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IPIS LATEST REPORTS

Mapping Conflict Motives: Central African Republic.

(20/02/2009 – IPIS)

www.ipisresearch.be/mapping_car.php

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

Rechercher la problématique des ressources naturelles dans la RDC.

(12/02/2009 – IPIS)

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

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

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

(6/01/2009 – IPIS)

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

This report is the third (and for the moment the last) in a series of updates following an initial report on conflict motives in the Congolese province of Katanga. It analyses the most important security developments from May 2008 until September 2008.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(December 2008 – Oxfam - IPIS)

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

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

Fatal Transaction's second submission on EIB Statements.

(November 2008 – IPIS)

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

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

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

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

(June 2008 - IPIS)

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

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

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

(July 2008 – Fatal Transactions - IPIS)

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

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

L'Afrique révisé les contrats miniers.

(July 2008 – Le Monde Diplomatique – IPIS)

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

Article on the current contract revision projects throughout Africa.

Heeft Congo iets aan zijn mijnen?

(June 2008 – MO*magazine – IPIS)

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

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

Activity Report 2007

(IPIS)

Jaarverslag 2007

(IPIS)

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

Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

Regulation and Legitimacy in the Mining Industry in Africa : Where Does Canada Stand?

(24/02/2009 – GRAMA)

http://www.er.ugam.ca/nobel/ieim/spip.php?page=article-poissant&id_article=4834

There are more than 1,000 mining companies listed on Canadian stock exchanges, more than any other country and, as such, represent the most important source of investment in mining in Africa. This article provides a preliminary evaluation of the experience and report of the Canadian National Roundtables on Corporate Social Responsibility.

DRC

La réforme du secteur minier en RD Congo : enjeux de gouvernance et perspectives de reconstruction.

(24/02/2009 – GRAMA)

http://www.er.ugam.ca/nobel/ieim/spip.php?page=article-poissant&id_article=4836

Article analyzing the restructuring of the Congolese mining sector and its use for the country's reconstruction and development.

L'industrie du diamant en République Démocratique du Congo : pour quel développement!

(October 2008 – South African Resource Watch)

<http://www.sarwatch.org/resource-reports/36-research-reports/274-lindustrie-du-diamant-en-republique-democratique-du-congo-pour-quel-developpement.html>

This research report tries to investigate how the diamond industry can be an engine of development and how it can support the fight against poverty in the DRC.

Coffey Mining helping rebuild diamond mine in the DRC.

(27/02/2009 – International Mining)

<http://www.im-mining.com/2009/02/27/coffey-mining-helping-rebuild-diamond-mine-in-the-drc/>

Diamonds in the rough: Polishing the Congolese diamond industry.

(27/02/2009 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page674?oid=79317&sn=Detail>

Coffey Mining, a global specialist consultancy company, is helping to find workable strategies to restore the Mbuji Mayi mine in the DRC to its former glory.

Congo-Kinshasa: Bongeli parle des contrats chinois.

(24/02/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902250485.html>

Congolese Minister Bongeli spoke to the participants of the mining forum 'Indaba 2009', organised in Cape Town. He explained them the legitimacy and correctness of the DRC's government actions concerning the mining contacts.

Congo-Kinshasa: L'exploitation aurifère congolaise reprend du service.

(24/02/2009 – Le potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902240459.html>

A delegation from OKIMO at the 'Indaba 2009' conference released its ambitious gold projects.

Congo-Kinshasa: La RDC et ses contrats miniers - Une revisitation tronquée.

(24/02/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902240456.html>

Article analyzing the results presented by the revistation commission of 2007 for the Congolese mining contracts.

Joseph Kabila et Yoweri Museveni annoncés mercredi à Kasese autour des dossiers de sécurité et de pétrole.

(3/03/2009 – L'Avenir – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56840>

Next to the security situation in eastern DRC, the Ugandan and Congolese Presidents will also discuss the Lake Albert oil dossier on their meeting organised on Wednesday.

UGANDA

Uganda says proven oil reserves at 600 million barrels.

(26/02/2009 – Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/business/feedarticle/8376499>

Uganda expects to end a freeze on oil exploration licences by the end of this year, and so far has 600 million barrels of proven crude reserves, the state energy minister said on Thursday.

Eldoret-Kampala pipeline compensation for March.

(28/02/2009 – East African Business Week)

http://www.busiweek.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1128&Itemid=2

The construction of the much awaited Eldoret-Kampala oil pipeline is hoped to begin in April. Preparations are underway to compensate the people that will be affected by the project.

RWANDA

RWANDA-DRC: "Killer" lake to be tamed.

(3/03/2009 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=83268>

Rwanda is to develop an integrated gas-extraction and electricity-generation facility at Lake Kivu to neutralise the "killer lake" while generating power, officials said.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

Tiomin Summarizes Kivu's Exploration Activities.

(27/02/2009 – marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Tiomin-Resources-Inc-TSX-TIO-955625.html>

Tiomin Resources Inc. is pleased to provide a summary of information received from Kivu Gold Corp. regarding its gold exploration properties in sub-Saharan Africa. Tiomin owns approximately 33.5% of the outstanding common shares of Kivu.

Canadian mining companies on rampage around the world.

(28/02/2009 - Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives – AfricaFiles)

<http://www.africafiles.org/article.asp?ID=20245>

Canada is the world's leading mining nation. Many Canadian mining companies, however, have become notorious for damaging communities and the environment and fuelling wars and repression all over the world. The Canadian government has refused to hold these corporations accountable, leading to increased international criticism of Canada.

DRC

Of Blood and Gold: How Canadian Mining Companies Loot the Congo.

(26/02/2009 – Toward Freedom)

<http://towardfreedom.com/home/content/view/1534/1/>

Once again, the presence of a foreign mining company in the DRC offers a stunning example of disparity between the "have-mores" of the West and the local Congolese, who in turn seemingly have nothing but violence and struggle. In January of this year the Banro mining company of Canada called on investors to raise hundreds of millions of dollars to help them mine one of Africa's "last great" gold deposits.

Banro gets confirmation of gold project licences from DRC Government.

(25/02/2009 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page66?oid=79132&sn=Detail>

DRC confirms Banro mining convention, licences.

(25/02/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/drc-confirms-banro-mining-convention-licences-2009-02-25>

Any doubts on Banro's DRC gold licences have now been allayed by government confirmation of the company's Mining Convention and Licences demonstrating a good relationship between the exploration company and the government hierarchy.

Banro looking for big brother to help fund DRC gold mine.

(27/02/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/banro-looking-for-big-brother-to-help-fund-drc-gold-mine-2009-02-27>

Canadian gold junior Banro Corp is looking for a strategic partner to take a stake of as much as 60%, possibly in the company itself or its flagship project, and assist in financing the construction and start up of the mine, says president and CEO Mike Prinsloo.

Randgold in discussions with Moto Goldmines.

(26/02/2009 – Financial Times)

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/c931059a-037d-11de-b405-000077b07658.html>

The chief executive of Randgold Resources, the cash-rich African gold mining company, confirmed on Wednesday it is in discussions to acquire Moto Goldmines, a smaller player developing an enormous gold deposit in the DRC, in an all-share transaction.

Moto Goldmines Limited-Moto Gold Project-Optimised Feasibility Study Completed.

(2/03/2009 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Moto-Goldmines-Limited-TSX-MGL-955858.html>

A gold reawakening in the DRC.

(2/03/2009 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page34?oid=79498&sn=Detail>

Moto completes feasibility study on DRC gold mine.

(2/03/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/moto-completes-feasibility-study-on-drc-gold-mine-2009-03-02>

Moto Goldmines on Monday released the findings of an optimized feasibility study for the project. Project economics are "significantly enhanced" by introducing a high grade underground mine "and adopting a value acceleration strategy for the open pit mine scheduling".

Metorex needs further funding.

(3/03/2009 – Miningmx)

http://www.miningmx.com/mining_fin/955559.htm

Diversified miner needs stronger commodities prices.

(3/03/2009 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page67?oid=79569&sn=Detail>

Diversified South African mining group Metorex said it needs to secure further funds on top of the R922m it raised late last year to pay back a bridging loan, put its antimony operation into mothballs and service debt. Metorex has identified its core assets as the copper operations at Ruashi and Chibuluma, its gold investment in Pan African Resources and its Vergenoeg fluorspar mine in South Africa.

Katanga Mining Says Two Miners Killed in Accidents (Update2).

(3/03/2009 – Bloomberg)

http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601116&sid=arxzoOPp_WhA&refer=africa

Katanga Mining Ltd. said two miners died in separate accidents at its underground mine in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

UGANDA

Heritage Oil and Tullow Oil lead exploration efforts in Uganda.

(2/03/2009 – Gerson Lehrman Group)

<http://www.glggroup.com/News/Heritage-Oil-and-Tullow-Oil-lead-exploration-efforts-in-Uganda.-34918.html>

Tullow Oil announced that its 2009 drilling program could put Uganda among the world's top 50 crude oil producers. However, the government should focus on further exploration rather than large-scale production according to country manager Brian Glover.

Le train en attendant la pipe.

(25/02/2009 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Tullow Oil and Heritage are negotiating with the Ugandan government to use the railway to get the crude oil, extracted from 'Kingfisher', to the Tanzanian coast.

RWANDA

TransAfrika Eyes Rwanda Gold Renaissance.

(27/02/2009 – Javno)

http://www.javno.com/en-economy/transafrika-eyes-rwanda-gold-renaissance_238314

A Mauritius-based mineral exploration company says it is encouraged by initial gold deposits in Rwanda after the first exploratory drillings in the central African nation for fifty years.

GMC to invest \$2,5m in Rwanda ore exploration.

(19/02/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/gmc-to-invest-25m-in-rwanda-ore-exploration-2009-02-19>

South Africa's Gatumba Mining Concessions will invest \$2,5-million exploring for tin and tantalum in Rwanda this year, the company has said.

China in the Great Lakes Region

China to Proceed With \$9 Billion Congo Plan, Ambassador Says.

(3/03/2009 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601116&sid=aGh8yVIndUog&refer=africa>

China plans to spend \$9 billion on mining and infrastructure in the DRC and won't bow to a demand from the IMF to alter the accord, the Chinese ambassador to the country said.

Chinese private enterprises pioneer in Africa.

(20/02/2009 – People's Daily Online)

<http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90778/90857/90861/6597615.html>

In 2008, trade volume between China and Africa reached 106.8 billion USD, marking that the goal proposed by the Beijing Summit for the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation "to push China-Africa trade volume to 100 billion USD by 2010" was realized ahead of schedule. Private enterprises have played a remarkable role in achieving that goal.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

Preventing diversion of small arms and light weapons.

(February 2009 – Saferworld)

http://www.saferworld.org.uk/publications.php/376/preventing_diversion_of_small_arms_and_light_weapons

This report examines issues and priorities for improving controls and co-operation to prevent and reduce diversion of authorised official or civilian SALW transfers and holdings to unauthorised users or uses.

Central Africa: The Congo-Rwanda Bilateral Framework in the Last 30 Years.

(26/02/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902260188.html?viewall=1>

Opinion article on Rwanda and Congo's bilateral ties over the last decades.

UN chief appeals for peace in Africa's hot spots.

(27/02/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20161>

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon called for peace in Africa's war-ravaged regions after he arrived in Tanzania for the second leg of a five-nation tour of the continent.

DRC**Congo-Kinshasa: Defense Finishes With Child Soldier.**

(24/02/2009 – Lubanga Trial Website)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902250757.html>

Thomas Lubanga's defense lawyers on Tuesday probed discrepancies in the testimony of a former child soldier between his original statement and his comments in court.

Congo-Kinshasa: Procès Thomas Lubanga.

(28/02/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903020526.html>

A former child soldier declared that commanders from Lubanga's rebellion ordered the fighters to rape ordinary girls.

Afrique: Rétablissement de l'autorité de l'Etat.

(3/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903030417.html>

La situation sécuritaire en RDC examinée en profondeur à la réunion des pays de la SADC en Afrique du Sud.

(2/03/2009 – ACP - Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56810>

The member states of the SADC gathered last week in South Africa. One of the topics on their agenda was the reestablishment of the state in the eastern part of the DRC.

UN Secretary General to visit the DRC.

(26/02/2009 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20151> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=20150> (French)

UN Secretary General Mr. Ban Ki-moon is due to make a working visit to the DRC from 28 February to 1 March 2009. The visit is part of a tour to five African countries: DRC, South Africa, Kenya, Rwanda and Egypt.

Kisangani : Ban Ki-moon meets President Joseph Kabila.

(2/03/2009 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20178> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=20177> (French)

Congo-Kinshasa: Situation sécuritaire au Nord-Kivu.

(2/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903020514.html>

Joseph Kabila prévenu par Ban Ki-Moon du danger de l'impunité des crimes et violences sexuelles commis en RDC.

(2/03/2009 – Le Palmarès – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56806>

On Saturday 28 February 2009, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon met with Joseph Kabila, president of the Democratic Republic of Congo in Kisangani, capital of Province Orientale. After the meeting, Mr. Ban told the assembled media that one of the main subjects of discussion was the "issue of sexual violence in the DRC, and the need to tackle the culture of impunity."

Congo-Kinshasa: Echec ou fin de mission de la Monuc.

(28/02/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903020520.html>

Among other things that were discussed, the evaluation of the UN peacekeeping mission in the DRC was one of the main topics on the agenda of the meeting between Ban Ki-moon and Kabila.

Secretary-General meets with female victims of DR Congo conflict.

(28/02/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www0.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=30050&Cr=congo&Cr1=sexual>

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon visited today with women and girls who have been victims of sexual violence in eastern DRC, a country that the UN says has witnessed some of the highest levels of such abuses in the world.

UN chief urges DR Congo to seize chance for peace.

(2/03/2009 – AFP - MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20173>

UN chief Ban Ki-moon Saturday urged the DRC's leader Kabila to buttress peace in the country's volatile east after a successful military offensive against Rwandan Hutu rebels.

Relations between Rwanda and DR Congo focus of Ban's talks in Kigali.

(1/03/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www0.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=30051&Cr=FDLR&Cr1=>

Congo-Kinshasa: UN Chief Praises Improved Rwanda - DRC Relations.

(2/03/2009 – The New Times - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903020156.html>

Ban Ki-Moon déclare à Kigali qu' « un nouveau chapitre s'ouvre dans les relations RDC-Rwanda ».

(3/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56835>

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and President Paul Kagame discussed the situation in the border region between Rwanda and the DRC today during their meeting in Kigali, the current stop on the United Nations chief's five-nation Africa trip.

The UN must protect Congo's civilians.

(27/02/2009 – Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2009/feb/26/congo-un-conflict-civilians>

Article claiming that VIP convoys come and go in east Congo's trouble spots, but the UN must do more to actually solve the conflict

UN chief pledges more help to Congo refugees.

(2/03/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20172>

RDC: Ban Ki-moon pour une présence "plus vigoureuse" de l'ONU dans l'est.

(2/03/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20166>

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon vowed Sunday to do more to help hundreds of thousands displaced by unrest in the Democratic Republic of Congo as he toured a camp in the east of the country.

Appui de l'UNICEF aux victimes de guerre et violences sexuelles en Rdc.

(2/03/2009 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56816>

Prime Minister Muzito met with the executive director of UNICEF, to talk about the UN agency's plans of support and help for children and victims of sexual violence in the DRC.

UN chief defends peacekeeping mission in Congo.

(2/03/2009 – AP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20176>

Congo-Kinshasa: Ban Ki-moon défend le bilan de la Monuc.

(2/03/2009 - Cameroon Tribune – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903021589.html>

The UN chief on Saturday called for close collaboration between Congo's government and the U.N.'s beleaguered peacekeeping mission there, but said its mandate is to support, not substitute for, action by Congolese authorities.

Ban calls for closer Congo-UN collaboration.

(28/02/2009 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE51R0B220090228?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews>

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called on Saturday for increased collaboration between Congo and the U.N. peacekeeping mission there, which is under fire for failing to do its job.

Réformer le "peace making" en République démocratique du Congo Quand les processus de paix deviennent des systèmes d'action internationaux.

(February 2009 – Ifri)

For consultation at request.

Extensive paper analysing the international character of the reconstruction and peace consolidation process in the DRC.

Notable rise in violence against civilians, aid workers in DR Congo, UN reports.

(27/02/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www0.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=30044&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo>

There has been a notable rise in violations against civilians and attacks on humanitarian workers in North Kivu province in eastern DRC, leading to new displacement, the United Nations OCHA reported today.

Congo Actualité n° 90.

(25/02/2009 – Réseau paix pour le Congo)

For consultation at request.

Small paper on the current security situation in the Kivu provinces.

The Changing Geo-Political Situation in Eastern DRC and the Impact on Stability in the Region.

(24/02/2009 – Institute for Security Studies)

http://www.issafrica.org/index.php?link_id=5&mlink_id=7316&link_type=12&mlink_type=12&tml_id=3

The situation in the Eastern DRC continues to evolve very rapidly. The events of the last six weeks have significantly reshaped the political and military landscape in the Kivu-provinces and have major implications for bringing stability to this troubled region.

Congo-Kinshasa: Au-delà des opérations militaires conjointes.

(25/02/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902250403.html>

As the Rwandan and Ugandan troops are leaving the DRC, after the joint military operations to neutralise negative forces, this article analyzes the idea and the use of joint military operations for situations in the future where peace and security need to be restored.

Congo-Kinshasa: Intervention rwandaise - le Sénat s'en mêle.

(24/02/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902250487.html>

Des parlementaires Katangais en vacances à Lubumbashi opposés à la pétition de convocation d'une session extraordinaire.

(24/02/2009 – l'Avenir - Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56717>

The Congolese Senate, following the example of the National Assembly, has expressed its willingness to organise an extraordinary session on the motives, of the different actors involved, underlying the joint military operations with Uganda and Rwanda.

Call for DR Congo speaker to quit.

(2/03/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20170>

RD Congo: le président de l'Assemblée nationale appelé à la démission.

(2/03/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=20169>

Congo-Kinshasa: Affaire Kamerhe - La semaine qui va tout décider.

(2/03/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903021805.html>

The Alliance for the Presidential Majority condemned remarks made last month by Vital Kamerhe as well as "their repercussions for national safety and cohesion." Kamerhe is under increasing pressure for criticising and trying to stop the military collaboration with Rwanda to root out Rwandan Hutu rebels in eastern Congo's troubled Nord-Kivu province.

Congo-Kinshasa: Emile Bongeli - « Personne n'a reçu un mandat éternel à l'Assemblée nationale ».

(2/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903020511.html>

Article concerning Vice-Prime Minister Bongeli's conversation with the media on the withdrawal of the Rwandan troops, the position of Vital Kamerhe, the 'cinq chantiers',

...

Congo parliament leaders quit as Rwanda row spreads.

(28/02/2009 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE51R03920090228?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews>

Most of the members of DRC's top parliamentary committee have quit in a deepening dispute over the presence of Rwandan forces in the country's violent east, lawmakers said on Friday.

Congo-Kinshasa: La Banque mondiale implique les cadres territoriaux dans le DDR.

(2/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903020512.html>

The World Bank tries to include local authorities and officials in the DDR process in eastern DRC.

FDLR**AU hails operation against Rwandan Hutu rebels.**

(26/02/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20154>

Rwanda: African Union Chief Lauds Operations Against FDLR.

(27/02/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902270192.html>

AU commission chief Jean Ping on Wednesday welcomed the result of a joint military operation by Rwanda and the DRC against Rwandan Hutu rebels.

Congo-Kinshasa: Opération conjointe Rwanda-RDC - des résultats incertains.

(24/02/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902250486.html>

Article questioning whether the results of the Rwanda-DRC joint military cooperation are absolute positive. It sees some consequences of the operation that are less promising.

Congo-Rwanda forces killed 90 rebels: commander.

(25/02/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20144>

A joint Congolese and Rwandan operation has killed nearly 90 Rwandan Hutu rebels in eastern DRC since January 20, the commander of the offensive said Tuesday.

Kigali claims Hutu rebels weakened.

(25/02/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20145>

Rwanda's Hutu rebels in the DRC have been seriously weakened but not eliminated by a month-long joint military operation, Rwanda's foreign minister said Wednesday.

Rwanda: Goma Upbeat As It Bids Farewell to Home Bound RDF.

(25/02/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902250046.html>

Le retour des troupes rwandaises salué par des liesses populaires mercredi à Goma au Nord-Kivu.

(26/02/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56745>

Congo-Kinshasa: Mission d'évaluation.

(27/02/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902270396.html>

Hundreds of Congolese in the DRC north-eastern provincial town of Goma expressed satisfaction amid preparations for Wednesday's farewell ceremony of Rwandan troops.

Rwandan troops start leaving eastern Congo.

(25/02/2009 – Reuters – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20142>

Rwanda begins DR Congo pull-out after joint operation.

(26/02/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20152>

Est de la RD Congo: poursuite du désengagement des soldats rwandais.

(26/02/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20155>

RDC: les soldats rwandais partent, Kinshasa et Kigali célèbrent leur entente.

(25/02/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20141>

Pleins feux sur Goma où se célèbre le retour de la paix avec des pompes autour du départ des troupes rwandaises.

(25/02/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56725>

RDCongo: unité congolo-rwandaise avant le départ des soldats de Kigali.

(25/02/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20143>

Rwanda troops withdraw from Congo.

(25/02/2009 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7909897.stm>

Congo-Kinshasa: Ils partent!

(25/02/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902250388.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Goma a abrité la cérémonie de prise d'armes.

(26/02/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902260464.html>

RDC : les soldats rwandais quittent le Nord-Kivu.

(25/02/2009 – afrik.com)

<http://www.afrik.com/article16326.html>

Rwanda: Troops Return From DRC.

(26/02/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902260004.html>

Rwandan soldiers began returning home on Wednesday from DRC, where thousands deployed last month for joint operations with Congo's army against FDLR rebels, a Reuters witness said.

Hutu rebels 'retake Congo bases'.

(24/02/2009 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7908350.stm>

Fighters of the FDLR group were driven from their bases by a joint force of Congolese and Rwandan troops. But United Nations refugee agency officials say the FDLR has returned, as Rwanda starts to withdraw its troops.

Rwandan troops leave DRC, stoking reprisal fears.

(25/02/2009 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2009-02-25-rwandan-troops-leave-drc-stoking-reprisal-fears>

Rwandan troops began withdrawing from the DRC on Wednesday, stoking fears that Rwandan Hutu rebels will step up reprisals against civilians and retake ground they lost during a month-long offensive against them.

Congo-Kinshasa: Les violences contre les populations risquent de s'accroître dans l'Est.

(3/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903030418.html>

Est de la RDCongo: les violences contre les civils risquent de s'accroître.

(2/03/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20168>

The International NGO Oxfam has expressed its concerns as it thinks harsh FDLR reprisals may occur during the days to come.

Rebels 'retake Congo positions'.

(2/03/2009 – BBC – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsId=20175>

FDLR rebels have retaken positions they lost in the eastern DRC days after Rwandan troops began to withdraw, UN peacekeepers say.

DRC-RWANDA: War against rebels "not over, despite troop withdrawal".

(2/03/2009 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=83234>

The war against the rebel FDLR, based in eastern DRC, was not over, despite last week's withdrawal of Rwandan troops from the Congo's North Kivu province, officials said.

Congo-Kinshasa: En ont-ils fini avec les FDLR?

(25/02/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902250887.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Bilan mitigé des opérations militaires conjointes.

(24/02/2009 – IPS – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902250297.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Fin des opérations militaires conjointes - «Disponibles», les soldats rwandais quittent le Nord-Kivu.

(26/02/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902260504.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Après les opérations militaires conjointes - Renforcer les dispositifs sécuritaires.

(26/02/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902260544.html>

Rwandan and Congolese officials have evaluated the joint military cooperation and expressed their satisfaction with the results. The DRC is convinced that it can further handle the FDLR rebels on its own, with the help of MONUC.

Congo, Rwanda Call Joint Offensive a Success.

(28/02/2009 – The Washington Post)

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/02/27/AR2009022702873.html?wprss=rss_world/africa

Observers Are More Guarded, Warning That Situation May Have Been Improved Only a Little

Rwanda: Army Chiefs Say FARDC Capable of Routing FDLR.

(27/02/2009 – The New times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902270003.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Lambert Mende - «Le gouvernement est déterminé à déployer les FARDC sur le territoire national».

(25/02/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902250412.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Traque des Fdlr - Kinshasa seul, sans les Rwandais.

(26/02/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902260574.html>

Après le Nord-Kivu, traque au Sud-Kivu les rebelles FDLR, Interahamwe et ex-Far sans appui des forces rwandaises.

(26/02/2009 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56751>

The Congolese national army FARDC is "very capable and has the will" to carry on with operations against the remaining FDLR elements, top military and governmental officials asserted yesterday.

Rwanda: Operation Umuja Wetu Ends.

(1/03/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903021153.html>

The joint Operation aimed at defeating the rebel FDLR group ended this week with officials from both Rwandan and DR Congo vowing to continue their efforts to defeat the rebels. Rwandan foreign affairs minister Rosemary Museminali was quoted saying that the two countries will continue working together especially on the diplomatic front to ensure a complete defeat of the FDLR.

It was also revealed by Museminali that Rwanda and DR Congo have fully restored bilateral relations and will reopen their embassies in both capitals to facilitate diplomatic relations between the two countries, that were strained a couple of years back.

UN chief: Rwanda to establish ties with Congo.

(2/03/2009 – AP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20174>

Rwanda intends to establish full diplomatic relations with Congo following a joint military operation that saw the neighbours and former enemies collaborate in hunting down an extremist militia, the UN chief said Sunday.

Rwandan troops could return to DR Congo: president.

(2/03/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20171>

Le Rwanda "prêt" pour d'autres opérations conjointes à l'est de la RDC.

(2/03/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20165>

Rwanda's President Paul Kagame said Sunday he was ready to send his troops back into neighbouring DRC if he felt a fresh offensive against rebels forces there was needed.

Congo-Kinshasa: Mwami Calls for Massive Sensibilisation Against FDLR.

(28/02/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903020330.html>

One of North Kivu's influential Traditional Chiefs Thursday stressed that a two-pronged approach - sensibilisation of the population and military operations, should be maintained to get rid of the FDLR.

DRC: The long journey home to Rwanda.

(27/02/2009 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=83172>

Article on a Rwandan refugee in the DRC considering to return home.

CNDP**Congo-Kinshasa: Nkunda - Kigali pour une solution politique.**

(24/02/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902240854.html>

Article on the importance that is being rendered to the extradition of Nkunda, while there are a lot of pressing problems that seem far more important for the Congolese population.

Voici les révélations faites par Kigali à Ban Ki-Moon sur l'extradition de Nkunda.

(3/03/2009 – Le Palmarès – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56843>

In the presence of Ban Ki-moon, Kagame declared the Rwandan and Congolese Ministers of Foreign Affairs are working on the dossier concerning the extradition of Nkunda.

Congolese Activists Oppose Plans for Ntaganda.

(2/03/2009 – Institute for war and peace reporting)

http://www.iwpr.net/index.php?apc_state=hen&s=0&o=I=EN&p=acr&s=f&o=350629

A coalition of human rights groups in the eastern DRC, have expressed their opposition to the government's plan to integrate militia commander Bosco Ntaganda and his force into the national army.

Le mouvement rebelle CNDP affiché de branche politique veut se redéfinir sans Nkunda son sinistre ex-dirigeant.

(26/02/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56718>

CNDP is planning its new political direction within the Congolese community, free from its former leader Nkunda.

RDC: des groupes armés pro-gouvernementaux entament leur désengagement.

(2/03/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20167>

Several Mai Mai rebel groups have announced this weekend they will disengage. These declarations follow the suspension of hostilities by these armed groups since January, because of the declarations by CNDP leaders to stop fighting in the DRC.

LRA

How EnLightning is the Thunder? Study on the Lord's Resistance Army in the border region of DR Congo, Sudan and Uganda

(February 2009 – IVK Pax Christi)

For consultation at request

The LRA issue was one of the main topics at the cross border conference on security in the border region of the DRC, Sudan and Uganda organized by IKV Pax Christi in September- October 2008 in Arua, North West Uganda. In this report Pax Christi gives a sketch of the background of the conflict, a brief chronology of events and an overview of the different responses. It concludes with the description of near-future scenarios and the few recommendations that can be made at this stage.

Congo-Kinshasa: Controverse autour du retrait des troupes ougandaises en RDC.

(24/02/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902240429.html>

La population de Dungu en Province Orientale redoute les représailles de la LRA après le retrait des troupes ougandaises.

(26/02/2009 – L'Avenir – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56719>

The Congolese government demanded the Ugandan troops to leave the DRC by the end of February. The civil society of Dungu however, afraid of repercussions by the LRA rebels, asked the Congolese government to permit the Ugandan army to stay longer to proceed its operation against Kony's rebels.

RD Congo: les soldats ougandais pourraient partir début mars.

(2/03/2009 – AFP - MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20164>

Après les troupes rwandaises, le retour des soldats ougandais envisagé ce début du mois de mars.

(2/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56824>

Congolese governmental spokesman Lambert Mende declared the Ugandan national army is allowed to stay a little longer, they are asked to begin retreating from the Congolese territory in the beginning of March.

Opération RDC-Ouganda contre la LRA: réunion Kabila-Museveni mercredi.

(3/03/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20179>

Joseph Kabila et Yoweri Museveni annoncés mercredi à Kasese autour des dossiers de sécurité et de pétrole.

(3/03/2009 – L'Avenir – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56840>

The Presidents of the DRC, Joseph Kabila, and Uganda, Yoweri Museveni, will meet on Wednesday to evaluate the joint military operation against the LRA rebels in eastern DRC. Furthermore the Lake Albert oil dossier will also be on the agenda of the conversation.

Uganda: UPDF Hands Over LRA Abductees to Sudan.

(24/02/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902250210.html>

The UPDF over the weekend handed over five former captives of the LRA to Southern Sudan. Two of the three women had babies, while the other is believed to be three months pregnant.

Congo-Kinshasa: La situation sécuritaire reste tendue dans le Haut Uélé.

(27/02/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200902270415.html>

Jean-Paul Dietrich, spokesman for the MONUC, stated the situation in Orientale Province remains extremely tensed.

RDC : Les rebelles de la LRA multiplient les attaques contre les civils.

(27/02/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=18578&Cr=Congo&Cr1=LRA>

The Ugandan rebels of the LRA have multiplied assaults on the civilian population in eastern DRC, OCHA reported.

Ugandan LRA rebels attack across CAR border: colonel.

(26/02/2009 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJJOE51P02820090226?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews>

Ugandan rebels crossed into Central African Republic and ambushed an army patrol triggering clashes that killed several fighters, a colonel in the republic's armed forces said on Wednesday. The ambush raises fears of more attacks in CAR by LRA fighters fleeing a Ugandan-led multinational offensive against their hideouts in northern DRC.

UGANDA

Uganda: I am ready to live by sacrifice – Museveni.

(25/02/2009 – NewVision – allAfrica)

<http://www.africafiles.org/article.asp?ID=20202>

Uganda's President Museveni has been defending his long stay in power, claiming to have been solving the people's problems not for his own gain. Museveni, who has been in power since 1986, also claims to have seen off the likes of Joseph Kony, Idi Amin and Milton Obote.

Uganda: Police Recover 36 Illegal Guns.

(26/02/2009 – The New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200902270261.html>

The Police in Amuria district have recovered 36 guns and 952 rounds of ammunition in the last six months.

Other

World Bank Approves US\$100 Million Grant to Ease Financial Crisis Impact in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

(26/02/2009 – World Bank)

<http://go.worldbank.org/RSN6NCIM50>

World Bank Fast Tracks Funds for Armenia, Democratic Republic of Congo.

(2/03/2009 – World Bank)

<http://go.worldbank.org/7YX0N6L4J0>

Congo-Kinshasa: 100 millions Usd pour contrer la crise financière - Signature de l'accord de don.

(3/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903030413.html>

The Executive Board of the World Bank today approved a US\$100 million grant for the emergency financial crisis alleviation project in the DRC.

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