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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. Also the French version of the report is now online.

Rechercher la problématique des ressources naturelles dans la RDC.

(12/02/2009 – IPIS)

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

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

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

(6/01/2009 – IPIS)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(December 2008 – Oxfam - IPIS)

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

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

Fatal Transaction's second submission on EIB Statements.

(November 2008 – IPIS)

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

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

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

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

(June 2008 - IPIS)

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

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

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

(July 2008 – Fatal Transactions - IPIS)

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

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

L'Afrique révisé les contrats miniers.

(July 2008 – Le Monde Diplomatique – IPIS)

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

Article on the current contract revision projects throughout Africa.

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

RDC: Greenpeace demande à Sarkozy de revoir sa position sur les forêts.

(26/03/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20283>

Congo-Kinshasa: Monsieur Sarkozy, les forêts tropicales ne sont pas une "matière première" comme les autres!

(26/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903260476.html>

Greenpeace asked French President Sarkozy to recall his earlier statements on the Central African forests as a major opportunity for industrial exploitation.

Africa: The Most Hit Sectors in Africa.

(26/03/2009 – Cameroon Tribune - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903260648.html>

Agriculture, Forestry, Mining and Trade are among the most affected.

NGO study claims miners are 'stealing millions' through African tax loopholes.

(31/03/2009 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page72068?oid=81104&sn=Detail>

Mining tax breaks costing African countries.

(25/03/2009 – Miningmx)

http://www.miningmx.com/mining_fin/976428.htm

Poor African countries that are rich in minerals lose tens of millions of dollars each year because mining companies get large tax breaks and don't pay high enough royalties to the governments, according to a report released recently.

Help Yourself, There's Plenty.

(27/03/2009 – IPS)

<http://www.ipsnews.net/africa/nota.asp?idnews=46296>

The African continent is rich in natural resources; but the terms under which multinational companies exploit these resources mean that governments - and Africa's people - enjoy only a tiny fraction of the benefits.

Canadian government squanders opportunity to hold extractive companies to account.

(26/03/2009 – Halifax Initiative - AfricaFiles)

<http://www.africafiles.org/article.asp?ID=20471>

"Building the Canadian Advantage: A Corporate Social Responsibility Strategy for the Canadian International Extractive Sector" is the response of the Canadian government to accountability questions - two years to the day after a Roundtable Advisory Committee reported. The long-awaited response ignores the report's central recommendations and does not address the serious human rights and environmental abuses associated with Canadian extractive companies operating abroad.

East Africa: Dar-Kigali-Bujumbura Railway to Be Ready by 2014.

(30/03/2009 – East African Business Week)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903301465.html>

Experts who carried out the feasibility of the railway project are optimistic that the line will spur development and exploitation of untapped natural resources in Burundi and the Congo which will provide the critical level of tonnage to support the railway.

DRC

DR Congo: Memorandum of organizations of civil society in the field of natural resources.

(19/03/2009 – AfricaFiles)

<http://www.africafiles.org/article.asp?ID=20449>

(30/03/2009 – Southern African Resource Watch)

<http://www.sarwatch.org/drc/128-drc/319-memorandum-of-civil-society-organisations-working-in-the-natural-resources-sector.html>

A strong statement of eleven, local civil society organizations with very specific recommendations about resource extraction for the President of the Republic, those in parliament, those in government office, international institutions, development partners, embassies, and companies - urging mining companies to consult with local communities.

Democratic Republic of Congo Mining Report Q1 2009 - companiesandmarkets.com adds new report.

(26/03/2009 – PR inside)

<http://www.pr-inside.com/democratic-republic-of-congo-mining-report-r1143220.htm>

The Democratic Republic of Congo is home to vast reserves of a wide variety of natural resources, primary among them being metals such as cobalt, copper, gold and precious stones, including diamonds. DRC is believed to contain around 4% of the world's copper reserves and one-third of its cobalt reserves.

African mining sector to be more competitive with new North-South Corridor project.

(31/03/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/african-mining-sector-to-be-more-competitive-with-new-north-south-corridor-project-2009-03-31>

Copper originating in the copperbelt of Zambia and the DRC was likely to become more competitive as the North-South Corridor came on line, said SADC director of infrastructure Remmy Makumba on Tuesday. The North-South Corridor project is an initiative being launched by Africa's main regional organisations, the SADC, the East African Community, and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (Comesa) to create a reliable and efficient transport network along the two main trading routes.

Slowdown blights DR Congo economy.

(27/03/2009 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/business/7965221.stm>

As the G20 summit in London draws closer, African leaders have warned of an economic "tsunami" poised to hit their continent. Our Africa correspondent, Andrew Harding, has been to the mining centre of Likasi, in the DRC, where the global slowdown is already causing havoc.

UPDATE 1-IMF cuts Congo's 2009 growth forecast to 2.7 pct.

(31/03/2009 – Reuters)

<http://in.reuters.com/article/oilRpt/idINLV26481720090331>

The global economic slowdown and financial crisis have crippled Congo's mining-based economy as tumbling commodities prices have forced companies to scale down or suspend operations, strangling government revenues.

Moïse katumbi, un Ovni en politique.

(31/03/2009 – Colette Braeckman)

<http://blogs.lesoir.be/colette-braeckman/2009/03/31/moise-katumbi-un-ovni-en-politique/>

Article on Moïse Katumbi, governor of the DRC's resource-rich Katanga province.

Congo-Kinshasa: Graves divergences autour de la parafiscalité minière.

(31/03/2009 – Le Potentiel - allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903301870.html>

Article on the debate in the DRC between the FEC (Fédération des entreprises du Congo) and DGRAD (Direction générale des recettes administratives, judiciaires, domaniales et de participations) on the taxation of the Congolese mining sector.

Congo Completes Mining Review, Plans No 'Significant' Changes.

(26/03/2009 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601116&sid=aEMX.JKCD95I&refer=africa>

The Democratic Republic of Congo completed its mining review process and won't "significantly" alter contracts with Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc., Lundin Mining Corp. and First Quantum Minerals Ltd. A final report on the review will be published "very soon," Mines Minister Martin Kabwelulu said in an interview today in the capital, Kinshasa. The three companies are among six that hadn't agreed final terms after the renegotiation of their accords.

Congo-Kinshasa: Programme intégré et multisectoriel de développement du secteur minier.

(31/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903301867.html>

Mining experts have gathered in Kinshasa from 18 until 23 March to participate in the configuration of a World Bank programme for the development of the Congolese mining sector.

Copper production starts at Tenke Fungurume.

(1/04/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/copper-production-starts-at-tenke-fungurume-2009-04-01>

The Tenke Fungurume copper/cobalt project, in the Democratic Republic of Congo, has attracted more than its fair share of naysayers, many of whom questioned the almost \$2-billion being poured into the project by its North American owners.

Sarkozy outlines Congo peace plan.

(26/03/2009 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7965089.stm>

Sarkozy en Afrique.

(26/03/2009 – BBC)

http://www.bbc.co.uk/french/news/story/2009/03/090326_sarkoafrica_visit.shtml

Kinshasa : visite de Sarkozy, quels enjeux économiques?

(26/03/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22729>

Nicolas Sarkozy à Kinshasa : Proparco, Areva, France Télécom, Suez signent des accords.

(27/03/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22737>

Accord sur la protection des investissements : «la France peut aujourd'hui s'engager en RDC».

(27/03/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22743>

A Kinshasa, Sarkozy devra réparer les dégats.

(24/03/2009 – Colette Braeckman)

<http://blogs.lesoir.be/colette-braeckman/2009/03/24/a-kinshasa-sarkozy-devra-reparer-les-degats/>

Sarkozy seeks peace role in Africa.

(25/03/2009 – Financial Times)

http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/602aa7b2-1963-11de-9d34-0000779fd2ac.html?nclick_check=1

Next to his talking on peace and the his support for the Rwandan-Congolese joint military operation, French President Nicolas Sarkozy has suggested using the mineral wealth of the Democratic Republic of Congo to help bring peace to central Africa. Furthermore he tried to open up the DRC's uranium wealth for the French group Areva and facilitated also other economic agreements with French enterprises.

France's Sarkozy calls on Congo, former enemies to launch mining partnership.

(27/03/2009 – Reuters – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page72068?oid=80936&sn=Detail>

Afrique : Nicolas Sarkozy sur la route de l'uranium.

(27/03/2009 – Afrik.com)

<http://www.afrik.com/article16511.html>

Areva Signs Uranium Accord as Sarkozy Visits Congo (Update1).

(26/03/2009 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=aWYEffFLC2Ro>

Congolese uranium attracts French interest.

(27/03/2009 – 24France)

<http://www.france24.com/en/20090327-africa-areva-congolese-uranium-attracts-french-interest-lauvergeon-niger-dr-congo>

France's state-controlled nuclear energy group Areva has uranium mining and prospecting deals with both the Congo and Niger, prompting a visit from French President Nicolas Sarkozy.

Des experts internationaux du processus de Kimberley au Kasai-Oriental.

(26/03/2009 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57239>

A delegation of international experts from the Kimberley Process conducted an investigation visit to East Kasai to look at the artisanal diamond mining sector.

Mbuji-Mayi : début de la paie à la Miba, les agents touchent 50% du salaire.

(29/03/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22754>

The payment of wages has regained at Miba, employees received 50 percent of their wages of March. This payment comes after Minister Mabunda offered some financial support to Miba following her visit to the Miba workers in Mbuji-Mayi.

Miba : une assemblée générale pour relancer l'entreprise.

(31/03/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22780>

A general assembly will be organised at Miba behind closed door. On top of the agenda is the relaunch plan for the state diamond miner.

Sénat : débat autour du projet de loi sur les hydrocarbures.

(31/03/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22775>

The Congolese Senate debated on Monday on the bill concerning the regulation of oil exploration and exploitation activities.

Minister says Angola illegally pumping Congo's oil.

(25/03/2009 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJ0E52O0MR20090325?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews>

L'Angola vole du pétrole congolais, accuse le ministre des Hydrocarbures.

(27/03/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22740>

Exploitation illégale du pétrole congolais par l'Angola, la RDC dément.

(1/04/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22789>

African oil giant Angola is illegally pumping out hundreds of thousands of barrels of crude oil every day from neighbouring DRC's waters, Congo's oil minister said last week. Today however, Minister Isekemanga denies this report.

Rdc-Angola : la frontière maritime pose aussi problème après Kahemba et Mbanza Ngungu.

(31/03/2009 – Le Phare – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57324>

DR Congo could redraw border with Angola.

(31/03/2009 – AFP)

http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5i6tykZGkzFnVEwNyf2P0_zuiTcA

The DRC Minister for Hydrocarbons, René Isekemanga Nseka, declared on Monday the Congo wants to review its maritime border with Angola. The Minister thinks once the borders are in line with the Montego Bay Convention several oil drilling platforms currently in Angolan waters may fall within Congolese jurisdiction.

Louis Michel et Athanase Matenda signent une convention de financement de 30 millions d'euros ce lundi 30 mars dans le domaine de l'environnement.

(28/03/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57277>

As a part of the reconstruction process of the DRC, the European Union decided to render some finances for the conservation and management of the Congolese forests.

UGANDA

Uganda: Kla-Eldo Petroleum Pipeline Postponed.

(30/03/2009 – East African Business Week – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903301469.html>

The construction of the Eldoret-Kampala oil pipeline has been postponed yet again. The works supposed to commence on April 1, 2009 have now been pushed to May 15.

Uganda: 100 to Study Petroleum Exploration.

(28/03/2009 – New Vision - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903301414.html>

The Ugandan Government will admit 100 students this academic year to study petroleum exploration at the expanded Kigumba Co-operative College in Masindi District.

Oil sharing Agreements: Are they transparent?

(1/04/2009 – Uganda Media Centre)

<http://www.mediacentre.go.ug/details.php?catId=5&item=358>

Black gold or commercially viable oil deposits have been discovered in Uganda generating quite a buzz what the future will look like when oil dollars start flowing into resource starved government programs.

RWANDA**Priorité au méthane du lac Kivu.**

(25/03/2009 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Kigali is working hard to maximize profits from the methane gas extraction from Lake Kivu.

BURUNDI**Burundi poised for breakthrough.**

(26/03/2009 – Upstreamonline.com)

<http://www.upstreamonline.com/live/article174740.ece>

The search for hydrocarbons in commercial quantities could transform the fortunes of Burundi's 9 million strong population, which is currently dependent on exports of coffee and tea and the largesse of aid organisations.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

Forsys Metals shares tumble as takeover by George Forrest stays up in the air.

(31/03/2009 – The Canadian Press)

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5iiq0Ozo4i8Dyk3ajxo2Ml88LBjKw>

Forsys Metals Corp. saw its share price decay sharply Tuesday as doubts intensified about the proposed takeover of the uranium miner by George Forrest International Afrique S.P.R.L.

DRC**Mbuji-Mayi : Debeers ferme définitivement ses portes.**

(30/03/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22765>

As a consequence of the financial crisis, the diamond miner Debeers decided to leave Mbuji-Mayi once and for all.

Camec restarts DRC cobalt mine as market strengthens.

(26/03/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/comec-restarts-drc-cobalt-mine-as-market-strengthens-2009-03-26>

London-listed diversified miner Central African Mining & Exploration (Camec) has restarted cobalt operations in the DRC, following a recent strengthening in the cobalt market.

Katanga Announces Results of Engineering Report.

(31/03/2009 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Katanga-Mining-Limited-TSX-KAT-968813.html>

Katanga Mining Limited today announced the completion of an independent report by SRK Consulting on the material assets of the Company in the Katanga Province in the DRC.

Katanga Announces Year-End Results 2008 & Joint Venture Update.

(31/03/2009 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Katanga-Mining-Limited-TSX-KAT-968803.html>

Katanga Mining Limited today announces its financial results for the calendar year ended December 31, 2008.

Lundin Mining Corporation: First Copper Produced at Tenke Fungurume.

(31/03/2009 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Lundin-Mining-Corporation-TSX-LUN-968309.html>

Lundin Mining Corporation announces production of first copper cathode at Tenke Fungurume in DRC.

(1/04/2009 – Trading Markets)

<http://www.tradingmarkets.com/.site/news/Stock%20News/2251223/>

Lundin Mining Corporation is pleased to announce that the first copper cathode has been produced by the world class Tenke Fungurume copper/cobalt project in the DRC. Lundin Mining holds a 24.75% equity interest in the project.

Tenke - A slumbering giant renders first copper.

(31/03/2009 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page36?oid=81139&sn=Detail>

Freeport-McMoRan, the world's biggest listed specialist copper miner, has quietly just produced its first copper cathode at the giant Tenke Fungurume copper cobalt mine, near Lubumbashi, Katanga Province, Democratic Republic of the Congo. First phase development capital investment at the project is formally USD 1,75bn, with initial production targets of an annualised 115.000 tonnes of copper and 8.000 tonnes of cobalt a year.

Copper/cobalt miner Metorex in "emphasis of matter".

(30/03/2009 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page36?oid=81077&sn=Detail>

As required by the rules of the Johannesburg bourse, mid-tier diversified miner Metorex has alerted investors to "an emphasis of matter" in its just-published 2008 annual report. Beyond the damage that sharply lower commodity prices have occasioned, Metorex ran badly behind schedule building its Ruashi operation in the DRC. It is now anticipated that Ruashi II will be at full production by the end of the year.

Moto Announces Issue of Shares to Consultant.

(31/03/2009 – Marketwire)

http://www.marketwirecanada.com/mw/rel_ca.jsp?id=968645&sourceType=3

Moto Goldmines Limited announces that it has agreed to issue 981.193 common shares of Moto to Generale Industrielle et Commerciale au Congo ("GICC"), a DRC-based consultancy group, in accordance with the terms of a consultancy agreement entered into between Moto and GICC on 31 December 2007.

Moto Goldmines buys 20% stake in Kilo.

(30/03/2009 – CommodityOnline)

<http://www.commodityonline.com/news/Moto-Goldmines-buys-20-stake-in-Kilo-16463-3-1.html>

Moto Goldmines has bought 20 per cent stake in Kilo Goldmines. The acquisition has seen Moto acquire 7,853,353 common shares out of the outstanding total of 39,266,766, as well as ownership of 1,297,400 warrants to purchase common shares from Kilo, with each worth Australian \$0.60 for two years. Moto's move is the culmination of an agreement signed in November 2006 that sees Moto transfer to Kilo the rights and obligations for a number of projects based in the Democratic Republic of Congo, in return for the shares.

Areva signs uranium agreement in Congo.

(26/03/2009 – Resource Investor)

<http://www.resourceinvestor.com/pebble.asp?relid=49283>

France's Areva signs uranium deal with DR Congo.

(26/03/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20293>

Areva: France's Uranium Giant.

(27/03/2009 – Uranium Investing News)

<http://www.uraniuminvestingnews.com/1536/areva-france%E2%80%99s-uranium-giant.html>

France's Areva said on Thursday it has signed an agreement for uranium prospecting and mining with the DRC during a visit to the country by French President Nicolas Sarkozy.

Tullow wins back Congo oil rights.

(31/03/2009 – The Independent)

<http://www.independent.ie/business/irish/tullow-wins-back-congo-oil-rights-1691956.html>

AS expected, Tullow Oil and its partner Heritage Oil have won back rights to explore for oil in the Democratic Republic of Congo after a year-long dispute, the country's hydrocarbons minister, Rene Isekemanga Nkeka, has said.

Tullow Oil Says It May Allow Additional Partner in Congo Deal.

(31/03/2009 – Bloomberg.com)

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

Tullow Oil Plc, the U.K. explorer with projects in Africa, said it may allow an additional partner into an exploration deal in the DRC following a government request.

Des Indiens pour Katende.

(25/03/2009 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Africa Energy Intelligence announces the Indian group Bharat Heavy Electrical will construct the Katende dam on the Lulua river. This news is quite surprising as in a convention signed in April 2008, there was an agreement China Railways Engineering Co. and Sinohydro would construct the dam in exchange for Katanga minerals.

UGANDA

Tullow Oil Provides Africa Drilling Update.

(25/03/2009 – OilVoice)

http://www.oilvoice.com/n/Tullow_Oil_Provides_Africa_Drilling_Update/5b8ef5e3.aspx

Tullow Oil finds more black gold in Ghana and Uganda.

(27/03/2009 – The Daily Monitor)

http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/business/Tullow_Oil_finds_more_black_gold_in_Ghana_and_Uganda_82183.shtml

Tullow Oil plc announces that the deeper section of the Tweneboa-1 exploration well offshore Ghana and the Karuka-2 exploration well drilling the Vundu prospect in Block 2 Uganda have both encountered oil bearing sands.

BURUNDI

Argosy Minerals Inc: Burundi Arbitration.

(27/03/2009 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Argosy-Minerals-Inc-ASX-AGY-967026.html>

Argosy Minerals Inc has learned that the Government of Burundi awarded a three year exploration license over the Musongati, Nyabikere and Wagga deposits to a third party. Consequently, its subsidiary Andover Resources NL has decided to discontinue the arbitration proceedings it commenced under the Rules of the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris against the Government of Burundi. These proceedings were launched with the aim of securing Andover's right to proceed with exploration of these deposits.

China in the Great Lakes Region

As Chinese Investment in Africa Drops, Hope Sinks.

(25/03/2009 – The New York Times)

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/03/26/world/africa/26chinaafrica.html?_r=1&hp

As global commodity prices have plummeted and several of China's African partners have stumbled deeper into chaos, China has backed away from some of its riskiest and most aggressive plans, looking for the same guarantees that Western companies have long sought for their investments: economic and political stability.

China deepens relationship with Africa.

(23/03/2009 – Southern Africa Direct)

<http://www.southernafricadirect.com/news/entries/2009-03-23/china-deepens-relationship-with-africa.html>

More opportunities for Chinese investment into Africa are to open up soon, with the announcement that China is to bolster its China-Africa Development Fund by an additional US\$2-billion.

China to add 1.8 mln bbls African crude to reserves.

(19/03/2009 – Reuters)

<http://in.reuters.com/article/asiaCompanyAndMarkets/idINSP34078520090320>

China will import 1.8 million barrels of African crude in April for the government's strategic reserve, said a trade source familiar with the transaction, as it capitalises on low prices to add to already swollen state stockpiles.

Joseph Kabila assuré du satisfecit de la Chine pour le développement de la coopération entre Pékin et Kinshasa.

(25/03/2009 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57203>

Pékin se dit satisfait de la coopération sino congolaise.

(26/03/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57246>

Signature d'un protocole d'accord RDC-Chine portant réhabilitation d'infrastructures routières à Bukavu.

(24/03/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57177>

Chinese Minister Zhai Jun visited Kinshasa and met with President Kabila. The two gentlemen expressed their satisfaction on the Sino-Congolese cooperation.

L'apport d'Exim Bank dans le financement des projets en Rdc évoqué par le vice-Premier ministre Emile Bongeli.

(24/03/2009 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57196>

Congolese Minister for reconstruction Emile Bongeli gathered with a delegation of the Chinese EXIM Bank on the infrastructure works in the DRC and relaunch of the Congolese economy.

China provides humanitarian aid to DR Congo.

(24/03/2009 – Xinhua)

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-03/24/content_11064063.htm

Chinese Assistant Foreign Minister Zhai Jun arrived in the DRC for a two-day visit during which he unveiled humanitarian aid to refugees in the central African country.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

Arms control in a rough neighbourhood - The case of the Great Lakes Region and the Horn of Africa.

(February 2009 – Institute for Security Studies)

http://www.issafrica.org/index.php?link_id=3&slink_id=7473&link_type=12&slink_type=12&tmpl_id=3

This paper examines the processes leading up to the adoption of the Nairobi Protocol and the establishment of a regional coordination body to oversee its implementation. It also attempts to assess regional and national progress made in implementing the protocol, including the development of National Action Plans (NAPs) and the marking of SALW in the region, as well as the factors that are hindering progress.

DRC

Court Gets Ituri History Lesson.

(26/03/2009 – Institute for war and peace reporting)

http://www.iwpr.net/index.php?apc_state=hen&s=o&o=i=EN&p=acr&s=f&o=351338

Prosecutors in the trial of accused militia leader Thomas Lubanga this week turned to historical experts to explain the origins of ethnic conflicts that have plagued the Ituri region of the DRC. Author and historian Gerard Prunier provided the court with an overview of the ethnic tensions that erupted into violent clashes across the Ituri region between 1999 and 2005, involving people of the Lendu and Hema tribes.

Congolese warlords trial to start in Sept.

(28/03/2009 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJ0E52R01G20090328?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews>

Two Congolese warlords accused of war crimes will go on trial in September, the International Criminal Court said on Friday. Allied militia leaders Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo are both accused of attacking civilians, sexual slavery, using child soldiers and being responsible for rape committed by subordinates in the DRC.

Alan Doss discusses the consolidation of peace in the east with the governor of South Kivu.

(25/03/2009 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20278> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=20275> (French)

Alan Doss, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General in the DRC met with South Kivu governor Louis Muderhwa Chirimwami. The two officials discussed several subjects of mutual interest: first of all the fast implementation of agreements signed the previous day in Goma between the DRC Government and the armed groups. Furthermore they talked on the progress achieved, and the next stages in the eastern DRC stabilization programme. They also discussed the joint action by the FARDC and MONUC to put an end to the criminal activities of the FDLR rebels in South Kivu, and to persuade the latter to lay down their weapons and repatriate to Rwanda.

General Gaye: "We do not have the mandate or the mission to substitute for the FARDC".

(26/03/2009 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20277> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=20276> (French)

Congo-Kinshasa: Le général Babacar Gaye confirme - La Monuc appuie les FARDC dans les opérations «KIMIA II» et «RUDIA II».

(26/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903260472.html>

Extracts from the MONUC Force Commander General Babacar Gaye at the weekly MONUC press conference of Wednesday 25 March 2009. He spoke on many subjects, including the security situation in both eastern DRC and Haut Uele, and the concept of MONUC's military operations under the new mandate.

Congo-Kinshasa: Kinshasa et Bruxelles conviennent du renforcement des capacités des FARDC.

(31/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903301883.html>

Coopération belgo-congolaise : Bruxelles et Kinshasa renouvellent leur accord militaire.

(30/03/2009 – L'Observateur – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57305>

Fardc : 125.000 \$ Us de la Belgique pour la réhabilitation du camp militaire Loama à Kindu.

(28/03/2009 – ACP - Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57262>

The DRC and Belgium are planning to cooperate for the reform of the FARDC.

DR Congo speaker quits for Rwanda comments.

(26/03/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20284> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20280> (French)

Congolese assembly speaker quits.

(25/03/2009 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7963755.stm>

Vital Kamerhe démissionne de son poste de président de l'Assemblée nationale.

(25/03/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22724>

Vital Kamerhe, après sa démission : « Mon grand parti est la nation congolaise »

(26/03/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22728>

Congo-Kinshasa: Assemblée nationale - Vital Kamerhe démissionne.

(26/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903260317.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Ils ont dévitalisé Vital.

(26/03/2009 – L'Observateur - allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903260615.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Vital Kamerhe a enfin démissionné!

(26/03/2009 – IPS – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903260774.html>

The speaker of the DRC's parliament, Vital Kamerhe, resigned under pressure Wednesday for criticising Rwandan military intervention in the country.

Assemblée nationale : l'AMP divisée quant à la démission de Vital Kamerhe.

(25/03/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22716>

The resignation of Vital Kamerhe divides the AMP in the National Assembly.

Démission du président de l'Assemblée en RDC: "tristesse" de l'opposition.

(26/03/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20281>

MLC, the major Congolese opposition party, expressed its regrets on the dismissal of the National Assembly's president, Vital Kamerhe.

Congo-Kinshasa: Nota bene : L'après-Kamerhe : éviter le déballage.

(27/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903270323.html>

Letter, published in Le Potentiel, from a Congolese senator on the dismissal of Vital Kamerhe.

N. Sarkozy : «On a besoin d'un Congo fort à l'intérieur de l'Afrique et de l'ONU».

(26/03/2009 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=20286> (French)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20287> (English)

(26/03/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=20282>

En visite en Rdc, Nicolas Sarkozy annonce la tenue en 2010 à Paris d'une conférence de bailleurs de fonds pour les Grands Lacs.

(26/03/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57248>

Congo-Kinshasa: Sarkozy qualifie de "Décision Courageuse" les opérations conjointes.

(26/03/2009 – Rwanda News Agency – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903270525.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: En visite jeudi à Kinshasa - Sarkozy : « Le Congo a vocation à être la colonne vertébrale de l'Afrique centrale ».

(27/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903270286.html>

French President Sarkozy on Thursday spoke to the Congolese Senators and MPs. The President held a discourse for a strong Congo as the cornerstone of the Central African region. Furthermore he expressed his support for Kabila's decision to invite the Rwandan troops for the joint military operation against the FDLR.

Allocution de Monsieur le Président de la République Français devant le parlement de la République Démocratique du Congo.

(26/03/2009)

For consultation at request.

The discourse of French President Sarkozy for the Congolese Parliament.

Congo-Kinshasa: Bon retour en Afrique M. Nicolas Sarkozy, président de la République française, mais Kinshasa n'est pas Dakar!

(26/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903260262.html>

Public letter from Professor André Mbata Mangu directed to French President Sarkozy concerning his visit to the DRC.

Congo-Kinshasa: Charles Onana : «La France souhaite renforcer les liens entre la RDC et le Rwanda pour utiliser les richesses de l'Est».

(26/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903260411.html>

Interview with Charles Onana, a Cameroonian reporter, on Sarkozy's visit to the DRC.

Bilan positif de la visite du Président Nicolas Sarkozy à Kinshasa.

(30/03/2009 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57297>

Congolese officials seem to be predominantly positive on Sarkozy's visit to the country.

Congo-Kinshasa: Région Est - Les incidents empêchent les humanitaires d'assister les sinistrés.

(27/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903270282.html>

OCHA expressed its concern on the security situation in eastern DRC, as the number of violent assaults is mounting again it is getting harder to deliver humanitarian assistance for the victims.

Displacement in the north-eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo.

(27/03/2009 – UNHCR)

<http://www.unhcr.org/news/NEWS/49ccb8df2.html>

Tens of thousands more flee armed groups in eastern DR Congo, UN agency reports.

(27/03/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=30322&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=18801&Cr=RDC&Cr1=HCR> (French)

UNHCR is seriously concerned about the plight of thousands of civilians who have fled their homes to escape daily attacks by the many armed groups operating in north-eastern DRC, including FDLR and LRA rebels.

More Robust International Action in DRC Needed.

(27/03/2009 – Institute for war and peace reporting)

http://www.iwpr.net/index.php?apc_state=hen&s=o&o=i=EN&p=acr&s=f&o=351340

The recent withdrawals of the Ugandan and Rwandan armies from different corners of the DRC call into question the international community's desire to bring peace to the country. The Ugandan army's departure from northeastern DRC – after an abortive attempt to deal a decisive blow to rampaging Ugandan rebels – has left thousands of people vulnerable to continued atrocities.

EU fails to reinstate UN rights expert on Congo.

(28/03/2009 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE52R02S20090328?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&pageNumber=1&virtualBrandChannel=0>

African states lined up on Friday to block a European Union move to reinstate a U.N. human rights expert for the DRC, where human rights abuses are continuing after years of warfare.

Congo-Kinshasa: Maniema - Des ex-combattants Mai-Mai démobilisés se plaignent de leur situation.

(30/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903300770.html>

Demobilised former Mai Mai fighters in Maniema are complaining about their situation.

Butembo : les combattants Pareco en errance tracassent la population.

(27/03/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22741>

Birotsu Kosi, an FARDC commander, demanded some former Pareco fighters to return to the Nyaleke 'brassage' centre without any conditions. Some 100 former Pareco rebels are terrorizing civilians in Buyinga-Vusamba, North Kivu.

Accord de paix entre le Gouvernement et les Groupes Armés du Nord Kivu.**Accord de paix entre le Gouvernement et les Groupes Armés du Sud Kivu.**

(23/03/2009)

For consultation at request.

The two peace agreements signed by the government on March 23, one signed with the armed groups of North Kivu and one with the armed groups of South Kivu.

Rwanda: Top Officials in Kinshasa for Talks.

(27/03/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903270351.html>

The Routine "four plus four" bilateral sessions between Rwanda and the DRC are set to begin in Kinshasa today. Foreign Affairs Minister Rosemary Museminali confirmed this on phone yesterday, stressing that the meeting's agenda remains the same; which includes further strengthening the two countries' bilateral relations and the recent events in eastern DRC.

Rwanda: Rwanda-DRC Talks Call for Heads of State Summit.

(30/03/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903300003.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Communiqué conjoint des ministres congolais et rwandais des Affaires étrangères.

(30/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903300892.html>

The two-day bilateral 'Four plus Four' meeting between Rwanda and the DRC held over the weekend in Kinshasa, has recommended a Heads of State Summit between President Paul Kagame and his Congolese counterpart Joseph Kabila.

Congo-Kinshasa: RDC-Rwanda - Guerre totale contre les FDLR!

(30/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903300765.html>

The normalisation of the Rwandan-Congolese relationship is evolving positively. Topics reappearing on the agenda of all the meetings are the war against the FDLR and border issues.

Congo-Kinshasa: Wa Mutshimbayi - « Le Congo est sous tutelle rwandaise ».

(31/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903301880.html>

Wa Mutshimbayi, a Congolese political analyst renders a critical analysis of the recently improved Congolese-Rwandan relationship.

A Kuzi, Muzito obtient le départ des Angolais.

(26/03/2009 – Le Phare – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57241>

Mbanza-Ngungu : l'armée angolaise se retire de Kuzi.

(26/03/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22726>

Congo-Kinshasa: Sur ordre du Premier ministre Muzito - Les soldats angolais ont quitté Kuzi dans le Bas-Congo.

(27/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903270284.html>

Angolan troops have left the village of Kuzi after Congolese Prime Minister Muzito asked them to. Muzito visited the village last week.

FDLR**Congo-Kinshasa: Army Refutes Figures of Displaced Civilians.**

(24/03/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903250003.html>

The armed forces of the DRC has maintained that no big numbers of civilians have been displaced by fresh FDLR attacks. FARDC Spokesman Capt. Olivier Hamuli stressed this yesterday by phone following a report by the UN refugee agency (UNHCR) last week that attacks by the FDLR had displaced nearly 30.000 people in the past two weeks.

Lubero : près de 20 000 ménages de déplacés en détresse, la Caritas tire la sonnette d'alarme.

(28/03/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22745>

According to Caritas, the number of displaced households keeps rising as Rwandan Hutu rebels spread violence and insecurity.

Rwanda: FDLR Shells Land On Rwandan Territory.

(26/03/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903260004.html>

Suspected elements of the FDLR Monday night reportedly shelled the Rwandan territory from the DRC, it has emerged. This comes barely a month after the Rwanda-DRC joint military operations, aimed at routing the FDLR out of the DRC concluded mid-February. Despite the goodwill demonstrated by the DRC government, this revelation comes following a recent report by the UN refugee agency (UNHCR) that attacks by the notorious rebel FDLR displaced nearly 30.000 Congolese civilians in the past two weeks.

Onze localités attaquées par les Fdlr dans le Nord-Kivu.

(26/03/2009 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57230>

MONUC General Babacar Gaye warned that the security situation in North Kivu remains worrisome as the FDLR rebels recently attacked 11 villages in the province.

Un officier FDLR de haut rang et ses hommes choisissent le processus DDRR.

(30/03/2009 – MONUC)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=3328>

During the weekend an FDLR officer and his combatants have surrendered and chose to subject to the DDR process. The number of repatriated FDLR fighters since January now nears 650.

Rwanda: Les opérations conjointes ont permis le retour de près de 2 millions de déplacés.

(26/03/2009 – Rwanda News Agency – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903270532.html>

Nearly two million IDPs have returned home in North Kivu following the Rwandan-Congolese joint military operation, according to the Rwanda News Agency.

CNDP

Rwanda says Nkunda will be returned to Congo.

(26/03/2009 – Reuters – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20285>

Rwanda signalled willingness on Wednesday to return a captured rebel general to Congo, but set no timeframe and said it needed to look at how this could be done.

Rdc - Rwanda : Le transfert de Nkunda renvoyé en avril.

(31/03/2009 – Le Palmarès – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57315>

Negotiations on Nkunda's extradition will continue in April, during the next Rwanda-DRC bilateral meeting.

Accord de Paix entre le Gouvernement de la RDC et le CNDP.

(23/03/2009)

For consultation at request.

Congo-Kinshasa: Accord de paix entre le gouvernement et le Congrès national pour la défense du peuple (CNDP).

(30/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903300893.html>

The peace agreement from April 23 in Goma between the Congolese government and the CNDP rebel group.

Ultime compromis de paix entre le gouvernement et le CNDP en signe de sacre de la fin de la guerre au Nord-Kivu.

(24/03/2009 – Le Potentiel - Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57176>

Congo-Kinshasa: Les populations du Kivu attendent l'application de l'accord de paix.

(25/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903250231.html>

The signing of the peace deal in Goma between the Congolese government, CNDP and other armed groups on Monday, March 23, officially ended the Nairobi process and hostilities between the parties in North Kivu. Civilians are now waiting for the implementation and the effects of it on the ground.

DRC: Kivus move closer to peace - but risks remain.

(26/03/2009 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=83661>

The 23 March deal between the government of the DRC and the rebel CNDP could boost peace in the east but underlying threats to stability need to be addressed, according to analysts.

LRA**Congolese politics forced end of cooperation on LRA.**

(25/03/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20274> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20279> (French)

Ouganda : « Nous avons du nous retirer en raison du jeu politique en RDC ».

(25/03/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22717>

Ouganda: Traque contre le LRA - Les troupes ougandaises se sont retirées à la suite de pressions.

(26/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903260410.html>

Uganda said Tuesday that its troops withdrew from the DRC, where they were deployed to hunt LRA rebels, because of Congolese political pressure. "We had to withdraw because it was necessary for the local politics of DRC," Ugandan Foreign Minister Sam Kutesa said at a briefing in Kampala.

Uganda: 12 Soldiers Killed in Congo Operation.

(24/03/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903250005.html>

Twelve UPDF soldiers were killed in the three month Operation Lightning Thunder, the army chief said yesterday. Ninety-eight rebels were killed in the operation while fourteen, one of them Col. Thomas Kwoyelo, the fourth in the LRA command, were captured. The UPDF, however, pulled out of the Congo last week.

Kampala Rejects Further Kony Talks.

(25/03/2009 – Institute for war and peace reporting)

http://www.iwpr.net/?p=acr&s=f&o=351292&apc_state=henpacr

Ugandan government rules out further peace talks with LRA.

(31/03/2009 – Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/katine/2009/mar/31/uganda-rejects-lra-talks>

Officials say rebel leader must sign negotiated peace agreement, amid speculation about renewed talks.

RDC : 11 000 personnes déracinées par les dernières attaques de la LRA mi-mars.

(25/03/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=18775&Cr=Congo&Cr1=LRA>

Democratic Republic of the Congo.

(24/03/2009 – UNHCR – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/ASAZ-7QFHE8?OpenDocument&RSS20=18-P>

Congo-Kinshasa: Plus de 188.000 déplacés enregistrés dans le Haut-Uélé.

(31/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903301861.html>

11.000 people have been displaced in north-eastern DRC after new attacks by the LRA rebels since the middle of March.

Pour les épargner des exaction de LRA : Le HCR protège et assure 16.000 réfugiés congolais ayant traversé la frontière vers le Sud-Soudan.

(26/03/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57226>

According to UNHCR statistics, LRA rebels have killed 990 Congolese civilians since September 2008 and abducted 747 others, mostly children.

Uganda: Kony's Children are Our Children.

(30/03/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903310491.html>

A report by the University of California estimates that Joseph Kony's LRA abducted as many as 38.000 children and 37.000 adults between 1996 and 2007. The abductees were forced to commit horrible crimes including killing their own family members. Almost one in four of the abductees were female and they were forced to serve as sex slaves. Up to 10% become pregnant while in captivity.

UGANDA

Uganda: Three Landmine Fields Found in Kitgum.

(25/03/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903260171.html>

The demining team in northern Uganda has found three landmine fields at Ngomoromo, Agoro and in Lamwaka hills in Kitgum district on the border with Sudan.

Uganda: Ex-LRA Officers Ask to Be Treated as Former Abductees.

(25/03/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903260170.html>

Former LRA officers who returned home are not satisfied with the way former combatants are being reintegrated into society. Kenneth Banya, a former LRA brigadier, said: "When a former LRA commander goes to any organisation for assistance, he is told there is no support for any senior officer. Most assistance is for former captives only."

Other

Le Gouvernement et les services du FMI commencent les négociations à Kinshasa pour la conclusion d'un nouvel accord triennal 2009-2011.

(30/03/2009 – L'Avenir – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57308>

Congo-Kinshasa: Le décor est planté pour un nouvel accord formel avec le FMI.

(30/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903300827.html>

The Congolese government and the IMF are negotiating a new economic programme on Poverty Reduction and Growth Facility.

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