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IPIS

IPIS LATEST REPORTS

An analysis of Finexpo's and Ducroire/Nationale Delcrederedienst's support practices in comparison to the EUODAD 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 Delcrederedienst (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 Delcrederedienst. 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 Delcrederedienst 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 Delcrederedienst provide support for Belgian exports.

The paper also looks into what extent FINEXPO's and Ducroire/Nationale Delcrederedienst's practices match the financial terms, legal terms and conditions which are set out in the EUODAD 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 Delcrederedienst are responsible support measures or not. EUODAD's principles represent a general framework for a tough but fair policy.

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.

Activity Report 2007

(IPIS)

Jaarverslag 2007

(IPIS)

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

Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

Mining profit for locally affected people.

(29/04/2009 – UN – AfricaFiles)

<http://www.africafiles.org/article.asp?ID=20742>

Throughout Africa large mining operations generate large profits for foreign companies and little benefit for the local people. Some governments are trying to harness more mining revenues for their own development purposes.

A more transparent mining industry to profit Africans.

(3/05/2009 – Afrik.com)

<http://en.afrik.com/article15641.html>

Mineral-rich countries in Africa enjoyed a mining boom between 2002 and 2007 as metal and oil prices nearly tripled. Companies competed furiously for new mines to meet growing world demand. As a result, African nations found themselves in a much stronger bargaining position with foreign investors, who previously were able to demand — and get — huge breaks before they would invest.

DRC

Ministers' Dissonance over Contract Revisions.

(29/04/2009 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

There seems to be a conflict between the minister for mines Kabwelulu and his vice minister Kasongo over the revision of mining contracts. While Kabwelulu said in March the revision process was finished, Kasongo furthermore suggested that the companies, with whom there was no new agreement, had six months to improve their offers or risk their contracts being cancelled.

Progress of the mining contracts renegotiation process in DRC: opinions, problems, and perspectives.

(April 2009 – South African Resource Watch)

<http://www.sarwatch.org/publications/views-and-perspectives/39-views-and-perspectives/359-evolution-du-processus-de-renegociation-des-contrats-miniers-en-rdc.html>

SARW article on the progress of the renegotiation of the Congolese mining contracts.

MIBA: The Iron Lady Strikes Again.

(29/04/2009 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Congolese Minister Mudiayi, in charge of public companies, is staking her reputation as Congo's Iron Lady on the running of the national diamond company MIBA. Just two years after having fired the head of the company, she has dismissed his successor.

MIBA's War Effort.

(29/04/2009 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

An inquiry commission for the East Kasai Provincial Assembly revealed that over the past 10 years MIBA was forced to offer US\$ 135 million in support for successive war efforts.

Mining a mint in eastern DR Congo.

(2/05/2009 – BBC)

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/programmes/from_our_own_correspondent/8027367.stm

Stephen Sackur, a BBC journalist, discovers that life for most people in the troubled eastern Democratic Republic of Congo is still grindingly tough, but that a few individuals are doing very well for themselves. An article on mineral trade as a lucrative business.

Congo-Kinshasa: Un projet de loi inquiétant - La RDC n'a toujours pas de frontières maritimes!

(30/04/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904301071.html>

Congolese MPs argued in a plenary session of the parliament on the maritime borders of the DRC.

Congo-Kinshasa: The Case For The Congo.

(5/05/2009 – Friends of The Congo - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200905050598.html>

Opinion article from a member of Friends of the Congo reacting against the article Foreign Policy magazine recently published. This article, "There is No Congo" by Jeffrey Herbst and Greg Mills, makes a case against Congo as a unified entity.

UGANDA

Oil production delayed again.

(1/05/2009 – New Vision)

<http://www.newvision.co.ug/detail.php?newsCategoryId=12&newsId=679916>

The production of Ugandan oil has been delayed once again. Initially, the early production scheme was meant to start in September. The shifting of the refinery construction site outside the game reserve caused the plan to be postponed to early 2010.

Uganda: Oil Resources Hit 600 Million Barrels.

(1/05/2009 – New Vision - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200905040855.html>

Uganda's discovered oil and gas resource in the Lake Albertine Graben is so far estimated at around 600 million barrels of oil, an amount considered essential for oil production. Furthermore the most important companies active in the Ugandan oil sector are mentioned in this article

Uganda: Why is Bunyoro Demanding a Share of Oil Money?

(1/05/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200905040854.html>

Analysis of the Bunyoro kingdom's demands concerning the oil exploitation in Uganda.

New Law on Uranium Blocked.

(29/04/2009 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

The new Atomic Energy Act, voted last year, has still not come into force because the Atomic Energy Council has not yet been set up.

Uganda: Karamoja Leaders Close Tororo Cement Lime Mine.

(28/04/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200904290101.html>

Authorities in Katekekile sub-county in Moroto district on Saturday seized keys of Tororo Cement's Oruk limestone mining site in Kosiroi village.

Like oil, our environment is equally very important.

(30/04/2009 – Daily Monitor)

http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/opinions/Like_oil_our_environment_is_equally_very_important_84028.shtml

Opinion article stating that the Ugandan region where oil has been discovered is surrounded by vital but fragile ecosystems that need protection. The exploitation of oil and gas has not always been without ecological effects. For Uganda to avoid such problems, it is important to think of ways to avert them before they befall our environment.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

Traxys says will stop buying eastern Congo tin.

(4/05/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/traxys-says-will-stop-buying-eastern-congo-tin-2009-05-04>

Traxys Says It Halts Buying of Tin From Congo From June 1.

(4/05/2009 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601116&sid=a8tA3A53ZE1A&refer=africa>

Belgium-based minerals merchant Traxys will stop purchasing tin ore from violence-ravaged eastern DRC in response to pressure from the UN, a company official said on Monday.

Congo-Kinshasa: TFM va produire 100 mille tonnes de cuivre à la fin de l'année.

(4/05/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905041733.html>

Article on the prospects of Tenke Fungurume's production for this year. It is estimated that 100 thousand tons of copper and 8.000 tons of cobalt will be produced.

Copper producer Anvil Mining climbs 17%.

(4/05/2009 – Stockhouse)

<http://www.stockhouse.com/Community-News/2009/May/4/Copper-producer-Anvil-Mining-climbs-17->

Shares of Anvil Mining climbed 17.7% as the price of copper moved higher, and the company announced that it has completed a \$34 million public offering. Anvil says it plans to use the net proceeds of the offering for entry premium payments for its Kinsevere copper mine project in the Democratic Republic of Congo and general corporate purposes.

Kilo Goldmines Ltd. Announces Excellent Gold Geochemical Results.

(4/05/2009 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Kilo-Goldmines-Ltd-TSX-VENTURE-KGL-983998.html>

Kilo Goldmines Ltd. is pleased to announce the results of gold values obtained from soil/regolith samples collected from Permis de Recherches 8437 in the DRC.

Banro reports 'promising' early results from DRC gold target.

(4/05/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/banro-reports-promising-early-results-from-drc-gold-prospect-2009-05-04>

Banro reports highly promising results from initial exploration of the Kaziba discovery at its wholly-owned Twangiza gold project.

(4/05/2009 – PR Newswire)

<http://news.prnewswire.com/DisplayReleaseContent.aspx?ACCT=104&STORY=/www/story/05-04-2009/0005018323&EDATE=>

In this press release Banro Corporation announces results of the first phase of exploration at the newly-discovered Kaziba Prospect, located on Banro's wholly-owned Twangiza project on the Twangiza-Namoya gold belt in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. This work has included geological mapping, soil sampling, and rock chip sampling of artisanal workings and outcrops.

Russians to Restart Niobium Production.

(29/04/2009 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Russian business interests are seeking to benefit from the closer relationship between Kigali and Kinshasa and the improvement in security in eastern DRC. Congo-Russia Industry, a subsidiary of RosSpetssPlav, is to restart niobium production North Kivu.

Mayoko Iron Ore Project exploration update.

(4/05/2009 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.net/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page674?oid=82753&sn=Detail>

DMC Mining Limited ("DMC") is pleased to provide an update on exploration at the Mayoko Iron Ore Project in the Republic of Congo. The Mayoko Iron Ore Project comprises a 1,000km² exploration licence EPL7692 with 2 known geological trends of iron mineralization at Mt Lekoumou-Mt Mipoundi, and at Mt Lekoumou South.

Mbuji Mayi : vente aux enchères des biens de la société Debeers.

(3/05/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23155>

The goods of Debeers in Mbuji Mayi have been auctioned last weekend.

SA firm supplies access equipment to new DRC copper/cobalt mine.

(1/05/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/south-african-company-supplies-access-equipment-for-copper-cobalt-mine-project-in-the-drc-2009-05-01>

Access equipment specialist Eazi Sales & Service have been contracted by electrical and instrumentation company Wade Walker to supply access equipment for a new copper mine in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

UGANDA

Uganda: Country Should Refine Its Own Oil.

(1/05/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200905041172.html>

Uganda's early oil production scheme, which was supposed to kick off later this year, has suffered another delay that may push it further back, probably up to 2013.

The continuous postponement of the oil production is a result of endless negotiations between the Government and the main oil exploration company, Tullow Oil. On the one hand, the Government is determined to have the oil refined in Uganda and supply the local market first before exporting any surplus to the region. On the other hand, Tullow, a relatively small oil explorer, insists that a refinery is not cost-effective. The company wants to push ahead with a plan to build a 1,300km pipeline to Mombasa.

Uganda: Where is Oil?

(1/05/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200905040856.html>

Opinion article on the postponement of the Early Production scheme and the discussion between Tullow Oil and Kampala on the question whether to refine the oil locally or to export it in its crude state.

DJ Tullow Oil: Uganda's Oil Needs Remain Its First Priority-Exec.

(4/05/2009 – MarketWatch)

http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/dj-tullow-oil-ugandas-oil/story.aspx?guid={7A405301-7106-4A8F-950C-FA3EC8D58852}&dist=msr_2

Brian Glover, the country manager of U.K.-based Tullow Oil PLC (TUW.LY), said the needs of Uganda as a country remain the company's top priority. He couldn't reveal whether the company's early oil production scheme, expected to start in the first quarter next year, is still on course.

Heritage Oil set for big time.

(5/05/2009 – Investors Chronicle)

<http://www.investorchronicle.co.uk/Companies/ByEvent/Results/Analysis/article/20090505/52694834-3981-11de-9d95-00144f2af8e8/Heritage-Oil-set-for-big-time.jsp>

Uganda Business News: Heritage Oil 2009 outlook promising.

(1/05/2009 – UG Pulse)

<http://www.ugpulse.com/articles/daily/news.asp?about=Heritage+Oil+2009+outlook+promising&ID=9921>

Last year was transformative for oil explorer Heritage Oil. Since listing in London in March, discoveries across the prolific exploration licences in Uganda, its joint-ventures with Tullow Oil crossed the threshold for commercial development. The recent significant strike on the Buffalo-Giraffe prospect alone promises 350m barrels of gross recoverable oil and also significantly de-risks other prospects in the same area.

BURUNDI

Dwyka poised to make an acquisition.

(30/04/2009 – Miningmx)

<http://www.miningmx.com/juniors/147141.htm>

Dwyka Resources, which is exploring a nickel deposit in Burundi and a gold tenement in Swaziland, is busy on two due diligence studies and expects to make an announcement on an acquisition soon. The acquisition will be in Africa and is likely to be in the commodities Dwyka is already working in, namely nickel and gold.

China in the Great Lakes Region

Congo-Kinshasa: J. Kabila lance les travaux de réhabilitation de l'axe routier Boma-Muanda.

(4/05/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905041112.html>

The rehabilitation works on the road between Muanda and Boma are about to be launched. CREC, the Chinese engineering company, will execute these roadworks.

Congo-Kinshasa: Les contrats chinois, dernier verrou sur la conclusion du nouvel accord FMI-RDC.

(4/05/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905041108.html>

The Congolese contracts with the Chinese investors remain a thorn in the IMF's flesh and a last obstacle towards a new agreement between the IMF and the Congolese government.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

Africa: Africom: Making Peace Or Fuelling War.

(30/04/2009 – Pambazuka)

<http://www.pambazuka.org/en/category/comment/55952>

In the second of a two-part article exploring the implications of the US AFRICOM programme, Daniel Volman and William Minter continue their discussion of the increasing prominence of the African continent within US strategic interests.

Africa: Reforming Security Forces.

(29/04/2009 – UN – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200904300768.html>

In Africa's new democracies, reformers are seeking to create armies that protect civilians and uphold human rights. This article analyses the SSR in several countries: Liberia, the DRC, South Africa, ...

DRC

Le Kivu, charnière entre l'Atlantique et l'océan Indien.

(2/04/2009 – Institut français des relations internationales)

http://www.ifri.org/frontDispatcher/ifri/publications/notes_de_l_ifri_1032185688636/publi_P_afr_musila_kivuoceanindi_en_1238671038998

Ifri report on the Kivu provinces. The report looks at the conflict of the last fifteen years and its causes, furthermore it looks at the current economic situation and its possibilities, for example the opening up of the market towards Asia.

La Russie soutient la Rdc dans ses efforts de pacification affirme Anatoly Klimenko son ambassadeur en Rdc.

(4/05/2009 – L'observateur – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57945>

The Russian Ambassador in Kinshasa declared Russia wants to support the DRC its efforts to consolidate peace and security in the war-torn country. Furthermore Russia showed interest in some Congolese business sectors and the country's energy and mining sector.

Congo-Kinshasa: La Grande Bretagne disposée à soutenir le processus de paix en RDC.

(29/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904290329.html>

The United Kingdom announced it will support the peace process in the DRC, it will release 80 million pounds for this aim.

Zambia: Stakeholders Implore Congolese Refugees to Return Home.

(1/05/2009 – Times of Zambia - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200905010135.html>

A delegation of officials from UNHCR, Zambian Government, and the donor community this week called on Congolese refugees in Kala and Mwange camps to return home.

ZAMBIA-DRC: Free trip back home only 'til December.

(30/04/2009 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=84189>

Thousands of Congolese who sought refuge in Zambia during years of fighting in their country have been warned that they have until the end of December to get a free trip back home. Most refugees are reluctant to return to the DRC, saying they feel it is not safe to go back because fighting continues in some parts of the country; others are waiting to harvest their maize crops in the two refugee camps, Kala and Mwange, where they are living in northern Zambia.

Congo-Kinshasa: Nord-Kivu - Les déplacés confrontés à d'énormes difficultés de survie.

(5/05/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905050309.html>

Kibati : leur ration réduite de moitié, les déplacés peinent à survivre.

(4/05/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23159>

The IDP's sheltering in Kibati camp, North Kivu, have to endure some harsh times: people are sleeping in the open air, food rations have halved during the last three months, and a lot of children are suffering from malnutrition.

Congo-Kinshasa: Le gouvernement et la Monuc examinent le plan de stabilisation de l'Est de la RDC.

(30/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904300348.html>

Alan Doss and Adolphe Muzito gathered in Kinshasa to talk about the Stabilization Plan for the eastern part of the DRC.

DRC: André, "I swapped my AK for this motorbike".

(29/04/2009 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=84165>

Article on a demobilized child soldier in the DRC, who fought for RCD and CNDP.

Bukavu : 12 groupes armés exigent la libération de leurs membres incarcérés.

(30/04/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23123>

Several armed groups in South Kivu that have signed up for their demobilisation are demanding the liberation of their imprisoned members.

Bunia : Ntumba Luaba appelle le FPJC au désarmement.

(30/04/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23124>

The coordinator of the executive committee of the national DDR programme asks the leaders of the rebel FPJC to participate in dialogues with the government and to permit its combatants to disarm.

Masisi : des enfants démobilisés de nouveau recrutés à Ngungu.

(30/04/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23131>

A considerable part of the children fighting for armed groups that were demobilised in February have already been re-recruited two months later.

Congo-Kinshasa: Human Rights Watch : «Le Congo devrait engager des poursuites contre Ntaganda et Biyoyo».

(29/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904290249.html>

As the UN Security Council is debating in New York on the use of children in armed conflict, Human Rights Watch demands the continuation of the prosecutions against Ntaganda and Biyoyo.

UN blue helmets in DR Congo free 23 child soldiers.

(4/05/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=30694&Cr=monuc&Cr1=> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=19071&Cr=RDC&Cr1=MONUC> (French)

The MONUC announced that it has freed nearly two dozen children from the ranks of the country's armed forces this week. The children had been recruited by the mainly Tutsi rebel militia CNDP before joining the FARDC during the accelerated integration process.

Congo-Kinshasa: FDLR et FARDC au banc des accusés.

(30/04/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904301065.html>

DR Congo: 100,000 Civilians at Risk of Attack.

(29/04/2009 – HRW)

<http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2009/04/29/dr-congo-100000-civilians-risk-attack>

New warning cries concerning the terrible security situation in eastern DRC, as reports of violent assaults by rebel groups keep coming in.

DR Congo: Turning a Blind Eye.

(5/05/2009 – Refugees International)

<http://www.refugeesinternational.org/blog/dr-congo-turning-blind-eye>

It's happened again. The DRC is off of the international radar screen, despite the fact that violence and displacement continue.

RDC : Alan Doss salue les verdicts d'un tribunal militaire dans le Nord Kivu.

(29/04/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=19037&Cr=Congo&Cr1=justice>

Congo-Kinshasa: Nord-Kivu : Alan Doss salue les verdicts d'un tribunal militaire.

(5/05/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905050299.html>

Alan Doss expressed his satisfaction concerning the adjudication of 20 FARDC soldiers condemned for crimes against humanity and armed assaults.

Kalehe : la société civile dénonce les tracasseries militaires.

(29/04/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23118>

(5/05/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905050317.html>

The civil society in Kalehe, South Kivu, is complaining of the FARDC behaviour, towards the villagers of Numbi, awaiting for the start of Kimia II.

Ouganda: Traque déterminante des FDLR et LRA.

(29/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904290327.html>

Sud Kivu : traque des FDLR, Charles Mwando annonce le lancement de l'opération « Kimya II ».

(29/04/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23110>

Congo-Kinshasa: Bientôt l'Opération Kimia II.

(30/04/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904301069.html>

Minister of Defence, Charles Mwando Nsimba, announced the FARDC will launch Kimia II in the short term.

Bukavu : traque annoncée des FDLR, la population partagée entre la joie et la crainte du lendemain.

(1/05/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23133>

This articles sketches the mixed feelings of the DRC population on the Minister of Defence's announcement concerning the launch of Kimia II.

Operations against armed groups continue in eastern DRC.

(29/04/2009 – MONUC)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=932&ctl=Details&mid=1096&ItemID=3657> (English)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=3658> (French)

MONUC said that joint operations against armed groups were underway in eastern DRC: in North Kivu province and the district of Ituri. At the same time, troops of the FDLR continue to surrender almost every day.

Congo-Kinshasa: Les gouverneurs des Etats des Grands Lacs se réunissent à Bukavu.

(4/05/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905041109.html>

Tenue prochaine d'une conférence des gouverneurs de provinces frontalières de la Cepgl à Bukavu.

(4/05/2009 – Acp – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57947>

The Provincial Governors of Burundi, Rwanda and the DRC are gathering in Bukavu to analyse the current security and humanitarian situation in the region. On top of the agenda are the FDLR rebels and the "Kimia II" military operation.

Opération Kimia 2 : Human Rights Watch demande plus de protection des civils.

(30/04/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23122>

The day after the Congolese Minister announced the planned launch of Kimia II, Human Rights Watch expressed its concern on the protection of the civilians during this military operation.

Congo-Kinshasa: Le Kivu dans une déclaration au Journal Le Potentiel.

(4/05/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905041113.html>

Congolese Senator Henri-Thomas Lokondo on the security situation in eastern DRC.

Analyse de contexte du territoire de Kalehe.

(April 2009 – “Action pour la Paix et la Concorde” and “Life & Peace Institute”)

For consultation at request.

An extensive report giving an analysis of the security context in Kalehe territory, South Kivu. It also includes some information on the military operations “Umoja Wetu” & “Kimya II”.

Congo-Kinshasa: Bosco Ntaganda dans « Kimia 2 »- La Monuc non informée.

(30/04/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904301070.html>

Last week BBC reported that General Bosco Ntaganda will be participating in a planned joint FARDC-MONUC military operation against the FDLR rebels. MONUC now declares it is not aware of this, as Ntaganda’s name is not on the documents the MONUC received of the Congolese army.

Violence brings reward in the DRC.

(5/05/2009 – Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2009/may/05/congo-war-crimes>

As one warlord faces trial in the International Criminal Court, his deputy is heavily involved in UN-backed military operations.

Congo-Kinshasa: Le dessous d'un jeu de dupes - Le CNDP démasque progressivement ses batteries.

(30/04/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904300969.html>

Article trying to sketch the content of the peace deal between CNDP and Kinshasa. There is still a lot of guessing concerning the content, as it has not yet been published officially.

Kinshasa : le CNDP attend du gouvernement le respect de tous les points de l'accord signé entre les deux parties.

(5/05/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23186>

Delegations from CNDP and the Congolese government gathered in Kinshasa to evaluate the peace agreement they signed at the end of March.

Processus de paix à l'Est de la RDC : désignation des membres du Comité national de suivi des accords de Goma.

(4/05/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57951>

Congo-Kinshasa: Accord de Goma - le Comité national de suivi à pied d'oeuvre.

(5/05/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905050311.html>

With the latest establishment of a National Committee for the follow up of the peace agreement between CNDP and Kinshasa, Congolese Prime Minister Muzito is concretising the provisions present in the agreement.

Congo-Kinshasa: Accord Gouvernement-CNDP violé.

(4/05/2009 - Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904300969.html>

Masisi : le CNDP perçoit toujours des taxes.

(1/05/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23138>

Complaints have been expressed concerning CNDP imposing taxes in some areas of North Kivu. This is a breach of the peace agreement between CNDP and the Congolese government.

Nord-Kivu : Le gouverneur s'engage à lutter contre la perception des taxes par le Cndp.

(5/05/2009 – Le Palmarès – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57989>

South Kivu Governor Julien Paluku has established mixed patrols, National Police/FARDC, to counteract the alleged levies imposed by the CNDP.

FDLR

DR Congo: top UN humanitarian official condemns new 'terror and upheaval'.

(30/04/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=30649&Cr=monuc&Cr1=>

UN humanitarian chief condemns attacks on civilians by armed groups in South Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo.

(30/04/2009 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/AMMF-7RLMC2?OpenDocument&RSS20=18-P> (English)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/VDUX-7RMQJ6?OpenDocument&RSS20=18-P> (French)

Sud-Kivu : Des centaines de milliers de civils menacés de déplacement.

(30/04/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=19044&Cr=Congo&Cr1=civils>

Congo-Kinshasa: Opération « Kimia II ».

(4/05/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200905041110.html>

The top UN humanitarian official, John Holmes, condemned a resurgence of violence against civilians in the eastern DRC. Attacks and threats against civilians, in South Kivu province committed by the FDLR, comes in response to a planned new phase of Congolese army operations against the militia, he said.

MONUC determined to pursue the FDLR.

(30/04/2009 – MONUC)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=932&ctl=Details&mid=1096&ItemID=3667>

RSG Alan Doss has written to Human Rights Watch and Oxfam this week noting MONUC's firm intention to continue its support for the FARDC against FDLR rebels terrorising civilians in the eastern Kivu provinces.

Mr. Doss noted that while both non governmental organizations questioned the efforts of MONUC peacekeeping operations in press reports this week, neither of their public statements condemned the FDLR for the atrocities that have been a "signature" of rebel operations for many years.

UN: Remarks by UN's Congo Envoy 'Flat Wrong'.

(1/05/2009 – HRW)

<http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2009/05/01/un-remarks-un-s-congo-envoy-flat-wrong>

Responding to a statement made by the UN envoy to the DRC, Human Rights Watch claims here that it has repeatedly condemned the atrocities committed by FDLR in Eastern Congo. The UN special representative of the secretary-general, Alan Doss, made the statement in a news release on April 30, 2009, that Human Rights Watch had not condemned the atrocities of the FDLR.

Rwanda: FDLR Returnees Swelled Up in 2009 – Sayinzoga.

(29/04/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200904290355.html>

John Sayinzoga, the Chairman of the Rwanda Demobilisation and Reintegration Commission (RDRC) agrees, though partly, with the recent UN report indicating that FDLR returnees "multiplied four-fold on a monthly basis compared to last year."

Goma : 3 villages retenus en otage par les FDLR depuis 4 mois.

(2/05/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23146>

FDLR is controlling three villages in Lubero since February. The villagers are forced to work for the rebels in the goldmines that are located in this territory.

LRA**Congo-Kinshasa: Les rebelles de la LRA sèment la désolation à Gangala.**

(29/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904290328.html>

New reports of a violent assault by LRA rebels in eastern DRC, Gangala in Dungu was the target this time.

Ituri : LRA, une bipartite entre la province Orientale et la province sud soudanaise de l'Equateur.

(1/05/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23134>

The provincial authority of the Orientale province has gathered with its counterpart of the bordering province in South Sudan. The aim of the meeting was to develop a common strategy to dismantle the LRA rebels.

Uganda: Kony Will Never Sign Peace Deal – Kankiriho.

(29/04/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200904300536.html>

Rebel leader Joseph Kony will never sign a peace agreement with the Government, the UPDF Third Division commander, Brig. Patrick Kankiriho, has said.

Une prétendue affaire de vol de véhicules sert de prétexte à recréer la tension entre la Rdc et l'Ouganda.

(5/05/2009 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57978>

Aru : la bipartite RDC - Ouganda se termine en queue de poisson.

(3/05/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23151>

Aru : bipartite RDC - Ouganda autour de l'insécurité.

(2/05/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=23148>

Talks between the DRC and Uganda in Aru, concerning common peace efforts in eastern DRC, have ended in disagreement. The DRC had asked for this meeting after the end of the joint military operation against the LRA.

UGANDA

Uganda: Govt Denies Offering Shelter to DR Congo Rebels.

(4/05/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200905050455.html>

Security officials in West Nile have denied accusations by DR Congo that Uganda was harbouring Congolese rebels.

Uganda: UPDF a Defender Not Violater of Human Rights.

(30/04/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200905010208.html>

Opinion article from an UPDF spokesman. He reacts against the report of Human Rights Watch, titled "Open Secret, Illegal Detention and Torture by the Joint Anti-Terrorism Task Force (JATT) in Uganda".

Uganda: 'Govt Tricked Rebel Group Into Signing Agreement'.

(29/04/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200904300537.html>

The defunct Uganda National Rescue Front II (UNRFII) rebel group has said the Government tricked them into signing a peace agreement in 2002. Oyami Asedri, the former second-in-command and the vice-chairman of the group formerly based in West Nile, said the Government made the agreement in a way that it could not be sued if it failed to fulfil the agreed terms.

BURUNDI

BURUNDI: Dangerous demobilisation gaps.

(29/04/2009 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=84162>

Thousands of people associated with a former rebel group in Burundi could threaten the country's new-found peace because they have been excluded from a demobilisation and army integration programme on the grounds they were not actual combatants, according to analysts.

Burundi child soldiers mutiny over camp conditions.

(5/05/2009 – AFP – Reliefweb)

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

Hundreds of former child soldiers for Burundi rebels staged a mutiny at a demobilisation camp to demand better conditions, an official said Tuesday. Some 340 child soldiers from the FNL, Burundi's last active rebel group, have been in Gitega, 100 kilometres east of Bujumbura, since early April awaiting demobilisation.

RWANDA

Return of Rwandan refugees in Uganda begins next week.

(4/05/2009 – The New Times)

<http://www.newtimes.co.rw/index.php?issue=13883&article=15369>

The first batch of Rwandan refugees in Uganda is expected to be repatriated sometime next week. Currently there are over 20.000 Rwandan refugees who are spread in the two camps of Nakivale and Nshungerezi in South Western Uganda.

Other

Rwanda: Country Signs U.S.\$10 Million MTFD Facility With World Bank.

(29/04/2009 – New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200904290363.html>

In addition to separate discussions the Minister of Finance James Musoni, held with various economic institutions during the just ended WB/ IMF Spring meetings, the Minister also signed the "Community Living Standard Grant" with the WB.

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