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## IPIS

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### IPIS LATEST REPORTS

#### **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 Delcredere'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 para-fiscal 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 Delcredere (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 Delcredere. 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 Delcredere 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 Delcredere provide support for Belgian exports.*

*The paper also looks into what extent FINEXPO's and Ducroire/Nationale Delcredere'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 Delcredere are responsible support measures or not. EURODAD'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](http://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.*

### **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.*

### **Activity Report 2007**

(IPIS)

### **Jaarverslag 2007**

(IPIS)

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

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## Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

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### **SIERRA LEONE: Tap into power of artisanal mining, analysts say.**

(29/07/2009 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=85474>

*As the Sierra Leone government, donors, mining companies and union members discuss how to reform industrial mining, analysts say they are overlooking the need for change in the informal or “artisanal” diamond mining sector, which employs some 100,000 people in the country. This is the second of two IRIN reports on reforming the artisanal diamond mining sector.*

### **ZIMBABWE: Kimberley Process recommends suspension of diamond trade.**

(30/07/2009 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=85506>

*An interim report on Zimbabwe's diamond trade by the Kimberly Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) - an international initiative to stem the flow of conflict diamonds - has recommended a six-month suspension of importing and exporting rough diamonds, the state media reported.*

### **2008 Global Rough Diamond Production 162 Million Cts/\$12.73 Billion.**

(4/08/2009 – IDEX)

[http://www.idexonline.com/portal\\_FullNews.asp?id=32731](http://www.idexonline.com/portal_FullNews.asp?id=32731)

*Total global rough diamond production in 2008 stood at \$12.732 billion, rising 6.68 percent from the declared value of production in 2007, according to data recently released by the Kimberley Process (KP) administration. Production volume declined 3 percent to 162.91 million carats, averaging \$78 per carat.*

### **Angola says Congo immigrants threaten diamond sector.**

(3/08/2009 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE5720J520090803?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews>

*The head of Angola's border police accused the Democratic Republic of the Congo on Monday of allowing an unchecked flood of illegal immigrants into Angola, threatening its recovering diamond sector.*

### **IFC Plans More Spending on Oil in Sub-Saharan Africa (Update1).**

(29/07/2009 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601116&sid=agMJAm49ApG0>

*International Finance Corp., the World Bank Group's private-sector lending arm, plans to increase spending on sub-Saharan Africa's oil and gas industry and sees “significant” opportunities in Ghana, Uganda and Tanzania.*

## DRC

### **Senate Report Alleges “Large-Scale Fraud”.**

(29/07/2009 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*September promises to be stormy in the Congolese Senate as it debates the report by a Commission of Enquiry into the mining sector.*

### **Rail Key to Katanga Mining Boom.**

29/07/2009 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*A recovery in mining activity could be jeopardised by the inadequacy of means of transport, the Commission of Enquiry into the Congolese mining sector warns.*

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Des experts de la Banque mondiale au Katanga : la relance de la Gecamines à l'ordre du jour.**

(3/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908030615.html>

*The reform of the Congolese mining sector, supported by the International Financial Institutions, was meant to revive Gecamines. In the field results however fail to appear. An expert mission of the World Bank will now make a visit to Katanga to investigate the situation.*

### **First Blood Diamonds, Now Blood Computers?**

(24/07/2009 – Time)

<http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,1912594,00.html?xid=rss-fullworld-yahoo>

*When the film Blood Diamond came out in 2006, people were startled at the alleged origins of the precious stones from areas of bloody conflict and began asking whether the jewels on their fingers cost a human life. Will consumers soon find themselves asking similar questions about their cell phones and computers? In a report released earlier this week, Global Witness claims that multinational companies are furthering a trade in minerals at the heart of the hi-tech industry that feeds the horrendous civil war in the DRC.*

### **Rwanda: Country Faults Report On 'Blood Minerals'.**

(3/08/2009 – East African – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908031396.html>

*Rwanda has dismissed claims of a report by Global Witness, a UK-based multinational research organisation, that the country has done little to stop the channelling of minerals allegedly used to fuel insurgency in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo.*

### **La guerre de l'Est : le double jeu des Anglo-saxons.**

(3/08/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/60020>

*Article talking of hypocrisy as Anglo-Saxon and Belgian companies are robbing Congolese minerals and supporting armed groups while their governments are delivering aid to the DRC's victims of the war.*

### **Katanga : des rejets de cuivre menacent la santé des habitants.**

(4/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/60055>

*Inhabitants of the small mining city Musoshi are complaining about the health threat caused by the abandoned waste of the copper industry.*

### **Meet Moïse Katumbi Chapwe, Dynamic Governor of Katanga Province in Congo.**

(4/08/2009 – Cocorioko)

<http://www.cocorioko.net/national/1430-meet-moise-katumbi-chapwe-dynamic-governor-of-katanga-province-in-congo>

*Article on the Katanga provincial governor Moïse Katumbi.*

**Zimbabwe: Enos Nkala Says Mahachi Was Killed Over DRC Diamonds.**

(30/07/2009 – SW Radio Africa)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200907300975.html>

*Controversial former Defence Minister Enos Nkala has claimed that his successor, the late Moven Mahachi was assassinated at the behest of Robert Mugabe because he opposed the looting of diamonds in the DRC.*

**RDC: Les profits du charbon de bois alimentent le conflit dans l'est.**

(31/07/2009 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/fr/ReportFrench.aspx?ReportId=85525>

*The English version of this article can be found in the IPIS Briefing of last week. Charcoal profits are helping to fuel the conflict in eastern DRC, where militia groups and some segments of the national army control the production of and trade in the commodity, say officials.*

**Forests of the Democratic Republic of Congo: Where's the Reform?**

(30/07/2009 – Greenpeace)

<http://www.greenpeace.org/africa/news/forests-of-the-democratic-repu>

*In an open letter delivered to the DRC's Minister of Environment, Nature Conservation and Tourism last Sunday, Greenpeace denounces the serious lack of transparency in implementation of forestry sector reform and requests urgent clarifications from the government.*

**DRC: Niza calls for the immediate release of transparency activist Golden Misabiko.**

(30/07/2009 – Fatal Transactions)

<http://www.fataltransactions.org/News/2009/DRC-Niza-calls-for-the-immediate-release-of-transparency-activist-Golden-Misabiko>

**Democratic Republic of Congo: Publish What You Pay calls for the immediate release of transparency activist Golden Misabiko.**

(29/07/2009 – Publish What You Pay)

<http://www.publishwhatyoupay.org/en/resources/democratic-republic-congo-publish-what-you-pay-calls-immediate-release-transparency-activi>

**Katanga : l'uranium de Shinkolobwe, SOS de l'opposition locale constitutionnelle.**

(2/08/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=24167>

**Droits de l'Homme : arrestation de Golden Misabiko, 200 ONG écrivent à Joseph Kabila.**

(4/08/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=24183>

*Golden Misabiko and Timothée Mbuya, activists of the African Association for the Protection of Human Rights (ASADHO) in Katanga, were arrested on 24 July, while Mbuya has been released Misabiko remains in custody in Lubumbashi. Several organisations of the Congolese civil society and the international community, and some members of the political opposition have demanded his release.*

**UGANDA****Uganda: Oil Boom - 100,000 BPD for 25 Years!**

(3/08/2009 – East African – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908031377.html>

*New discoveries of commercial oil reserves in Uganda can sustain production of up to 100,000 barrels a day for 25 years, says the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development.*

**Uganda: Avoid the oil curse?**

(30/07/2009 – The Monitor – AfricaFiles)

<http://www.africafiles.org/article.asp?ID=21408>

*The author reminds the Ugandan government to actively participate with civil society, to allow public access to information it holds, to be transparent in any negotiations it undertakes, and to involve local communities and other interest groups "for equitable gains from the oil extraction." The Ugandan public needs to be vigilant and actively involved in the management of the oil resource, she points out.*

**Uganda to study feasibility of refinery.**

(4/08/2009 – PennEnergy)

[http://www.pennenergy.com/index/articles/display/0623053915/s-articles/s-oil-gas-journal/s-processing/s-articles/s-uganda-to\\_study\\_feasibility.html](http://www.pennenergy.com/index/articles/display/0623053915/s-articles/s-oil-gas-journal/s-processing/s-articles/s-uganda-to_study_feasibility.html)

*Uganda is considering construction of a 50,000-b/d refinery to produce fuel for local and regional markets, according to the Ministry of Energy and Minerals Development. Feasibility studies are to be launched before yearend for a refinery with capacity that might be doubled in 6-7 years. The ministry says production from recent discoveries might reach 100,000 b/d.*

**Uganda: Economic, Political Power Will Follow Oil in Western Part of the Country.**

(29/07/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200907300245.html>

*Opinion article stating oil production in Uganda is going to shift its economic centre of gravity as the western ledge becomes our national power house. Along with the economic power house, the political and social forces are going to follow it.*

**Oil agreements to remain confidential- Minister.**

(4/08/2009 – The Independent)

<http://www.independent.co.ug/index.php/news/todays-news/90-todays-news/1397-oil-agreements-to-remain-confidential-minister->

*The revenue Production Sharing Agreements (PSAs) the government signed with various oil companies will remain confidential in order to protect the interests of both Parties.*

**Uganda: Anger Over Museveni Tribal Talk.**

(2/08/2009 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908030347.html>

**Uganda: Bunyoro Belongs to All Citizens.**

(1/08/2009 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908030186.html>

**Tension spreads in oil-rich Bunyoro sub-region.**

(2/08/2009 – The Monitor)

[http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/sun\\_news/Tension\\_spreads\\_in\\_oil-rich\\_Bunyoro\\_sub-region\\_89015.shtml](http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/sun_news/Tension_spreads_in_oil-rich_Bunyoro_sub-region_89015.shtml)

*President Museveni has come under intense criticism for suggesting that elective leadership positions in the oil-rich Bunyoro region be exclusively occupied by ethnic Banyoro. A collection of law makers, an academic, politicians and analysts accuse President Museveni of promoting sectarianism and setting the country on a dangerous path of ethnicised politicking in breach of the Constitution.*

### **Here is why Uganda is being turned into a Bantustan colony.**

(4/08/2009 – Daily Monitor)

[http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/Charles\\_Onyango\\_Obbo/Here\\_is\\_why\\_Uganda\\_is\\_being\\_turned\\_into\\_a\\_Bantustan\\_colony\\_89128.shtml](http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/Charles_Onyango_Obbo/Here_is_why_Uganda_is_being_turned_into_a_Bantustan_colony_89128.shtml)

### **Museveni's Bunyoro stand must not be condemned.**

(4/08/2009 – New Vision)

<http://www.newvision.co.ug/D/8/459/690227>

*Opinion articles on the recommendation by President Yoweri Museveni that elected leadership positions outside the urban areas in Bunyoro be occupied only by Banyoro.*

## **RWANDA**

### **Rwanda: Revenue From Mining Industry to Drop By 35 Percent.**

(28/07/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200907290128.html>

*Targets from Rwanda's mining industry are expected to drop by either 35 percent or 40 percent due to the global financial crisis, the Minister of state in charge of environment and mining, Vincent Karega told Business Times yesterday.*

### **Rwanda: Gov't Eyes Artisanal Mining.**

(2/08/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908030601.html>

*As part of its strategies to maximize mineral output and realize sectoral stability, the government through the Ministry of minerals and natural resources has embarked on strengthening the capacity of artisanal miners.*

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## **International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region**

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### **George Forrest to Fund Forsys Purchase in Two Weeks (Update1).**

(4/08/2009 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=aFc2CymhzeaE>

*George Forrest International Afrique Sprl, an operator of mines in the Democratic Republic of Congo, signed a final accord to buy Forsys Metals Corp. and said it will obtain the necessary funds in two weeks.*

## **DRC**

### **Lubumbashi: redevance minière, l'assemblée provinciale exige des sanctions contre l'entreprise TFM.**

(4/08/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=24187>

*The Katanga provincial government has come into conflict with Tenke Fungurume Mining, as the government prohibits TFM exports as long as the company does not pay its provincial taxes.*

### **Rutshuru : Somikivu détient seul des droits miniers sur le site de Lueshe.**

(4/08/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=24181>

*The Congolese government announced Somikivu is the sole legal concessionary of the Lueshe site. Kraal Metal Congo bites the dust.*

**Westcor to withdraw from Inga 3 hydropower project.**

(31/07/2009 – Engineering News)

<http://www.engineeringnews.co.za/article/westcor-to-withdraw-from-inga-3-hydropower-project-2009-07-31>

*The Western Power Corridor (Westcor) chief executive Dr Pat Naidoo on Friday said that the joint-venture company would look at developing smaller projects in Angola and Namibia, as it planned to withdraw from the Inga 3 hydropower project on the Congo river.*

**Zambia's Chambishi agrees cobalt deals with DRC mines.**

(31/07/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/zambias-chambishi-agrees-cobalt-deals-with-drc-mines-2009-07-31>

*Zambia's largest cobalt producer Chambishi Metals Plc has agreed cobalt concentrate supply deals with some mines in the DRC and will now resume operations in August, it said on Friday.*

**Katanga : Gécamines et Katanga Mining créent une nouvelle entreprise minière.**

(29/07/2009 – Radio Okapi – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/59906>

*Article on Katanga Mining's recently agreed Joint Venture Agreement with Gécamines.*

**Tiger increases its interest in the Kipoi Project and receives notification of potential contract dispute.**

(4/08/2009 – Canada Newswire)

<http://www.newswire.ca/en/releases/archive/August2009/04/c2235.html>

*Tiger Resources Limited advises that the payment due on 29 July 2009 in accordance with contractual arrangements relating to the Kipoi Project has been completed and as a result the Company has increased its interest in the project.*

**Metorex sells stake in fluorspar.**

(29/07/2009 – Miningmx)

[http://www.miningmx.com/news/base\\_metals/Metorex-sells-stake-in-fluorspar.htm](http://www.miningmx.com/news/base_metals/Metorex-sells-stake-in-fluorspar.htm)

**Metorex sells stake in Vergenoeg to consortium of black investors.**

(29/07/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/metorex-sells-stake-in-vergenoeg-to-consortium-of-black-investors-2009-07-29>

*METOREX has created some breathing space for itself by selling 15% of its Vergenoeg fluorspar mine for R108.8m to black economic empowerment consortium Medu Capital. Metorex is disposing of non-core assets to fund the ramp-up of production from its Ruashi copper/cobalt mine in the Democratic Republic of Congo.*

**Metorex reports better-than-expected copper, cobalt output at Ruashi.**

(31/07/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/metorex-reports-better-than-expected-copper-cobalt-output-at-ruashi-2009-07-31>

**Metorex - Operational Update on Ruashi.**

(31/07/2009 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.net/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page674?oid=86976&sn=Detail>

*The Ruashi copper mine, in the DRC, once again achieved increased production in the June quarter. Terence Goodlace, CEO of diversified mining group Metorex, said in a statement on Friday that the mine had produced 5 245 t of copper in the quarter ended June 30, 2009. This was 16,5% higher than the expected 4 500 t.*

### **Randgold share placing furthers Moto ambition.**

(28/07/2009 – Financial Times)

[http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/bd573ed0-7b9e-11de-9772-00144feabdc0.html?nclick\\_check=1](http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/bd573ed0-7b9e-11de-9772-00144feabdc0.html?nclick_check=1)

*Randgold, the west African gold miner, gave details of a share placing on Tuesday that will help to fund two new gold projects and support its joint acquisition of Toronto-listed Moto Goldmines.*

## **UGANDA**

### **Tullow Announces Oil Discovery in the Ngara-1 Exploration Well in Uganda.**

(4/08/2009 – OilVoice)

[http://www.oilvoice.com/n/Tullow\\_Announces\\_Oil\\_Discovery\\_in\\_the\\_Ngara1\\_Exploration\\_Well\\_in\\_Uganda/c3676dcf7.aspx](http://www.oilvoice.com/n/Tullow_Announces_Oil_Discovery_in_the_Ngara1_Exploration_Well_in_Uganda/c3676dcf7.aspx)

*Tullow Oil plc announces that the Ngara-1 exploration well, which is located in the Butiaba region of Uganda Block 2, has encountered over 8 metres of net oil pay.*

## **BURUNDI**

### **Dwyka plots gold, platinum strategies.**

(31/07/2009 – Miningmx)

[http://www.miningmx.com/news/gold\\_and\\_silver/dwyka-plots-gold-platinum-strategies.htm](http://www.miningmx.com/news/gold_and_silver/dwyka-plots-gold-platinum-strategies.htm)

*Dwyka Resources, which has taken control of Minerva Resources, plans to spin out the platinum assets as a separately listed company and could possibly sell its gold prospect in Swaziland, said CEO Melissa Sturgess. AIM-traded Dwyka intends focusing on its Muremera nickel exploration project in Burundi as well as the gold assets in Ethiopia it acquired when it took an 87,7% stake in fellow exploration company Minerva in an all-share offer.*

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## **China in the Great Lakes Region**

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### **"Chinafrique" : diplomatie, intérêts économiques & mutations politiques.**

(10/07/2009 – Terra Nova)

[http://www.tnova.fr/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=877:la-chine-et-les-nations-africaines-diplomatie-interets-economiques-a-mutations-politiques&catid=4:notes](http://www.tnova.fr/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=877:la-chine-et-les-nations-africaines-diplomatie-interets-economiques-a-mutations-politiques&catid=4:notes)

*Extensive note on China's Africa strategy. It states that despite some weaknesses in the Africa-China relationship, Peking has become an inevitable development partner and that the European Union has to learn lessons from this evolution.*

### **Seizing Opportunities and Confronting the Challenges of China — Africa Investment Relations: Insights from AERC Scoping Studies.**

(January 2009 – African Economic Research Consortium)

<http://tinyurl.com/m8ueet>

*Although China is still seen as a developing country, it has begun to emerge in the international global scene as an economic power and a FDI alternative, even if this is still small, for other developing countries, especially in Africa.*

### **China and Africa: Economic, but not governance gains.**

(30/07/2009 – Pambazuka)

[http://www.pambazuka.org/en/category/africa\\_china/58075](http://www.pambazuka.org/en/category/africa_china/58075)

*Often the increasing presence of the emerging actors such as China, Brazil, India, Iran, Venezuela and others in Africa is characterised by, among other things, the recognition of Africa as a friend and an equal partner. Consequently, mutual respect and benefit as well as non-interference in domestic affairs are identified as the core factors underpinning this new type of relationship. But, in reality this amplified involvement is mostly triggered by the need for these countries to supplement their energy needs in their industrialisation programmes.*

### **World Bank arm sees China as Africa energy partner.**

(29/07/2009 – Engineering News)

<http://www.engineeringnews.co.za/article/world-bank-arm-sees-china-as-africa-energy-partner-2009-07-29>

*The International Finance Corporation expects closer future cooperation with China to provide funding in Africa's growing oil and gas sector, a senior investment official said on Wednesday. The world's poorest continent is emerging as an important global source of oil and gas, attracting competing interest from Europe, Russia and Asia.*

### **Africa: China to Spur Continent's Growth.**

(31/07/2009 – Mmegi – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908030849.html>

*Article stating that while the global recession has wiped out capital in the West, the Chinese economy is robust, its firms hungry for Africa's resources and its state-backed financial institutions willing to do business on more equitable terms with the continent. The Third Scramble for Africa here and is "absolutely unstoppable", according to a Sino-Africa trade expert. But this time around, the scramble is of mutual benefit. But the big question is: Is Botswana, and indeed the rest of Africa, ready to do business with China?*

### **Rwanda: Country Gets U.S.\$37 Million From China.**

(2/08/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908030011.html>

*Following a two-day bilateral summit that was concluded in Beijing last week, China has given Rwanda interest-free loans amounting to \$37 million most of which will fund the Kigali road network rehabilitation project.*

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## Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

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### DRC

**Congo-Kinshasa: « Le gouvernement cache quelque chose ».**

(30/07/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200907301064.html>

**Mende dénonce la campagne anti-congolaise de RFI et de certaines ONG étrangères.**

(29/07/2009 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/59899>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Répliquant aux rapports de Global Witness, Human Rights et FIDH - "Les ong étrangères doivent cesser de vouloir nous faire croire qu'elles aiment notre pays".**

(29/07/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200907290377.html>

**Affaire RFI : Lambert Mende accuse ce média de démoraliser les FARDC en campagne dans l'Est du pays.**

(29/07/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=24112>

*Congolese Minister Lambert Mende organised a press conference to make a reply on several disapprovals raised by civil society organisations and RFI: human rights violations by FARDC soldiers, the pillaging of Congo's natural resources by FARDC elements, sexual violence and the alleged sale of uranium to countries belonging to the "axis of evil".*

**FACTBOX-Congo's conflicts that refuse to end.**

(30/07/2009 – Reuters)

<http://www.reuters.com/article/featuredCrisis/idUSLT2307>

*Congo's army along with United Nations peacekeepers is fighting a string of conflicts across eastern Congo, where hundreds are dying in a worsening humanitarian crisis three years after millions voted in polls.*

**Poursuite avec exploits remarquables de la pacification de l'Est par les éléments des FARDC dans leur traque des FDLR.**

(30/07/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/59922>

*Article on the FARDC's advancements in its fights against the FDLR and FPJC rebels.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Accords de Goma - Malumalu invite les ex-groupes armés à se transformer en partis politiques.**

(30/07/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200907300455.html>

*Apollinaire Malumalu appeals to leaders of the former rebel movements to complete the transformation of their movements into political parties.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: L'abbé Malu Malu sollicite l'expertise de l'INPP.**

(29/07/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200907290935.html>

*Apollinaire Malumalu, in his function as the coordinator of "Programme de stabilisation et de reconstruction des zones sorties des conflits (STAREC)", is looking for some expertise.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Plaidoyer de la Société civile d'Afrique centrale pour une paix durable en RDC.**

(3/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908030792.html>

*From 2 until 7 August Central African civil society organisations gather in Libreville to urge for the consolidation of peace in the DRC.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Coopération militaire - Les USA au chevet des FARDC.**

(31/07/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200907310181.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Kinshasa attend Hillary Clinton de pied ferme.**

(29/07/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200907290385.html>

**Importants entretiens prévus avec les officiels congolais au programme de la prochaine visite à Kinshasa de Hillary Clinton.**

(31/07/2009 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/59995>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Hillary Clinton en RD Congo. Alors quoi? Lettre ouverte aux filles et fils de notre peuple.**

(3/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908030614.html>

*American Minister of Foreign Affairs Clinton will render a visit to the DRC, topics on the agenda are among other things: the strengthening of bilateral relations and military cooperation.*

**Equateur: MONUC sensitises its local partners on its progressive disengagement from the west.**

(28/07/2009 – MONUC)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=932&ctl=Details&mid=1096&ItemID=4928> (English)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=4929> (French)

**Congo-Kinshasa: La MONUC en campagne de sensibilisation sur son désengagement de l'Ouest de la RDC.**

(30/07/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200907300451.html>

*About three hundred local government staff participated in a sensitization session organised by MONUC's Public Information section on the mandate and the activities of the Mission.*

**MONUC press conference of 29 July 2009.**

(29/07/2009 – MONUC)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=932&ctl=Details&mid=1096&ItemID=4946> (English)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=4945> (French)

*A summary of MONUC's military activities as elaborated by MONUC military spokesperson Lt. Col. Jean Paul Dietrich at the weekly MONUC press conference. Topics discussed are among other things Kimia II and the FARDC military operation against the rebels in Ituri.*

**Sexual exploitation and abuse: more sensitisation needed.**

(30/07/2009 – MONUC)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=932&ctl=Details&mid=1096&ItemID=4963> (English)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=4964> (French)

*MONUC is training its civilian and military staff on the UN code of conduct in the DRC and calls on the population to guard against any act likely to undermine relations with the Mission.*

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Cas d'exploitation et d'abus sexuels - la Monuc pointée du doigt.**

(4/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908040415.html>

*The MONUC has declared its is preoccupied with the rumours of misconduct and sexual abuse committed by its blue helmets.*

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Nord-Kivu - Deux officiers des FARDC condamnés pour crimes de guerre.**

(29/07/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200907290380.html>

### **Des officiers des Fardc condamnés pour crimes contre l'humanité au Nord-Kivu.**

(30/07/2009 – ACP - Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/59944>

*Several FARDC officers have been convicted of war crimes.*

### **EU should help end impunity of Congo war criminals.**

(27/07/2009 – EU Observer)

<http://euobserver.com/9/28492?rk=1>

*The European Union and other donors have started programs of assistance for the victims that have made a real difference to the lives of some - unfortunately not all - Congolese women and girls. Beyond immediate medical and social assistance, the European Union in Congo also runs programs for military and judicial reform called EUSEC and REJUSCO. But so far, donors have achieved shockingly little in their fight to end sexual violence. Recent figures indicate that rapes are on the rise.*

### **Scale of cruelty dealt to Congolese women disturbs UN refugee ambassador.**

(3/08/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=31668&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo>

*Oswaldo Laport, has expressed horror at the abuse suffered by women in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) after returning from a visit to the war-ravaged region as a Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).*

### **IDPs in Ruzizi plain to receive UNHCR assistance.**

(28/07/2009 – MONUC)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=932&ctl=Details&mid=1096&ItemID=4938> (English)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=4937> (French)

*In an interview, UNHCR spokesperson Francesca Fontanni tells us what her organization is doing to assist Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in the Ruzizi plain area of South Kivu. These population displacements have occurred after the launch of DRC Armed Forces operations to counter the exactions of the FDLR rebels.*

### **Latest wave of violence in DR Congo uproots 56,000 people – UN agency.**

(31/07/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=31638&Cr=democratic+congo&Cr1=> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=19746&Cr=Congo&Cr1=d%E9plac%E9s> (French)

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Selon le HCR - Le Sud-Kivu compte plus de 56.000 déplacés.**

(4/08/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200908040414.html>

*The United Nations refugee agency said today that an estimated 56,000 people have been uprooted by the latest wave of violence in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Sud-Kivu - Plus de 445.900 déplacés recensés en quête d'assistance humanitaire.**

(30/07/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200907300444.html>

*The 445.900 IDPs OCHA counted in South Kivu are in a dire need of humanitarian assistance.*

**A Conflict's Deadly Ripple Effects.**

(2/08/2009 – Washington Post)

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/08/01/AR2009080101140.html?wprss=rss\\_world/africa](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/08/01/AR2009080101140.html?wprss=rss_world/africa)

*Fighting in Congo has killed millions, most of them succumbing to displacement, flights through harsh jungles and lack of care*

**Haut-Uélé : la situation humanitaire de déplacés ne cesse de se détériorer à Niangara et à Faradje.**

(29/07/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=24116>

*Médecins Sans Frontières reported on the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Orientale Province where people are fleeing the LRA attacks.*

**Rutshuru: la situation sécuritaire s'améliore, constate la société civile.**

(29/07/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=24122>

**Rutshuru : la violence diminue dans les stades.**

(30/07/2009 – SYFIA Grands Lacs)

<http://www.syfia-grands-lacs.info/index.php5?view=articles&action=voir&idArticle=1493>

*Civil society remarks the security situation in Rutshuru has improved.*

**BURUNDI-DRC: New camp for Congolese refugees.**

(3/08/2009 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=85553>

*At least 2,500 Congolese refugees are to be moved from Burundi's central province of Mwaro to the eastern Ruyigi province in a move aimed at consolidating camps across the country.*

**Population Movements in Eastern DR Congo, Apr - Jun 2009.**

(31/07/2009 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

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

*The humanitarian situation in the eastern provinces of the Democratic Republic of Congo has deteriorate dramatically in the last months. Since the launch of the military campaigns about six months ago, an estimated total of more than 1.5 million people have been displaced in North and South Kivu provinces and the total number of IDPs in the country currently stands at 2 millions.*

**RD Congo : Action humanitaire en Province Orientale - Rapport hebdomadaire du 21 au 29 juillet 2009.**

(30/07/2009 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/ASHU-7UG888?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

**RD Congo : Action humanitaire dans le centre ouest - Rapport hebdomadaire du 24 au 30 juillet 2009.**

(30/07/2009 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/STRI-7UFTWQ?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

**RD Congo : Action humanitaire au Sud-Kivu - Rapport de situation No 22 du 28 juillet 2009.**

(28/07/2009 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/ASAZ-7UEG5D?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

*OCHA reports on the humanitarian situation and humanitarian assistance in several Congolese provinces in the eastern part of the country.*

## **FDLR**

**Congo-Kinshasa: Dialogue inter-rwandais.**

(30/07/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200907300459.html>

*Article on the FDLR threat in the eastern DRC, the Kimia II military operation and the FDLR's Rwandan political objectives.*

**Rwanda: Prosecute FDLR Sponsors – Doss.**

(2/08/2009 – The New times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908030564.html>

*The Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General in the DRC Alan Doss has reemphasized his call for the prosecution of individuals and groups that support and sponsor the rebel FDLR.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Opération Kimia II au Sud-Kivu - La Monuc : «Les FARDC marchent sur les FDLR, mais laissent un vide de pouvoir après».**

(30/07/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200907300448.html>

*The MONUC declared that the FARDC is advancing in conducting its Kimia II military operation against the FDLR rebels, but added that it is leaving a power vacuum in its wake.*

**Sud-Kivu : les FARDC reprennent une importante base des FDLR.**

(29/07/2009 – Radio okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=24115>

*After some harsh fighting the FARDC managed to regain an important military base from the FDLR rebels in Kashindaba.*

**Rwanda: FDLR Loses More Bases.**

(1/08/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908030047.html>

*In what seems to be another sign of the declining grip of the FDLR on parts of the eastern DRC, the Congolese national army has yet again over run other rebel force bases. FARDC says it has captured a major FDLR stronghold of Kashindaba located in South Kivu after two days of heavy fighting that started on Monday.*

**Mwenga : les FARDC reprennent Ngando, dernier grand bastion FDLR.**

(4/08/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=24186>

*During the weekend the Congolese national army recovered Ngando, north of Mwenga, from the FDLR rebels.*

**L'Opération Kimia II entraîne une crise humanitaire au Sud-Kivu.**

(31/07/2009 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/59970>

**Uvira-Fizi : situation humanitaire précaire pour plus de 26 000 nouveaux déplacés.**

(29/07/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=24114>

*The military operation Kimia II has raised the number of IDPs in the province of South Kivu, and consequently deteriorated the humanitarian situation in the province.*

**DRC: Number of IDPs in South Kivu jumps by 600%.**

(31/07/2009 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=85518>

*The number of people fleeing fighting and reprisal attacks by Rwandan Hutu Forces démocratiques pour la libération du Rwanda (FDLR) militia in eastern DRC South Kivu Province has increased by up to 600 percent in a few weeks, say humanitarian officials.*

**Rapport sur la situation des droits humains liée à l'opération Kimia II dans les collectivités chefferies de la paine de Ruzizi et de Bafuliru en territoire d'Uvira.**

(July 2009 – CEADHO)

For consultation at request.

*Report on the consequences of the Kimia II military operation on the human rights situation in Uvira.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Traque des FDLR - Opération Umoja Wetu II : le parfum d'un piège.**

(30/07/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200907300326.html>

*Article stating that the Kimia II military operation of the FARDC against the FDLR rebels is successful so far, despite the collateral damage, and that it has arrived at a point of no return. Furthermore the article states that the DRC should be careful for pitfalls, as the article is suspicious of Kagame's proposal of a new joint military operation, Umoja Wetu II.*

**Rwanda: FDLR Rebel Shot While Defecting.**

(30/07/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200907310043.html>

*A FDLR rebel is admitted at Gihundwe Hospital after he was shot and injured by his colleagues as he tried to defect to Rwanda from the militias' base in the DRC.*

**LRA****Test Case for Ugandan Justice.**

(29/07/2009 – Institute for war and peace reporting)

[http://www.iwpr.net/index.php?apc\\_state=hen&s=0&o=l=EN&p=acr&s=f&o=354773](http://www.iwpr.net/index.php?apc_state=hen&s=0&o=l=EN&p=acr&s=f&o=354773)

*The country's ability to try those accused of war crimes by itself will be put to the test in August, when Thomas Kwoyelo becomes the first former commander of the Lord's Resistance Army, LRA, to appear before magistrates in the country. However, in order to speed up the legal process, he is not being officially charged with war crimes, but with the lesser offence of kidnap with intent to murder.*

**Faradje: 23 éléments de la LRA tués, 4 capturés et 9 enfants libérés par la coalition FARDC-Updf.**

(29/07/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=24119>

*The FARDC-UPDF coalition's attacks on the LRA in Orientale province last week caused some losses to the Ugandan rebels.*

**Uganda: LRA Kills 10 in Central African Republic.**

(2/08/2009 – New Vision - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908030146.html>

*The LRA has launched attacks against towns in the Central African Republic that have left at least 10 people dead in the last two weeks. The attacks, launched from LRA's rear bases in the Democratic Republic of Congo, have also forced hundreds of people to flee their villages, UN and aid group officials said.*

**Ugandan rebels 'launch new raids'.**

(2/08/2009 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/8180752.stm>

*Civilians in both the Central African Republic (CAR) and south Sudan had to endure some violent attacks from the LRA rebels, aid agencies have said.*

**Dungu : 2 morts et une femme enlevée lors d'un affrontement entre rebelles et militaires ougandais.**

(4/08/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=24190>

*Violent confrontations occurred in Nakala, Dungu, between LRA rebels and the Ugandan army (UPDF). The UPDF soldiers intervened as LRA rebels were extorting WFP food supplies.*

## UGANDA

**Uganda: Karimojong Getting More Guns.**

(29/07/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200907300225.html>

*Karamoja MPs have expressed concern that despite the disarmament exercise, the warriors are getting more guns. The MPs, while meeting the defence committee yesterday, said as a result, there was an upsurge of cattle raids and insecurity in the region.*

**Uganda: No New Guns in Karamoja, Says UPDF Officer.**

(3/08/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908040778.html>

*No guns have been ferried into Karamoja in the past months, the UPDF 3rd Division spokesperson, Capt. Henry Obbo, has said. "If there were any illegal arms trafficking activities, the situation could be worse," he said.*

**Uganda: UDPF Kills Six Karimojong Warriors.**

(3/08/2009 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908030769.html>

*Heavy gunfire rocked Lolelia Village in Kaboong District on Thursday as Uganda People Defence Forces fought Jie warriors in a battle that left six warriors dead.*

**Uganda: Firearms to Be Branded.**

(28/07/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200907290718.html>

*All guns in the hands of Ugandan security agencies will be marked in a bid to check the proliferation of illegal arms, Nickson Olwa, the operations and research officer of the national focal point (NFP) on small arms and light weapons, said.*

**BURUNDI****Burundi: To Integrate the FNL Successfully.**

(30/07/2009 – International Crisis Group)

<http://www.crisisgroup.org/home/index.cfm?id=6249&l=1> (English)

<http://www.crisisgroup.org/home/index.cfm?id=6249&l=2> (French)

*The Burundi peace process has made much progress in recent months. The last rebel group, the Party for the Liberation of the Hutu People – National Forces of Liberation (Palipehutu-FNL), has renounced the use of arms and been registered as a political party. It has also changed its name, in accordance with the law prohibiting party names with an ethnic connotation, to the National Forces of Liberation (FNL). Part of it has been integrated into the security forces, and some of its officials have received high public positions. But the FNL has not turned in all weapons and, like the CNDD-FDD, the party in power, seems ready to use even violence to win the 2010 elections. The Partnership for Peace in Burundi, a new international mechanism, should closely monitor the main political actors and be ready to step in to prevent the peace process from going off track.*

**Burundi: SA Troops to Be Withdrawn From Country.**

(30/07/2009 – BuaNews – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200907301003.html>

*South African troops will be formally withdrawn from a peacekeeping mission in Burundi next Saturday. The South African National Defence Force Specialist Contingent (SANDFSPECC) was formally deployed as part of the African Union Special Task Force in Burundi. The primary function of this military force was to provide VIP protection to the returning leaders participating in the Burundi Transitional Government.*

**RWANDA****Rwanda: Second emergency demobilization and reintegration project.**

(28/07/2009 – World Bank – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900sid/ASAZ-7UFBSY?OpenDocument>

*By supporting the return of ex-combatants to civilian life, the Government aims to reduce the risk of regional instability, and thus to create space to address the roots of conflict and implement longterm development activities.*

**Rwanda: Report Shows Major Step in Reconciliation.**

(1/08/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908030051.html>

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**Clinton Seeks U.S. Africa Gains as China Expands Oil Purchases.**

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