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IPIS LATEST REPORTS

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.

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>

Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

Base Metals lost 65% of their value in one year.

(23/01/2009 – Commodity Online)

<http://www.commodityonline.com/news/Base-Metals-lost-65-of-their-value-in-one-year-14478-3-1.html>

Base metals once used to be the hottest commodities as the world was witnessing a construction, retail and information technology boom in the last few years. But in the last one-year, according to an analysis from Commodity Online Research, base metals have lost a massive 65% of their value in 2008.

Afrique Centrale: L'Afrique centrale, le paradoxe de la richesse - Industries extractives, gouvernance et développement social.

(23/01/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901230298.html>

Article on a book of the same name that studies the impact of extractive industries on development in central African countries. A few case studies are discussed, for example the DRC, Gabon and Cameroon.

DRC

DRC's murky mining trade feels pinch of global pressures.

(23/01/2009 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2009-01-23-drcs-murky-mining-trade-feels-pinch-of-global-pressures>

They are both the bounty and the curse of a war-torn nation: rich Congolese mineral deposits, observers say, are the seeds of recovery for the humanitarian disaster that has engulfed the nation since 1998.

Parliament sets Ultimatum for Mining Reviews.

(21/01/2009 - Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

The government has until March 7 to finalise the renegotiation of mining contracts which has dragged on for some time. That is what deputies at the Congolese National Assembly decided on January 5.

Has The Cobalt Price Hit Bottom?

(22/01/2009 – Resource Investor)

<http://www.resourceinvestor.com/pebble.asp?relid=48970>

Article on the cobalt price and the prospects of cobalt mining in the DRC.

Dramatic Collapse in Diamond Production.

(21/01/2009 - Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Congo's diamond production, put at 28,4 million carats in 2007 according to Kimberley Process statistics, is now in free fall.

La délégation syndicale de la MIBA décrète un arrêt de travail.

(23/01/2009 – ACP - Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56094>

Union representatives at Miba have called for new strikes.

Le gouvernement débloque un million deux cent mille dollars pour la relance de la Miba.

(22/01/2009 – Acp – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56032>

The Congolese government has offered an amount of \$1,2 million to the state-owned diamond miner Miba. The money will be used to pay outstanding wages and to buy fuel for its machinery.

Uranium Exporters Reportedly Urged Not To Sell To Iran.

(24/01/2009 – Reuters – Radio Liberty)

http://www.rferl.org/content/Report_Uranium_Nations_Urged_Not_To_Sell_To_Iran_/1374246.html

Iran in scramble for fresh uranium supplies.

(24/01/2009 – The Times)

http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/middle_east/article5576589.ece

Western powers believe Iran is running short of raw uranium for its nuclear program and are urging producer nations not to sell to Tehran, "The Times" has reported. The DRC however, where fighting and smuggling are rife, is a potential source of supply that troubles Western countries and the United Nations nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Forest concession cancellations in DR Congo welcome, but widespread reforms still needed.

(27/01/2009 – Global Witness)

http://www.globalwitness.org/media_library_detail.php/707/en/forest_concession_cancellations_in_dr_congo_welcome_but_widespread_reforms_still_needed

The results of a government review of logging contracts mark an important step towards greater transparency and legality in the forest sector of the DRC, Global Witness said today. However, the test of the government's commitment lies in the implementation of the review's decisions.

Congo-Kinshasa: Fin de la révision des titres forestiers.

(21/01/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901210356.html>

As the government terminated the revision of the forestry titles, Greenpeace was quite satisfied with the result, but hopes the government will now put the conclusions into practice.

Le marché du bois tropical au point mort.

(22/01/2009 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56035>

As the economic crisis is harming many sectors, also the export of tropical wood from Gabon and the DRC is affected considerably.

Kinshasa : le prix du sac de ciment gris chute d'environ 50%.

(21/01/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21936>

The price of cement has halved during recent months. The Congolese government asserts this is due to the liberalisation of the sector.

Congo-Kinshasa: Le gouvernement interdit l'exportation du ciment gris importé.

(26/01/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901260316.html>

Le ministère de l'économie interdit l'exportation du ciment gris importé.

(26/01/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56126>

The Congolese government has taken some measures to combat the cement scarcity in the country.

UGANDA

Uganda: Oil Production On Course.

(24/01/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200901261164.html>

Uganda: Country's Oil Cash to Delay.

(23/01/2009 – New Vision)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200901260598.html>

Daudi Migereko, the Minister of Energy and Minerals, has said that the early oil production scheme is on course. The minister was responding to the Saturday Vision investigative article that Uganda's oil cash was to delay. The article revealed that Uganda's oil production would not begin this year. Industry sources attributed the delay to disagreements over oil prices, construction of the refinery and the tendering process.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

Congo clears second miner.

(21/01/2009 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page36?oid=77118&sn=Detail>

Anvil Mining announced that it had reached agreement with the government of the DRC and Gécamines over Kinsevere and Dikulushi, Anvil's two key interests in the mineral rich Katanga Province. As such, Anvil ranks as the second mining company, after Moto Goldmines, to clear the long-delayed government mining review, or "revisitation", originally premised on the notion that mining companies had secured deals that could have been too sweet.

Tiger Resources Announces Successful Completion of DRC Government Review of Kipoi Mining Contract.

(27/01/2009 – iStockAnalyst)

<http://www.istockanalyst.com/article/viewiStockNews/articleid/2985022>

DRC Government agreement provides boost to Tiger Resource's Kipoi Project.

(27/01/2009 – Proactive Investors)

<http://www.proactiveinvestors.com.au/companies/news/728/drc-government-agreement-provides-boost-to-tiger-resources-kipoi-project-0728.html>

Emerging copper miner Tiger Resources Ltd is pleased to announce that a revised agreement has been signed with Gecamines in respect of the contractual arrangements governing the Kipoi Project. The rights to the Kipoi Project are held by SEK sprl. SEK is a DRC registered company jointly owned by Congo Minerals sprl ("Comin", 60%) and Gecamines (40%). Tiger is acquiring a majority interest in the Kipoi Project pursuant to an agreement with the shareholders of Comin.

Metorex's roller coaster ride is over.

(22/01/2009 – Miningmx)

http://www.miningmx.com/mining_fin/924628.htm

Metorex requires additional capital to complete its Ruashi Project as well as to provide continued funding to the Copper Resources Corporation, in which it holds a majority stake.

Moto Goldmines Limited-Moto Gold Project Drill Results Demonstrate Mineral Resource Growth Potential.

(22/01/2009 – Marketwire)

http://www.marketwirecanada.com/mw/rel_ca.jsp?id=940440&k=congo

Moto Goldmines Limited is pleased to report that the contiguous Durba / Chauffeur / Karagba deposit, located within the Moto Gold Project in the DRC, continues to demonstrate potential for further growth in high grade Mineral Resources.

Lundin Mining Corporation: Tenke Project Update.

(26/01/2009 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Lundin-Mining-Corporation-TSX-LUN-941400.html>

Lundin Mining Corporation is pleased to report that the Tenke copper/cobalt project is expected to enter the commissioning phase in the second quarter of 2009 with a target of producing first copper cathode in that quarter. Full commercial production is forecast in the second half 2009.

This article includes a link with some photos showing the construction progress.

Freeport expects DRC contract resolution in 'relatively near future'.

(26/01/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?id=151639>

DJ UPDATE: Freeport: Still In Talks With Congo Govt Over Tenke.

(26/01/2009 – Trading Markets)

<http://www.tradingmarkets.com/site/news/Stock%20News/2142796/>

Freeport-McMoRan continues to hold talks with the government of the DRC regarding the mining contract for its large Tenke Fungurume mine in the country, and expects that an agreement will be reached sooner rather than later, president and CEO Richard Adkerson said on Monday.

Freeport McMoRan sees Congo mine producing this year.

(26/01/2009 – Reuters)

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/rbssIndustryMaterialsUtilitiesNews/idUKN2639471720090126>

Construction at Freeport McMoRan Copper & Gold's mine project in war-torn DRC is 80 percent complete and the company expects to start commercial operations after June, executives said on Monday.

Banro unveils \$410m gold project.

(26/01/2009 – Miningmx)

<http://www.miningmx.com/juniors/928668.htm>

Banro says DRC gold mine will cost \$410m.

(26/01/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?id=151643>

Banro, the Canadian exploration company, needs to raise \$410m towards building a mine in north eastern DRC that will produce 2,6 million oz of gold over a 15-year life at \$429/oz, its feasibility study shows.

Banro Twangiza gold project feasibility predicts payback in 2. 5 years - seeking partners.

(27/01/2009 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page34?oid=77412&sn=Detail>

A full feasibility study on Banro's Twangiza gold project in the DRC shows attractive economics, but risk parameters may make finding funds and partners very difficult.

UGANDA

Uganda: Oil Companies Invest Sh977 Billion.

(26/01/2009 – New Vision - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200901270330.html>

The four companies exploring for oil invested over \$500m by the end of last year. The companies include Tullow Oil, Heritage Oil and Gas, Neptune Petroleum and Dominion Oil Company.

Tullow Oil to announce £400m share placing.

(20/01/2009 – Financial Times)

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/0859d950-e744-11dd-aef2-0000779fd2ac.html>

Tullow placing raises concerns.

(21/01/2009 – Financial Times)

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/e2109160-e79a-11dd-b2a5-0000779fd2ac.html>

Tullow Oil, the exploration and production company that has had spectacular success in finding oil in Africa, is expected to announce a share placing Wednesday morning to raise about £400m. The issue, worth about 10 per cent of the company's market capitalisation, will help Tullow refinance its debts and develop its oil discoveries and prospects in Ghana and Uganda.

Sovereign investment offered for Ugandan oil pipeline.

(27/01/2009 – Financial Times)

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/0d42a316-eca8-11dd-a534-0000779fd2ac.html>

Asian and Middle East backers have offered to fund and build a 1.300km pipeline needed by Tullow Oil and Heritage Oil to exploit a large Ugandan oil find, according to the finance director of Heritage.

Tower Resources clears environmental hurdle ahead of first well in Uganda.

(21/01/2009 – SmallCapNews)

http://www.smallcapnews.co.uk/article/Tower_Resources_clears_environmental_hurdle_ahead_/6523.aspx

Tower Resources, the oil and gas explorer with interests in sub-Saharan Africa has received environmental clearance to drill its first well in Uganda.

RWANDA

Rwanda: U.S. Firm Methane Extraction Deal Delayed.

(22/01/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200901220023.html>

A deal between the government and Contour Global, an American gas extraction firm that was due to be signed today to kick-start the Methane Gas extraction on Lake Kivu has been postponed.

China in the Great Lakes Region

Vulture Funds Target Chinese Cash.

(21/01/2009 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

The American commercial lender FG Hemisphere Associates tries to recover a credit of USD 104 million from the DRC by targeting the Chinese funds from the Congolese massive contracts with Chinese investors.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

Uganda: EU Opposes Forceful Disarmament.

(21/01/2009 – New Vision - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200901220046.html>

The European Union has cautioned Uganda and other member states of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region against forceful disarmament. It requested the member states to recognise the role of civilian police and civil society in the disarmament process.

DRC

Que cherche Sarkozy?

(25/01/2009 – Jeune Afrique)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Article on the controversial Sarkozy plan.

Congo-Kinshasa: Les députés du Sud-Kivu pas d'accord avec Sarkozy.

(22/01/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901220665.html>

Some congolese national deputies from South Kivu have declared they are concerned about some new developments in the DRC. They utterly reject the "Sarkozy plan" and are worried about the military offensives against the LRA and the FDLR.

Congo-Kinshasa: « Plan Sarkozy » - Lokondo, Mende, Lumbala réagissent.

(21/01/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901210519.html>

Réactions du ministre Thambwe Mwamba, du sénateur Lokondo et des députés Richard Muyej et Roger Lumbala.

(21/01/2009 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56026>

Controverse autour du « Plan Sarkozy » pour la RDC : le ministre Lambert Mende parle de non saisine du gouvernement.

(21/01/2009 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56025>

Several reactions from Congolese officials on the plan of Sarkozy.

Congo-Kinshasa: Sarko le Rwandais.

(21/01/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901210353.html>

As the title might lead one to suspect, critical article from Le Potentiel on the Sarkozy plan”.

Congo-Kinshasa: Doute sur la paix signée entre dissidents du CNDP et gouvernement?

(21/01/2009 – IPS – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901210752.html>

Article evaluating the succession of breakthroughs in the Congolese conflict: the Rwandan-Congolese joint military operation against FDLR, CNDP and Pareco/Mai Mai ending their rebellion, ...

Ouganda: Guerre contre FDLR et LRA - et après...

(26/01/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901260255.html>

New prospects occur as the DRC is cooperating with Uganda and Rwanda to fight rebel groups on its territory, but the struggle for the natural resources on its territory remains ever present.

Congo-Kinshasa: Les « Mai-Mai Mongols » annoncent la fin des hostilités au Nord-Kivu.

(27/01/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901270345.html>

A lot of Mai Mai militias in North Kivu have voluntarily laid down their arms since CNDP stated it wanted to end fighting.

Alan Doss demands the release of Amani programme officials being held by the FRF in South Kivu.

(23/01/2009 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19954> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=19953> (French)

Alan Doss expresses all his indignation and disapproval in relation to the action of the FRF, which have held two Congolese members of a delegation who were on an evaluation mission in South Kivu, within the framework of the Amani Programme.

Armed groups in DR Congo must free child soldiers: UN.

(26/01/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19989>

Alan Doss appeals to armed groups to demobilise the children in their ranks.

(26/01/2009 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19992> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=19991> (French)

RDC : L'ONU demande la démobilisation des enfants soldats.

(26/01/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=18275&Cr=RDC&Cr1=MONUC>

Alan Doss appeals to armed groups to release children in their ranks. "The process of integration should not be used as a pretext to recruit or re-recruit children. Those which are already recruited must be released immediately," he said.

Warlord arrest could mean release of up to 1,500 child soldiers in Democratic Republic of Congo.

(23/01/2009 – Save the Children Alliance - Reliefweb)

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

Although figures are very unclear, it is thought that between three and six thousand boys and girls, some aged as young as ten, are being held by warlords in DRC, including Nkunda, who was arrested by Rwandan authorities.

Congolese militia leader to face trial.

(23/01/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19952>

ICC's first war crimes trial to get underway.

(26/01/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19985>

First-ever trial at International Criminal Court, on use of child soldiers, opens.

(26/01/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=29674&Cr=icc&Cr1=>

Ouverture du procès de Thomas Lubanga à la Cour pénale internationale.

(26/01/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=18279&Cr=CPI&Cr1=lubanga>

Congo militia leader 'trained child soldiers to kill'.

(26/01/2009 – Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/jan/26/thomas-lubanga-international-criminal-court>

Warlord 'press-ganged children' in Congo.

(27/01/2009 – Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/jan/27/congo-thomas-lubanga-trial-children>

Ouverture du procès de Thomas Lubanga.

(26/01/2009 – BBC)

http://www.bbc.co.uk/french/news/story/2009/01/090126_lubanga_trial.shtml

Thomas Lubanga répond de crimes de guerre devant la CPI.

(26/01/2009 – Afrik.com)

<http://www.afrik.com/article16148.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Le procès de Thomas Lubanga Dyilo, premier procès devant la CPI, débute ce lundi.

(26/01/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901260247.html>

Lubanga Trial a Landmark Case.

(23/01/2009 – Institute for war and peace reporting)

http://www.iwpr.net/index.php?apc_state=hen&s=0&o=l=EN&p=acr&s=f&o=349431

The first-ever trial of the International Criminal Court is set to start in The Hague on Monday -- that of Congolese militiaman Thomas Lubanga, accused of war crimes for using child soldiers.

DRC: ICC's First Trial Focuses on Child Soldiers.

(23/01/2009 – Human Rights Watch)

<http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2009/01/22/drc-icc-s-first-trial-focuses-child-soldiers>

The International Criminal Court's trial of Thomas Lubanga Dyilo, scheduled to begin on January 26, 2009 in The Hague, marks an important stage in efforts to establish responsibility for the use of children in military operations, Human Rights Watch said today. Another Congolese warlord sought by the ICC, Bosco Ntaganda, remains at large.

DRC: ICC trial screening turns sour in Bunia.

(27/01/2009 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=82586>

A live screening of the International Criminal Court's maiden trial in the DRC province where the alleged crimes took place was halted on 26 January because of security concerns.

Congo warlord denies war crimes.

(26/01/2009 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7850397.stm>

Procès Thomas Lubanga : la défense réplique aux accusations du procureur ce mardi.

(27/01/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22001>

Former Congolese militia leader Thomas Lubanga has pleaded not guilty to charges of using child soldiers, at the ICC.

FDLR**MONUC supports an exploratory mission of ex Rwandan RUD/FDLR combatants to their country.**

(26/01/2009 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19990> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=19963> (French)

UN supports exploratory home return of Rwandan ex-fighters from DR Congo.

(26/01/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=29668&Cr=monuc&Cr1=rwanda>

Congo-Kinshasa: Des ex-FDLR effectuent une visite au Rwanda avant leur rapatriement.

(24/01/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901260306.html>

A programme to allow Rwandans who have been fighting with FDLR militias in the DRC to visit their home country and see whether conditions are conducive to returning is a positive way to reduce recurrent violence, the top United Nations envoy in the DRC said today.

FARDC et Rwanda contre FDLR.

(21/01/2009 – BBC)

http://www.bbc.co.uk/french/news/story/2009/01/090121_rdc_rwandatroops.shtml

UN says up to 4,000 Rwandan troops in DR Congo.

(22/01/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19931>

La RDC, terrain de chasse de l'armée rwandaise.

(21/01/2009 – afrik.com)

<http://www.afrik.com/article16124.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Un détachement des soldats rwandais déployé à Tongo.

(24/01/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901260295.html>

The UN Mission in the DRC said Wednesday that up to 4.000 Rwandan troops have entered eastern DRC since Tuesday as part of a joint military operation.

Congo-Kinshasa: 4.000 soldats rwandais contre quelques dizaines attendues!

(22/01/2009 – IPS – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901220579.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Entrée des troupes rwandaises au Kivu - Kinshasa piégé.

(21/01/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901210384.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Entrée des troupes rwandaises en RDC - Fonus réagit.

(23/01/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901230309.html>

Rwandan troops stir uneasy memories for DRC.

(23/01/2009 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2009-01-21-rwandan-troops-stir-uneasy-memories-for-drc>

Congo-Kinshasa: Où va la RDC ?

(23/01/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901230811.html>

People's hope in North Kivu to experience peace, when negotiations were ongoing lately between the government and rebels, has seriously crumbled as Rwandan troops are entering the Congolese territory again.

Les rebelles rwandais FDLR et Interahamwe paient pour leurs exactions insoutenables sur les populations congolaises!

(22/01/2009 – L'Avenir – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56041>

Traque des FDLR en RDC par la coalition FARDC et APR : une vision de J. Kabila soutenue par Obama!

(22/01/2009 – L'Avenir – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56040>

Entrée des troupes du Rwanda en RDC : une expédition pour observer les FARDC désarmer les rebelles rwandais, selon L. Mende!

(22/01/2009 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56059>

Congolese government spokesman Lambert Mende defends the involvement of Rwandan troops in the military operation against the FDLR.

DR Congo says Ugandan, Rwandan army units to leave in given time frame.

(24/01/2009 – Xinhua – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19983>

Top leaders of the DRC said on Friday that Ugandan and Rwandan army units helping to uproot rebels will return to their countries in a given timeframe.

Congo-Kinshasa: Protocole de « Non agression et de Défense mutuelle ».

(23/01/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901230252.html>

Article that compares the Rwanda-DRC joint military operation with the “Non aggression and mutual defence protocol” of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region.

Rwanda says its soldiers in Congo led by Kinshasa.

(21/01/2009 – Reuters – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19921>

Rwandan soldiers who crossed into eastern DRC on Tuesday for a campaign against Hutu rebels are operating under Congolese command, the Rwandan government said.

Kabila decision to embrace Rwanda angers Congolese.

(23/01/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19949>

President Joseph Kabila's decision to allow Rwandan troops into eastern DR Congo for a joint military operation to rid the region of armed militias has sparked anger and apprehension across the country.

DR Congo warning on Rwanda troops.

(22/01/2009 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7844294.stm>

(22/01/2009 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19936>

Congo-Kinshasa: Troupes rwandaises en rdc - le non de Kamerhe appaludi par le parti de Kabila.

(22/01/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901220663.html>

Le parti présidentiel, le PPRD, fixe l'opinion sur la présence des soldats rwandais revenus désarmer les FDLR à l'Est de la RDC.

(22/01/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56042>

Inviting Rwandan soldiers into the DRC carries a "high risk of collateral damage", the parliamentary speaker Vital Kamerhe has told the BBC.

Kinshasa : troupes rwandaises en RDC, les sénateurs s'interrogent.

(23/01/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21952>

Some Congolese senators showed their concerns about the Rwandan troops entering Congolese territory. They wish to be better informed.

Goma : assemblée provinciale, Julien Paluku interrogé sur la présence des troupes rwandaises.

(24/01/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21979>

North Kivu Governor Julien Paluku has been interrogated by the provincial parliament concerning the presence of Rwandan troops in the province.

UN peacekeepers not involved in military offensive against armed group in DR Congo.

(21/01/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=29611&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=18244&Cr=MONUC&Cr1=RDC> (French)

Congo-Kinshasa: La Monuc n'est pas associé à la traque des FDLR.

(22/01/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901220381.html>

The joint military operation in eastern DRC against a Hutu militia fighting in the war-ravaged region does not involve United Nations blue helmets, Alan Doss stressed.

UN force demands role in Congo anti-rebel push.

(22/01/2009 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE50L0I320090122>

United Nations peacekeepers in Congo demanded on Thursday to be given a role in joint military operations by Congolese and Rwandan armies against Hutu rebels, saying they feared for the fate of civilians otherwise.

North Kivu: UN concerned about humanitarian consequences of military operation against the FDLR.

(21/01/2009 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19922> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=19923> (French)

Opérations contre les FDLR: la MONUC rappelle aux parties leurs obligations de protéger les civils.

(21/01/2009 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=19924>

DRC: Rwandan operation "not welcomed".

(21/01/2009 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=82493>

Congo-Kinshasa: L'Asadho craint pour les populations de l'Est.

(22/01/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901220667.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Traque contre les FDLR - l'Asadho craint un dérapage des soldats rwandais au Kivu.

(23/01/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901230422.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Les humanitaires inquiets des opérations militaires dans l'Est de la RDC.

(23/01/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901230211.html>

RD Congo : Nouveaux déplacements à craindre – HCR.

(23/01/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=18262&Cr=HCR&Cr1=congo>

Congo-Kinshasa: Le HCR craint que le renforcement militaire ne suscite d'importants déplacements.

(23/01/2009 – UN – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901230769.html>

DR Congo: UNHCR fears military build-up could create massive displacement.

(23/01/2009 – UNHCR – Reliefweb)

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

Nord-Kivu : Le déploiement des troupes fait craindre une nouvelle crise.

(22/01/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21945>

The UN and other humanitarian actors in the DRC expressed a "real and deep concern" for the civilian population with the new deployment of troops in North Kivu province, as part of the joint operation launched by the Congolese and Rwandan armies against the FDLR.

Comments by Javier SOLANA, EU High Representative for the CFSP, on the recent developments in the East of RDC.

(23/01/2009 – Council of the European Union)

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/declarations/105526.pdf

EU High Representative Solana welcomes the increased cooperation by the DRC and Rwanda intended to find a global solution to the crises in the East of the DRC. Solana however calls on all parties involved in military operations in the East of the country to fully respect the civil population, human rights and international humanitarian rules.

Rwandan president lauds joint drive against rebels.

(26/01/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19981>

Congo-Kinshasa: Kagame Hails Rwanda-DRC Joint Operation.

(25/01/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200901261073.html>

Rwandan President Paul Kagame has praised the joint army operation between his country and the DRC to flush out Rwandan Hutu rebels in eastern DRC.

Conflict Risk Alert: DR Congo.

(27/01/2009 – International Crisis Group)

<http://www.crisisgroup.org/home/index.cfm?id=5886&i=1>

The DRC and Rwanda have struck a deal for military cooperation that risks a new escalation of combat in the eastern Congo and an even greater humanitarian crisis without assurances that it will solve the region's political and security problems. ICG judges that Kigali and Kinshasa should immediately suspend their joint military operations until they define clearer military and political objectives for their new cooperation, work with the MONUC and humanitarian agencies to minimise the risk to civilians of any combat and develop a comprehensive strategy to foster disarmament of the FDLR.

Congo troops bar UN and aid staff.

(22/01/2009 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7842745.stm>

(22/01/2009 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19932>

Congolese soldiers have been accused of barring UN troops and aid staff from an area where an operation with Rwandan troops is ongoing on a Hutu militia.

Uganda: DR Congo Mortar Hits Kisoro.

(25/01/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200901260027.html>

A stray mortar fired from the DRC hit the Uganda border town of Bunagana in Kisoro district, destroying houses and property. This happened when a combined force of Rwandan and Congolese troops converged on the dissident Gen. Laurent Nkunda's stronghold in the Bunagana area of Congo.

Rwanda: FDLR Begin to Surrender in Face of Joint Rwanda-DRC Offensive.

(23/01/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200901230006.html>

Elements of the Ex-FAR/Interahamwe have started feeling the heat of the on-going Rwanda-DRC joint military operation to disarm and repatriate them and have started to surrender.

UN says Rwanda-Congo force kills 9 militiamen.

(26/01/2009 – AP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19980>

Nine dead in Congo rebel drive.

(25/01/2009 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7849603.stm>

RD Congo : offensive contre les FDLR.

(25/01/2009 – BBC)

http://www.bbc.co.uk/french/news/story/2009/01/090125_congo_fdlr.shtml

Rwanda: Nine FDLR Killed, Weapons Seized.

(26/01/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200901260973.html>

Hutu rebels clash with Congo-Rwanda force.

(25/01/2009 – Reuters - Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/RMOI-7NML3E?OpenDocument&RSS20=18-P>

The UN says Rwandan and Congolese troops have exchanged fire with FDLR, Rwandan Hutu militiamen in eastern Congo, killing nine in an unprecedented joint military operation.

Rwanda: Hundreds of Rebels Surrender, Four Killed.

(27/01/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200901270005.html>

As the ongoing Rwanda-DRC joint offensive against the Ex-FAR Interahamwe intensified yesterday, four other rebels were killed, dozens of weapons seized while hundreds more surrendered.

CNDP**Congo-Kinshasa: Des réactions sur la signature du cessez-le-feu entre le gouvernement et le CNDP.**

(21/01/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901210540.html>

Reactions on the 16 January ceasefire, between CNDP and the DRC government, vary considerably. For some it is a significant step towards peace, while others are rather suspicious.

Troops advance on DRC rebels.

(22/01/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19937>

Les FARDC font leur entrée à Rutshuru-centre.

(21/01/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21938>

On Wednesday, the Rwandan-Congolese force travelled unhindered through Rumangabo and Kiwanja north of Goma, the capital of Nord-Kivu region. Although this territory has been held since late October by the CNDP, the rebel force allowed the Congolese forces, their former adversaries, through their lines to pursue the FDLR.

Rwandan, Congolese troops heading for Nkunda stronghold.

(23/01/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19947>

Rwandan forces crossed the border into eastern DRC on Tuesday, on what was announced as a joint operation with Congolese forces against the FDLR. But the latest developments suggest that the operation might also target Nkunda's forces in the Rutshuru region.

Congo rebel leader arrested as Rwandan forces enter DRC.

(28/01/2009 – Jane's Defence Weekly)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Congo rebel leader Nkunda arrested in Rwanda.

(23/01/2009 – Reuters)

<http://www.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idUSTRE50M14N20090123?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews>

DR Congo rebel leader 'arrested'.

(23/10/2009 – BBC – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19948>

Congo and Rwanda forces arrest rebel leader Laurent Nkunda.

(23/01/2009 – Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/jan/23/laurent-nkunda-congo-rwanda>

Congo rebel leader arrested in Rwanda.

(23/01/2009 – Herald Tribune)

<http://www.ihf.com/articles/2009/01/23/news/24NKUNDA.php>

RDC : Laurent Nkunda arrêté au Rwanda.

(23/01/2009 – Le Monde)

http://www.lemonde.fr/international/article/2009/01/23/rdc-laurent-nkunda-arrete-au-rwanda_1145409_3210.html#xtor=RSS-3210

Rwanda seizes rebel leader accused of war crimes in Congo.

(24/01/2009 – Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/jan/24/rwanda-congo-war-crimes>

Congo-Kinshasa: Arrêté au Rwanda - L. Nkunda en voie d'extradition.

(24/01/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901260154.html>

The arrest of Nkunda, who has led a Tutsi rebellion in eastern DRC since 2004, occurred during the joint Congolese-Rwandan operation which was launched this week to hunt FDLR. A Congolese army colonel, who asked not to be named, said Nkunda and rebels loyal to him had fought against Rwandan and Congolese troops when they arrived at Bunagana, a town on the border with Uganda in Congo's North Kivu province.

R D Congo/Rwanda : Laurent Nkunda sacrifié pour les intérêts des deux Etats.

(23/01/2009 – IPS – AfricaFiles)

<http://www.africafiles.org/article.asp?ID=19933>

Rwanda: why former military hero was disowned after rampages in Congo.

(23/01/2009 – Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/jan/23/laurent-nkunda-rwanda-congo>

Profile: Laurent Nkunda.

(23/01/2009 – Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/jan/23/profile-laurent-nkunda-congo>

Rwanda: Rwanda-DRC Cooperation - No Permanent Enemies in Politics.

(26/01/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200901260962.html>

Articles analysing the consequences, reasons, ... of the Nkunda arrest.

Congo rebel force is dissolving.

(25/01/2009 – Herald Tribune)

<http://www.ihf.com/articles/2009/01/25/africa/congo.1-414973.php>

The fierce rebellion in eastern Congo headed by General Laurent Nkunda may be ending with his arrest. Rwandan troops captured Nkunda along the Congo-Rwanda border on Thursday night.

DRC: Civilians at risk from further fighting after Nkunda arrest.

(26/01/2009 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=82564>

The arrest of rebel leader Laurent Nkunda, coupled with a Rwandan-backed operation to disarm Hutu militia in eastern DRC, might eventually help to restore peace to the region but also poses great risks for civilians, according to analysts.

DR Congo wary despite Nkunda arrest.

(25/01/2009 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7850086.stm>

Thousands of Rwandan troops are now marching into DRC to complete their operation after having captured Laurent Nkunda, and people do not know whether to be grateful or scared.

DR Congo requests extradition of Nkunda from Rwanda.

(26/01/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19986>

DR Congo seeks Nkunda extradition.

(23/01/2009 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7847639.stm>

The authorities in the DRC want Rwanda to extradite Tutsi rebel leader Laurent Nkunda, who they have captured and detained, Lambert Mende declared.

Laurent Nkunda arrêté, son sort attend d'être fixé dans les prochains jours, selon une source rwandaise.

(26/01/2009 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56117>

Laurent Nkunda serait gardé dans un camp militaire à Kigali.

(23/01/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21962>

Dossier Nkunda : Kigali préconise une suite politique, Kinshasa parle des poursuites judiciaires.

(23/01/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21974>

As the Congolese authorities ask for the extradition of Nkunda, and its population for Nkunda's trial, Rwanda has not yet made clear what it is planning to do with the rebel leader. Official sources said it will only be a matter of days before this will be determined.

Arrested leader of Congo rebels may not be finished.

(26/01/2009 – Herald Tribune)

<http://www.ihf.com/articles/2009/01/26/africa/congo.1-415613.php>

Congo is now urging Rwanda to extradite Nkunda to stand trial for war crimes and treason charges. But there is a growing fear that Nkunda's arrest may end in an unsatisfying way and that Rwanda may not hand him over, partly because he knows too much.

US welcomes capture of Congolese rebel leader.

(26/01/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19984>

Milliband hails cooperation after Nkunda arrest.

(26/01/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19979>

The United States and Britain hailed the arrest of Congolese rebel leader Laurent Nkunda as "a welcome step on the road to peace" in the war-torn African nation.

DR Congo peace talks suspended after arrest of rebel leader.

(26/01/2009 – Xinhua – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19982>

Congo-Kinshasa: Négociations « Gouvernement -CNDP » - Nairobi III court-circuité.

(27/01/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901261826.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Retombées de l'arrestation de Nkunda - Obasanjo reporte les négociations de Nairobi.

(26/01/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901260221.html>

The UN-backed talks between the DRC and CNDP which began in Nairobi last month in a bid to end the bloody conflict has been suspended after the arrest of the rebel leader Gen. Laurent Nkunda.

Top UN envoy appeals to Congolese rebels to seek peace after arrest of leader.

(23/01/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=29637&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo>

L'arrestation de Laurent Nkunda doit contribuer à la paix dans les Kivus – MONUC.

(23/01/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=18268&Cr=RDC&Cr1=Nkunda>

The top United Nations official in the DRC, Alan Doss, appealed to the CNDP to end its rebellion and engage in the path of peace, following the arrest of its leader, the renegade general Laurent Nkunda.

Congo-Kinshasa: Adoption du programme d'intégration des troupes du CNDP au sein des FARDC.

(27/01/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901270342.html>

Goma : Comment intégrer les troupes CNDP et Pareco dans les FARDC?

(26/01/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21987>

The Congolese government is discussing with some partners, for example MONUC and FARDC officers, the integration into the national army of the rebels of CNDP.

Congo-Kinshasa: Le général Bosco Ntaganda coincé entre la « fin de la guerre » au Nord-Kivu et la CPI.

(23/01/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901230119.html>

Deposed Nkunda, ended the war in North Kivu and under prosecution of the ICC, Ntaganda has ensured himself a place in the history books of the DRC.

Congo-Kinshasa: Ntaganda, un allié encombrant pour Kinshasa.

(22/01/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901220666.html>

The new alliance between Rwanda, DRC and Ntaganda's CNDP might turn out to be an awkward one, as there is an ICC arrest warrant out against Ntaganda.

Goma: Human Rights Watch réclame l'arrestation de Bosco Ntaganda.

(27/01/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22000>

Human Rights Watch deplors there have been no efforts so far to arrest Bosco Ntaganda since his presence in Goma.

LRA

Haut Uélé: MONUC concerned by the fate of civilians.

(22/01/2009 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19934> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=19933> (French)

UN assessing impact of Ugandan rebel violence on Congolese civilians.

(22/01/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=29634&Cr=LRA&Cr1=congo>

RDC : La MONUC préoccupée par le sort des civils dans le Haut Uélé.

(22/01/2009 - UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/fr/storyF.asp?NewsID=18259&Cr=RDC&Cr1=MONUC>

Congo-Kinshasa: Les humanitaires inquiets des opérations militaires dans l'Est de la RDC.

(23/01/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901230211.html>

MONUC and its UN partners are closely evaluating the consequences of the recent atrocities made on Congolese civilians by the Ugandan LRA rebels in Haut Uélé, Orientale province in northern DRC. Reflecting MONUC's new mandate which underlines the protection of civilians as a priority.

Ouganda: Haut-Uélé - Les attaques de la LRA poussent les populations à l'errance.

(22/01/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901220404.html>

Caritas is surveying the consequences of the LRA attacks on the civilian population in Haut Uélé.

DR Congo: Congolese refugees fleeing to South Sudan.

(27/01/2009 – UNHCR – Reliefweb)

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

Bunia : plus de 8 000 Congolais se réfugient au Sud Soudan.

(21/01/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21941>

Recent attacks by the so-called Lord's Resistance Army in north-eastern DRC have driven thousands of Congolese to South Sudan.

UN rights chief decries 'grotesque' abuses by Ugandan rebels in DR Congo.

(27/01/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=29675&Cr=LRA&Cr1=>

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay described the violations committed in eastern DRC by the LRA as "grotesque." The rebels have attacked civilians in Orientale province in retaliation for a joint military operation launched last month by the Governments of DRC, Uganda and Southern Sudan targeting LRA bases in north-east DRC.

Dungu : plus de 780 morts, victimes de la LRA, selon la société civile.

(23/01/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21954>

Civil society in the Orientale province says the DRC-Ugandan joint military does not protect the villages sufficiently, so local self-defence militias are established.

DR Congo extends Uganda's mandate for rebel hunt.

(23/01/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19946>

Congo gives Uganda 21 more days to hunt rebels.

(26/01/2009 – AP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19988>

Uganda: Congo Extends UPDF Mandate.

(23/01/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200901260599.html>

Afrique de l'Est: Didier Etumba - "Les militaires ougandais et sud-soudanais venus traquer la LRA quitteront la RDC".

(24/01/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901260535.html>

The DRC has agreed to let Ugandan troops remain in its country to hunt LRA rebels for 21 more days, Uganda's military spokesman said.

DR Congo says Ugandan, Rwandan army units to leave in given time frame.

(24/01/2009 – Xinhua – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19983>

Top leaders of the DRC said on Friday that Ugandan and Rwandan army units helping to uproot rebels will return to their countries in a given timeframe.

Ugandan church leaders warn about cost of military action.

(24/01/2009 – AfricaFiles)

<http://www.africafiles.org/article.asp?ID=19950>

Uganda: Cleric Pleas for End to Military Campaign Waged in Congo.

(22/01/2009 – Ecumenical News International – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200901230757.html>

Ugandan church leaders caution against the danger of exporting the war to the neighbouring DRC because that would add to the humanitarian crisis relief agencies face in the northern part of the DRC.

Uganda: Peace Talks Have Helped LRA Rebuild.

(24/01/2009 – New Vision)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200901261207.html>

The peace talks in Juba, South Sudan, helped the LRA rebels build strength, the Chief of Defence Forces, Gen. Aronda Nyakairima, has said. Briefing foreign envoys accredited to Uganda on the ongoing military offensive against the rebels in the Garamba jungles of the Congo, Aronda observed that the LRA used the cessation of hostilities to re-organise, recruit and replenish supplies.

UGANDA

Uganda Muslim rebels frustrated by government delays.

(23/01/2009 – AFP - MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19950>

ADF, a reclusive Muslim rebel group, is prepared to resume fighting if the Ugandan government does not commit to a peace process, its commander declared.

BURUNDI

Burundi : L'agriculture, pierre angulaire de la paix, selon la FAO.

(20/01/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=18236&Cr=Burundi&Cr1=agriculture>

Article on the importance of reviving the agricultural sector in Burundi, in the country's consolidation of peace and reconstruction process.

Burundi: Des villages de paix, au delà des ethnies.

(22/01/2009 – Infos Plus Gabon – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200901220799.html>

Article on the “peace villages” in Burundi, a report of a field visit to the Nkurye site.

RWANDA**Rwanda: My Proudest Achievement Will Be to Hand Over Power, Kagame.**

(20/01/2009 – Focus Media – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200901210722.html>

Article on the interview of Focus Media with President Kagame on several subjects, such as Nkunda and Tribert Rujugiro, cited by a highly tendentious UN report on the conflict in the DRC that he is one of the financiers of Laurent Nkunda.

Other**Congo, Belgium agree to normalise ties.**

(26/01/2009 – Reuters – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19987>

Congo and Belgium agreed on Saturday to normalise ties strained last year after Brussels criticised its former colonial subject over its human rights record, corruption and its dealings with China.

RDC : la Banque mondiale accorde 1,7 milliard USD en 2009.

(27/01/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22014>

The World Bank has declared yesterday, through its local representative, it will offer a budget of \$1,9 billion in 2009.

UN agencies provide food, supplies in drought-ravaged Burundi.

(26/01/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=29672&Cr=burundi&Cr1=>

The UN World Food Programme announced today that it has distributed thousands of tons of food to some of the most vulnerable in Burundi facing severe hunger,

How Can Burundi Raise Its Growth Rate? The Impact of Civil Conflicts and State Intervention on Burundi's Growth Performance.

(January 2009 – IMF)

<http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/cat/longres.cfm?sk=22556.0>

Over the last thirty years Burundi's low economic growth has led to a significant decline in per capita GDP. The purpose of this paper is to shed light on supply-side constraints that prevented Burundi's economy from growing faster. Lack of investment, civil conflict, economic inefficiencies, state intervention in the economy, and regulatory restrictions explain a large part of the weak growth performance for the last thirty years.

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