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IPIS UPCOMING EVENTS

5 and 6 May – IPIS lecture ‘Methodology for assessing companies’ compliance with the OECD guidance.’, at the ICGLR-OECD-UN GoE joint meeting on implementation of the OECD-UN due diligence recommendations for responsible mineral supply chains – Paris

11 May – IPIS lecture ‘Case study: Natural Resources and Mapping Conflict Motives in the Province Orientale (Democratic Republic of Congo)’ at University of Amsterdam, Politics & International Relations Department - University of Amsterdam

Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

Rwanda and Congo May Build New Electricity Plant Using Lake Kivu Methane.
(27/04/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-04-27/rwanda-and-congo-may-build-new-electricity-plant-using-lake-kivu-methane.html>

Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo may build a 200 megawatt power plant that will be fueled by methane gas from Lake Kivu, Colette Ruhamy, Rwanda’s minister of state for energy and water, said.

Le spectre du lac Nyos plane sur le Kivu.

(26/04/2011 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201104270830.html>

Congolese and Rwandan experts gathered in Kinshasa last week, to talk about the joint exploitation of methane gas from Lake Kivu.

Rwanda, Uganda, DRC Discuss Collaboration On Virunga Massif.

(29/04/2011 – East African Business Week – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105021391.html>

Uganda, Rwanda and the DRC are in talks to institutionalise future collaboration on Virunga Massif. Experts from the three countries recently met in Kigali to deliberate on the Virunga Transboundary Collaboration between three countries. They discussed the Draft Treaty to ensure that all perspectives and key issues are addressed.

PWYP Europe members reassure and encourage US regulator on oil and mining transparency.

(3/05/2011 – Publish What You Pay)

<http://www.publishwhatyoupay.org/en/resources/pwyp-europe-members-reassure-and-encourage-us-regulator-oil-and-mining-transparency>

PWYP members in Europe have written to the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), which regulates US stock exchanges, and notified the body that the European Commission is developing counterpart legislation in Europe. The need for extractive industry transparency rules in the EU has been backed by the British and French governments which have both publicly stated their support this year following the passing in the United States of the Dodd-Frank Act. Section 1504 of the DFA requires all US and foreign companies to file an annual report with the SEC publicly reporting how much they pay governments for the purpose of the commercial development of oil, natural gas and minerals.

DRC

EURAC and Fatal Transactions call for the EU to step up engagement on conflict minerals.

(27/04/2011 – EurAc / Fatal Transactions)

<http://www.fataltransactions.org/Media/Files/News/EURAC-FT-Statement> (English)

(27/04/2011 – EurAc / Fatal Transactions – OCIPE)

<http://www.ocipe.info/2011/04/minerais-du-conflit-en-rdc/> (French)

EURAC and Fatal Transactions members have been following issues relating to artisanal mining in eastern DRC for many years, in partnership with Congolese civil society organizations. EURAC and Fatal Transactions believe that the EU institutions and member states must step up their efforts to increase transparency and good governance in the artisanal mining sector in eastern DRC. Action is needed at numerous levels in terms of: encouraging EU companies trading in certain minerals to undertake adequate due diligence; support to certification and mapping efforts on the ground in eastern DRC; the reinforcement of Congolese state capacities to administer the mining sector; and support programs aimed at increasing socio-economic benefits from mining at community level.

Delay in US Law to Combat Africa's Conflict Minerals Sharpens Divisions.

(27/04/2011 – VoA News)

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/africa/central/Delay-in-US-Law-to-Combat-Africas-Conflict-Minerals-Sharpens-Divisions-120764739.html>

A delay in a U.S. law to combat Congo's so-called conflict minerals has sharpened divisions between advocates of the legislation and those who will need to comply, namely manufacturers and the high-tech industry.

Certifying Conflict-free Minerals in Congo: How It Could Work.

(28/04/2011 – Enough Project)

<http://enoughproject.org/blogs/conflict-free-congo-how-it-could-work>

Several initiatives are underway to try to formalize Congo's mining sector, with various stakeholders involved in each. Coordination and harmonization of efforts will be a major challenge to declaring Congo's minerals conflict-free. This article analyses the establishment of 'centres de negoce', or trading centers.

Congo's Conflict Minerals: The Next Blood Diamonds.

(27/04/2011 – Enough Project)

<http://enoughproject.org/blogs/congos-conflict-minerals-next-blood-diamonds>

It's a war which most people know nothing about, despite the fact that we're all directly connected to it. Armed groups are fighting over the lucrative minerals that power our cell phones and laptops, leaving a trail of human destruction.

Likasi: expédition policière à la carrière de Kamwale, plusieurs blessés.

(27/04/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/04/27/likasi-expedition-policiere-a-la-carriere-de-kamwale-plusieurs-blesses-2/>

Congolese policemen clashed last week with agents of the mining company Marina International at the Kamwale mining site, 45 kilometres from Likasi.

Mbuji Mayi : vente aux enchères d'un diamant de près de 10 000 carats.

(28/04/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/04/28/mbuji-mayi-vente-aux-encheres-d%E2%80%99un-diamant-de-pres-de-10-000-carats/>

A 10,000-carat diamond of the 'Société Congolaise d'Investissements Miniers' will be sold by auction in East Kasai.

Global Witness reclame la publication des contrats chinois.

(29/04/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201104290353.html>

Global Witness is demanding more transparency on the Congo-China 6 billion dollar deal.

UGANDA

Nation Starts Pumping Oil in June.

(30/04/2011 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105020093.html>

Uganda expects to pump its first oil in June starting with 500-1,000 barrels per day. Three oil wells: Kasamene 1, Kigogole 1 and 3 in the Lake Albert rift will produce the first oil as tests to understand their behaviour and rate of flow (Extended Well Testing) are conducted. The test crude oils to be sold for domestic purposes.

President Launches 18mw Mpanga Power Project.

(1/05/2011 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105020118.html>

President Yoweri Museveni on Friday commissioned Mpanga hydro power project in Kamwenge District that will benefit 20,000 people. The Minister for Energy and Mineral Development, Hon. Hillary Onek, said that it is the ministry's target to transform local people into entrepreneurs through rural electrification programmes.

Bujagali Power Project Set to Generate First Unit in October.

(3/05/2011 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105030040.html>

Ugandans will in a period of five months start enjoying more electricity supply after Bujagali hydropower project officials announced that all is set to commission the first unit generation in October.

RWANDA

Rwanda bans export of Congo conflict area minerals.

(27/04/2011 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE73Q09C20110427?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

Rwanda insisting on due diligence on mineral imports from eastern Congo?

(28/04/2011 – Global Witness)

<http://www.globalwitness.org/library/rwanda-insisting-due-diligence-mineral-imports-eastern-congo>

Rwanda has banned the sale of minerals from areas where there is fighting in the DRC, in compliance with a U.S. law requiring minerals to be certified conflict-free, its mines minister said. The minister, Christophe Bazivamo, said the country was now carrying out rigorous due diligence on tin ore originating in conflict areas and would not allow those referred to as conflict minerals to pass through.

Rwanda's Gambit to Ban Congo Conflict Minerals.

(29/04/2011 – Enough Project)

<http://enoughproject.org/blogs/rwanda-gambit-ban-congo-conflict-minerals>

The Government of Rwanda recently announced that it has banned the sale of Congo conflict minerals within its borders. Historically, Rwanda has been a primary destination for the smuggling and export of minerals extracted from eastern Congo and bound for global markets.

New Mining Decree Boosts Mineral Exports.

(4/05/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105040092.html>

Kigali mineral receipts triple.

(2/05/2011 – East African Business Week)

<http://www.busiweek.com/11/news/rwanda/927-kigali-mineral-receipts-triple>

Rwanda's mining industry registered impressive growth in the first quarter of 2011 with revenues tripling to US\$35.5m compared to the same period last year, occasioned by increased mining activities across the country. The Minister of Forestry and Mines, Christophe Bazivamo, said in an interview yesterday, that increased production of Rwanda's major mineral exports, which include castellite, tangsten and coltan, indicated that the country was on course to achieve its annual target revenues of US\$100 million.

Govt Targets U.S.\$25 Billion From Methane Gas Project.

(2/05/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105021136.html>

Rwanda is targeting to reap US\$ 25 billion in the next 50 years in the ongoing methane gas project in Lake Kivu if all the 60bn cubic metres of methane banked on the lake sea bed is extracted.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

Martin Kabwelulu noue un partenariat avec la Malaisie et l'Indonésie.

(2/05/2011 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201105021647.html>

The Congolese minister of mines Martin Kabwelulu visited Malaysia and Indonesia, among other things, to talk to the Malaysia Smelting Corporation and PT KOBA TIN about possible partnership agreements.

Metals trader Traxys takes stake in Australia tantalum miner.

(2/05/2011 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/commoditiesNews/idAFS9E7EV03M20110502>

Luxembourg-based metals trader Traxys Group has agreed to acquire a 20 percent stake in Australian tantalum miner Global Advanced Metals and establish a separate arm to market tantalum products, the Australian company said on Monday. The DRC is the world's top tantalum producer but companies are scrambling to find alternate sources as international pressure mounts on miners to stop armed groups profiting from mining.

Court ruling a major step forward for case against Canadian mining company.

(28/04/2011 – Global Witness)

<http://www.globalwitness.org/library/court-ruling-major-step-forward-case-against-canadian-mining-company>

The Superior Court of Quebec has ruled today that the case against Canadian corporation Anvil Mining Limited in relation to alleged involvement in a 2004 massacre in the Democratic Republic of Congo can proceed to the next stage. The class action against Anvil Mining was filed with the Montréal Court on 8 November 2010 by The Canadian Association against Impunity, an organization representing survivors and families of victims of the Kilwa massacre. Anvil Mining is accused of providing logistical support to the Congolese army who raped, murdered and brutalised the people of Kilwa in a massacre in 2004. According to the United Nations, over 70 civilians died as a direct result of the military action, including some who were executed and thrown in mass graves.

La FEC honore Loncor Resources.

(3/05/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201105030470.html>

The mining enterprise Loncor Resources has been honoured by the FEC provincial council of Province Orientale for its work in the province.

BRC announces 'significant' DRC iron ore find.

(3/05/2011 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/brc-announces-significant-drc-iron-ore-find-2011-05-03>

TSX-listed BRC Diamondcore on Tuesday announced a high-grade iron ore discovery at a property it owns with Rio Tinto in the DRC, sending the company's shares 17% higher. The discovery is in the Orientale province, and the joint-venture partners hit grades of 65,6% to 68,2% iron, the company said.

Sampling starts on Kanzi phosphate prospect.

(27/04/2011 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Six months after it floated on the Australian Securities Exchange, Minbos Resources is about to begin a sampling campaign on the Kanzi phosphate project in Congo-K.

UGANDA

Locals to Benefit From Tullow Listing.

(29/04/2011 – East African Business Week - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105021306.html>

The announcement last week that Tullow Oil PLC would cross list its stock on the Uganda Securities Exchange (USE) has been welcomed with enthusiasm by the industry players and investors alike. Tullow is expected to offer about 804 million shares on the Ugandan bourse in April if negotiations are concluded.

Namekara mine targets 130,000t.

(27/04/2011 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

A new phase has opened in a program spearheaded by Gulf Industrials to revive the old vermiculite mine at Namekara.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

Country, DRC Lawmakers to Promote Cross-Border Security.

(30/04/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105020982.html>

Parliamentarians from Rwanda and the DRC, on Thursday evening, vowed to boost cross-border security by use of efficient communication between the two institutions. The collaboration was announced during the visit by a delegation of DRC legislators who were in the country on four-day study tour.

DRC

Lubero: des Mai Mai Pareco font une incursion à Bingi.

(30/04/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/04/30/lubero-des-mai-mai-pareco-font-une-incursion-a-bingi/>

Mai Mai Pareco rebels attacked Bingi village in Lubero territory last week.

Un dirigeant de l'insurrection Enyele arrêté par les FARDC.

(27/04/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/04/27/un-dirigeant-de-l%E2%80%99insurrection-enyele-arrete-par-les-fardc/>

Equateur - Les FARDC arrêtent un chef rebelle Enyele à Dongo.

(28/04/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201104280408.html>

The FARDC has arrested an Enyele rebellion leader in Dongo, the MONUSCO declared last week.

RDC : l'armée tue un chef rebelle.

(2/05/2011 – BBC)

http://www.bbc.co.uk/afrique/region/2011/05/110502_drc-dead.shtml

Le général Floribert Kisembo abattu à Djugu.

(1/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/01/le-general-floribert-kisembo-abattu-a-lubutu/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+radiookapi%2Factu+%28Radiookapi.net%29

Le Général Kisembo a été assassiné, selon l'UPC.

(3/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/03/le-general-kisembo-a-ete-assassine-selon-l%E2%80%99upc/>

The FARDC has killed a former rebel leader, Floribert Kisembo, who integrated into the national army, but recently deserted to form a new rebellion.

Attaque d'Aveba: les FARDC saluent la bravoure des casques bleus de la Monusco.

(27/04/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/04/27/attaque-d%E2%80%99aveba-les-fardc-saluent-la-bravoure-des-casques-bleus-de-la-monusco/>

Colonel Fall Sikabwe, FARDC commander in Ituri, praised the support and the courage of the MONUSCO blue helmets.

Procès Me Firmin Yangambi - La défense s'acharne sur le colonel Mukalay.

(28/04/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201104280412.html>

Procès Firmin Yangambi : la défense accable le colonel Daniel Mukalay.

(27/04/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/04/27/proces-firmin-yangambi-la-defense-accable-le-colonel-daniel-mukalay/>

Articles on the process against Firmin Yangambi, Eric Kikunda, Benjamin Olangi and colonel Elia Lokundo, who are accused of planning to form a resistance movement as they were caught with several firearms in a jeep in Kinshasa.

Masisi: près de 50 000 déplacés vivent toujours dans des camps.

(28/04/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/04/28/masisi-pres-de-50-000-deplaces-vivent-toujours-dans-des-camps/>

About 50.000 civilians have been displaced in Masisi territory. These IDPs still cannot return home because insecurity persists.

Equateur : retour de 950 réfugiés congolais, le HCR promet une assistance nécessaire.

(29/04/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/04/29/equateur-retour-de-950-refugies-congolais-le-hcr-promet-une-assistance-necessaire/>

950 Congolese refugees, who were installed in Congo Brazzaville, returned to the DRC's Equator province, UNHCR reported.

Situation humanitaire en République Démocratique du Congo - Note d'information à la presse, 27 avril 2011.

(27/04/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/398725>

Bulletin d'information humanitaire - Province Orientale, 26 avril 2011.

(27/04/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/398747>

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

Procès JP Bemba: le 19^e témoin du procureur devant la CPI ce mardi 3 mai.

(3/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/03/proces-jp-bemba-le-19e-temoin-du-procureur-devant-la-cpi-ce-mardi-3-mai/>

The Bemba trial at the ICC restarted on the 3rd of May with the interrogation of witness number 19.

FDLR**Les Maï-Maï et FDLR profitent de l'absence des FARDC pour attaquer Lubero.**

(3/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/03/les-mai-mai-et-fdlr-profitent-de-l%E2%80%99absence-des-fardc-pour-attaquer-lubero/>

A coalition of FDLR rebels and Maï Maï has regularly attacked Kanyabayonga, Lubero territory, during the last couple of weeks, profiting from an absence of FARDC soldiers.

Germany: Groundbreaking Trial for Congo War Crimes.

(2/05/2011 – Human Rights Watch)

<http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2011/05/02/germany-groundbreaking-trial-congo-war-crimes>

FDLR Leaders to Appear in German Court Wednesday.

(2/05/2011 – the New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105021124.html>

Rwanda FDLR rebels Murwanashyaka and Musoni go on trial.

(4/05/2011 - BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-13275795>

The trial of two Rwandan rebel leaders arrested in Germany for alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity in the DRC makes the world a smaller place for suspected war criminals, Human Rights Watch said. On May 4, 2011, judges in Stuttgart, Germany, will begin hearing evidence against Ignace Murwanashyaka and Straton Musoni, respectively president and vice president of the FDLR.

LRA**Lord's Resistance Army - Updated April 2011.**

(27/04/2011 – HSBA / Small Arms Survey – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/390459>

Update on the Ugandan rebel movement LRA.

Province Orientale : nouvelle attaque des LRA à Aba, 5 enlèvements.

(1/05/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/05/01/province-orientale-nouvelle-attaque-des-lra-a-aba-5-enlevements/>

LRA rebels have abducted 5 civilians, several of whom were children, during an attack on Aba in Faradje territory last week.

UGANDA**Police arrest, use tear gas on top Ugandan opposition leader during 5th 'walk to work' protest.**

(27/04/2011 – The Washington Post)

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/opposition_leader_in_uganda_behind_walk_to_work_protests_freed_on_bail/2011/04/27/AFMyJkxE_story.html?wprss=rss_africa

Police cracked open the window of Uganda's top opposition leader and fired tear gas into his vehicle on Thursday during a fifth protest march over rising costs. Kizza Besigye's arrest came one day after his release from prison for leading a similar "walk to work" protest march last week. Besigye says the demonstrations are to protest corruption in Uganda's government and the rising cost of food and fuel.

Chaotic "walk-to-work" protests put Kampala in spotlight.

(29/04/2011 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?reportID=92615>

Riots erupt in Uganda capital after brutal arrest of opposition leader; 2 dead, 120 wounded.

(29/04/2011 – The Washington Post)

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/riots_erupt_in_ugandan_capital_after_violent_arrest_of_opposition_politician/2011/04/29/AFv1FXBF_story.html?wprss=rss_africa

Uganda unrest gathers pace despite bloody government crackdown.

(29/04/2011 – The Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/apr/29/uganda-rebellion-crackdown-besigye-museveni>

Uganda riots reach capital as anger against President Museveni grows.

(29/04/2011 – The Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/apr/29/uganda-riots-kampala-museveni>

Riots Break Out in Kampala, Leaving One Dead.

(29/04/2011 – Radio France Internationale – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104290729.html>

Des émeutes éclatent en Ouganda entre police et manifestants.

(29/04/2011 – Le Monde)

http://www.lemonde.fr/afrique/article/2011/04/29/des-emeutes-eclatent-en-ouganda-entre-police-et-manifestants_1514503_3212.html

Army troops and police fired live bullets at rioting demonstrators Friday, and at least two people were killed and 120 wounded in the largest anti-government protest in sub-Saharan Africa this year.

Uganda's Besigye leaves for treatment in Kenya.

(29/04/2011 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE73S0H220110429?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRIC+A+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

Ugandan opposition leader Kizza Besigye flew to Kenya on Friday to seek treatment for injuries received during his arrest on Thursday, opposition and airline officials said. Ugandan security officials had earlier blocked him at the airport and prevented him boarding a Kenya Airways plane. Besigye was eventually allowed to board and the flight took off after a delay.

Besigye Says Protests to Continue.

(1/05/2011 – Daily Nation – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105010014.html>

Uganda: Besigye vows protests will continue.

(1/05/2011 – BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-13255025>

Kizza Besigye promises more Uganda protests.

(2/05/2011 – The Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/may/02/kizza-besigye-more-uganda-protests>

Uganda opposition leader Kizza Besigye on Sunday maintained that the walk to work protests would continue until the government addresses the rising cost of fuel and food. Addressing the press at Nairobi Hospital where he is recuperating following injuries he suffered during the protests last Thursday, the Forum for Democratic Change leader denied allegations by President Museveni that he was armed and attacked security officers provoking his violent arrest last Thursday.

Uganda: UN human rights chief deplors 'excessive' use of force by authorities.

(1/05/2011 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=38242&Cr=Uganda&Cr1=> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=24776&Cr=Ouganda&Cr1=> (French)

UN urges Uganda to stop using excessive force against protesters, top opposition leader.

(1/05/2011 – The Washington Post)

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/un_urges_uganda_to_stop_using_excessive_force_against_protesters_top_opposition_leader/2011/05/01/AF96zIRF_story.html?wprss=rss_africa

UN rights boss criticises Uganda protest crackdown.

(1/05/2011 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE74000420110501?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

The U.N. human rights chief on Sunday urged Ugandan authorities to stop the excessive use of force against protesters, after demonstrations over the last three weeks left eight people dead and wounded more than 250 others. Navi Pillay said she was "appalled" by the repeated ill-treatment of the country's top opposition politician, Kizza Besigye. She said the use of disproportionate force has contributed to rising unrest in the East African country.

Ugandan President Defiant as Opposition Promises More Protests.

(2/05/2011 – VoA News)

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/africa/Ugandan-President-Defiant-as-Opposition-Promises-More-Protests-121097524.html>

Uganda's President Yoweri Museveni has refused to back down or apologize for the government's response to the "Walk to Work" protests, or the beatings received by opposition leader Kizza Besigye. In the face of mounting international criticism, Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni has remained defiant over his government's use of force in quelling the "Walk to Work" protests over the past three weeks.

Rights Group: Uganda Has History of Police Abuse and Censorship.

(28/04/2011 – VoA News)

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/africa/decapua-uganda-hrw-28apr11-120879184.html>

A human rights group says the Ugandan government has a long history of cracking down on freedom of expression. Human Rights Watch [HRW] is reacting to the latest violence stemming from the demonstrations led by opposition figure Kizza Besigye.

Opposition Rejects Talks With Government.

(3/05/2011 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105030025.html>

Opposition leaders yesterday said they will not participate in today's political dialogue called by President Museveni, saying there was no common agenda. Leaders from Forum for Democratic Change, Democratic Party, Uganda Peoples Congress, Conservative Party and Justice Forum (Jeema) also demanded that a neutral person at the level of a Chief Judge chairs any such meeting, and not President Museveni.

Army Turns Former Cattle Raiding Zones Into Farming Fields.

(2/05/2011 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105020072.html>

The Apeitolim and Nakaperimor cattle corridors, previously used by armed Karimojong cattle raiders, have been turned into settlement and farming zones by the army. The cattle corridors in Lokopo Sub-county in Moroto and Kotido districts were central to launching raids by the Bokora, Jie, Pokot, Dodoth, Pien and Matheniko rustlers. The UPDF 3rd Division spokesperson, Capt. Deo Akiiki, said settlements have been put up.

RWANDA

German MPs Briefed On Gacaca.

(4/05/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105040101.html>

Visiting members of the German Parliament have shed off previous reservations about Gacaca Genocide trials and will return home prepared to discuss them with their compatriots and critics in Europe. Christoph Straesser, the head of the delegation, acknowledged this yesterday after discussions with Justice Minister and Attorney General, Tharcisse Karugarama.

Rwanda Genocide Suspect Arrested in Belgium.

(1/05/2011 – The Arusha Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105030382.html>

Mathias Bushishi, a former prosecutor in Butare (South of Rwanda) was arrested in Brussels on Monday following an international arrest warrant issued by Rwanda for war crimes and genocide. He is accused of helping to plan the massacre of Tutsis in his region.

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RD Congo: l'élection présidentielle fixée au 28 novembre 2011.

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Congo will hold its second post-war presidential and legislative elections on November 28, the electoral commission said on Saturday, a vote seen as a test of President Joseph Kabila's commitment to democracy.

IPIS latest publications

IPIS LATEST REPORTS

Jaarverslag 2010 IPIS.

(April 2011 – IPIS)

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

IPIS has published its activity report 2010. The activity report is a comprehensive report of IPIS' activities in 2010. Its assignments, publications and lectures are presented in this document. The English version will follow later on.

Guide to Current Mining Reform Initiatives in Eastern DRC.

(April 2011 – IPIS)

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

US legislation has brought on a variety of initiatives aiming at mining reform in EDRC. This paper describes the basic elements of these initiatives, their genesis, the current state of affairs, the linkages between the initiatives and the main challenges they face. Further, the paper briefly evaluates the initiatives while focussing on the steps ahead.

The complexity of resource governance in a context of state fragility: The case of eastern DRC.

(November 2010 – IPIS / International Alert)

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

A host of publications over the last decade have highlighted the important role played by artisanal and small-scale mining of coltan, gold and cassiterite in the ongoing conflict in the DRC, yet there is still little awareness of the modus operandi of the various actors involved in the exploitation and trade of these minerals. It is vitally important that initiatives aimed at reforming the artisanal mining industry are based on a thorough knowledge of the political, economic and social dynamics at the grassroots level. This research report analyzes the trading networks within the mining sector and their links to military, economic and political actors in eastern DRC, focusing on the provinces of North and South Kivu, and Ituri District in Orientale Province.

MONUC/MONUSCO and Civilian Protection in the Kivus.

(February 2011 – IPIS)

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

Although UN peace operations have evolved over time, they still do not manage to address the Protection of Civilians (POC) in an effective way as this constitutes a relatively new role for UN peacekeepers. This also applies to the United Nations Mission in the Congo (MONUC) where civilian protection remains a major concern. This paper aims to uncover the challenges MONUC is facing in the country's eastern provinces, North and South Kivu, where civilians are most heavily targeted by violence.

The Karamoja Cluster of eastern Africa: Arms transfers and their repercussions on communal security perceptions.

(December 2010 – IPIS, Transarms)

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

The pastoralist societies within the Karamoja Cluster have been unable to adequately defend themselves politically against claims that they, the pastoralists, are responsible for the proliferation of small arms and light weapons in East Africa. This report endeavours in a small way to redress this balance; it is our contention that the majority of the blame for this SALW proliferation should be laid at the doors of the three governments concerned, governments who themselves have failed to adequately address the problems of regional insecurity, weapons diversion and, in many cases, have been quite unable to resist the temptation to support individuals and groups intent on destabilising their neighbours. Although at first sight this linkage between State actors and local actors is, perhaps, not always obvious – and, indeed, may serve to mask the impact of SALW on pastoralists – it is our contention that all unavowed arms transfers are, ipso facto, destabilising and can only serve to exacerbate existing perceptions of communal instability. Indeed, the burden of our song is that any illicit or unavowed transfer of arms will earn a concomitant repercussion in such communal security perceptions.

The complexity of resource governance in a context of state fragility: An analysis of the mining sector in the Kivu hinterlands.

(November 2010 – IPIS / International Alert)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/mining-hinterlands.php> (website)

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La complexité de la gestion des ressources dans un contexte de fragilité de l'État : une analyse du secteur minier dans l'arrière-pays du Kivu.

(January 2011 – IPIS / International Alert)

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

The report 'Mining activity and mineral trade in the Kivu hinterland' was commissioned by the Directorate General for Development (DG DEV) of the European Commission and aims to fill an information gap by identifying the principal mining sites and analysing the trade networks of the 'Eastern hinterland' of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), located in Maniema, North Katanga and Orientale Province, and the transport networks from these territories to the regional hubs of Bukavu, Goma, Butembo and Bunia.

Mapping the labyrinth: more on the strange weapons flight of 4L-AWA.

(October 2010 – IPIS / TransArms)

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

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This research report is the third in a series about the case of a IL-76 aircraft used for an apparently clandestine arms flight in provenance from Pyongyang, which was impounded by Thai authorities during a technical stop in Bangkok December 12, 2009. The third updated report presents new information and documents that show other important actors in the chain of companies who managed the flight, shedding a new light on the information included in the previous reports.

Mining Concessions in the DR Congo.

(October 2010 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/mine-concessions-drc.php>

IPIS has produced an interactive web map of all mining concessions in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The data on this map are official and public data from the Cadastre Minier (CaMi) of the DR Congo, showing the situation as it was on 27 July 2010.

Deadly Movements. Transportation Controls in the Arms Trade Treaty.

(July 2010 – Amnesty International, IPIS, Transarms)

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

Effective regulation of the global trade in conventional arms must include adequate provisions to control the physical movement of arms across international borders. The proposed Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) should be designed to prevent unauthorised or irresponsible international transfers of weapons, munitions and related equipment internationally: it must therefore require states to impose effective controls and reporting requirements on the transport and transporters of arms, including through Free Trade Zones. Without such requirements, the ATT will fail to address a significant gap in international arms transfer controls, and will deprive states of a key tool to prevent arms transfers where it can be foreseen the arms are likely to be used to violate human rights and destroy lives and livelihoods contrary to international law.

Les devoirs de la République centrafricaine dans le contexte des activités des entreprises.

(July 2010 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/ong-rca.php>

Les devoirs internationaux de la République centrafricaine relatifs à la conservation des milieux d'importance et des espèces sauvages.

(July 2007 – IPIS)

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Une analyse de la législation environnementale et de la législation minière de la République Centrafricaine dans le contexte des activités des entreprises.

(June 2010 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/ong-rca.php>

Amélioration de la pratique de l'Etude d'Impact Environnemental.

(June 2010 – IPIS)

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Four reports on IPIS' project concerning capacity building of NGOs in the Central African Republic working on the management of uranium. The reports analyse the CAR's mining and environmental legislation, and the country's obligations in the field of environmental management and the regulation of enterprises' activities.

Mapping Conflict Motives: Province Orientale (DRC)

(March 2010 – IPIS)

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

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

(June 2010 – IPIS)

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

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

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

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