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## IPIS

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### IPIS LATEST REPORTS

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

(July 2008 – Fatal Transactions - IPIS)

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

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

**L'Afrique révisé les contrats miniers.**

(July 2008 – Le Monde Diplomatique – IPIS)

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

*Article on the current contract revision projects throughout Africa.*

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

(25/06/2008 – IPIS)

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

(28/07/2008 – IPIS)

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

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

**Heeft Congo iets aan zijn mijnen?**

(June 2008 – MO\*magazine – IPIS)

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

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

**Activity Report 2007**

(IPIS)

**Jaarverslag 2007**

(IPIS)

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

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

(June 2008 - IPIS)

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

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

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## **Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region**

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### **Africa: Natural Resources Should Benefit All Africans, Says Official.**

(24/09/2008 – US Government; published by allAfrica – 25/09/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809250213.html>

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Todd J. Moss is talking on the US policy with regard to Africa's natural resources in a testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's Subcommittee on African Affairs.*

### **Investment in Africa increases – report.**

(29/09/2008 – Daily Monitor)

[http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/business/Investment\\_in\\_Africa\\_increases\\_-\\_report\\_72301.shtml](http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/business/Investment_in_Africa_increases_-_report_72301.shtml)

*Uganda and other African countries' infrastructure constraints could become something of the past following the increase in trans-national corporation's continued quest for the natural resources. The World Investment Report 2008, an annual publication of UNCTAD underscores this.*

### **Changing structure of the copper market.**

(23/09/2008 – Bloomsbury Minerals Economics Ltd.)

<http://www.bloomsburyminerals.com/BME%20Copper%20Pres%20-%20Minexpo%2008.pdf> (presentation)

<http://www.bloomsburyminerals.com/> (site)

*Presentation of BME's Christopher Welch on the structure of the copper market.*

### **Bank pushes ahead on forest carbon market.**

(29/09/2008 – Brettonwoodsproject.org)

<http://www.brettonwoodsproject.org/art-562464>

*In July, the Bank named the first 14 countries for the controversial Forest Carbon Partnership Facility: six in Africa (a.o. DRC); five in Latin America; and three in Asia. The 14 countries will pilot programmes aimed at "reducing emissions from deforestation and degradation" (REDD). Meanwhile indigenous peoples' groups and NGOs have continued to raise serious concerns about the current design and concept of REDD.*

## **DRC**

### **Winners and Losers in Contract Revision.**

(24/09/2008 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*Article on the different changes and consequences for the mining companies after the contract revision and renegotiations.*

**DRC mining contract review now in final phase.**

(26/09/2008- Mining Weekly)

[http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a\\_id=143421](http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=143421)

*DRC's mining review process was in its final phase, with negotiations between the State and a number of the 61 contract holders nearing conclusion, the Ministry of Mines said last week. However, some of the contract holders still had to make "meaningful contributions" to the negotiations before the September 30 deadline, the government said in an emailed statement.*

**Congo extends mines contract review to October 15.**

(26/09/2008 – Reuters - Mining Weekly)

[http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a\\_id=143965](http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=143965)

(29/09/2008 – Reuters - Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page36?oid=63467&sn=Detail>

**Congo Extends Deadline for Mining Contract Reviews to Oct. 16.**

(29/09/2008 – Your Mining News)

[http://www.yourminingnews.com/news\\_item.php?newsID=11587](http://www.yourminingnews.com/news_item.php?newsID=11587)

**UPDATE 1-Congo extends mines contract review to Oct. 15.**

(26/09/2008 – Forbes)

<http://www.forbes.com/afxnews/limited/feeds/afx/2008/09/26/afx5475141.html>

*DRC is extending a review of mining contracts by two weeks to October 15, but expects no extra delays to the process from Thursday's resignation of the prime minister, an official said on Friday.*

**RDC : Améliorer les conditions de la population après la vente de mine.**

(24/09/2008 – DIA)

<http://www.dia-afrique.org/suite.php?newsid=7761>

*Some civil society organisations are demanding the government takes an amelioration of every day life for the Congolese population in account when selling the country its minerals.*

**Burnished future for the Copperbelt.**

(25/09/2008 – miningmx)

[http://www.miningmx.com/mining\\_fin/767811.htm](http://www.miningmx.com/mining_fin/767811.htm)

*The copperbelt region of Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) will become the second-largest copper producing region in the world by 2011.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: La Miba et les Banques sud-africaines - Les Non-dits d'un partenariat.**

(23/09/2008 – Le Phare; published by allAfrica – 24/09/2008)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809240308.html>

*A loan from two South African banks has to help Miba to revive.*

**Millions of acres of African rainforest threatened as Congolese government moves to 'legalise' felling for timber.**

(24/09/2008 – Global Witness, Greenpeace International and Rainforest Foundation)  
[http://www.globalwitness.org/media\\_library\\_detail.php/667/en/millions\\_of\\_acres\\_of\\_african\\_rainforest\\_threatened\\_as\\_congolese\\_government\\_moves\\_to\\_legalise\\_felling\\_for\\_timber](http://www.globalwitness.org/media_library_detail.php/667/en/millions_of_acres_of_african_rainforest_threatened_as_congolese_government_moves_to_legalise_felling_for_timber) (English)

**Congo-Kinshasa: Conversion des titres forestiers - Les ONG dénoncent l'opacité de l'opération.**

(26/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)  
<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809260467.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Revue des titres forestiers - La Société civile opte pour le maintien du moratoire.**

(30/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)  
<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809300608.html>

*A group of international NGO's have today warned that millions of acres of rainforest could be at risk as the government of the DRC considers whether to legalise more than 150 timber felling contracts. The groups condemned the process used to review of the legality of the country's entire logging industry as being fundamentally flawed.*

## UGANDA

**Uganda: Sustainable Management of Mineral Resources Project [Additional Financing].**

(23/09/2008 – World Bank)  
<http://go.worldbank.org/OOW28SH1X0>

**Uganda: World Bank Approves US\$5 million to Improve Mineral Resources Management.**

(23/09/2008 – World Bank)  
<http://go.worldbank.org/JOT3PF81J0>

*This additional financing extends the original Sustainable Management of Mineral Resources Project which is designed to support the Government of Uganda's capacity to develop a sound minerals sector, based on private investments and improvements in selected artisanal and small scale mining areas.*

**Uganda: Wakiso Residents Want Stone Quarry Closed.**

(29/09/2008 – The Monitor – allAfrica)  
<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809290312.html>

*Residents of Kiryamuli Parish, Gombe Sub-county in Wakiso District have asked the government to halt operations of two stone quarries saying they are a threat to their lives and property.*

## RWANDA

**Rwanda: Investments Will Spur Development.**

(28/09/2008 – The New Times – allAfrica)  
<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809280033.html>

*President Paul Kagame Wednesday called upon multinational companies to invest in Africa and other developing countries to help them achieve prosperity. By investing in developing countries, they would be transferring not only opportunities like availing markets to local raw materials, but also provide jobs.*

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## International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

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### DRC

#### **Banro finances Twanziga.**

(24/09/2008 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*Banro's gold projects at Twanziga, Namoya and Lugushwa in South-Kivu province.*

#### **Alosa confirms strong interest.**

(24/09/2008 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*Following the partial pull-back from diamonds by Dan Gertler, the Russian group Alosa is firming up its expansion plans in DRC.*

#### **Motapa Options DRC Properties.**

(30/09/2008 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Motapa-Diamonds-Inc-TSX-VENTURE-MTP-905366.html>

*Motapa Diamonds Inc. is pleased to announce that it has entered an option agreement to explore for diamondiferous kimberlite on prospecting licenses held by African Minerals Barbados Limited in the DRC.*

#### **Freeport McMoRan's new projects still on schedule despite credit crunch.**

(24/09/2008 – International Business Times)

[http://www.ibtimes.com/articles/20080924/freeport-mcmorans-new-projects-still-on-schedule\\_all.htm](http://www.ibtimes.com/articles/20080924/freeport-mcmorans-new-projects-still-on-schedule_all.htm)

*Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, buoyed by strong cash flow and sharply reduced debt, is weathering the financial market turmoil without the need to cut capital expenditure or its exploration budget, its chief executive said on Tuesday. Freeport's major new projects -- the planned Tenke Fungurume copper/cobalt operation in the DRC and the Climax molybdenum mine it is reopening in Colorado -- are on schedule, Richard Adkerson said.*

#### **Simberi Mining: Corporate Update.**

(30/09/2008 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Simberi-Mining-Corporation-TSX-VENTURE-SAU-905195.html>

*Includes announcement that negotiations to finalize the joint venture agreement for the development of the Kakanda copper/cobalt project are continuing with the DRC government officials. PTM Minerals a wholly owned subsidiary holds the joint venture rights to the Kakanda project with Gecamines the State mining company.*

#### **Lubumbashi : l'entreprise Chemaf pollue Tshamilemba.**

(29/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20464>

*Local villagers of Kamalondo, near Lubumbashi, are blaming Chemaf for their skin diseases and respiration infections.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Parcafrique, un partenaire pour la reconstruction de la RDC.**

(25/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809250545.html>

*Article on the important role the Congolese forestry company Parcafrique can play in the reconstruction of the DRC.*

**UGANDA****Uganda: Hoima Oil Assessment Lacking on Health Impact.**

(28/09/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 29/09/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809290185.html>

*The public hearing on the Tullow Oil Environmental Impact Assessment in the Kaiso-Tonya area of Hoima district by NEMA was appropriate.*

**Uganda: UK Investors Eye Oil.**

(29/09/2008 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809300055.html>

*British businessmen have expressed interest in investing in the country's power, oil and water sectors. Jonathan Webber, the head of the International Trade of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and Industry, who led a British trade delegation touring the region, was addressing a press briefing at the British High Commission in Kampala.*

**Heritage Oil spuds Warthog-1 exploration well and Kingfisher-3 appraisal well in Uganda.**

(30/09/2008 – Your Industry News)

<http://www.yourindustrynews.com/blog/?p=2408>

*Heritage Oil Limited, an independent upstream exploration and production company, announces that it has commenced drilling the Warthog-1 exploration well in Block 1, Uganda and the Kingfisher-3 appraisal well in Block 3A, Uganda.*

**Heritage Oil Asset-Sale Talks Terminated; Uganda Drilling Up.**

(30/09/2008 – Resource Investor)

<http://www.resourceinvestor.com/pebble.asp?relid=46565&phrase=uganda>

*Heritage Oil Ltd. said Tuesday that discussions on a possible asset sale have been terminated.*

**Uganda: Hoima Dam to Be Completed Next Year.**

(26/09/2008 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809260115.html>

*The construction of Wambabya Dam in Hoima District will be completed by next year, contractors have said. Hydro Max Ltd's Assistant Construction Manager Syed Shahid Basha told the district LC5 chairperson, Mr George Bagonza, that the work was going on at a good speed.*

**RWANDA****Rwanda: Vangold Conducts Aerial Oil Survey.**

(28/09/2008 – The East African; published by allAfrica – 30/09/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809300258.html>

*A South African aeromagnetic survey team is conducting an airborne survey over a Rwandan oil concession.*

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## China in the Great Lakes Region

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### **Africa: Chinese Dragon Shifts Its Weight.**

(27/09/2008 – IPS; published by allAfrica – 29/09/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809290086.html>

### **Chinese investeringen in Afrika verduurzamen.**

(1/10/2008 – IPS)

[http://ipsnews.be/index.php?id=35&no\\_cache=0&tx\\_uwnews\\_pi4\[art\\_id\]=22598](http://ipsnews.be/index.php?id=35&no_cache=0&tx_uwnews_pi4[art_id]=22598)

*Behind the media headlines about China's scramble into Africa, new trends are emerging of far-reaching involvement in finance, infrastructure and manufacturing.*

### **How China Has Created a New Slave Empire in Africa.**

(28/09/2008 – Daily Mail)

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/worldnews/article-1063198/PETER-HITCHENS-How-China-created-new-slave-empire-Africa.html>

*Peter Hitchens gives a dramatic perspective on the living and working conditions of labourers in Zambia and the DRC working for Chinese companies*

### **RDC: les projets chinois bloquent l'accord avec le FMI.**

(24/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20408>

### **Congo-Kinshasa: RDC-FMI - Tout se joue sur les contrats chinois.**

(24/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809240335.html>

(24/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/53806>

### **IMF expresses concern over DR Congo debt to China.**

(24/09/2008 – AFP)

<http://afp.google.com/article/ALeqM5iHZ9bQw2Hh300CZORJWbNc76vPxw>

*A Bretton Woods delegation has just finished its visit to Kinshasa. Nevertheless the projects of the Chinese investors in the DRC, still prevent an agreement between the Congolese government and the IMF.*

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## Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

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### **An African Arms Bazaar Part Two.**

(26/09/2008 – UPI - Space War Daily)

[http://www.spacewar.com/reports/An\\_African\\_Arms\\_Bazaar\\_Part\\_Two\\_999.html](http://www.spacewar.com/reports/An_African_Arms_Bazaar_Part_Two_999.html)

*China is actively operating in the African market because other leading arms exporters, including Russia, tend to neglect the region. Beijing also takes advantage of the fact that Africa cannot afford to buy expensive, high-tech equipment offered by Paris, Berlin, Brussels, Washington and Moscow.*

**Contractors eye opportunities in African market.**

(24/09/2008 – Jane's Defence Weekly)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*Reports from the Africa Aerospace and Defence 2008 reflect a new optimism in the African regional market. New oil money, new regimes and changing geopolitics have created a potential, that is however limited by small budgets and export licence restrictions.*

**Africa: Continent Seeks Common Front Against Use of Cluster Bombs.**

(30/09/2008 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809300380.html>

**AFRICA: Call to ban cluster bombs.**

(29/09/2008 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportId=80655>

**Over 40 African Governments Meet on Cluster Munitions Treaty.**

(29/09/2008 – VOA News)

<http://www.voanews.com/english/africa/2008-09-29-voa35.cfm?rss=africa>

*As the conference on cluster bombs got underway in Kampala yesterday, delegates from more than 40 African countries made rallying cries for governments from the affected countries to take the anti-cluster bombs crusade a notch higher by signing the new international treaty banning cluster bombs this December.*

**Africa: New U.S. Military Command to Focus Exclusively On Continent.**

(26/09/2008 – American government; published by allAfrica – 29/09/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809290260.html>

**Afrique: Ce mercredi 1er octobre 2008 - Africom officiellement opérationnel en Afrique.**

(30/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809300568.html>

*After long preparations, the new U.S. Africa Command that President Bush announced in February 2007 is scheduled to become fully operational October 1.*

**J. Ping : «Pas de paix au Burundi s'il n'y a pas consolidation de la paix au Sud-Kivu ».**

(24/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20404>

*Jean Ping, chairman of the AU Commission, believes it is necessary to consolidate peace in the entire Great Lakes Region. Peace efforts in Burundi won't succeed without peace in the Kivus.*

**DRC****Suffering in silence.**

(29/09/2008 – The Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2008/sep/29/congo.humanrights>

*Child soldiers, mass rape, starvation and 5.4 million dead in a decade. But we hear little about the conflict in eastern Congo.*

**Goma : un Caro sensibilise sur le rôle de la Monuc.**

(24/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20415>

*Sensitizing campaign in Goma on the peacekeeping role of the MONUC.*

**Monuc : Alan Doss à New York pour rendre compte.**

(29/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20469>

*Alan Doss will visit the UN in NY to brief the Security Council on the current security situation in eastern DRC.*

**For an effective and credible MONUC.****Pour une MONUC crédible et efficace.**

(26/09/2008 – EurAc)

For consultation at request.

*EurAc's press release concerning the situation in eastern Congo. The European NGO-network for lobby on Central Africa EurAc launches an appeal to the member-states of the European Union which are also member of the Security Council to endorse to this release.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Monuc Should Do Better in Kivu.**

(25/09/2008 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809250323.html>

*A fresh, uncompromised MONUC mission should be strengthened enough to do the job on its own; otherwise talk of implementing the Nairobi Communique will continue being mere platitudes. The world looks at MONUC askance, challenging their very existence there if they cannot keep the peace in the Kivu region, let alone enforce their own brokered peace agreement signed in Nairobi.*

**MONUC meets with Congolese women.**

(30/09/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=18274> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=18276> (French)

*The security and socio-political situation in the DRC in general and the east in particular is a major concern for Congolese women. The Permanent Framework of Dialogue for Congolese Women (CAFCO) came in the name of Congolese women to meet MONUC, to discuss security questions and also the part which Congolese women can play in the prevention and settlement of conflict.*

**UN mission deploys extra police as fighting continues in eastern DR Congo.**

(27/09/2008 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=28327&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo>

*Fighting continues to rage in the North Kivu province of eastern DRC between Government forces and rebels, the UN peacekeeping mission to the country reported today as it stepped up efforts to stabilize the volatile region. A reinforced platoon of 40 Indian police officers was deployed today in Goma, the provincial capital, to help support Congolese national police in that city.*

**DR Congo calls on UN to use force to impose peace on rebel holdouts in east.**

(29/09/2008 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=28367&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo>

*DRC today called for United Nations peacekeepers to be given a clear mandate and the resources necessary to impose peace by force if necessary on a rebel group that is the sole holdout on a disengagement plan in the east of the vast country.*

**Assemblée Générale des Nations Unies: Allocution de son excellence monsieur Ileka Atoki.**

(29/09/2008 – UN General Assembly)

[http://www.un.org/ga/63/generaldebate/pdf/drcongo\\_fr.pdf](http://www.un.org/ga/63/generaldebate/pdf/drcongo_fr.pdf) (The link can also be found in the above article)

*In this document the DRC permanent representative at the UN asks for a stronger engagement of the MONUC.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: DRC War - Monuc Again Sides With Gov't Coalition.**

(26/09/2008 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809260093.html>

*Opinion article on the MONUC's military support to the FARDC in fighting the CNDP.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Désengagement - Le plan de la Monuc.**

(26/09/2008 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809260708.html>

*Article on the MONUC's disengagement plan for the Congolese rebellion groups.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Programme Amani - Le comité de pilotage se réunit sans le CNDP.**

(25/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809250415.html>

**Les groupes armés s'engagent à passer rapidement au désengagement.**

(24/09/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=18216>

**South Kivu: Armed groups pledge to rapidly move to disengagement.**

(25/09/2008 – Reuters - MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=18227>

**Le CNDP sèche les travaux du comité de pilotage du programme Amani.**

(25/09/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/53829>

**Réaffirmation de la volonté d'aller vers la Paix a la réunion de Bukavu du Comité de pilotage du Programme Amani.**

Including the document showing the signatories.

(25/09/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/53828>

*On the meeting in Bukava the Amani Programme Steering Committee welcomed the declaration made by the armed groups that signed the pledge of commitment for South Kivu, through which they formally committed to move to disengagement, the restoration of state authority and actions aimed at facilitating the return of internally displaced persons and refugees in the province..*

**Programme Amani : 55 jours pour terminer le plan de désengagement.**

(24/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20416>

*Minister Kalume announced the disengagement plan has started. The two phases, one of convincing and one of forcing, would take 55 days.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Sud-Kivu et Nord-Kivu - le recrutement d'enfants soldats s'intensifie.**

(29/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809290542.html>

*There is talking and agreement on the disengagement plan. However recruitment of child soldiers still goes on in the eastern DRC.*

**RDC: Recrudescence des viols et du recrutement d'enfants-soldats.**

(29/09/2008 – BBC)

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/french/news/story/2008/09/080929\\_drc\\_amnesty\\_violences.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/french/news/story/2008/09/080929_drc_amnesty_violences.shtml)

**Est de la RDC : 50 % d'anciens enfants soldats sont à nouveau recrutés.**

(29/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20462>

**Congo's child soldiers re-enlisted.**

(29/09/2008 – The Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2008/sep/29/congo.humanrights>

**Amnesty: Freed child soldiers re-recruited in DRC.**

(29/09/2008 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2008-09-29-amnesty-freed-child-soldiers-rerecruited-in-drc>

**Amnesty International Highlights Eastern Congo Human Rights Abuses.**

(29/09/2008 – VOA news)

<http://www.voanews.com/english/2008-09-29-voa1.cfm?rss=africa>

**Congo-Kinshasa: New Report Decries Rape And Draft of Child Soldiers.**

(30/09/2008 – Catholic Information Service for Africa – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809300848.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Est de la RDC- Amnesty international dénonce le recrutement d'enfants soldats.**

(30/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809300604.html>

**Amnesty: “Helpt bevrijde kindsoldaten wordt opnieuw gerekruteerd”.**

(29/09/2008 – IPS)

[http://ipsnews.be/index.php?id=35&no\\_cache=0&tx\\_uwnews\\_pi4\[art\\_id\]=22594](http://ipsnews.be/index.php?id=35&no_cache=0&tx_uwnews_pi4[art_id]=22594)

*Up to half of the child soldiers reunited with their families in the Democratic Republic of Congo's volatile North Kivu province may have been recruited again by warring militias over the past year, according to a new Amnesty International report.*

**Rekrutering kindsoldaten “pervers effect” van vrede van Goma.**

(29/09/2008 – IPS)

[http://ipsnews.be/index.php?id=35&no\\_cache=0&tx\\_uwnews\\_pi4\[art\\_id\]=22601](http://ipsnews.be/index.php?id=35&no_cache=0&tx_uwnews_pi4[art_id]=22601)

*The deal made in the Goma peace agreement concerning the integration of rebel leaders in the FARDC, is one of the drivers of the boosted recruitment of child soldiers.*

**Ntumba Luaba : «la reprise des hostilités favorise le recrutement des enfants soldats».**

(29/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20471>

*The revival of hostilities in eastern DRC further boosts the forced recruitment of child soldiers.*

**Congo blasts child soldier claim.**

(29/09/2008 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7641498.stm>

*DRC minister Chikez Diemu has challenged the Amnesty International report claiming a rise in the recruitment of child soldiers and rape in the east of the country.*

**France addresses child soldier issue.**

(27/09/2008 – AP – MONU)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=18252>

*France's secretary of state for human rights is calling on more countries to sign the Paris Principles for the prevention and recuperation of child soldiers.*

**Rwanda: Turning Ex-Child Soldiers Into Able Citizens.**

(30/09/2008 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=80668>

(30/09/2008 - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809300828.html>

*On the DDR programme for FDLR combatants and child soldiers.*

**DDRRR : 662 rebelles hutus rwandais rapatriés depuis novembre 2007.**

(24/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20418>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Plus de 11.906 rwandais ont été rapatriés depuis 2002.**

(26/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809260413.html>

*1107 Rwandan Hutus have been repatriated to their mother country since 2007, of whom 662 rebels, the others are relatives.*

**Butembo : les responsables des groupes Mai-Mai favorables au désengagement de leurs éléments.**

(30/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20489>

*The Mai Mai rebels who signed for peace in North Kivu are expected in Nyaleke for the 'brassage'.*

**Violent confrontations in eastern DRC****A New War in Eastern DRC?**

(26/09/2008 – Institute for Security Studies)

[http://www.issafrica.org/index.php?link\\_id=5&slink\\_id=6606&link\\_type=12&slink\\_type=12&tmpl\\_id=3](http://www.issafrica.org/index.php?link_id=5&slink_id=6606&link_type=12&slink_type=12&tmpl_id=3)

*This past month saw an escalation of the conflict between rebel leader Laurent Nkunda's CNDP and the FARDC. Nkunda launched an offensive against the government army - an army which is still not unified and is not credible, neither operationally nor as an instrument for restoring the authority of the state.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: U.S. Condemns Outbreak of Fighting.**

(25/09/2008 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809250325.html>

**Réagissant aux violents combats entre les FARDC et le CNDP : les Etats-Unis appellent au cessez-le-feu dans l'Est de la RDC.**

(26/09/2008 – digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/53860>

*The United States has harshly condemned the renewed fighting in the eastern DRC. A statement from the State Department Tuesday called for an immediate ceasefire and for both sides to accept a disengagement plan put forward by the MONUC.*

**Nord-Kivu : nouveaux combats depuis ce mercredi matin.**

(24/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20412>

*FARDC has launched several attacks on CNDP positions in Rugari, near Goma, on Wednesday morning.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Nord-Kivu - Reprise des combats à Masisi et Rutshuru.**

(26/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809260415.html>

*Fighting resumed on Tuesday and Wednesday morning in Masisi and Rutshuru.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Combats au Nord-Kivu - La Monuc sous les feux croisés du CNDP et des FARDC.**

(25/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809250465.html>

*As fighting continued on Tuesday, the MONUC ended up in violent confrontations between FARDC and CNDP.*

**Guerre à l'Est : Une trêve de 15 jours pour le début du désengagement après des intenses combats à Rugari.**

(26/09/2008 – digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/53859>

*Thursday remained calm. Although there was some tension, fighting did not occur.*

**Rutshuru : FARDC et CNDP s'affrontent à nouveau à Kabizo.**

(26/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20437>

*Renewed fighting on Friday in Rutshuru.*

**Goma : poursuite des hostilités, le CNDP occupe Rwanguba.**

(27/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20446>

*As fighting continued on Friday, MONUC said CNDP has control over Rwanguba.*

**Masisi : nouveaux combats entre FARDC et CNDP à Kasake et Kamatare.**

(27/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20448>

*Violent confrontations in Masisi on Saturday.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: De nouveaux combats éclatent au Nord de Goma malgré les appels de la Monuc.**

(29/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809290563.html>

**De nouveaux combats signalés entre les FARDC et le CNDP de Nkundabatware.**

(29/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/53901>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Nouveaux affrontements à l'Est - CNDP et FARDC se rejettent la responsabilité.**

(29/09/2008 - La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809290972.html>

**Fresh fighting breaks out in DR Congo between army and rebels.**

(29/09/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=18256>

*In spite of the MONUC's appeal to stop all hostilities, fighting continued in Rutshuru on Sunday.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Situation sécuritaire à l'Est - La Monuc s'interpose entre les FARDC et le CNDP à Rugari.**

(30/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809300628.html>

*MONUC positioned itself between the warring parties in Rugari last weekend to cease the tensions and re-establish peace.*

**Général Kayembe : «Avec les pertes subies, le CNDP est démoralisé et affaibli».**

(30/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20485>

*FARDC General Kayembe declared the Congolese army is now in control and is about to break CNDP. Furthermore he states this situation of FARDC dominance has demoralized CNDP fighters.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Violence Escalates in Country.**

(24/09/2008 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809240171.html>

*The war in the DRC continued unabated Monday around Rutshuru and Masisi towns causing a backlash against Rwandan nationals and Kinyarwanda speaking Congolese in North Kivu.*

**Rwanda: Goma And Gisenyi Tense Due to North Kivu Conflict.**

(24/09/2008 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809240170.html>

*"The fact that residents in Goma wrongfully think Nkunda is indirectly supported by Rwanda increased the hostility of Congolese against Rwandans which has resulted in arresting, torturing and detaining Rwandans as a form of revenge," Rubavu District Immigration boss Francois Senyenzi has said.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: La Communauté hutu de la RDC préoccupée par la reprise des combats au Kivu.**

(29/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809290666.html>

*The Hutu community in the territories of Masisi, Nyiragongo, Rutshuru and Kalehe are worried about the new wave of violence in their region.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Joseph Kabila dit que le Rwanda est derrière Nkunda.**

(29/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809290663.html>

*Article on a Congolese radio programme last week devoted to the crisis in eastern Congo and Joseph Kabila's statement concerning the alleged support of Rwanda to Nkunda.*

**Les dérives de l'empire du mal : Kagame-Nkundabatware.**

(24/09/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/53803>

*Article on the Nkunda-Kagame affiliation.*

**L'ONU a perdu le contact avec le général rebelle, Laurent Nkunda.**

(30/09/2008 – Le Soir)

<http://www.lesoir.be/actualite/monde/congo-l-onu-a-perdu-le-2008-09-30-644036.shtml>

*The UN lost all contact with rebel leader Nkunda. This is fosters speculation and rumours on Nkunda.*

**DR Congo: Humanitarian Crisis Deepens as Peace Process Falters - Renewed Fighting Displaces 100,000 More Civilians in Eastern Congo.**

(25/09/2008 – Human Rights Watch)

<http://hrw.org/english/docs/2008/09/24/congo19881.htm> (English)

<http://hrw.org/french/docs/2008/09/24/congo19882.htm> (French)

**Congo-Kinshasa: Des ONG préoccupées par la détérioration de la situation humanitaire au Kivu.**

(30/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809300655.html>

*Renewed combat in eastern DRC has caused a drastic deterioration in the humanitarian situation and immense suffering for civilians, the Congo Advocacy Coalition, a group of 83 aid agencies and human rights groups, said today. The coalition called for urgent action to improve protection of civilians and an immediate increase in assistance to vulnerable populations.*

**La situation humanitaire se dégrade fortement dans les Kivus.**

(30/09/2008 – Jeune Afrique.com)

[http://www.jeuneafrique.com/jeune\\_afrique/article\\_depeche.asp?art\\_cle=AFP13758!asitsuviks0](http://www.jeuneafrique.com/jeune_afrique/article_depeche.asp?art_cle=AFP13758!asitsuviks0)

*The humanitarian situation in the Kivu provinces is deteriorating enormously since the beginning of fighting in September.*

**Combats dans l'Est de la RDC : environ 1.700 personnes réfugiées en Ouganda.**

(27/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/53882>

**Hundreds of fleeing Congolese cross into Uganda: UN.**

(26/09/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=18245>

*According to UNHCR, an estimated 1.700 people have fled to Uganda because of the fighting between CNDP and FARDC.*

**Guerre à l'Est : Le gouvernement vole au secours des victimes de Nkunda : Nord-Kivu : 210 tonnes de vivres et non vivres aux populations déplacées.**

(24/09/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/53802>

*The war between CNDP and FARDC is disaster for the local population. The government now tries to offer some humanitarian assistance to the affected populations.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Nord Kivu - Les combats limitent sérieusement l'assistance humanitaire, selon Holmes.**

(24/09/2008 – UN – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809240753.html>

(25/09/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/53833>

*OCHA is worried about the limited access of the humanitarian aid to North Kivu because of the renewed fighting.*

**DRC: NGO opts out after attack on staff.**

(25/09/2008 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=80588> (English)

(26/09/2008 – IRIN – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809260919.html> (French)

*An international NGO has suspended its activities following attacks on its workers in Ituri District, Orientale Province, in north-eastern DRC, a senior official said.*

**Lubero : accrochages entre FARDC et Mai-Mai du Pareco à Kamandi.**

(25/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20427>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Nord-Kivu - De nouveaux accrochages signalés à Kamandi.**

(26/0/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809260465.html>

*Fighting has been observed Wednesday night in Lubero, North Kivu. Warring parties were FARDC and Pareco Mai Mai warriors. Calm has now returned, but the local population fled into the bush.*

**Bunia: Is FRPI arrache deux localités aux FARDC.**

(29/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20474>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Security Situation for September 29 2008.**

(29/09/2008 – MONUC; published by allAfrica – 30/09/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809300189.html>

*Militants of the FRPI (Force de résistance patriotique de l'Ituri) have conquered Tsheyi and Bukiringi from FARDC, two villages about 100 kilometres south of Bunia.*

**Ituri : reprise des combats entre FARDC et la milice FRPI à Bogoro.**

(30/09/2008 – Radio okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20494>

*All villagers of Bogoro, 25 kilometres south of Bunia, have fled after hearing FRPI militia were nearing.*

**Goma : sit-in des femmes devant le bureau de la Monuc.**

(29/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20466>

*About 20 women from the “women for development association” (Caded) have protested to ask the MONUC for a stronger engagement for peace in the eastern DRC.*

**Kanyabayonga: les femmes des militaires en colère.**

(29/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20473>

*The wives of FARDC soldiers have marched on Sunday and Monday in a protest march in Kanyabayonga.*

**Lubumbashi : la population proteste contre la reprise des hostilités à l'Est de la RDC.**

(30/09/2008 – Radio okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20490>

*Protest march in Lubumbashi to condemn the reprisal of the war in eastern DRC.*

**LRA in eastern DRC****RDC : Joseph Kony sème la terreur dans l'est du pays.**

(26/09/2008 – afrik.com)

<http://www.afrik.com/article15306.html>

*Joseph Kony and his rebel movement LRA have their base in eastern DRC, where they spread terror.*

**DR Congo/Dungu: Fear and tension after LRA attacks.**

(25/09/2008 - Missionary International Service News Agency – Reliefweb)

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

*Tension remains high in the Dungu area, where some villages were attacked last week by Ugandan rebels of the LRA, with at least ten people killed and over a hundred abducted.*

**Dungu : LRA, des milliers de déplacés affluent vers la cité.**

(24/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20417>

**'Thousands flee' LRA in DR Congo.**

(25/09/2008 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7635719.stm>

**Congo-Kinshasa: 75,000 Civilians Flee LRA.**

(25/09/2008 – New Vision ; published by allAfrica – 26/09/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809260198.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Dungu - Les affrontements entre FARDC-LRA ont occasionné le déplacement de 75.000 personnes.**

(26/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809260466.html>

**DRC: Thousands flee LRA attacks on northeastern villages.**

(29/09/2008 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=80654>

*Thousands of civilians have been displaced after attacks by the Ugandan rebel LRA militia in northeast DRC and cannot access humanitarian aid, according to a UN official..*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Ugandan Rebels Attack Catholic Mission.**

(23/09/2008 - Catholic Information Service for Africa; published by allAfrica – 24/09/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809240040.html>

*Ugandan LRA rebels looted and destroyed a Catholic mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo, near the border with Sudan.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: L'Unicef demande la libération sans conditions des écoliers enlevés par des rebelles.**

(24/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809240394.html>

*UNICEF made an appeal to the LRA commanders to release the 90 kidnapped children.*

**Uganda rebels deny attacks in DRC, Sudan.**

(26/09/2008 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2008-09-26-uganda-rebels-deny-attacks-in-drc-sudan>

**Uganda/Dungu: LRA leaders deny new attacks.**

(26/09/2008 – Reliefweb)

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

*Ugandan rebel group the LRA has denied reports it recently launched attacks and abducted children in both the DRC and south Sudan.*

**MONUC wants to protect the population against the LRA.**

(26/09/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=18232> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=18231> (French)

**Congo-Kinshasa: Soutien de la Monuc aux FARDC à Dungu.**

(30/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809300684.html>

*MONUC went to Dungu, Orientale province, to evaluate the security and humanitarian situation, with a special focus on human rights in this territory which in prey to the exactions of the LRA Ugandan rebels, who have caused the displacement of many people.*

**Dungu : la Monuc et le gouvernement provincial au secours des victimes des LRA.**

(27/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20445>

**La MONUC constate une situation humanitaire dégradante à Dungu.**

(26/09/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=18251>

*Nine days after the LRA attacks on some villages in Dungu territory, the MONUC and the provincial government prepared an emergency answer.*

**Le gouvernement appelé à sévir contre les rebelles ougandais de la LRA dans le nord-est.**

(24/09/2008 – Xinhua – Jeune afrique.com)

[http://www.jeuneafrique.com/jeune\\_afrique/article\\_depeche.asp?art\\_cle=XIN83708le\\_goutsedro0](http://www.jeuneafrique.com/jeune_afrique/article_depeche.asp?art_cle=XIN83708le_goutsedro0)

*Senators from the DRC Oriental Province asked the central government to react effectively against the LRA rebels misdeeds.*

**Exactions de la LRA dans la province Orientale : « le gouvernement doit s'assumer ».**

(24/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20411>

*The Congolese political opposition criticizes the sluggishness of the government after the LRA's outrages in Dungu territory.*

**Dungu : LRA, la population manifeste contre l'indifférence des autorités.**

(25/09/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=20428>

*A spontaneous protest march arose in Dungu. The population denounced the apathy of the government and the MONUC towards the victims of the LRA's violence.*

**Security situation for 25 September 2008 (7pm).**

(26/09/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=18243> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=18238> (French)

**Congo-Kinshasa: Angry Protesters Attack UN Post, Wound Two Peacekeepers.**

(26/09/2008 – UN News Service; published by allAfrica – 27/09/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809270001.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: RD Congo - Deux véhicules de la MONUC brûlés par des manifestants à Dungu.**

(26/09/2008 – UN; published by allAfrica – 29/09/2008)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809290336.html>

*In Dungu in Orientale Province, a crowd of hundreds of people attacked the MONUC observation post and the liaison office of the UN agency OCHA, plundering and destroying United Nations material and equipment.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Province Orientale - Marche de colère contre les exactions des rebelles ougandais.**

(25/09/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809250501.html>

*A protest march, mobilizing 2000 people, was organised on Monday to condemn the violent outrages of the LRA rebels in Isiro.*

## UGANDA

**Uganda: Elders Warned On Kony Phone Calls.**

(25/09/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 26/09/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809260197.html>

*The UPDF 4th Division commander, Brig. Charles Otema, has cautioned Acholi cultural and religious leaders to be sceptical about the phone calls from LRA leader Joseph Kony claiming he wants peace talks.*

**Uganda: CMI Conned By Former Kony Rebels.**

(28/09/2008 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809280056.html>

*Three former rebels of the LRA who had been offered amnesty by the government of Uganda have been arrested by military intelligence for suspected con-artistry in a scandal that shows the darker side of the country's bid to get Joseph Kony to sign a peace deal.*

**Uganda: NGOs Asked to Stop Feeding LRA.**

(29/09/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 30/09/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809300011.html>

*The Ugandan Government has urged humanitarian agencies to stop providing food to the LRA as a way of forcing the rebels out of the Congo jungles. Minister Kabwegyere, said the rebels had become adamant on signing a final peace agreement because they receive food from mainly Christian-founded humanitarian agencies.*

**Uganda: UPDF Dismisses UN Report On Karamoja.**

(30/09/2008 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809300385.html>

*The UPDF has dismissed the recent UN report on Karamoja and described it as unrealistic and not a reflection of the security situation in the region. The UPDF said declaring certain regions 'no go zone' areas in Karamoja indicated that UN lacks the facts necessary to present a true security situation of the region.*

## BURUNDI

**BURUNDI: Learning to live together in one village.**

(26/09/2008 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=80604> (English)

(29/09/2008 – IRIN – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809291428.html> (French)

*Years ago, Mammert Buregeya, a 54-year-old displaced Burundian Tutsi, would probably have refused to live in Muriza "peace village" because that would bring him close to Hutu returnees. "Suspicion between Tutsi IDPs and Hutu returnees is something of the past," he said after accepting the offer of a house in Muriza in August. The idea of peace villages was mooted by UNHCR.*

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## Other

**Statement by an IMF Staff Mission to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.**

(25/09/2008 – IMF)

<http://www.imf.org/external/np/sec/pr/2008/pr08222.htm> (English)

<http://www.imf.org/external/french/np/sec/pr/2008/pr08222f.htm> (French)

**Congo-Kinshasa: Toute la vérité sur la déclaration de fin de mission du FMI en RDC.**

(27/09/2008 – Le Potentiel; published by allAfrica – 29/09/2008)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200809290604.html>

**Coopération FMI-RDC : Rendez-vous à Washington à la mi-octobre prochain.**

(29/09/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/53903>

*A mission from the IMF, headed by Mr. Brian Ames, visited Kinshasa from September 10-23, 2008 to assess the implementation to date of the government's economic program for 2008 and to discuss policies going forward.*

**Project Funds Stalled Amid Fraud Concerns.**

(25/09/2008 – institute for war and peace reporting)

[http://www.iwpr.net/?p=acr&s=f&o=346843&apc\\_state=henh](http://www.iwpr.net/?p=acr&s=f&o=346843&apc_state=henh)

*World Bank withholds further funding for development in northern Uganda as corruption investigation continues. The second phase of the redevelopment project – NUSAF II – is on hold until the fraud allegations have been addressed.*

**Rwanda: World Bank Approves Frw308 Billion for Development.**

(28/09/2008 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200809280038.html>

*The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors endorsed US\$561m to Rwanda under the Country Assistance Strategy. The CAS is a World Bank's document that aims at supporting countries to achieve their development goals.*

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