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## IPIS

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### IPIS LATEST REPORTS

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

(13/05/2009 – IPIS)

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

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

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

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

(29/04/2009 – IPIS)

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

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

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

*The paper also looks into what extent FINEXPO's and Ducroire/Nationale Delcredere's practices match the financial terms, legal terms and conditions which are set out in the EURODAD Charter on Responsible Financing. The principles in the Charter outline the essential components of a reasonable loan. Given that only FINEXPO provides loans, the principles in the Charter are only directly applicable to the provision of loans by FINEXPO. Despite this fact, the principles are still useful in determining whether the financial and insurance practices*

of all support measures by FINEXPO and those by DuCroire/Nationale Delcrederediendienst are responsible support measures or not. EURODAD's principles represent a general framework for a tough but fair policy.

### **Mapping Conflict Motives: Central African Republic.**

(20/02/2009 – IPIS)

[www.ipisresearch.be/mapping\\_car.php](http://www.ipisresearch.be/mapping_car.php)

*IPIS has published 'Mapping Conflict Motives: Central African Republic'. It is the third study in the IPIS mapping series and it deals with the presence, behaviour and motivation of the armed groups that operated in the Central African Republic in 2008. Also the French version of the report is now online.*

### **Rechercher la problématique des ressources naturelles dans la RDC.**

(12/02/2009 – IPIS)

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

*This syllabus has been created by IPIS for its project 'Renforcement de capacité d'ONG congolaises qui travaillent autour les ressources naturelles : méthodologies de recherche et rédaction de dossiers de haute qualité servant de base aux activités de campagne et de lobbying'. The project aims to reinforce the capacity of Congolese NGOs to produce reports and articles of high quality.*

### **Mapping Conflict Motives: Katanga Update: May- September 2008.**

(6/01/2009 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/updates-katanga.php>

*This report is the third (and for the moment the last) 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 May 2008 until September 2008.*

*IPIS would like to highlight the following issues dealt with in the report:*

*Security problems in Katanga have stopped figuring in the news. To a certain extent this is justified because the overall humanitarian situation in Katanga has improved and in general the number of human rights violations has decreased.*

*However, with MONUC gradually retreating from the province the international presence diminishes and with it the number of eyes and ears of observers in the field. Nonetheless, for the future several security hazards remain.*

*For one, the impact of the economic crisis on Katanga is enormous. Virtually all mining companies have significantly reduced or stopped their activities. The social consequences are dire for a province that economically relies heavily on mining. Secondly, in August a law was promulgated providing for the creation of 25 Congolese provinces instead of the 10 current ones. In this scenario Katanga will be cut into 4 new provinces. Feelings about the issue are mixed. The possible impact is difficult to estimate. Finally, the human rights situation in the North of the province remains disquieting, with persistent violations committed by state agents.*

*The information for the updates is drawn from desktop research by IPIS and permanent field research carried out by four Katangese partner organisations based in different parts of Katanga.*

### **Towards a Sustainable Cocoa Chain: Power and possibilities within the cocoa and chocolate sector.**

(December 2008 – Oxfam - IPIS)

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

*IPIS drafted this report for Oxfam. It contributes in various ways to the debate on a sustainable cocoa economy. A sustainable cocoa economy is where each person investing time or money into the supply chain would be able to earn a decent income for themselves and their family, work in good conditions, and in a manner which did not harm the environment. It provides an overview of the various stakeholders in the cocoa and the wider chocolate supply chain. It identifies the concentration and purchasing power of companies as well as the trends in the supply chain. Finally, it makes a series of recommendations to the various stakeholders in the supply chain.*

### **Fatal Transaction's second submission on EIB Statements.**

(November 2008 – IPIS)

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

*The European Investment Bank launched in March 2008 a public consultation on its draft revised "EIB Statement of Environmental and Social Principles and Standards". The EIB adopted its first Environmental Statement in 1996, which was revised in 2002 and again in 2004. The Statement describes the Bank's environmental and social requirements for projects that it finances.*

*The EIB invited organizations and individuals to comment on its 2008 draft Statement. The Bank also organised two rounds of public consultations. Fatal Transactions and IPIS now also commented on the second draft Statement of the Bank.*

### **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.*

### **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.*

**Activity Report 2007**

(IPIS)

**Jaarverslag 2007**

(IPIS)

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

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## Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

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**Africa: New Projects Keep Mining Lively.**

(22/05/2009 – Business Day)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200905220068.html>

*Africa's mining sector continues to be active with new projects in the pipeline and investment interest from China, India and Brazil, despite the economic slowdown and collapse in commodities prices since last October. Bankers and consultants at a Frontier Advisory-JSE Africa Board seminar discussing the effect of the global crisis on African mining projects agreed yesterday that although tough equity and debt market conditions had hit miners -- especially explorers and small companies -- projects in commodities such as gold, coal and iron ore continued to attract interest.*

**New scramble for Africa.**

(21/05/2009 – Miningmx)

<http://www.miningmx.com/news/markets/162200.htm>

*Half of African mining projects have been mothballed and commodity-rich countries on the continent are waiting for the Chinese economic recovery to kick in to raise demand, a panel of mining experts said on Thursday.*

**Allow Africa's economic lions to roar, Nicky Oppenheimer urges.**

(26/05/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/allow-africas-economic-lions-to-roar-nicky-oppenheimer-urges-2009-05-26>

*Africa's economic lions must be allowed to roar by "urgently" improving the continent's competitiveness, De Beers chairperson Nicky Oppenheimer said in Addis Ababa. Addressing Africa Day celebrations in the plenary hall of the African Union, the head of the world's and Africa's biggest diamond-mining company said that acceptance of the philosophy of economic competitiveness was key to the continent's provision of jobs, security, trade and the economic growth that Africans craved.*

**Rwanda: Nile River Basin Talks to Be Held in Kinshasa.**

(19/05/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200905200012.html>

**Réunion extraordinaire à Kinshasa des ministres des pays membres de l'Initiative du bassin du Nil.**

(21/05/2009 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/58268>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Initiative du Bassin du Nil - Les pays membres tiennent au renforcement des accords.**

(22/05/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905220369.html>

**Rwanda: Nile Pact Finally Adopted.**

(24/05/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200905250190.html>

*Ministers responsible for water in the riparian states of the Nile Basin are scheduled to meet in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo this week to conclude negotiations on the Nile River Basin Cooperative Framework Agreement (CFA).*

**Responsible Forest Management in Congo Basin has Bright Future Following Latest Certification Milestone.**

(20/05/2009 – WWF)

[http://www.panda.org/what\\_we\\_do/how\\_we\\_work/conservation/forests/news/?uNewsID=164781](http://www.panda.org/what_we_do/how_we_work/conservation/forests/news/?uNewsID=164781)

*The Congo Basin is now home to over four million hectares of sustainably managed forests following certification by the Forest Stewardship Council of numerous locations in the region.*

**GLOBAL: Who owns the forests?**

(27/05/2009 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=84563>

*The Congo Basin countries, home to the world's second largest tropical forest, are 260 years behind those of the Amazon Basin, where the trend is to hand ownership of the forest to communities, according to a new study assessing tropical forest tenure.*

**Deforestation 'faster in Africa'.**

(26/05/2009 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/8066871.stm>

*Africa's forests are disappearing faster than those in other parts of the world because of a lack of land ownership, a report says. Less than 2% of Africa's forests are under community control, compared to a third in Latin America and Asia, say the Rights and Resources Initiative.*

**Congo Will Revive Great Lakes Economic Projects With Neighbors.**

(20/05/2009 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=aqckEBa1gZ88>

*The DRC is ready to propose energy, infrastructure, tourism and border control projects with its neighbors in the Great Lakes region of Africa, its prime minister said.*

**Regional Anti-Fraud Mechanism.**

(20/05/2009 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*The DRC, Rwanda and Burundi want to set up a common mechanism to fight drug and ore trafficking that finances the regions rebel groups. Governors of the 14 provinces bordering the three countries met at Bukavu.*

## DRC

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Grève à la Générale des carrières et des mines (GECAMINES).**

(20/05/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905200468.html>

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Reprise du travail à la GECAMINES ...à la demande du gouvernement.**

(21/05/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905210371.html>

### **Congo's Gecamines Workers to Suspend Arrears Strike on May 25.**

(20/05/2009 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=aerwpwB03mF0>

*The employees of Gécamines have started working again as their trade union delegations received some promises from the Congolese government. The employees went on strike as the state-miner owed 45 months of wage arrears.*

### **Gecamines : timide reprise à Lubumbashi, résistance à Likasi et Kolwezi.**

(26/05/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23437>

*The employees of Gécamines in Lubumbashi started working again on Monday, in Likasi and Kolwezi on the other hand there remains some resistance.*

### **Mbuji-Mayi : les défis qui attendent le nouveau Pad de la Miba pour la relance de l'entreprise.**

(22/05/2009 – Radio Okapi – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/58286>

### **Miba: comment le nouveau PAD compte-t-il relancer l'entreprise?**

(22/05/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23382>

*Articles on MIBA's new Managing Director Christine Tuse's challenge to re-launch the ailing state diamond miner.*

### **Mbuji Mayi : la Miba annonce la réduction de ses directions.**

(24/05/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23412>

*MIBA's Managing Director Christine Tuse announced the first measure to re-launch the diamond miner: the reduction of the number of directorates.*

### **Privatisations Heralded in Mining.**

(20/05/2009 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*Under a decree adopted by the government at the end of April 20 semi-state-owned companies, including Gécamines, OKIMO, Sodimico, AMK-Kn and Sosider, are to become commercial companies.*

### **Changed Statute for CEEC in Congo-K.**

(20/05/2009 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*As part of the planned privatisation of a number of semi-state-owned mining companies, the CEEC is to change the way it works.*

### **South Korean Agency Backs Training Initiative.**

(20/05/2009 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*KOICA is to give its support to a programme to re-activate Congo's Centre de Recherches Géologiques et Minières.*

### **DRC plans new power law to lead to giant dam.**

(21/05/2009 – Engineering News)

<http://www.engineeringnews.co.za/article/drc-plans-new-power-law-to-lead-to-giant-dam-2009-05-21>

*The DRC plans to pass a new law this year to pave the way for the liberalisation of its energy sector over the next five years. The new law will serve as the driver for investments needed to tackle the Grand Inga hydroelectric project, which could dwarf China's Three Gorges Dam, and generate as much as 40 000 MW to ease power shortages both in the DRC and the region.*

## **UGANDA**

### **Iran to help Uganda construct refinery.**

(26/05/2009 – Oil&Gas Journal)

[http://www.oiljournal.com/display\\_article/363273/7/ONART/none/Prong/1/Iran-to-help-Uganda-construct-refinery/](http://www.oiljournal.com/display_article/363273/7/ONART/none/Prong/1/Iran-to-help-Uganda-construct-refinery/)

*Uganda President Yoweri Museveni, siding with officials of his government against plans by international oil companies, said his country will build a domestic refinery with Iranian assistance. "We are more inclined to building a refinery than exporting unprocessed crude oil," he said, coming down against Tullow Oil and its partner Heritage Oil, which prefer construction of an oil pipeline from their fields in Uganda to the Kenyan port of Mombasa to export crude.*

## **RWANDA**

### **Rwanda: Karega Calls for More Investment in Mining.**

(24/05/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200905250195.html>

*The Minister of State for Minerals and Natural Resources, Vincent Karega, has drawn attention to potential that exists in the Rwandan mining sector and urged investors to venture into excavation of the natural resources in order to hit a jackpot that will benefit all parties.*

### **Rwanda: Technology And Expertise Important For Mining Sector Development.**

(24/05/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200905250167.html>

*Minister Karega told a delegation of Americans led by their ambassador to Rwanda that the mining sector in Rwanda has a lot of potential and called for greater investment in the sector. Major investment in the expertise and technology required in the mining sector is the way the sector can be developed to create benefits for both the nationals and the foreign entrepreneurs behind the investments.*

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## International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

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### DRC

#### **IFC Metropol To Hold Russian-Congolese Business Forum.**

(20/05/2009 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*Mining Bank of Congo, a subsidiary of IFC Metropol, is to organise a business forum in Kinshasa in October for Russian companies that wish to invest in the Congolese mining, energy, infrastructure and wood sectors.*

#### **Belgian NGOs track traders in Kivu.**

(20/05/2009 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*Article on IPIS' latest publication 'Culprits or scapegoats? Revisiting the role of Belgian mineral traders in eastern DRC'.*

### UGANDA

#### **Gulf Resources completes Uganda vermiculite acquisition.**

(26/05/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/gulf-resources-completes-uganda-vermiculite-acquisition-2009-05-26>

*Gulf Resources has completed the acquisition of a vermiculite project in Uganda from diversified-miner Rio Tinto. The Namekara project is considered one of the largest high-grade vermiculite mineral deposits in the world, and is capable of supporting a long-life operation.*

#### **Heritage Oil Interim Management Statement.**

(25/05/2009 – pr-canada.net)

[http://pr-canada.net/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=99739&Itemid=61](http://pr-canada.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=99739&Itemid=61)

*Heritage Oil Limited, an independent upstream exploration and production company, issues its Interim Management Statement for the period from 1 January 2009 to 18 May 2009, in accordance with reporting requirements of the EU Transparency Directive. Heritage has performed exceptionally in 2009 to date, with significant operational success in the core areas of Uganda and the Kurdistan Region of Iraq.*

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## China in the Great Lakes Region

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### **IMF Managing Director Dominique Strauss-Kahn to Visit the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Côte d'Ivoire.**

(21/05/2009 – IMF)

<http://www.imf.org/external/np/sec/pr/2009/pr09181.htm>

*Mr. Dominique Strauss-Kahn, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), will visit Kinshasa, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), on May 23-25, and Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, on May 25-27.*

### **RD Congo : les contrats chinois, pomme de discorde avec le FMI.**

(24/05/2009 – Les Afriques)

<http://www.lesafriques.com/actualite/rd-congo-les-contrats-chinois-pomme-de-discorde-avec-le-fmi.html?Itemid=89?article=16396>

### **Les Congolais tiraillés entre les contrats chinois et le FMI.**

(21/05/2009 – Colette Braeckman)

<http://blogs.lesoir.be/colette-braeckman/2009/05/21/les-congolais-tirailes-entre-les-contrats-chinois-et-le-fmi/>

### **Le DG de FMI Dominique Strauss-Kahn attendu à Kinshasa comme prévu ce week-end pour conclure le programme FRPC.**

(20/05/2009 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/58237>

### **Les contrats chinois au menu de l'entretien entre Dominique Strauss Kahn, Dg du FMI, et les autorités de la Rdc.**

(23/05/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/58298>

### **Dominique Strauss-Kahn le D.G du Fonds monétaire international hôte de la RDC pour conclure le PEG II du gouvernement.**

(23/05/2009 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/58309>

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Le sénateur She Okitundu interpelle Dominique Strauss-Kahn.**

(25/05/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905250381.html>

### **Problems remain over Congo's Chinese contract –IMF.**

(24/05/2009 – Reuters)

<http://www.reuters.com/article/latestCrisis/idUSLO436808>

*The visit of IMF head Dominique Strauss Kahn to Kinshasa causes a lot of speculation as the DRC has to choose between the IMF financial support and the contracts with the Chinese investors.*

### **DRC's infrastructure for minerals deal with China hinders IMF debt relief plans.**

(25/05/2009 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page72068?oid=83753&sn=Detail>

*IMF fears that the DRC's deal, whereby China will pump \$9 billion into rebuilding the country's economy in exchange for mineral resources could land the nation into more debt, have led to an impasse in debt relief negotiations.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Visite du DG du FMI à Kinshasa, DSK - Le vrai ami est celui qui dit la vérité.**

(25/05/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905251088.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: PEG II - Strauss-Kahn joue la dernière partition à Kinshasa.**

(23/05/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905250766.html>

**Entretien J. Kabila–D. Strauss-Kahn : des bonnes perspectives entrevues pour un nouvel accord de coopération RDC–F.M.I..**

(25/05/2009 – Le Potentiel - Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/58328>

*Extensive articles on IMF Managing Director Dominique Strauss-Kahn's conversations with Kabila, Prime Minister Muzito and other Congolese officials.*

**Statement by IMF Managing Director Strauss-Kahn at the Conclusion of his Visit to Democratic Republic of Congo.**

(25/05/2009 – IMF)

<http://www.imf.org/external/np/sec/pr/2009/pr09186.htm>

**Economie : les contrats chinois bloquent l'accord RDC-FMI.**

(25/05/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23414>

**Chinese Mineral Deal Blocking Congo's IMF Debt Relief.**

(26/05/2009 – VOA News)

<http://www.voanews.com/english/2009-05-26-voa26.cfm>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Fin de la visite de Strauss-Kahn à Kinshasa - RDC - FMI : le désaccord persiste.**

(26/05/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905260539.html>

**Les contrats chinois bloquent l'accord RDC-FMI.**

(25/05/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23418>

**Revisitation des contrats chinois : Adolphe Muzito éclaire la lanterne du directeur général du Fmi.**

(26/05/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/58357>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Contrats chinois - DSK fait pression!**

(26/05/2009 – La Prospérité – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905260643.html>

*Mr. Dominique Strauss-Kahn, Managing Director of the IMF, issued the following statement today in Kinshasa at the conclusion of his visit to the DRC: "Before the IMF Executive Board can consider a new program for the DRC, a positive solution to issue of the Sino-Congolese agreement and financing assurances of the Paris Club are needed."*

**RDC-FMI : Adolphe Muzito tient à un accord formel d'ici juillet prochain.**

(25/05/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23425>

*Prime Minister Muzito assured that the DRC will reach an agreement with the IMF in July.*

**Assemblée nationale : «la RDC ne doit être prisonnière ni des Chinois, ni du FMI».**

(26/05/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23427>

*The Congolese National Assembly expressed it thinks that the IMF, the DRC as well as China have to indulge to reach a compromise.*

### **Signature d'un protocole d'accord et un contrat des travaux entre ITPR et l'entreprise Sino-Hydro.**

(25/05/2009 – ACP - Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/58347>

*Minister of Infrastructure Okongo on Saturday signed an agreement with Sino-Hydro on some new construction works sponsored by the EXIM bank, in the framework of the cinq chantiers.*

### **Pourquoi les contrats chinois font-ils peur aux partenaires étrangers et, à fortiori, à certains leaders politiques nationaux?**

(25/05/2009 – L'Observateur – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/58325>

*Article wondering why some political leaders are questioning the development potential of the contracts signed with the Chinese investors.*

### **China state cash wins African mining projects.**

(21/05/2009 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page72068?oid=83640&sn=Detail>

### **Chinese firms swap state cash for Africa's minerals.**

(22/05/2009 – Business Week)

<http://www.busrep.co.za/index.php?fSectionId=561&fArticleId=4992649>

### **Chinese firms in second push to buy African mines.**

(21/05/2009 – Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/business/feedarticle/8519248>

*Beijing is using its huge capital availability to seize African mineral assets at bargain basement prices to secure long term supplies.*

### **China looks to British experience for African expansion.**

(21/05/2009 – Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/may/21/chinese-companies-investment-africa>

*China has embarked on a series of joint projects with Britain in Africa, with the aim of avoiding the abuses and mistakes committed by former colonial powers as it rapidly increases its economic role on the continent.*

### **Africa urged to negotiate better terms in Chinese infrastructure deals.**

(20/05/2009 – Engineering News)

<http://www.engineeringnews.co.za/article/africa-urged-to-negotiate-better-terms-in-chinese-infrastructure-deals-2009-05-20>

*Delegates at the Africa Roads conference had highlighted concerns that Chinese investments in African projects did not always benefit the construction industries in those countries, as Chinese contractors were hired to build the projects and imported all their skills from China. Frontier Advisory CEO Dr Martyn Davies noted that it was up to the recipient countries to negotiate these matters.*

### **'Buy Africa' to profit when commodity cycle turns up again – Asia analysts.**

(21/05/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/buy-africa-to-benefit-from-super-cycle-rekindling-analyst-advises-mining-investors-2009-05-21>

*"If you believe in the long-term urbanisation success story of China and India, you buy Africa, because that's where the commodities are going to come from", Frontier Advisory CEO Dr Martyn Davies told mining investors in Johannesburg on Thursday.*

**Conference announcement: China's quest for African resources.**

(26/05/2009 – Fatal Transactions)

<http://www.fataltransactions.org/News/2009/Conference-announcement-China-s-quest-for-African-resources>

*The two-day conference 'China's quest for African resources: the new scramble or strategic partnership?' will take place from 14-15 December at Wroclaw University, Poland. The conference is organised by the Institute of International Studies of Wroclaw University in cooperation with Fatal Transactions.*

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### DRC

**Congo-Kinshasa: Stratégie du PNUD pour combattre la détention illégale et la prolifération des armes.**

(22/05/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905220392.html>

**Bukavu : comment combattre la détention illégale et la prolifération des armes?**

(20/05/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23366>

*As the proliferation of illegal arms is exacerbating the situation of insecurity in eastern DRC, PNUD has presented its sensitizing strategy on the effects of the proliferation and illegal possession of small arms.*

**Council conclusions on European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP).**

(18/05/2009 – European Union – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/SNAA-7S855A?OpenDocument>

*The European Council adopted some conclusions concerning its ESDP operations and missions, among others concerning EUSEC and EUPOL in the DRC.*

**Top UN envoy calls for national reforms in DR Congo.**

(26/05/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=30918&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo>

**MONUC: "Notre mission est de promouvoir le renforcement de la société civile".**

(26/05/2009 – MONUC)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=4012>

*The top United Nations official in the DRC has called for swift implementation of "reforms of the state services" to fight poverty and corruption. In a keynote address to a major civil society gathering yesterday in the capital, Kinshasa, Alan Doss offered UN support for the reforms, without which, he said, the fight against poverty would be hampered.*

**Security Council in Goma: "We are impressed with the progress achieved in North Kivu".**

(18/05/2009 – MONUC)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=932&ctl=Details&mid=1096&ItemID=3854> (English)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=3853> (French)

**Retour de la délégation du Conseil de sécurité au terme d'une mission sanctionné par un bilan de fructueux contacts.**

(21/05/2009 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/58233>

**Jean-Maurice Ripert : « il est indispensable que les crimes ne restent pas impunis ».**

(20/05/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23351>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Bouclant sa mission en RDC - Le Conseil de sécurité met Kinshasa devant ses responsabilités.**

(20/05/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905200446.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Quelle dynamique de la paix pour le Conseil de sécurité?**

(21/05/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905210628.html>

*The 15 ambassadors of the UN Security Council delegation arrived in North Kivu province today, the first stage of their two day visit to the DRC. With a heavily charged schedule, the delegation came to evaluate the situation on the ground in the province, their first since last year. After their series of meetings with UN and Congolese officials, the delegation said that they were impressed with the progress achieved in the province.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Léon Kengo plaide pour la consolidation de la paix à l'Est.**

(21/05/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905210625.html>

*Kengo wa Dondo, President of the Congolese Senate, told the UN Security Council that the consolidation of peace and the ending of illegal trade in minerals, financing the eastern Congolese rebel groups' activities, are the top priorities in the DRC.*

**Security Council delegation welcomes co-operation between DRC and MONUC.**

(19/05/2009 – MONUC)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=932&ctl=Details&mid=1096&ItemID=3955> (English)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=3888> (French)

*The delegation of the United Nations Security Council arrived in Kinshasa via Goma in North Kivu, and left the capital of the DRC after meeting with high-level officials of the DRC, including President Joseph Kabila Kabange.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: A l'étape de Goma - Le Conseil de sécurité confirme l'arrivée de 3.000 Casques bleus d'ici juillet.**

(20/05/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905200459.html>

*The UNSC delegation, visiting the DRC, declared the 3.000 peacekeepers enforcing the current UN Mission in the DRC will arrive between now and July.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: L'ONU demande au Congo-Kinshasa d'arrêter des officiers.**

(20/05/2009 – AngolaPress - allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905210500.html>

*The UNSC delegation asked the Congolese government to arrest five army officers accused of committing atrocities. The five officers joined the FARDC after leaving a rebel group in the framework of a peace agreement.*

**Insécurité : rebelles rwandais FDLR et ougandais de la LRA continuent à massacrer les populations congolaises dans les provinces de l'Est.**

(25/05/2009 – Le Phare - Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/58331>

*Rwandan FDLR and Ugandan LRA rebels continue committing atrocities on the Congolese population in the eastern provinces.*

**Poursuite des pourparlers entre le gouvernement et le CNDP, le porte-parole de l'ex-mouvement rebelle l'atteste.**

(23/05/2009 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/58310>

**Kinshasa : poursuite des pourparlers gouvernement-CNDP.**

(21/05/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23371>

*The spokesperson for the CNDP declared that there are some small obstacles hindering the talks between the government and CNDP, but that in general the talks progress quite well.*

**Accords de paix de Goma : les Maï-Maï se disent floués par le gouvernement.**

(20/05/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23361>

*Several Maï Maï rebel groups, operating in the Kivus, declare feeling tricked by the government concerning the implementation of the Goma peace agreements they signed in March.*

**MONUC : «En 2009 nous sommes déjà à plus de 1300 sorties d'enfant des groupes armés».**

(22/05/2009 – MONUC)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=3978>

*Interview with Judith Lavoie, head of the Division Child Protection of the MONUC.*

**UN-mandated group suggests screening rights records of Congolese soldiers.**

(21/05/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=30881&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo>

*The expert panel monitoring United Nations sanctions imposed on the DRC has underscored the need for a vetting mechanism to screen the human rights records of officers in the national army, as part of overall efforts to reform the security sector.*

**POLITICS-DRC: Debate Over Truth Commission.**

(22/05/2009 – IPS)

<http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=46953> (English)

(19/05/2009 – IPS – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905200148.html> (French)

*The search continues for the best way to expose the truth surrounding crimes committed in the DRC, not least in Ituri, in the north-east of the country, a region where years of atrocities and massive human rights violations have gone unpunished.*

**Amnesty Must Not Equal Impunity.**

(May 2009 – International Center for Transitional Justice)

For consultation at request. (French and English version)

*Press release stating that on May 7, 2009, President Joseph Kabila signed and promulgated an Amnesty Law. This law applies to Congolese living in the DRC or abroad and covers acts of war and insurrection committed in the eastern provinces of North and South Kivu from June 2003 to the date of promulgation. Facially, the amnesty is of limited temporal and geographic scope, explicitly excludes genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity from its reach, and does not preclude reparations. In practice, however, it perpetuates Congo's pattern of rewarding violence and creates a blanket amnesty for scores of crimes perpetrated by rebel groups, FARDC, militias, and police alike.*

**Kivu : controverse autour de l'application de la loi d'amnistie.**

(26/05/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23433>

*The coordinator of the MONUC's human rights office in Bukavu expressed its concern on the new Amnesty law.*

**Small Steps, Large Hurdles: The EU's role in promoting justice in peacemaking in the DRC.**

(May 2009 – International Center for Transitional Justice)

<http://www.ictj.org/en/news/pubs/index.html>

*It is difficult to promote accountability in the DRC because the threat of continued violence is ever-present. The EU is engaging in more peace negotiations around the world, and the EU Special Representatives (EUSRs) increasingly represent the EU in peace negotiations. This is also the case in the DRC. Diplomacy at the European level is difficult since it requires considerable consensus among the Member States, which is not always possible. Acknowledging these constraints, this paper argues that the EU needs to strengthen the future role that EUSRs play in promoting justice in conflict environments, in the DRC and elsewhere.*

## Humanitarian situation

### **Situation Report – South Kivu.**

(19/05/2009 – OCHA)

<http://ochaonline.un.org/OchaLinkClick.aspx?link=ocha&docId=1110823> (English)

<http://ochaonline.un.org/OchaLinkClick.aspx?link=ocha&docId=1110820> (French)

*OCHA report on the humanitarian situation in South Kivu, includes some reporting on FDLR actions, population displacements, ...*

### **Growing number of women falling victim to rape in DR Congo, reports UN.**

(20/05/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=30865&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Violences sexuelles - Les femmes et les filles sont les plus touchées.**

(20/05/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905200462.html>

**Sud Kivu : des milliers de déplacés inaccessibles pour des actions humanitaires.**

(22/05/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23397>

**RDC: l'Onu lance un cri d'alarme face aux exactions et viols au Sud Kivu.**

(21/05/2009 – Radio okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23368>

*The United Nations humanitarian wing is urging greater protection for civilians in the South Kivu province of the DRC, which has witnessed a surge in sexual violence since the beginning of this year.*

### **Government, rebel atrocities uprooting civilians in eastern DR Congo – UN.**

(22/05/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=30893&Cr=Democratic&Cr1=congo> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=19227&Cr=HCR&Cr1=RDC> (French)

**UNHCR concerned about atrocities against civilians in the eastern DRC.**

(22/05/2009 – UNHCR)

<http://www.unhcr.org/news/NEWS/4a1695752.html>

*Growing reports of atrocities committed against civilians – by both Government troops and rebel groups – in the war-torn east of the DRC continue to drive people from their homes, UNCHR said.*

**Human Right Watch : « les civils sont pris au piège et pris pour cible par les FARDC et les FDLR ».**

(20/05/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23352>

*Human Rights Watch complains the Congolese population are the victim of atrocities committed by both, FDLR rebels and the Congolese army.*

### **Congo-Kinshasa: New Civilian Catastrophe Looms in East.**

(20/05/2009 – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200905200240.html>

*Opinion article from two ENOUGH Project employees, stating that a new offensive by the Congolese army, backed by United Nations peacekeepers, against Rwandan rebels ensconced in the lush forests of the eastern DRC is set to aggravate what is already one of the world's worst humanitarian crises.*

**Uganda: More refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo.**

(21/05/2009 – New Vision – AfricaFiles)

<http://www.africafiles.org/article.asp?ID=20877>

*Uganda continues to see a large influx of refugees from the North Kivu Province of the DRC where rebels were attacking them and burning their homes. The refugee influx began last October.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: WFP Starts Air Drops in Bid to Beat Rains.**

(20/05/2009 – World Food Programme)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200905200591.html>

**WFP starts food airdrops in DRC to reach 13,000 people.**

(20/05/2009 – Xinhua)

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-05/20/content\\_11408248.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-05/20/content_11408248.htm)

*The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) started air dropping food into Dungen in the north-eastern DRC this past weekend to reach more than 130,000 displaced people and their host families cut off by heavy seasonal rains.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: En Ituri, plus de 19.000 déplacés de guerres.**

(25/05/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905250784.html>

**Ariwara : plus de 19 000 déplacés des guerres sans assistance depuis 2 mois.**

(23/05/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23405>

*More than 19.000 IDPs in Haut Uélé, on the run for LRA atrocities, have to survive without any food aid since two months.*

**Fataki : magasins et boutiques ferment à cause de l'insécurité.**

(22/05/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23387>

*Local retailers in Fataki, Ituri, have closed their shops as the security situation has deteriorated seriously.*

**FDLR****Rapport sur l'interférence des groupes armés locaux et étrangers dans les territoires d'Uvira et de Fizi en province du Sud-Kivu.**

(May 2009 – CEADHO)

For Consultation at request.

*Paper on the armed groups, and especially FDLR's operations in South Kivu. Among other things there is attention for the FDLR's geographic location, its structure of command, its sources of finances, arms and ammunition, and its mineral buying points.*

**Interim report of the Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2009/253).**

(18/05/2009 – UN Security Council – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/EGUA-7S9RVT?OpenDocument>

*Includes the full interim report.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Un groupe d'experts de l'Onu évalue la situation sécuritaire.**  
(26/05/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905260472.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: L'opération conjointe RDC-Rwanda a échoué.**  
(21/05/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905210626.html>

**Hutu rebels defy military offensive in DR Congo: UN report.**  
(24/05/2009 – AFP)

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5ggS-ZplduD2hprCBM4TY3hB83HBg>

*An interim report of the UN Group of Experts reveals that the Rwandan-Congolese joint military operation failed to seriously suppress the FDLR rebels.*

**La MONUC continue à sécuriser les populations civiles dans le Nord Kivu.**  
(20/05/2009 – MONUC)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=3951>

*Within the framework of the operation Kimia II against the FDLR rebels, the military activities of the FARDC and MONUC continue in North Kivu.*

**DRC: Attacks against civilians and aid workers increase in the east.**  
(22/05/2009 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=84506>

*Humanitarian organisations are increasingly coming under attack in North and South Kivu in eastern DRC, with the civilian population also being affected by attacks and counter-attacks between FDLR militia and the Congolese army, aid officials said.*

**Les rebelles rwandais des FDLR poursuivent leurs attaques dans la province du Nord-Kivu.**

(21/05/2009 – ACP - Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/58265>

**Kabare : 2 morts et 10 personnes enlevées lors d'une attaque des FDLR.**  
(23/05/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23403>

**Nyamilima : encore une attaque des FDLR à Buhamba et Kihito, 3 morts.**  
(21/05/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23372>

*The MONUC said the FDLR rebels are continuing their attacks on areas controlled by the FARDC.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Masisi- Une nouvelle attaque des FDLR entraîne la mort de 16 personnes.**

(26/05/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905260473.html>

*During the weekend new FDLR attacks in Masisi caused 16 deaths.*

**POINT CHAUD – Paix dans les Kivu, un seul préalable : renvoi de tous les FDLR dans leur pays!**

(21/05/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/58269>

*Article on the blockage of the consolidation of peace in the Kivu provinces by the FDLR rebels.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Selon la Monuc, les FARDC repoussent une attaque des FDLR à Nyabiondo.**

(21/05/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905210336.html>

*According to the MONUC, the Congolese national army resisted an FDLR attack on Nyabiondo, Masisi.*

**Les Hutus préparent l'offensive de la dernière chance.**

(21/05/2009 – Colette Braeckman)

<http://blogs.lesoir.be/colette-braeckman/2009/05/21/les-hutus-preparent-loffensive-de-la-derniere-chance/>

*Article on the FDLR's revenge attacks after it seems to have resisted the Rwandan and Congolese military operations.*

**LRA****Congo-Kinshasa: Province Orientale - Une mission de la Monuc évalue la situation sécuritaire et humanitaire à Poko.**

(21/05/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905210364.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: La situation sécuritaire et humanitaire s'est détériorée.**

(22/05/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905220365.html>

**Province Orientale : détérioration de la situation sécuritaire et humanitaire à Poko.**

(21/05/2009 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/58277>

*A MONUC delegation visited Poko in Orientale Province to evaluate the security and humanitarian situation on the ground after the succession of attacks by the LRA rebels.*

**Ouganda: Après l'attaque meurtrière de la LRA - La Monuc se déploie à Dungu-centre.**

(26/05/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905260413.html>

**Dungu : double attaque de la LRA, 7 morts.**

(25/05/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23416>

*Panic prevailed in Bamukandi, Dungu, on Sunday after LRA rebels attacked the village.*

**Uganda: LRA Warned Against Regrouping.**

(25/05/2009 – New Vision - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200905260053.html>

*Two former LRA rebel leaders have been warned against regrouping to fight the people of northern Uganda.*

**Uganda: U.S. Senate Considers LRA Disarmament and Recovery Act.**

(22/05/2009 – New Vision - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200905220603.html>

*The US senate and House of Representatives are considering a bill that seeks to commit the United States to support people who have been affected the LRA insurgency in northern Uganda. If passed, the LRA Disarmament and Northern Uganda Recovery Act would require the Obama administration to develop a regional strategy to protect civilians in central Africa from attacks by the LRA rebels.*

### **Central Africa: U.S. - Pass Bill to Protect Ugandan Civilians.**

(21/05/2009 – Human Rights Watch)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200905220900.html> (English)

(21/05/2009 – Human Rights Watch – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905250197.html> (French)

*The introduction of legislation in the US Senate and House of Representatives earlier this week to commit the United States to comprehensive efforts to help civilians threatened by one of the world's longest-running and brutal insurgencies is a crucial step forward for US policy in the region, a coalition of 22 human rights, humanitarian, and faith-based groups said today.*

## **UGANDA**

### **Uganda: Karamoja Secure – Army.**

(20/05/2009 – New Vision - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200905210040.html>

*The UPDF has assured stakeholders that Karamoja is peaceful. The 3rd Division operations and training officer, Paul Loketch, told The New Vision that the prevailing peace in the sub-region was permanent.*

## **BURUNDI**

### **Burundi : L'adieu aux armes de M. Rwas.**

(21/05/2009 – BINUB - Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/VDUX-7S9LZF?OpenDocument&RSS20=18-P>

*Article on Burundi's last rebel group's transformation into a political party and the demobilisation of its leader.*

### **Forcible Repatriation Threat for Burundian Refugees.**

(21/05/2009 – Pambazuka)

<http://www.pambazuka.org/en/category/comment/56419><http://allafrica.com/stories/200905220170.html>

*Around 40,000 Burundian refugees face involuntary repatriation when Tanzania's Mtabila refugee camp is closed at the end of June, writes Zachary Lomo. Officials have told refugees that 'if they are still in the camp after 30 June, they will be beaten and forced to run empty-handed to Burundi'.*

## **RWANDA**

### **Rwandan court refuses to free rebel leader Nkunda.**

(23/05/2009 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2009-05-23-rwandan-court-refuses-to-free-rebel-leader-nkunda>

*A Rwandan high court has rejected a bid by the wife of Congolese rebel leader Laurent Nkunda to release him, the League for Human Rights in the Great Lakes Region (LDGL) reported on its website.*

### **Rwanda, Uganda, UNHCR to discuss repatriation.**

(27/05/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://www.newtimes.co.rw/index.php?issue=13908&article=16066>

*The government of Rwanda is sending a technical team to meet Uganda government and UNHCR officials over the ongoing refugees' repatriation, The New Times has established.*

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### **IMF push for more help for Africa.**

(20/05/2009 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/business/8058993.stm>

*The International Monetary Fund has warned that Africa's economic growth will plummet because of the world economic downturn.*

### **Congolese have no 'common vision'.**

(21/05/2009 – Pambazuka)

<http://www.pambazuka.org/en/category/letters/56426>

*Article rendering a critical judgement on Congo's national unity.*

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