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Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

En marge du Cinquantenaire - La Société civile se prononce sur les pillages de ressources naturelles.

(31/05/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201005311287.html>

Because of the DRC's 50th independence anniversary, Congolese civil society organisations organised on May the 29th a day of reflection on the pillaging of the DRC's natural resources.

Règlement des marchés financiers : Le sénat américain vote la loi sur l'exploitation des minerais en Rdc.

(27/05/2010 – Le Pamplarès – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/67248>

Article on the landmark financial overhaul bill passed by the Senate, containing a requirement for mining companies to declare with the SEC if certain minerals originated in the Congo or neighbouring African nations. Originally known as the "Congo Conflict Minerals Act of 2009," the amendment requires the annual disclosure to the SEC of activities involving columbite-tantalite, cassiterite, and wolframite from the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Markets turn sour on cassiterite and coltan.

(26/05/2010 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

DRC exports hit by buyers' pressures.

(26/05/2010 – ITRI)

http://www.itri.co.uk/pooled/articles/BF_NEWSART/view.asp?Q=BF_NEWSART_319431

Buffeted by the world economic storm, sellers of cassiterite and coltan must also cope with the ever-increasing pressure on buyers regarding transparency and good governance. Some buyers claim the very survival of the industry is at stake.

Top gold exporters.

(26/05/2010 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Gold exports in the DRC amounted to 222,35 kg worth a total of US\$ 6,12 million in 2009, according to themines ministry.

Les négociants de Kisengo au Nord-Katanga dénoncent le contrat d'exclusivité...

(31/05/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201005311286.html>

"Négociants" in Kisengo are complaining about the exclusivity contract for the purchase of minerals, rendered by the government to Mineral Mining Ressources.

CEEC/ associated metals: next chapter.

(26/05/2010 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Paul Franssen, the first vice president of the national mining committee of FEC, responded following our report on CEEC's wish to tax associated metals.

Jeannine Mabunda Lioko.

(26/05/2010 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

The DRC's minister of parastatals is under attack from the opposition because the government sold 20% of its remaining 30% stake in Kibali Gold Mines via OKIMO to AngloGold Ashanti and Randgold at the end of 2009 for US\$ 113 million.

UGANDA

Investment Authority Invites Libya to Invest in the Oil Sector.

(27/05/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005270568.html>

Dr Maggie Kigozi, the executive director of the Uganda Investment Authority, has asked Libyans to invest in oil exploration and drilling.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

Labor dispute settled.

(26/05/2010 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

A strike that began in early May by workers at Enterprise Generale Malta Forrest has ended, to the relief of the Kamoto Copper Co. and its shareholders Katanga Mining, an affiliate of Glencore, and Gecamines.

Bataille juridique Sodimico et FQM - Le Code minier à rude épreuve.

(28/05/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201005280360.html>

Article on the FQM-Sodimico dispute.

Banro raises CAD 137 Million.

(26/05/2010 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

The Canadian Group Banro Corp. is pressing ahead with its project to boost its gold reserves in the DRC.

Tiger Resources buys Congo Minerals.

(28/05/2010 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/tiger-resources-buys-congo-minerals-2010-05-28>

Copper and cobalt explorer Tiger Resources on Friday reported that it had taken full ownership of Congo Minerals (Comin), after it completed the required \$12-million payment. Comin owns a 60% stake in SEK, a company registered in the DRC, which holds the mining licence covering the Kipoi copper project. DRC-State-owned Gécamines owns 40% in SEK.

Austral Africa pulls out of smelting trade.

(26/05/2010 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

After months of talks, Austral Africa Resources Ltd (formerly New World Alloys Ltd) has sold its copper and cobalt smelter in Lubumbashi to a local operator specializing in processing ore whom Austral Africa did not identify.

Bene M'Poko.

(26/05/2010 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

The DRC's ambassador to South Africa, Bene M'Poko has reportedly been asked to mediate in a quarrel over the cancellation of a contract for KMT in august 2009.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

AU Should End Conflicts in Africa – Museveni.

(26/05/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005280330.html>

President Yoweri Museveni has said the African Union (AU) must work towards ending armed conflicts in Africa if it is to meet the Millennium Development Goals. He said while progress had been made in the search for peace, security and stability, there was need for a renewed resolve to end the scourge of conflicts and violence on the continent.

Region Ministers Discuss Security, Arms.

(25/05/2010 – New Vision - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005260620.html>

Regional Ministers to Tackle Rebels.

(27/05/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005280403.html>

Great Lakes region ministers have agreed to intensify efforts in restoring peace in the area. They agreed to pursue rebel leaders as well as hold collaborators accountable, in accordance with international law and human rights and implement United Nations Security Council sanctions.

Regional Body to Sign Security Pact With AU.

(28/05/2010 – The New times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005280028.html>

The International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) will soon sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the African Union (AU) aimed at harmonizing peace and security approaches, a senior ICGLR official has said.

The Great Lakes Region - Current Conditions and U.S. Policy.

(26/05/2010 – US Department of State)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005261388.html>

The following is full text of a testimony by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State on African Affairs Johnnie Carson before the House Foreign Affairs Committee Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health in Washington, DC.

U.S. Official Sees Improvement in Africa's Great Lakes Region.

(26/05/2010 – America.gov – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005270002.html>

Assistant Secretary Carson pledges support to region's "positive momentum". The situation in Africa's Great Lakes region has improved and the United States remains "dedicated to doing what we can to keep that positive momentum going," the State Department's senior diplomat for African affairs told the U.S. Congress May 25.

Africom and the ICC - Enforcing International Justice in Continent?

(27/05/2010 – Pambazuka - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005271324.html>

Nearly eight years since its establishment in July 2002, and with its first major review conference just around the corner, the International Criminal Court (ICC) faces a number of challenges.

DRC Lawmakers Meet.

(26/05/2010 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005260726.html>

Lawmakers from Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo will, today, begin a four day meeting in Rubavu, to strengthen bilateral ties between both countries. They intend to discuss a wide range of issues including the role of both parliaments in strengthening the relations and cross-border security.

M. Johnnie Carson estime que la situation dans les Grands Lacs d'Afrique s'améliore.

(26/05/2010 – America.gov – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201005270191.html>

La situation dans la région des Grands Lacs s'améliore estime Johnnie Carson.

(28/05/2010 – APA – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/67282>

Johnnie Carson, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, declared the situation in the African Great Lakes Region is improving.

Congo presses for African Security Council seats.

(31/05/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE64U04Z20100531?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

Africa must have two permanent seats on the United Nations Security Council as the world can no longer manage crises under a system used since World War Two, Congo Republic's President Denis Sassou Nguesso said on Monday.

Bukavu: une tripartite RDC-Burundi-HCR pour le rapatriement des réfugiés.

(28/05/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/05/28/bukavu-tripartite-rdc-burundi-hcr-pour-le-rapatriement-des-refugies/>

A tripartite meeting has been organised in Bukavu between UNHCR, Burundi and the DRC to discuss the return of refugees.

DRC

Militaires et groupes armés s'emparent des minerais au Sud-Kivu.

(29/05/2010 – IPS - allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201005300084.html>

Article on armed groups, including FARDC, occupying mining sites in South Kivu and the artisanal creuseurs coping strategies.

Fake UN documents aided Congo gold export – report.

(27/05/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE64Q02520100527?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

Congo Army, Government Accused of Mining Violations by UN Probe.

(27/05/2010 – Bloomberg Businessweek)

<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2010-05-27/congo-army-government-accused-of-mining-violations-by-un-probe.html>

Rapport intérimaire du Groupe d'experts sur la République démocratique du Congo (S/2010/252).

(25/05/2010 – UN Security Council – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rwb.nsf/db900sid/SNAA-85V5M6?OpenDocument>

In an apparent violation of U.N. sanctions, gold from conflict-torn Democratic Republic of Congo was exported to other African states with the aid of fake United Nations certificates, a new report from the U.N. Group of Experts on the Congo says.

Walendu Bindi: affrontements entre miliciens et FARDC, trois morts.

(31/05/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/05/31/walendu-bindi-affrontements-entre-miliciens-et-fardc-trois-morts/>

FARDC soldiers recaptured Mabili village from the FPJC rebels after some fierce fighting. Two rebels and 1 soldier got killed.

Walikale: près de cinq cents Mai-Mai retournent dans leur fief.

(1/06/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/06/01/walikale-pres-de-cinq-cents-mai-mai-retournent-dans-leur-fief/>

497 Mai Mai Kifuafua who have been waiting their integration in the FARDC for five months have disengaged and regained their old positions in Musenge, 70 kilometres from Walikale centre.

Canada and the DR Congo conflict: A responsibility to atone.

(27/05/2010 – Pambazuka)

<http://pambazuka.org/en/category/comment/64750>

Before Canada considers sending troops to the UN's military mission in the DRC, it should first engage in serious debate about its international role and 'the usefulness of a serious Canadian military presence', argues Gerald Caplan. 'With a disturbing presence of Western – including Canadian – resource giants and a history of "white" interference, social responsibility is an essential part of the discussion that must happen before any decision is made to dispatch troops to another conflict zone,' Caplan writes.

Can DR Congo cope without UN force?

(27/05/2010 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/world/africa/10175593.stm>

The UN Security Council is preparing to vote on whether to extend the mandate for its peacekeeping force in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The BBC's East Africa correspondent Peter Greste looks at the impact a pull out could have on the giant but still unstable country.

Security Council agrees to convert UN mission in DR Congo into stabilization force.

(28/05/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www0.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=34841&Cr=monuc&Cr1=> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=22048&Cr=RDC&Cr1=> (French)

La MONUC cèdera la place à la MONUSCO au 1er juillet 2010.

(28/05/2010 – MONUC)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=9036> (French)

UN to reduce DR Congo peace force.

(28/10/2010 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/world/10184992.stm>

Welcome MONUSCO.

(26/05/2010 – Jason Stearns)

<http://congosiasa.blogspot.com/2010/05/welcome-monusco.html>

Democratic Republic of Congo: The Security Council replaces the MONUC by MONUSCO and puts protection of civilians and rule of law at the forefront of the new mandate.

(31/05/2010 – FIDH)

<http://www.fidh.org/Democratic-Republic-of-Congo-The-Security-Council>

La Monuc devient Monusco à partir du 1er juillet.

(29/05/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201005310517.html>

La Monuc métamorphosée en Monusco s'accroche dans son mandat désormais prolongée en RDC!

(31/05/2010 – L'Avenir – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/67327>

Conseil de sécurité: la Monuc devient Monusco à partir du 1er juillet 2010.

(28/05/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/05/28/conseil-de-securite-la-monuc-devient-monusco-a-partir-du-1er-juillet-2010/>

The Security Council today extended the current mandate of the UN peacekeeping force in the DRC by one month and agreed to transform the operation so that from then on it becomes a stabilization mission in the vast African nation, called MONUSCO. The resolution also authorized the withdrawal of up to 2,000 UN military personnel by 30 June this year from areas where security has improved enough to allow their removal.

Each and Every Peacekeeper Still Needed, Says Oxfam.

(28/05/2010 – Oxfam – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005280748.html>

Each and every peacekeeper is still needed in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, aid agency Oxfam said today (28 May) as the United Nations Security Council renewed the mandate of MONUC, the UN peacekeeping force in the country. Although the mandate has been renewed, the make-up of the mission is set to change.

DRC appeals for Zimbabwean troops.

(27/05/2010 – New Zimbabwe)

<http://www.newzimbabwe.com/news-2526-DRC%20appeals%20for%20Zim%20troops/news.aspx>

The DRC has requested Zimbabwe to re-deploy its troops in the central African country to replace of a United Nations (UN) force that has been stationed there since 1999.

Indonesian and Nepalese blue helmets are jointly building a road from Dungu to Faradje.

(28/05/2010 – MONUC)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=932&ctl=Details&mid=1096&ItemID=9034> (English)

High expectations are put in the road currently being built between the two remote cities. Expected to unlock Dungu's and its surrounding's relative isolation and to stimulate economy in the area it will be approximately 150 km long with 30 km completed so far.

L'Eusec déterminé à assurer l'autosuffisance alimentaire des Fardc.

(31/05/2010 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/67331>

Congolese Minister of Defense Charles Nsimba received, from EUSEC, agricultural material to promote the FARDC's self-sufficiency concerning food security.

Katanga: des coups de feu entendus à Kamina.

(27/05/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/05/27/des-coups-de-feu-entendus-mercredi-a-kamina/>

The security situation in Kamina, chief town of Haut-Lomami district, has been disturbed by gunshots during the night of Wednesday to Thursday.

Insécurité au Nord-Kivu - L'armée et la police au banc des accusés.

(28/05/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201005280314.html>

Nord-Kivu: l'armée et la police sources d'insécurité, selon une ONG.

(27/05/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/05/27/nord-kivu-l%E2%80%99armee-et-la-police-sources-d%E2%80%99insecurite-selon-une-ong/>

The security situation in Masisi and Walikale territories remains worrying following the military operations against the FDLR rebels. Policemen and FARDC soldiers are said to be contributing to the persistence of insecurity.

Nord-Kivu: un seul magistrat pour la juridiction militaire de Goma.

(26/05/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/05/26/nord-kivu-un-seul-magistrat-pour-la-juridiction-militaire-de-goma/>

Article on the faltering military justice apparatus in Goma.

Fearing own army, DR Congo refugees remain abroad.

(27/05/2010 – Reuters)

http://uk.reuters.com/article/idUKLDE64Q22P.CH_2420

Tens of thousands of refugees from DRC are refusing to leave deteriorating conditions in camps in neighbouring Congo Republic due to fears of attacks by the army back home. Relief organisations estimate that some 120,000 civilians from the DRC fled fighting in the remote Equateur province late last year, crossing into the other Congo.

Situation humanitaire en République Démocratique du Congo : Note d'information à la presse, 26 mai 2010.

(26/05/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/FBUO-85TJFW?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

SITUATION HUMANITAIRE EN RDC Période du 22 au 28 Mai 2010.

(28/05/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/SKEA-85VHRW?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

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

(28/05/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/NMUO-85VRZL?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

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

LRA

UN relief chief welcomes US move against Ugandan rebel group.

(26/05/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=34814&Cr=LRA&Cr1=> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=22022&Cr=LRA&Cr1=> (French)

L'Onu salue la promulgation d'une loi pour lutter contre la LRA.

(28/05/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201005280312.html>

Citing the horrors he himself witnessed during a recent African tour, the UN humanitarian chief today praised United States legislation seeking to protect civilians from the LRA, the notorious Ugandan rebel group. "As the United Nations Emergency Relief Coordinator, I very much welcome President Barack Obama's approval of the bill – The Lord's Resistance Army Disarmament and Northern Uganda Recovery Act of 2009," Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs John Holmes said.

Obama Signs New Law On LRA Rebels.

(26/05/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005260106.html>

Barack Obama promulgue une loi pour lutter contre la LRA.

(26/05/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/05/26/barack-obama-promulgue-une-loi-pour-lutter-contre-la-lra/>

Obama's Statement On the LRA Disarmament.

(26/05/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005270403.html>

Obama promulgue une loi sur la lutte contre la LRA.

(26/05/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201005261144.html>

La loi américaine contre la LRA - une fuite en avant!

(31/05/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201005310304.html>

US President Barack Obama yesterday signed a new law requiring high American involvement in ending the Lord's Resistance Army rebel menace and warned the rebel commanders to surrender or get captured.

Loi américaine contre la LRA: deux sociétés civiles plaident pour l'indemnisation des victimes.

(27/05/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/05/27/loi-americaine-contre-la-lra-la-societe-civile-de-dungu-et-ningara-plaide-pour-l%E2%80%99indemnisation-des-victimes/>

Civil society organisations in Dungu and Niangara territories, Haut-Uélé, have welcomed the US new legislation to fight the LRA rebels.

Gulu War Victims Demand Immediate Arrest of LRA Commanders.

(26/05/2010 – The Monitor - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005260814.html>

Victims of the Lords Resistance Army rebellion in Gulu District have asked the International Criminal Court to pursue the top commanders of the group and prosecute them.

Amnesty International Wants Kony Arrested.

(26/05/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005280352.html>

Amnesty International has urged governments in the Great Lakes Region to implement International Criminal Court (ICC) arrest warrants ahead of the conference in Kampala.

We Must Hunt Down Kony – Ocampo.

(29/05/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005310602.html>

The International Criminal Court (ICC) Prosecutor, Luis Moreno Ocampo, has said the Lord's Resistance Army rebel leader, Joseph Kony, will never make peace whatever opportunity he is given. Ocampo, who is in Uganda to attend the ICC Review Conference, said the only way to deal with Kony is to hunt him down.

ADF Regrouping in Congo - Brig. Mugira.

(27/05/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005280393.html>

Former Uganda rebel group seen regrouping in Congo.

(28/05/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE64R0WD20100528?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

Rebels of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) and the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) are regrouping in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, posing a security threat to Uganda, the chief of military intelligence, Brig. James Mugira, has said.

LRA Still Blocking Access to Thousands of IDPs.

(27/05/2010 – IRIN – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005270705.html>

Thousands of people displaced from their homes in the Central African Republic (CAR) cannot be reached by aid workers because of insecurity caused by the Ugandan Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) and other armed militias, a UN official said.

UPDF is in Karamoja to Protect Civilians.

(30/05/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005310908.html>

Article, written by the UPDF spokesperson, stating the army's sole role in the Karamoja region is to restore peace and protect civilians from armed criminals despite recent accusations of the army killing civilians in Kotido.

Army Kills Five Lord's Resistance Rebels.

(31/05/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201006010084.html>

Five LRA rebels have been killed by the UPDF during a hunt for those indicted by the International Criminal Court (ICC), army spokesperson Lt. Con. Felix Kulayigye has said.

Museveni Wants to Pay Kony Victims.

(31/05/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201006010151.html>

President Yoweri Museveni has said the Lord's Resistance Army victims in northern Uganda should be compensated without waiting for the trial of the perpetrators. "I entirely agree with Prosecutor Ocampo. The LRA victims don't need to wait for the trial to be assisted," he said. Museveni was speaking at the opening of the ICC review conference at the Speke Resort Munyonyo.

BURUNDI

EU observers praise conduct of Burundi poll.

(27/05/2010 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2010-05-27-eu-observers-praise-conduct-of-burundi-poll>

European Union election monitors on Thursday praised the conduct of Burundi's local elections, whose results were rejected by opposition parties.

Govt's Opposition Demand Re-Election.

(27/05/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005271363.html>

Trading Accusations over Poll Results.

(27/05/2010 – IRIN - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005270918.html>

Burundi opposition alleges fraud in district poll.

(26/05/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJQE64P0JI20100526?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=eedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

Eight Burundi opposition parties demanded on Wednesday that the national electoral commission (CENI) organise fresh district elections, arguing a vote this week was marked by massive fraud and irregularities. The parties protested that early results announced by local media, showing the ruling CNDD-FDD had won in most of the 129 districts, were incorrect.

Post-vote clashes erupt in Burundi.

(30/05/2010 – AFP)

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iJyJODmySOM32q-WNC8sNGWwpleg>

Clashes erupted in Burundi's capital Saturday in the first violence linked to last week's disputed local polls, with several people wounded and arrested, an opposition party and officials said. The election commission has announced the ruling party won more than 60 percent of Monday's vote but eight opposition groups allege there was massive fraud and have demanded a re-run.

IPIS latest publications

IPIS LATEST REPORTS

Jaarverslag 2009.

(06/05/2010 – IPIS)

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

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

Mapping Conflict Motives: Province Orientale (DRC)

(March 2010 – IPIS)

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

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

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

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

(December 2009 – IPIS)

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

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

Activity Report 2008.

(9/11/2009 – IPIS)

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

Jaarverslag 2008.

(13/10/2009 – IPIS)

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

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

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

(13/10/2009 – IPIS)

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

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

Africa's natural resources in a global context.

(12/08/2009 – IPIS)

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

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

Militarised Mining Areas in the Kivus.

(10/08/2009 – IPIS)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(July 2009 – RRN)

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

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

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

(14/07/2009 – IPIS)

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

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

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

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

Zimbabwe - Arms and Corruption: fuelling human rights abuse.

(July 2009 – IPIS)

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

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

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

(13/05/2009 – IPIS)

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

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

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

An analysis of Finexpo's and Ducroire/Nationale Delcrederediens's support practices in comparison to the EURODAD principles on responsible financing.

(29/04/2009 – IPIS)

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

In 2007, Belgian exports generated 89,3% of Belgium's gross domestic product. The exports created employment as well as fiscal and parafiscal revenues. Because of the importance that exporting holds in the Belgian economy, Belgium has several public instruments in place to encourage and support the export of goods and services. At the federal level, there are Ducroire/Nationale Delcrederediens (ONDD), FINEXPO and the Belgian International Investment Company (BMI-SBI). At the regional level, the most important are the Agence Wallonne à l'Exportation (AWEX) for Wallonia, Brussels Export for the Brussels region, and Flanders Investment and Trade for the Flanders Region.

This research paper looks specifically at the practices of the two most significant players at the federal level: FINEXPO and Ducroire/Nationale Delcrederediens. FINEXPO provides advice to the Belgian government about five types of support measures: rent stabilisation mechanism, interest relief (with or without grants), pure grants and loans (tied and untied). Ducroire/Nationale Delcrederediens provides insurances and financial guarantees against commercial and political risks. Annex 1 to this report lists and explains the various types of support. The paper will discuss the financial terms, legal terms and conditions in place when FINEXPO and Ducroire/Nationale Delcrederediens provide support for Belgian exports.

The paper also looks into what extent FINEXPO's and Ducroire/Nationale Delcrederediens's practices match the financial terms, legal terms and conditions which are set out in the EURODAD Charter on Responsible Financing. The principles in the Charter outline the essential components of a reasonable loan. Given that only FINEXPO provides loans, the principles in the Charter are only directly applicable to the provision of loans by FINEXPO. Despite this fact, the principles are still useful in determining whether the financial and insurance practices of all support measures by FINEXPO and those by Ducroire/Nationale Delcrederediens are responsible support measures or not. EURODAD's principles represent a general framework for a tough but fair policy.

Impact de l'exploitation de diamant et de l'or dans la reconstruction socio-économique de la Province Orientale.

(March 2009 – CENADEP)

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

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

IPIS LATEST ARTICLES

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

(September 2009 – IPIS)

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

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

Stabilisation et secteur minier dans l'Est de la RDC.

(August 2009 – IPIS)

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

In the beginning of July the Congolese government established a plan for the stabilisation of eastern DRC. The media remained silent concerning this initiative and the plan has not been made public. IPIS, however, managed to obtain this Congolese stabilisation plan. The objective of this article is to look at the essential points of the plan that could be useful as part of the Congolese and international efforts to dissolve the crisis in the eastern part of the country.

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