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Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

Doubts Over Zimbabwe Diamonds.

(24/06/2010 – IPS)

<http://ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=51945>

Diamond meeting ends without consensus on Zimbabwe.

(24/06/2010 – Global Witness)

http://www.globalwitness.org/media_library_detail.php/1002/en/diamond_meeting_ends_without_consensus_on_zimbabwe

KP Intersessional Fails to Reach Consensus on Marange.

(25/06/2010 – DiamondWorld)

<http://www.diamondworld.net/contentview.aspx?item=5066>

Blood and dirt.

(24/06/2010 – The Economist)

http://www.economist.com/node/16438814?story_id=16438814&fsrc=rss

Diamond meeting ends without consensus on Zimbabwe Serious challenges ahead for landmark certification scheme, say NGOs.

(24/06/2010 – Fatal Transactions)

<http://www.fataltransactions.org/News/2010/Diamond-meeting-ends-without-consensus-on-Zimbabwe-Serious-challenges-ahead-for-landmark-certification-scheme-say-NGOs>

Three days of tense deliberations by members of the Kimberley Process have failed to reach consensus on whether diamonds from Zimbabwe's Marange fields should be certified as conflict-free. Zimbabwe has already announced that it intends to resume exports of the precious stones immediately.

Diamonds: Does the Kimberley Process work?

(28/06/2010 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/business/10307046.stm>

The Kimberley Process came into effect ten years ago to stem the flow of rough diamonds used by rebel movements in Africa to finance wars against legitimate governments.

Un cartel comme l'OPEC pour l'Afrique ? - une entrevue accordée par Bonnie Campbell.

(16/06/2010 – GRAMA)

http://www.ieim.uqam.ca/spip.php?page=article-grama&id_article=5754

As countries such as China grow increasingly dependent on minerals such as copper and cobalt, Africa mining firms are wondering how far the continent's leaders will go to extract better terms. Some are now talking about a cartel like OPEC.

DRC

Le rôle et le poids de la présence internationale au pays.

(25/06/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201006250547.html>

Article on the link between natural resources and the international presence on the DRC's territory in the country's history.

Congo debt relief at risk over mine.

(29/06/2010 – Financial Times)

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/2e56c958-82e6-11df-8b15-00144feabdc0.html>

Canada prompts delay on Congo debt relief.

(29/06/2010 – Financial Times)

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/5cb8a854-83f2-11df-ba07-00144feabdc0.html>

The World Bank will decide on Tuesday on whether to consign \$9bn of the DRC's foreign debt to history. It is stated the Bank may deny Congo debt relief in retaliation for jeopardising mining investments. President Joseph Kabila's efforts to win a write-off have been complicated by a dispute with First Quantum, the Canadian miners, over the ownership of one of the country's richest copper and cobalt deposits.

Compensation for Small Scale Miners on Kibali gold property.

(23/06/2010 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

The Congolese government and OKIMO are seeking an amicable solution to the problem of small-scale subcontractors working on OKIMO's part of the concessions of Kibali Goldmines SPRL.

Journée de poisson: le Lac Albert offre plus de trois tonnes par semaine au Nord-Kivu.

(24/06/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/06/24/journee-de-poisson-le-lac-albert-offre-plus-de-trois-tonnes-par-semaine-au-nord-kivu/>

Article on Lake Albert's significant fish production for the North Kivu.

Miba: 10.000 francs de substance à chaque agent.

(26/06/2010 – Radio Okapi – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/68050>

Although MIBA agents are still waiting for their salary, they have received an amount of 10.000 Congolese Francs.

UGANDA

Government to take 80% oil profits.

(29/06/2010 – The New Vision)

<http://www.newvision.co.ug/D/8/12/724277>

MPs Refuse to Keep Oil Agreements Confidential.

(29/06/2010 – The Independent – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201006291150.html>

The Government will take up to 80% of the oil revenue if the production levels are high, according to details of the petroleum production sharing agreements released to Parliament yesterday. After almost two years of persistent demands by the legislators, energy and mineral development minister Hillary Onek finally tabled the agreements, but kept the details confidential.

'Top Govt Officials Are Scrambling for Oil Land'.

(23/06/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201006240685.html>

Uganda oil finds trigger land grab near fields, say MPs.

(25/06/2010 – Daily Nation)

<http://www.nation.co.ke/News/africa/Uganda%20oil%20finds%20trigger%20land%20grab%20near%20fields,%20say%20MPs/-/1066/946706/-/6y0ji3z/-/index.html>

Uganda oil finds trigger land grab near fields-mps.

(25/06/2010 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/investingNews/idAFJJOE65O06K20100625>

Top Government officials are apportioning themselves land in the oil-rich Albertine region in western Uganda, Parliament heard on Tuesday. The MP for Buliisa, Stephen Biraahwa Mukitale, told the House that powerful people in government had taken surveyors to areas around the oil wells and availed titles to themselves.

Oil Policy Slow But On Right Track.

(23/06/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201006240665.html>

While Uganda is taking the right track regarding the formulation of a legal and policy framework to manage oil production, the pace of creating the laws, policies and regulations is slow, according to Dr. Kent Moors.

Should Locals Celebrate the Oil Resource?

(28/06/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201006281258.html>

Opinion article on the prospects of Uganda's oil exploitation and the effects on its prosperity.

Oil Extraction Will Ruin Environment.

(28/06/2010 – The East African – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201006290552.html>

The excitement over vast oil and gas discoveries in Uganda has just began; but it may not climax as yet, as serious environmental concerns arise - the same areas that have the minerals beneath, provides for over 70 per cent of the country's conservation areas for wildlife and natural forest resources at the top.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

Dominion Petroleum Provides Operations Update.

(28/06/2010 – OilVoice)

http://www.oilvoice.com/n/Dominion_Petroleum_Provides_Operations_Update/867db35cd.aspx

Dominion Petroleum provides operation updates, among other projects on Block 5 in the DRC (Dominion DRC 46.75%) and Uganda Exploration Area 4B (Dominion Uganda Ltd 100%, Operator).

DRC

Congo president cancels block agreements with Tullow.

(25/06/2010 – Oil&Gas Journal)

http://www.oilgasjournal.com/index/article-display/6367180736/articles/oil-gas-journal/exploration-development-2/2010/06/congo-president_cancels.html

DR Congo approves oil deals, cancels British contract.

(25/06/2010 – AFP)

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iyTspHv1a8ed8w>

Zuma Nephew's Oil Companies to Start Congo Exploration in 2012.

(25/06/2010 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2010-06-25/zuma-nephew-s-oil-companies-to-start-congo-exploration-in-2012.html>

Congo strips Tullow of oil block rights.

(24/06/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE65N0NN20100624?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

Pétrole de l'Ituri : Joseph Kabila approuve le contrat de Caprikat.

(28/06/2010 – Radio Okapi – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/68082>

DR Congo Awards Oil Blocks 1,2 3 and 5 on the Albertine Rift.

(24/06/2010 – OilVoice)

http://www.oilvoice.com/n/DR_Congo_Awards_Oil_Blocks_12_3_and_5_on_the_Albertine_Rift/203da5e11.aspx

The DRC has stripped British energy firm Tullow of its rights to develop two oil blocks on Lake Albert, according to documents seen by Reuters on Thursday. Presidential decrees awarded little-known energy firms Caprikat and Foxwhelp, both registered in the British Virgin Islands, development rights to Block 1 and Block 2 on the lake, which straddles the Congo-Uganda frontier. Land-based Block 3 goes to SacOil, a South African consortium in which Divine and Encha Group each have a 50 percent share and which had signed an accord in 2007, according to the documents. Another company, Polar Petroleum DRC, registered in Congo in April, is seeking a memorandum of understanding for Block 4.

Ituri - Les parlementaires dénoncent les contrats pétroliers «du Graben Albertine».

(25/06/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201006250531.html>

National MPs and Senators originating from Ituri have denounced the government's oil contracts with Caprikat and Foxwelp for Block 1 and Block 2 on Lake Albert.

Contentieux minier - Affaire KMT : le Canada saisit le G20.

(25/06/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201006250565.html>

The dispute between FQM and Kinshasa will soon be discussed at the G20 meeting in Toronto, as Canada has officially put the case on the agenda.

G8 leaders take DRC to task over First Quantum Minerals expropriation.

(28/06/2010 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page72068?oid=106972&sn=Detail>

The efforts of Canada's Prime Minister Harper to seek backing from the world's leaders against the expropriation of the Kolwezi Tailings copper project by the DRC government have met with success.

Congo deal may fire ENRC stock.

(23/06/2010 – Mail Online)

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/money/article-1289075/MARKET-REPORT-Congo-deal.html>

Well-informed sources are suggesting that ENRC, the Kazakh mining business quoted on the London Stock Exchange, is likely to be awarded the Kolwezi licence.

Greenock Resources: PTM Minerals Kakanda Copper Cobalt Project Update.

(23/06/2010 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Greenock-Resources-PTM-Minerals-Kakanda-Copper-Cobalt-Project-Update-TSX-VENTURE-GKR-1280733.htm>

Greenock Resources Inc. through its wholly owned subsidiary PTM Minerals has been continuing to advance the development of the Kakanda copper cobalt project located in the Katanga province of the DRC. Primary tasks undertaken by PTM include finalizing the terms of joint venture agreement with Gecamines; seeking potential development partners with African experience; commencing the upgrading of the previous feasibility study; and developing project finance structures and commitments.

Banro identifies new gold mineralization zones at its Namoya project.

(25/06/2010 – Your Mining News)

http://www.yourminingnews.com/news_item.php?newsID=50982

(24/06/2010 – PR Newswire)

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/banro-identifies-new-gold-mineralization-zones-at-its-namoya-project-97057609.html>

Banro Corporation is pleased to report that surface exploration work has identified two new gold mineralization zones at the Namoya Summit prospect at the Company's wholly-owned Namoya project, located on the Twangiza-Namoya gold belt in the DRC.

Metorex ringfences Ruashi debt.

(29/06/2010 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/metorex-ringfences-ruashi-debt-2010-06-29>

Metorex has reduced the Ruashi project debt by a further \$16-million to \$84,9-million, the company reported on Tuesday. Metorex CEO Terence Goodlace said the voluntary prepayment was done to ringfence the Ruashi debt and to derisk the Metorex company balance sheet.

Grande bataille pour le projet de construction de la seconde ligne Inga-Kinshasa.

(24/06/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201006240385.html>

Nine enterprises have proposed to construct the second power transmission line between Inga and Kinshasa.

Mazorro Resources Announces Initial Sample Results and Exploration Plans for the Democratic Republic of Congo.

(29/06/2010 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Mazorro-Resources-Announces-Initial-Sample-Results-Exploration-Plans-Democratic-Republic-TSX-VENTURE-MZO-1283120.htm>

Mazorro Resources Inc. announces initial sample results and exploration plans on its two Democratic Republic of Congo exploration permits.

Vancouver miner seeks \$850,000 in Congo legal battle.

(24/06/2010 – Business Today)

http://www.bivinteractive.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2678&Itemid=32

A fight over a joint venture agreement in the DRC has found its way to B.C. Supreme Court. El Nino Ventures Inc. has served a notice of dispute and a court petition against Congolese businessman Georges Kavvadias seeking \$850,000 for breach of agreement. The legal wrangle surrounds a December 2008 agreement between El Nino and DRC-based Phoenix Mining Corp. SPRL where El Nino agreed to buy a 70% stake in a prospective copper-cobalt belt. At the time of the agreement, Kavvadias was the principal shareholder of Phoenix.

Bell Equipment Turns to Congolese Copper Mines.

(29/06/2010 – Business Day – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201006290764.html>

Bell Equipment, which decided to diversify into the resources sector after posting big losses in March, said yesterday that it would supply materials-handling machinery to copper mines in the Democratic Republic Congo.

UGANDA

Uganda holds oil talks with Total, CNOOC.

(26/06/2010 – MarketWatch)

<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/uganda-holds-oil-talks-with-total-cnooc-2010-06-26>

The Ugandan president held talks with executives of China's Cnooc Ltd., France-based Total SA and UK-based Tullow Oil PLC over their investment proposals in the country's upcoming oil sector, the Ugandan presidency said late Friday.

Petroleum Firm Starts Oil Drilling in Lake Edward.

(23/06/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201006240686.html>

Dominion Petroleum, the firm exploring oil and gas in south-western Uganda, has started drilling in Lake Edward. The firm, in a statement issued on Tuesday, said the drilling started last week and is expected to be completed in July.

Tower Resources Provides Uganda Update.

(25/06/2010 – OilVoice)

http://www.oilvoice.com/n/Tower_Resources_Provides_Uganda_Update/59abb43c4.aspx

Tower cuts deal with Global on Uganda project.

(25/06/2010 – Business Financial Newswire)

<http://www.bfnnews.com/display/?id=3886980§ionId=standardNews>

Tower Resources Reaches Agreement With Neptune Petroleum On Uganda Project - Quick Facts.

(25/06/2010 – Stock Markets Review)

<http://www.stockmarketsreview.com/news/17186/>

Further to the announcements of 22 December 2008 and 9 November 2009, Neptune Petroleum (Uganda) Limited, the wholly owned subsidiary of Tower Resources plc, has reached agreement with Global Petroleum Limited whereby Global will have a continuing option to participate in the Uganda project whilst having no current obligation to contribute to ongoing expenditure.

Uganda will not budge on tax dispute with Heritage: minister.

(29/06/2010 – AFP)

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gu-iLmOGRHk-RcDPn9IqDVCdzlZA>

Uganda said Tuesday it will not allow Canada's Heritage Oil to sell its share of the country's oil reserves until the company agrees to pay a 30 percent capital gains tax. Heritage has for several months been trying to sell the deposits it controls to British and Irish owned Tullow Oil for 1.5 billion dollars.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

Processus démocratique - Elections dans les Grands Lacs : ça va barder.

(25/06/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201006250529.html>

Article on the threat of rising tensions in the Great Lakes Region, as Burundi and Rwanda will organise presidential elections this year and the DRC next year.

DRC

Who's who among the military in mining trade.

(23/06/2010 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Article on IPIS' recent mapping report concerning Province Orientale, identifying the most important armed factions in the province's mining sector.

Masisi: le CNDP met fin à l'administration parallèle, le gouvernement s'en réjouit.

(26/06/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/06/26/cndp-le-gouvernement-masisi-le-cndp-met-fin-a-l%E2%80%99administration-parallele-le-gouvernement-sen-rejouit/>

Nord-Kivu - Le gouvernement se réjouit de la fin de l'administration parallèle à Masisi.

(28/06/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201006280799.html>

The CNDP has announced it has ended its parallel administration in Masisi territory, North Kivu.

Assassinat d'un trafiquant de diamant à Tshikapa.

(25/06/2010 – ACP - Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/68003>

A diamond trader has been shot in the beginning of June on the axis Tshikapa-Mayi Munene, near Tshibuele Nshimba.

Ituri: les FARDC reprennent 6 bastions des miliciens du FPJC.

(24/06/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/06/24/ituri-les-fardc-reprennent-6-bastions-des-miliciens-du-fpjc/>

Les Forces armées ont reconquis des bastions de miliciens du FPJC dans le Walendu Bindi.

(26/06/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201006260056.html>

The FARDC has captured 6 FPJC bastions in Walendu Bindi, 60 kilometres south of Bunia, Province Orientale.

Nord-Kivu: les FARDC lancent une offensive contre les ADF-Nalu.

(25/06/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/06/25/les-fardc-lancent-une-offensive-contre-les-adf-nalu/>

Congolese Minister of Defence Charles Mwando Nsimba announced the Congolese national army has started a military operation against ADF-Nalu rebels on mount Ruwenzori last week.

Nord-Kivu - Beni - Les rebelles de l'ADF/Nalu attaquent Mutwanga.

(29/06/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201006290362.html>

Beni: attaque des rebelles de l'ADF/Nalu à Mutwanga, 8 morts et 2 blessés.

(28/06/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/06/28/beni-attaque-des-rebelles-de-l%E2%80%99adf-nalu-a-mutwanga-8-morts-et-2-blesses/>

On Monday, ADF/Nalu rebels attacked Mitwanga village in Beni territory, North Kivu. Articles concerning Uganda's reaction on this event can be found under the "Uganda" section.

Bafwasende: insécurité, les notables plaident pour un barza communautaire.

(24/06/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/06/24/bafwasende-insecurite-les-notables-plaident-pour-un-barza-communautaire/>

Armed confrontations between FARDC soldiers and Mayi Mayi rebels have caused population displacement in the territory of Bafwasende, Province Orientale.

Lubero: des habitants soumis aux travaux forcés, selon la société civile.

(23/06/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/06/23/lubero-des-habitants-soumis-aux-travaux-forces-selon-la-societe-civile/>

Local civil society organisations in Lubero territory, North Kivu, complain armed groups are harassing civilians on the Magurujipa–Njia Panda axis.

Update on Semadwinga's murder.

(25/06/2010 – Jason Stearns)

<http://congosiasa.blogspot.com/2010/06/update-on-semadwingas-murder.html>

More details of the killing of Denis Ntare Semadwinga are coming to light, although much is still unclear. Semadwinga was linked to a dissident faction of the CNDP that had written a letter denouncing the party's leadership back in May. The signatory of that statement, Patrice Habarurema, was arrested by Rwandan police shortly afterwards.

Outgoing UN envoy reflects on gains and remaining challenges in DR Congo.

(24/06/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=35128&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=22271&Cr=RDC&Cr1=> (French)

Alan Doss - "Together we have come a long way".

(23/06/2010 – MONUC)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=932&ctl=Details&mid=1096&ItemID=9345> (English)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=9315> (French)

Alan Doss: «Nous avons accompli beaucoup ensemble..., il reste encore des choses à faire».

(23/06/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/06/23/alan-doss-%C2%ABnous-avons-accompli-beaucoup-ensemble%E2%80%A6-il-reste-encore-des-choses-a-faire%C2%BB/>

Much of the DRC currently enjoys a measure of peace but a number of challenges remain, particularly in the violence-prone east of the vast African nation, according to the outgoing United Nations envoy there. Mr. Doss, whose term as head of the MONUC expires at the end of this month, cited a number of the gains achieved during the past two and a half years.

Le général Babacar Gaye annonce son départ de la RDC.

(25/06/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/06/25/le-general-babacar-gaye-annonce-son-depart-de-la-rdc/>

Monuc - Le général Babacar Gaye s'apprête à quitter la RDC.

(26/06/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201006260055.html>

Monuc - Babacar Gaye a fait ses adieux!

(28/06/2010 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201006281354.html>

The MONUC Force Commander General Babacar Gaye announced he will quite his function at the MONUC.

'There Is Almost Total Impunity for Rape in Congo'.

(28/06/2010 – IPS – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201006281504.html>

Interview with Margot Wallström, the Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict for U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. One of Wallström's first assignments was a trip to the DRC, a nation she calls "the rape capital" of the world.

RDC : Bulletin d'information humanitaire, 22 juin 2010 - Province du Nord Kivu.

(22/06/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/VDUX-86RU5G?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

Situation humanitaire en République Démocratique du Congo - Note d'information à la presse, 23 juin 2010.

(23/06/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/LSGZ-86PJEV?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

SITUATION HUMANITAIRE EN RDC - Période du 19 au 25 Juin 2010.

(25/06/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/VDUX-86RRXF?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

RDC : Bulletin d'Information Humanitaire - Provinces du Centre et de l'Ouest, 25 juin 2010.

(25/06/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/VDUX-86RNRM?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

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

La CPI compétente pour siéger dans l'affaire Bemba.

(25/06/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/06/25/la-cpi-competente-pour-sieger-dans-l%E2%80%99affaire-bemba/>

CPI: l'ouverture du procès Jean-Pierre Bemba reportée au 14 juillet.

(26/07/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/06/26/cpi-l%E2%80%99ouverture-du-proces-jean-pierre-bemba-reportee-au-14-juillet/>

CPI : l'ouverture du procès du Congolais Bemba reportée au 14 juillet.

(25/06/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=22274&Cr=CPI&Cr1=>

Bemba, c'est dur!

(28/06/2010 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201006280372.html>

The International Criminal Court has judged it is competent to treat Bemba's case. The trial will start on the 14th of July.

FDLR

Walikale: opérations Amani leo, les FARDC observent une trêve.

(29/06/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/06/29/walikale-operations-amani-leo-les-fardc-observent-une-treve/>

Amani Leo operations against the FDLR rebels in Walikale are temporarily suspended, to allow stabilization units to install in the territories that were recently captured from the rebels.

LRA

On the heels of Kony: The untold tragedy unfolding in the Central African Republic.

(24/06/2010 – Enough Project)

<http://www.enoughproject.org/publications/heels-of-joseph-kony-commander-of-lords-resistance-army>

The LRA has been ruthlessly attacking civilians in the Central African Republic, or CAR, since February 2008. Attacks continued unabated in the country's isolated southeastern Haut Mbomou and Mbomou prefectures, and surged during the first three months of 2010. Despite this deadly track record, LRA violence in CAR, one of the world's poorest countries, has been badly under-reported and gone largely unnoticed. This report, which is based on extensive interviews with eyewitnesses gathered during field research in LRA-affected regions, describes in detail the LRA's reign of terror in CAR over the past two years.

Rebel Group Continues to Wage War Whilst World Turns a Blind Eye.

(24/06/2010 – Radio France International – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201006241049.html>

The Enough Project, an international advocacy group, says that Uganda's notorious LRA rebels have continued to wage a two-year ruthless campaign of terror against civilians in the Central African Republic which has been largely ignored by the rest of the world.

Field dispatch: Disturbing developments in the hunt for Kony.

(29/06/2010 – Enough Project)

<http://www.enoughproject.org/publications/field-dispatch-disturbing-developments-hunt-kony>

Although the details remain highly murky, it appears that the Ugandan army suffered a significant loss of troops in the Central African Republic, or CAR, as those forces continue to hunt for Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army. Exactly how many troops were lost and under what circumstances remain a matter of controversy, and there has been significant speculation groups other than the LRA may have also been involved. While this mystery may not be resolved any time soon, the incident again underscores the fact that the current efforts to apprehend the LRA leadership remain inadequate and demand strengthened international assistance and focus.

Dungu: nouvelles incursions de la LRA, les chefs coutumiers appellent à l'autodéfense.

(27/06/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/06/27/dungu-nouvelles-incursions-de-la-lra-les-chefs-coutumiers-appellent-a-l%E2%80%99autodefense/>

Democratic Republic of Congo: Eastern province, Lord's Resistance Army raids.

(28/06/2010 – Missionary International Service News Agency – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/MUMA-86V3U3?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P>

The LRA has raided and looted in Dungu territory over the past weekend. In the village of Ngagalanadabio, the militias have stolen rice, animals and clothing taking advantage of the residents who were attending a funeral; in an administrative area in Ngilima, located in Dungu, the LRA stole cattle.

Kwoyelo for War Crimes.

(25/06/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201006281041.html>

The former LRA commander, Thomas Kwoyelo, is to be tried by the War Crimes Court on charges of kidnap with intent to murder. 'Colonel' Kwoyelo, the former commander of the LRA's senior Brigade, was captured on February 3, 2009 by the joint forces of Uganda, the DR Congo and Southern Sudan.

UGANDA

Uganda boosts army presence at Congo border.

(29/06/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE65S0FT20100629?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

Uganda Army on Alert After Attack on Congolese Town.

(29/06/2010 – Radio France Internationale – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201006291308.html>

Dormant Uganda rebels attack DRC town, says army.

(29/06/2010 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2010-06-29-dormant-uganda-rebels-attack-drc-town-says-army>

Security Tightened Over ADF Threat.

(28/06/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201006290140.html>

Uganda's military was put on heightened alert following an attack by a rebel group inside the DRC, an army spokesperson said on Tuesday. Troops were sent to reinforce those already stationed at the border between the two countries. According to the military, the long-silent Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) were responsible for an attack on the town of Mutwanga on Monday that left 16 civilians dead.

Army Kills Karimojong Warrior Leaders.

(24/06/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201006250814.html>

The UPDF on Sunday shot dead three self-styled Karimojong warrior commanders and injured two others after they tried to escape from lawful custody in Moroto barracks.

West Nile Hunts for Illegal Guns.

(27/06/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201006281080.html>

The police in West Nile has intensified the search for illegal guns, the regional Police spokesman, Philip Mukasa, has disclosed.

RWANDA

Rwanda Increases Troops At Border.

(28/06/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201006280164.html>

The Uganda Peoples Defence Force has called for calm following the heavy deployment of troops by Rwanda at its border with Uganda.

Gen. Kayumba Shooting.

(27/06/2010 – The Independent – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201006291160.html>

Who is out to kill the dissidents?

(24/06/2010 – The Economist)

http://www.economist.com/node/16439016?story_id=16439016&fsrc=rss

Articles analysing the murder attempt on Lieutenant-General Nyamwasa, and the effect on the stability in Rwanda.

Rwandan police arrest dozens of opposition protesters.

(24/06/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE65N0N520100624?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

Police Arrest Dozens of Opposition Protesters.

(24/06/2010 – Daily Nation - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201006241015.html>

Rwandan police arrested dozens of opposition protesters on Thursday, as President Paul Kagame presented his papers for re-election to the National Election Commission. Kagame is widely expected to secure a second seven-year term in the August 9 ballot. Opposition leader and presidential hopeful Victoire Ingabire, who is facing trial on charges of genocide denial and belonging to a terrorist organisation, said members of her United Democratic Forces party, which mainly represents Hutus, had been detained during a peaceful protest in Kigali.

Ingabire Should Not Rush Us – Prosecutor.

(24/06/2010 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201006240002.html>

The trial for Victoire Umuhiza Ingabire, the leader of the yet-to-be registered political party, FDU-Inkingi, will largely depend on cooperation from countries where Ingabire and the terrorist group, FDLR conducted activities. According to Prosecutor General Martin Ngoga, Ingabire should not demand for a speedy trial because investigations into her case are still continuing in several countries.

Opposition Leader Held, Journalist Shot.

(25/06/2010 – Radio France Internationale – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201006251073.html>

Rwanda authorities took in a presidential contender on Thursday on suspicion of attempted murder, a police spokesperson said. Security forces also detained dozens of opposition protesters when President Paul Kagame presented his papers for re-election.

Rwanda: un journaliste tué à Kigali.

(25/06/2010 – BBC)

http://www.bbc.co.uk/french/news/story/2010/06/100625_rwandajournalisteassassinat.shtml

Rwanda 'assassins' kill reporter Jean Leonard Rugambage.

(25/06/2010 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/world/africa/10413793.stm>

Editor Shot Dead.

(26/06/2010 – The Independent – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201006260220.html>

Worrying signs in Kigali.

(26/06/2010 – Jason Stearns)

<http://congosiassa.blogspot.com/2010/06/worrying-signs-in-kigali.html>

Jean Leonard Rugambage, a Rwandan editor of Umuvugizi, a vernacular newspaper that was closed by government has been shot dead. The murder of the Umuvugizi's acting editor is likely to further stir the debate on the state of freedom and democracy in Rwanda. Umuvugizi's former editor Jean Bosco Gasasira said that Rugambage's assassination was as a result of a story by the Umuvugizi website which linked the Kigali government in the attempted assassination of Gen. Kayumba Nyamwasa in South Africa. Rwanda has denied accusations it was behind the shooting of Nyamwasa who went into exile this year after falling out with his erstwhile ally President Paul Kagame.

Rwanda: Two arrested for killing reporter Rugambage.

(28/06/2010 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/world/africa/10432592.stm>

Two people have been arrested over the shooting of a reporter last week, with police saying it was a revenge attack. The government has denied as "baseless" accusations it was behind the killing. A police statement says one of the suspects is related to someone allegedly killed by Mr Rugambage during the 1994 genocide.

Journalists Condemn Killing of Colleague.

(26/06/2010 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201006260130.html>

The media fraternity yesterday condemned the murder of one of its members, Jean Leonard Rugambage, deputy editor of Umuvugizi Newspaper, who was gunned down Thursday night outside his home.

Rwanda: Stop Attacks on Journalists, Opponents.

(26/06/2010 – Human Rights Watch)

<http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2010/06/26/rwanda-stop-attacks-journalists-opponents> (English)

<http://www.hrw.org/fr/news/2010/06/26/rwanda-il-faut-mettre-fin-aux-attaques-contre-les-journalistes-et-les-opposants> (French)

Insecurity and political repression are increasing in advance of Rwanda's August 2010 presidential elections, Human Rights Watch warned. In the last two days, an independent journalist has been killed, the leader of an opposition party has been detained by the police, and other opposition party members have been arrested.

The State of Democracy in Rwanda as Presidential Poll Approaches.

(23/06/2010 – Institute for Security Studies)

http://www.issafrica.org/iss_today.php?ID=971

Article analysing the state of democracy in Rwanda, considering several recent events such as the shooting of Lieutenant-General Nyamwasa and the prosecution of opposition presidential candidate Ingabire.

BURUNDI

Security Council urges all parties in Burundi to participate in elections.

(24/06/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=35126&Cr=burundi&Cr1=> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=22261&Cr=Burundi&Cr1=> (French)

The Security Council has urged Burundi's political parties to participate fully in the country's legislative elections next month, and work to ensure the proper conduct of the presidential poll scheduled for Monday, amid reports that the opposition is boycotting the presidential contest.

BURUNDI: Opposition parties now boycott all polls.

(25/06/2010 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=89625>

Having pulled out of presidential elections scheduled for 28 June - leaving President Pierre Nkurunziza as the only candidate - an alliance of opposition parties in Burundi have announced they are also boycotting parliamentary elections to be held on 23 July.

UN human rights expert warns of violations ahead of Burundian polls.

(25/06/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=35145&Cr=burundi&Cr1=> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=22276&Cr=Burundi&Cr1=> (French)

As the people of the small African nation of Burundi get set to cast their votes in Monday's presidential election, an independent United Nations expert today warned of potential violence and human rights violations, citing a number of recent worrisome developments.

Nkurunziza Wraps Up Election Campaign.

(25/06/2010 – Radio France International - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201006251150.html>

The electoral campaign for Monday's presidential election in Burundi ended Friday with only incumbent president Pierre Nkurunziza running for the vote. All the opposition parties pulled out of the electoral process over poll rigging in municipal elections on May 25.

Vague de violences avant la présidentielle.

(27/06/2010 – Radio France Internationale – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201006280541.html>

BURUNDI : attentats à la grenade à Bujumbura à la veille des résultats de la présidentielle.

(29/06/2010 – BBC)

http://www.bbc.co.uk/french/news/story/2010/06/100629_burundi_attacks.shtml

Burundi votes with Pierre Nkurunziza the only candidate.

(28/06/2010 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/world/africa/10430442.stm>

Polls Open in One-Man Presidential Election.

(28/06/2010 – Radio France International – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201006280895.html>

Election présidentielle sous haute tension ce lundi.

(28/06/2010 – Radio France Internationale – allAfrica)

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Burundi : une élection présidentielle à risque.

(28/06/2010 – Afrik.com)

<http://www.afrik.com/article20199.html>

Violence scars Burundi election.

(29/06/2010 – Al Jazeera)

<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/africa/2010/06/2010628124152779802.html>

Burundi slow to cast verdict on Pierre Nkurunziza in vote-turned-referendum.

(28/06/2010 – Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/jun/28/burundi-vote-referendum-pierre-nkurunziza>

Burundi Finishes Voting in Election With Just One Candidate.

(28/06/2010 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2010-06-28/burundi-finishes-voting-in-election-with-just-one-candidate.html>

Déroulement timide de la présidentielle.

(28/06/2010 – Info Plus Gabon – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201006281466.html>

Présidentielle - Bataille de chiffres autour de la participation.

(29/06/2010 – Radio France Internationale – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201006291146.html>

Démocratie à l'épreuve - Une élection présidentielle sur fond de violence.

(29/06/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201006290441.html>

Elections au Burundi: un seul candidat en lice.

(29/06/2010 – BBC)

http://www.bbc.co.uk/french/news/story/2010/06/100628_burundielex.shtml

Burundi: le président Nkurunziza en nette avance.

(29/06/2010 – BBC)

http://www.bbc.co.uk/french/news/story/2010/06/100629_burundi_elections.shtml

Few Burundians turn out for presidential vote.

(28/06/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJ0E65R0GX20100628?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICA%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

L'opposition conteste le taux de participation à la présidentielle.

(29/06/2010 – Radio France Internationale - allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201006290679.html>

Some 3.5 million Burundians go to the polls Monday to elect their president for the next five years, casting their ballots in favour or against the ruling CNDD-FDD candidate Pierre Nkurunziza.

Burundi mystery over ex-rebel chief Rwaswa's whereabouts.

(24/06/2010 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/world/africa/10406707.stm>

Où est donc passé Agathon Rwaswa?

(24/06/2010 – Radio France Internationale – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201006240959.html>

Présidentielle au Burundi - Où est donc passé Agathon Rwaswa?

(24/06/2010 – L'Observateur – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201006250445.html>

Burundi Opposition Party Denies Leader Fled to Congo.

(24/06/2010 – VOA News)

<http://www1.voanews.com/english/news/africa/Burundi-Opposition-Party-Denies-Leader-Fled-to-Congo-97084074.html>

Burundi's defence minister says he hopes the country's main opposition leader and former rebel leader Agathon Rwaswa has not gone into hiding. His comments follow reports that Mr Rwaswa, who signed a peace deal last year to lay down his arms, has not been seen since Wednesday morning. Correspondents say tensions have been high since Mr Rwaswa and four other presidential challengers withdrew over disputed local elections in May. Rumours last week that he was about to be detained resulted in several of his supporters being arrested when they rushed to his house in protest.

African Union warns Burundi politicians ahead of vote.

(25/06/2010 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/world/africa/10420224.stm>

The head of the African Union has voiced concerns about conflict in Burundi, ahead of presidential elections on Monday. Jean Ping appealed to political groups to avoid anything that might plunge Burundi back into ethnic violence.

IPIS latest publications

IPIS LATEST REPORTS

Jaarverslag 2009.

(06/05/2010 – IPIS)

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

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

Mapping Conflict Motives: Province Orientale (DRC)

(March 2010 – IPIS)

http://www.ipisresearch.be/mapping_orientale.php?&lang=en

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

(June 2010 – IPIS)

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

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

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

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

(December 2009 – IPIS)

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

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

Activity Report 2008.

(9/11/2009 – IPIS)

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

Jaarverslag 2008.

(13/10/2009 – IPIS)

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

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

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

(13/10/2009 – IPIS)

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

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

Africa's natural resources in a global context.

(12/08/2009 – IPIS)

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

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

Militarised Mining Areas in the Kivus.

(10/08/2009 – IPIS)

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

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

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

The MiMiKi map only shows a part of the mining sector, namely the extraction of the minerals. In order to find out whether Western companies are buying Congolese minerals from which armed groups might benefit, the whole trading chain needs to be established. Therefore, in addition to the MiMiKi map, IPIS has appended a specific table containing information on the activities of the official comptoirs (mineral traders) in 2008.

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

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

(July 2009 – RRN)

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

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

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

(14/07/2009 – IPIS)

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

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

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

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

Zimbabwe - Arms and Corruption: fuelling human rights abuse.

(July 2009 – IPIS)

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

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

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

(13/05/2009 – IPIS)

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

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

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

IPIS LATEST ARTICLES

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

(September 2009 – IPIS)

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

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

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