités.

(1/09/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009010203.html>

Article on the recent activities of several militias in the Ituri province.

Résurgence des combats à Walendu Bindi: 10 morts.

(2/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

[http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/02/walendu-bindi-resurgence-des-combats-entre-les-fardc-et-les-miliciens-du-
fpjc-10-morts/](http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/02/walendu-bindi-resurgence-des-combats-entre-les-fardc-et-les-miliciens-du-fpjc-10-morts/)

Eight rebels and 2 soldiers have been killed during several confrontations between FARDC and FPJC in Walendu Bindi collectivity, Ituri.

Bunia: le leader du FPJC, Sharif Manda aux arrêts.

(4/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/04/bunia-le-leader-du-fpjc-sharif-manda-aux-arrets/>

Sharif Manda, the FPJC rebellion leader, has been arrested in Arua, Uganda, on 2 September.

Goma: le CNDP dénonce le blocage du processus de paix.

(2/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/02/goma-le-cndp-denonce-le-blocage-processus-de-paix/>

The CNDP regrets the level of insecurity in North Kivu and blames the standstill of the March 2009 peace process.

How 42 Youths Were Duped Into Nkunda's Army.

(6/09/2010 – The East African - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009060849.html>

At least eight Ugandan youths are known to have died while fighting in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo, having been conscripted by agents working closely with Gen Laurent Nkunda. The dead youths were part of a 42-strong group comprising mainly Ugandans of Rwandan origin who were trafficked into Congo between January and April 2008.

Further Victims Identified in DRC Mass Rapes Case.

(1/09/2010 – IPS)

<http://ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=52693>

Rape toll grows in DRC, says UN.

(2/09/2010 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2010-09-02-rape-toll-grows-in-drc-says-un>

242 Women Raped By FDLR And Mai-Mai, Says NGO.

(3/09/2010 – Radio France Internationale - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009030799.html>

The number of women raped by rebel groups during last month's raid of more than a dozen villages centred around Walikale, DRC, has risen to over 240, U.N. officials told reporters.

UN reports sex attacks on DRC youths.

(4/09/2010 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2010-09-04-un-reports-sex-attacks-on-drc-youths>

More than 20 children among hundreds raped in eastern DR Congo – UN.

(3/09/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=35828&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo> (English)

Further Victims Identified in DRC Mass Rapes Case.

(3/09/2010 – IPS – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009040002.html>

A UN monitoring team looking into recent attacks in eastern DRC has documented sexual attacks against 28 youths, including one boy, according to a statement released on Friday.

UN 'ignored DRC rape warnings'.

(3/09/2010 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2010-09-03-un-ignored-congo-rape-warnings>

Pressure grew on the UN over its peacekeeping mission in the DRC after claims that it ignored appeals for protection just days before more than 240 villagers were raped by rebel forces. Human rights groups said the UN was still failing to safeguard civilians after 11 years in the DRC and demanded an urgent review.

DR Congo: UN peacekeeping official visits the east after rape of civilians.

(1/09/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=35795&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=22867&Cr=Congo&Cr1=> (Fench)

Bukavu: « Amani leo », Atul Khare réaffirme le soutien de la Monusco au processus de paix.

(3/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/03/bukavu-amani-leo-atul-khare-reaffirme-le-soutien-de-la-monusco-au-processus-de-paix/>

Un émissaire de Ban Ki-moon à Kinshasa pour s'enquérir des cas de viols en RDC.

(2/09/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009020181.html>

Atul Khare, Assistant Secretary-General in the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations is visiting the DRC following the recent mass rape of civilians by members of illegal armed groups. He travelled from the DRC's capital Kinshasa to the east, where he will make stops in the towns of Goma, Kirumba, Kibua, Bukavu and Uvira.

UN outlines steps to boost civilian protection in DR Congo in wake of mass rapes.

(7/09/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=35856&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=22910&Cr=Congo&Cr1=> (French)

The United Nations peacekeeping mission in the DRC has taken several measures to improve the protection of civilians in the east of the country following the recent incidents of mass rape, but establishing State authority in conflict-affected areas would be the most effective way to end lawlessness and violence, a senior UN official said today.

UN peacekeepers 'failed' DR Congo rape victims.

(8/09/2010 – BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-11224656>

U.N. puts Congo sex attacks at more than 500.

(8/09/2010 – CNN)

http://edition.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/africa/09/07/congo.rapes.un/index.html?eref=edition_africa&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+rss%2Fedition_africa+%28RSS%3A+Africa%29&utm_content=Bloglines#fbid=IGQvg-nsvy9&wom=false

UN peacekeepers have "failed" the victims of mass rape in eastern DR Congo, a senior UN official has said. Atul Khare told the Security Council that the scale of systematic rape by armed rebels was far worse than feared. He said that up to 500 women and children were now believed raped in recent weeks - more than double the previously reported figure.

Equateur: La MONUSCO forme des officiers sur la protection de l'enfant.

(1/09/2010 – MONUSCO)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=10289> (French)

The MONUSCO organised a training session to inform some 50 FARDC officers of the third Military Region about children's rights.

Bukavu: Amani Leo, le colonel Kahimbi rappelle les militaires des FARDC à l'ordre.

(4/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/04/bukavu-amani-leo-le-colonel-kahimbi-rappelle-a-l%E2%80%99ordre-les-militaires-des-fardc/>

Delphin Kahimbi, commander of the Amani Leo military operations against the FDLR rebels, promised to severely punish soldiers who commit acts of aggression against the civilian population.

DRC: Displacement and discrimination – the lot of the Bambuti Pygmies.

(1/09/2010 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=90354> (English)

(2/09/2010 – IRIN – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009020785.html> (French)

Conditions in Mugunga camp for displaced people on the outskirts of the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo city of Goma are tough, but tougher still are those endured by hundreds of people from the Bambuti Pygmy community living just outside the camp.

Les Pygmées contraints de quitter la forêt surexploitée en Ituri.

(2/09/2010 - IPS – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009020808.html>

Articles on the pygmy communities in Ituri that are forced to leave the forests and to settle in camps.

Beni: les déplacés appelés à regagner leurs villages.

(3/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/03/beni-les-deplaces-appeles-a-regagner-leurs-villages/>

Congolese Minister Ferdinand Kambere calls on IDPs in Beni territory to return home, as the FARDC has secured the area.

FDLR

Shabunda: la population sous les feux croisés des FARDC et des FDLR, selon des étudiants.

(1/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/01/shabunda-la-population-sous-les-feux-croises-des-fardc-et-des-fdlr-selon-des-etudiants/>

Students from Shabunda have send a memorandum to Delphin Kahimbi, commander of the Amani Leo military operation, to complain about the extortions and killings committed by the FDLR rebels. The students however also complain about the behaviour of several FARDC elements.

Lubero: la rumeur d'une attaque de la coalition FDLR-PARECO crée la paralysie.

(2/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/02/77100/>

Life in Lubero has been paralysed because of fear for a joint FDLR-PARECO rebellion attack on the city.

LRA

Top LRA Rebel Sent to War Crimes Court.

(7/09/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009070777.html>

Former LRA Commander Sent to War Court.

(6/09/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009070142.html>

Col Thomas Kwoyelo the fourth in command of the rebel Lord's Resistance Army has been committed to the war crimes court for trial. He was the senior commander captured by the UPDF during Operation Lightning Thunder launched on December 14, 2008, after LRA leader Joseph Kony failed to sign the final peace deal in Juba.

UGANDA

Army Recovers 150 Head of Cattle.

(2/09/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009030172.html>

The UPDF on Sunday recovered three guns and 150 head of cattle from suspected Pokot raiders. The UPDF 3rd division spokesperson, Capt. Deo Akiiki, on Tuesday said Kenyan authorities allowed Ugandan forces to pursue the rustlers into their country, adding that the army arrested three suspected raiders from Alale division.

420 Guns Found in Teso Region.

(6/09/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009070157.html>

A total of 420 guns, including an unspecified number of bullets, have been recovered after a three-month operation in Teso. The arms are suspected to have been used by defunct rebel groups like the Uganda People's Army and the Lord's Resistance Army. They were recovered from Kumi, Soroti, Bukedea and Katakwi districts.

RWANDA

Rwandan leader slams Western critics at swearing-in.

(6/09/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE6850HT20100906?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

Paul Kagame inaugure un second mandat comme président.

(6/09/2010 – Radio France Internationale - allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009070120.html>

Rwandan President Paul Kagame rejected on Monday accusations he has failed to safeguard human rights and vowed not to let Western critics of his rule influence the path of the central African country.

IPIS latest publications

IPIS LATEST REPORTS

Deadly Movements. Transportation Controls in the Arms Trade Treaty.

(July 2010 – Amnesty International, IPIS, Transarms)

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

Effective regulation of the global trade in conventional arms must include adequate provisions to control the physical movement of arms across international borders. The proposed Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) should be designed to prevent unauthorised or irresponsible international transfers of weapons, munitions and related equipment internationally: it must therefore require states to impose effective controls and reporting requirements on the transport and transporters of arms, including through Free Trade Zones. Without such requirements, the ATT will fail to address a significant gap in international arms transfer controls, and will deprive states of a key tool to prevent arms transfers where it can be foreseen the arms are likely to be used to violate human rights and destroy lives and livelihoods contrary to international law.

Les devoirs de la République centrafricaine dans le contexte des activités des entreprises.

(July 2010 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/ong-rca.php>

Les devoirs internationaux de la République centrafricaine relatifs à la conservation des milieux d'importance et des espèces sauvages.

(July 2007 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/ong-rca.php>

Une analyse de la législation environnementale et de la législation minière de la République Centrafricaine dans le contexte des activités des entreprises.

(June 2010 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/ong-rca.php>

Amélioration de la pratique de l'Etude d'Impact Environnemental.

(June 2010 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/ong-rca.php>

Four reports on IPIS' project concerning capacity building of NGOs in the Central African Republic working on the management of uranium. The reports analyse the CAR's mining and environmental legislation, and the country's obligations in the field of environmental management and the regulation of enterprises' activities.

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

Cartographie des motivations derrière les conflits: 'Province Orientale' (RDC).

(June 2010 – IPIS)

http://www.ipisresearch.be/mapping_orientale.php

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.

Exceptions in dual-use export licenses.

(September 2009 – Steunpunt Buitenlands Beleid / IPIS)

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

This paper begins with a general explanation of the applicable export policies in the United States and provides in chapter two an overview of the restrictions and conditions in applying a License Exception. Chapter three focuses on the License Exceptions that are similar with the CGEAs in the EC's Proposal.

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.

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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