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## IPIS

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### IPIS LATEST REPORTS

#### **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.*

**Mapping Conflict Motives: Katanga update: December 2007-May 2008.**

(25/06/2008 – IPIS)

**Cartographie des motivations derrière les conflits: le cas du Katanga. Mise à jour : décembre 2007-mai 2008.**

(28/07/2008 – IPIS)

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

*This report is the second 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 December 2007 until May 2008.*

**Heeft Congo iets aan zijn mijnen?**

(June 2008 – MO\*magazine – IPIS)

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

*DRC possesses huge reserves of minerals. Although the mineral prices increase on the international market, Congo hardly profits.*

**Activity Report 2007**

(IPIS)

**Jaarverslag 2007**

(IPIS)

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

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## Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

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**Supply response keeps copper behind the curve.**

(9/12/2008 – Midas Letter)

[http://www.midasletter.com/news/08120902\\_Supply-response-keeps-copper-behind-the-curve.php](http://www.midasletter.com/news/08120902_Supply-response-keeps-copper-behind-the-curve.php)

*Copper prices have collapsed over the last few months but there is a growing body of opinion that they have not fallen far enough relative to the other LME metals. There is concern that copper producers have not been responding fast enough to plummeting global demand for the red metal, leaving the copper market vulnerable to further price weakness in the coming period.*

**Sreelatha Menon: Blood diamonds.**

(7/12/2008 – Business Standard)

<http://www.business-standard.com/india/news/sreelatha-menon-blood-diamonds/00/06/342418/>

*Article on the Kimberley Process: on the DRC's participation and the criticism on India concerning its diamond activities.*

**EU Bank 'Financing Destruction' in Africa.**

(3/12/2008 – IPS)

<http://www.ipsnews.net/africa/nota.asp?idnews=44959>

*The European Union, through the Luxembourg-based European Investment Bank, is financing ecologically and socially destructive projects in Africa, a Brussels conference has been told.*

**Africa's energy sector under stress.**

(3/12/2008 – AfricaNews)

[http://www.africanews.com/site/list\\_messages/21934](http://www.africanews.com/site/list_messages/21934)

*Research indicates that while the southern part of Africa is rich in coal reserve, oil and gas are dominant in the north and the west. The central region & eastern Africa has abundant water resources for hydro power.*

**DRC****Congo-Kinshasa: Balkanisation et pillage dans l'Est congolais.**

(8/12/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200812080122.html>

*Article on the pillaging of the DRC's natural resources. Several malicious practices of the last decade are analysed and several companies are named.*

**“Blood Tantalum” Profiteers in Congo Set to Capitalize on Dramatic 2009 Price Spike for Australian Tantalum.**

(5/12/2008 – Resource Investor)

<http://www.resourceinvestor.com/pebble.asp?relid=48509>

*The suspension of tantalum operations at both of Talison's Australian Wodgina and Greenbushes mines due to escalating production costs and the global recession will make it all the more difficult for end-users to source out conflict-free tantalum.*

*The advent of a sudden tantalum supply/demand imbalance could precipitate yet another dramatic price spike, like so many others that have plagued the tantalum market over the past several decades. All of which have been caused by a combination of strong demand and fears about supply shortages.*

*Consequently, the temptation to profit from “blood tantalum” may be too great and will continue to heap misery on the people of the DRC.*

**Commerce illicite du coltan : 250 millions \$US vont au Rwanda, selon Sarw.**

(3/12/2008 – Radio okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21285>

*Some research work from SARW reveals that Rwanda probably has gained US\$250 millions between 1998 and 2000 with the illicit export of Congo's coltan.*

**Kasumbalesa : la fraude douanière continue.**

(9/12/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21352>

*According to the NGO 'Ligue contre la fraude' corruption continues at the Kasumbalesa border post. Unprocessed minerals are still being exported to Zambia.*

**Are South African Financiers Losing Faith?**

(3/12/2008 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request or at IPIS library.

*South African experts are to run a complete audit during December of Miba, to determine whether or not the company will be able to reimburse in seven years a USD 140 million funding arrangement.*

**Fermeture des entreprises minières : le Katanga toujours inquiet!**

(9/12/2008 – Le Potentiel - Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/55279>

**DRC's copper-cobalt curse returns.**

(9/12/2008 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page36?oid=74797&sn=Detail>

**Massive job losses in Congo mines.**

(9/12/2008 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7773304.stm>

**DRC: Over 300,000 jobs to be lost.**

(9/12/2008 – AfricaNews)

[http://www.africanews.com/site/list\\_messages/22058](http://www.africanews.com/site/list_messages/22058)

**Congo Copper-Mining Region May Lose 300,000 Jobs, Minister Says.**

(8/12/2008 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601116&sid=aHRBl3E3Eeo&refer=af>  
[rica](#)

*Up to 300,000 people may lose their jobs in Katanga Province, DRC, according to reports on the latest analysis of the situation by regional mining minister Barthelemy Mumba Gama.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Ituri - Plus de 60 enfants dans les carrières d'exploitation artisanale de l'or.**

(8/12/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200812080246.html>

*'Save the Children' published a report on Friday concerning the problem of children active in artisanal mining.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Kinshasa - Vulgarisation du Code forestier.**

(5/12/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200812050472.html>

*Réseau ressources naturelles (RRN) is launching a campaign to sensitize the population on the Code Forestier, as it judges it is the population's right to be familiar with the legislation.*

**RDC : 150 millions USD, un apport des bailleurs pour lutter contre la déforestation.**

(6/12/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21315>

*Germany, the United Kingdom, the EU and the World Bank are going to mobilise US\$150 millions for the protection of the Congolese environment and forest.*

**Ciment gris : les importateurs exemptés des droits de douane et d'impôt pour 6 mois.**

(7/12/2008 – Radio okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21322>

*Imports of cement are exempted from taxes for six months, in attendance of the (re-)start up of some cement factories. It should stabilize cement prices after the shortage due to the halt of some local cement factories' production.*

## UGANDA

### **Bulisa to celebrate oil discovery.**

(9/12/2008 – New Vision)

<http://www.newvision.co.ug/D/8/18/663815>

*Members of Parliament from Bulisa district, the Bagungu community and Tullow Oil Uganda Limited have organised celebrations to mark the discovery of oil in the district.*

### **Uganda could reap \$5billion annually from oil exploration.**

(8/12/2008 – Daily Monitor)

[http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/business/Uganda\\_could\\_reap\\_5billion\\_annually\\_from\\_oil\\_exploration\\_76430.shtml](http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/business/Uganda_could_reap_5billion_annually_from_oil_exploration_76430.shtml)

*For a nation as depressingly poor as Uganda, this should pass for extraordinary tidings: the country will rake in an estimated \$5 billion annually from her petroleum exports once pumping crude starts in the Southwestern region, according to projections by Tullow Oil.*

## RWANDA

### **Rwanda: Methane Gas Extraction is a Dream Come True – Mirenge.**

(4/12/2008 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200812040531.html>

*Gas extraction which began three weeks ago on Lake Kivu in the Western province will highly supplement energy supplies in the country and increase economic activity. This was revealed by John Mirenge the Director General of the government parastatal charged with energy supply, Electrogaz.*

### **Rwanda mining industry to fetch over \$100m in 2008, says minister.**

(4/12/2008 – Your Mining News)

[http://www.yourminingnews.com/news\\_item.php?newsID=17420](http://www.yourminingnews.com/news_item.php?newsID=17420)

*Rwanda's growing mining industry is expected to generate over \$100 million by the end of this year, Natural Resources Minister Stanislaus Kamanzi disclosed on Monday.*

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## International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

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### **South African Companies Unlock Sub-Saharan Africa.**

(4/12/2008 – BusinessWeek)

[http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/content/08\\_50/b4112052173000.htm?chan=globalbiz\\_europe+index+page\\_companies](http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/content/08_50/b4112052173000.htm?chan=globalbiz_europe+index+page_companies)

*Article on the importance of South African companies' investments in Sub-Saharan Africa. There is given attention to e.g. Metorex in the DRC.*

**Canadian mining practices in Africa.**

(3/12/2008 – AfricanPath)

[http://www.africanpath.com/p\\_blogEntry.cfm?blogEntryID=6710](http://www.africanpath.com/p_blogEntry.cfm?blogEntryID=6710)

*The present conflict in the DRC has highlighted the role of multinational and western mining interests in helping to fuel conflicts in Africa such as in the Nigeria, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Equatorial Guinea as well as engaging in human rights violations.*

**DRC****Activity Collapses in Katanga.**

(3/12/2008 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at request or at IPIS library.

*According to recent estimates, out of 70 companies active in the mining sector operating in the Katanga province, over 40 have had to close down their operations.*

**Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. Announces Revised Operating Plans in Response to Weak Market Conditions.**

(3/12/2008 – Freeport McMoran Copper and Gold Inc.)

<http://www.fcx.com/news/2008/120308.pdf>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Malgré la crise financière internationale - TFM, le plus important investissement minier en RDC.**

(3/12/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200812030341.html>

*Freeport-McMoRan announced revised operating plans in response to the recent sharp decline in copper and molybdenum prices to incorporate reduced production levels, operating and administrative costs, exploration costs and capital expenditures. Project deferrals for 2009 include e.g. \$215 million of spending on the Tenke Fungurume project in the DRC.*

**Omnia supplying mining chemicals to DRC's Tenke Fungurume project.**

(5/12/2008 – Mining Weekly)

[http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a\\_id=148613](http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=148613)

*Specialist chemical services company Omnia is extending its continental footprint through its new venture in the DRC, where it is currently supplying its first fill-up of chemicals to US diversified miner Freeport-McMoran Copper & Gold's Tenke Fungurume copper mine.*

**Metorex raises R258m as part of plan to fund Ruashi overruns.**

(5/12/2008 – Mining Weekly)

[http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a\\_id=149174](http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=149174)

*Metorex would use the funds to cover cost overruns at Ruashi, and because a longer-than-expected construction time at the project had meant that the firm had not generated the cash flow it had planned for.*

**South Africa: Metorex Keeps Its Focus On Congo.**

(9/11/2008 – Business Day – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200812090333.html>

*Diversified resources miner Metorex has put on hold and is reviewing all its noncore, non-cash-generating projects, including Kinsenda in the DRC and its chromite tailings project, Phoenix Platinum, in SA. Metorex CEO Charles Needham said yesterday management did not want to divert its attention from completing the Ruashi project in the Congo.*

**Anvil puts 'uneconomic' DRC copper mine on care-and-maintenance.**

(8/12/2008 – Mining Weekly)

[http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a\\_id=149294](http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=149294)

**Anvil shuts Dikulushi mine in DRC.**

(8/12/2008 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page504?oid=74655&sn=Detail>

**Anvil closes loss-making Congo copper mine until prices pick up.**

(9/12/2008 – The West Australian)

<http://www.thewest.com.au/default.aspx?MenuID=3&ContentID=112217>

*Anvil Mining has begun the process of suspending concentrate production, postponing underground development work, and initiating a care-and-maintenance programme at its 90%-owned Dikulushi copper mine, in the DRC.*

**BHP Withdraws from Joint Diamond Venture in DRC.**

(3/12/2008 – The Israeli Diamond Industry)

<http://www.israelidiamond.co.il/english/News.aspx?bonelId=918&objId=4343>

*Diamond mining giant BHP Billiton Ltd has withdrawn from a joint venture diamond exploration project in the DRC because it believes that the diamond deposit is not worth developing.*

**Mwana Africa may halt all DRC exploration.**

(2/12/2008 – International Business Times)

<http://www.ibtimes.com/articles/20081202/mwana-africa-may-halt-all-drc-exploration.htm>

*Mwana Africa is considering halting all exploration in the Democratic Republic of Congo after BHP Billiton pulled out of two diamond exploration agreements.*

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## China in the Great Lakes Region

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**China looks to buy more base metals.**

(3/12/2008 – Financial Times)

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/172e6764-c162-11dd-831e-000077b07658.html>

*China, the world's largest metals consumer, is considering a plan to build up state reserves of base metals to help fight the impact of the global economic slowdown, according to an industry association.*

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## Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

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### **Africom: From Bush to Obama.**

(3/12/2008 – Pambazuka)

<http://www.pambazuka.org/en/category/comment/52409>

*Daniel Volman gives us the history and reasons for the creation of Africom, and why it will have disastrous consequences in and for Africa. He looks at Obama's likely support for Africom but also calls on us to engage Obama over the future of Africom.*

### **AFRICOM China and Congo resource wars.**

(9/12/2008 – Online Journal)

[http://onlinejournal.com/artman/publish/article\\_4106.shtml](http://onlinejournal.com/artman/publish/article_4106.shtml)

*Article that is suspicious on the coincidence of the falling together of the AFRICOM establishment and the recent events on the mineral-rich continent. It states: "The legitimate question is whether it is mere coincidence that Africa appears just at this time to become a new geopolitical 'hot spot' or whether it has a direct link to the formal creation of AFRICOM."*

### **Centrafrique: Nairobi, Bangui, Bujumbura - Des fenêtres de la paix en Afrique des Grands Lacs.**

(8/12/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200812080345.html>

*Article on the several conferences this week that offer prospects for peace in the Great Lakes Region.*

## DRC

### **Bunia: MONUC reviews the security situation with local authorities.**

(3/12/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19455> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=19461> (French)

*MONUC discussed the security situation in Bunia in Ituri District with the new District Commissioner on Monday 1 December 2008. The head of MONUC's Ituri office, Olamide Adedeji, urged the new authorities in Ituri to engage in open discussions with the members of the militia group FPJC.*

### **Ituri's Fragile Peace.**

(3/12/2008 – iwpr)

[http://www.iwpr.net/index.php?apc\\_state=hen&s=o&o=l=EN&p=acr&s=f&o=348271](http://www.iwpr.net/index.php?apc_state=hen&s=o&o=l=EN&p=acr&s=f&o=348271)

*Five years after the war between Hema and Lendu that was compared in intensity to the Rwandan genocide, northeastern Congo's Ituri region is on the surface a fairly peaceful place.*

### **Uvira: des groupes armés menacent de saboter le projet Amani.**

(4/12/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21298>

*Five armed groups of the total thirteen signatories of the Goma acts of engagement are complaining about the absence of the 'Forces républicaines fédéralistes' (FRF) in the Amani South Kivu subcommission. They are threatening to stop cooperating if this situation remains unchanged.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Nord-Katanga - Les ex-combattants en difficultés à Nyunzu.**

(3/12/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200812030315.html>

*Ex Mai Mai combatants complaining about not having received their reintegration package fully after their disarmament several years ago.*

**FDLR rebels in eastern DRC****Rwanda: Dutch Call on EU Collaboration on FDLR Timely.**

(3/12/2008 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200812030155.html>

**Rwanda: Dutch Minister On FDLR.**

(7/12/2008 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200812080954.html>

*The recent call by Dutch Minister for Development Cooperation to European Union States to collaborate in addressing the issue of the notorious FDLR could never have come at a better time.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: North Kivu Governor Accuses FDLR of Using Rape to Destroy Families.**

(9/12/2008 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200812090300.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: About Time Leadership Distanced From Ex-Far/Interahamwe.**

(9/12/2008 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200812090292.html>

*DR Congo's North Kivu provincial Governor Julien Paluku last week finally came clean, admitting that the FDLR were wrecking havoc in his country, especially raping women and breaking up families.*

**DR Congo, Rwanda foreign ministers prepare for talks.**

(4/12/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19467>

*DR Congo's foreign minister arrived in the eastern town of Goma Thursday for talks with his Rwandan counterpart on the conflict in the region, where the two countries have a common border.*

**Congo, Rwanda discuss warring rebel groups.**

(4/12/2008 – Reuters – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19476>

**Congo, Rwanda agree plan to disband FDLR militia.**

(5/12/2008 – Reuters – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19477>

**Rwanda: Officials Meet in Goma.**

(5/12/2008 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200812050393.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: DRC, Rwanda Endorse Joint Plan Against FDLR.**

(6/12/2008 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200812060001.html>

**RDC: des efforts pour mettre fin au conflit dans l'est.**

(5/12/2008 – BBC)

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/french/news/story/2008/12/081205\\_drc\\_rawanda.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/french/news/story/2008/12/081205_drc_rawanda.shtml)

**Le piège se referme sur les FDLR à la faveur d'un plan militaire adopté par la RDC et le Rwanda.**

(9/12/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/55287>

*Great Lakes neighbours Congo and Rwanda sought to agree on Thursday on a strategy to disband feuding Congolese Tutsi and Rwandan Hutu rebel factions which have brought east Congo to the brink of wider war.*

**North Kivu: DRC, Rwanda review the Nairobi and Goma processes.**

(5/12/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19491> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=19490> (French)

*DRC and Rwanda have reviewed the Nairobi and Goma peace processes, and approved a common plan for military operations against the Ex-FAR Interahamwe, now known as the FDLR.*

**Rwanda: Kabila Envoy Promises Action Against FDLR.**

(9/12/2008 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200812090289.html>

*President Joseph Kabila's Special Envoy to the Great Lakes region, Monday said his country was fed up with the presence of ex-FAR/Interahamwe militia on Congolese soil.*

**Rwandan rebels call for talks in face of crackdown.**

(6/12/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19500>

**Rwanda : les FDLR réclament un dialogue avec Kinshasa et Kigali.**

(6/12/2008 – Radio okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21320>

*FDLR, Rwandan Hutu rebels based in DRC called Saturday for talks with Kigali and Kinshasa after both agreed to mount a military offensive against them.*

**DR Congo Hutu force warns against any attempt to disarm them.**

(9/12/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19524>

*Hutu rebels operating in the eastern DRC warned Monday that any attempt to disarm their forces could spark a "long and dreadful war." In a statement sent to AFP, the FDLR attacked an agreement struck between the governments of DR Congo and Rwanda to forcibly disarm them.*

## War in eastern DRC

### **Crisis Group Multimedia Presentation: Congo Re-erupts.**

(5/12/2008 – International Crisis Group)

<http://www.crisisgroup.org/home/index.cfm?id=5801&l=1>

*Crisis Group has produced a multimedia presentation on the conflict in the DRC's North Kivu province. The presentation features a video interview with Crisis Group Africa Program Director Francois Grignon, a timeline of the conflict, interactive maps charting troop positions and IDP movements, and historical background.*

### **This is not an ethnic conflict.**

(9/12/2008 – Le Monde Diplomatique)

<http://mondediplo.com/2008/12/09congo>

*Last month, General Laurent Nkunda, put aside his usual ethnic rhetoric to demand the renegotiation of all the contracts signed between the DRC government and Chinese companies. There is nothing ethnic about the fighting currently ravaging Kivu; like the earlier wars of 1996- 97 and 1998-2003, this conflict has to do with the way in which vested interests are exploiting the immense natural resources of the eastern DRC.*

### **UN Human Rights Council demands immediate cessation of violations.**

(2/12/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19430>

*On Monday, the United Nations Human Rights Council adopted by consensus a resolution condemning the exactions perpetrated in eastern DRC's North Kivu province, and demanded an immediate cessation of all violations of fundamental rights by the warring parties.*

### **UN: Rights Council Gives Weak Response to Civilian Protection in DRC.**

(4/12/2008 – Human Rights Watch)

<http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2008/12/04/un-rights-council-gives-weak-response-civilian-protection-drc>

*The UN Human Rights Council's resolution condemning abuses in the DRC failed to include concrete steps to protect civilians, Human Rights Watch said.*

### **Leila Zerrougui: We are doing our best to protect civilians.**

(4/12/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19474> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=19469> (French)

*Interview with Leila Zerrougui, Deputy Special Representative to the UN Secretary General in the DRC, on the situation in the DRC and the UN's efforts.*

### **Time to act in DR Congo is now, says UN peacekeeping chief.**

(7/12/2008 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=29219&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo>

*ith a "humanitarian tragedy" unfolding in the war-torn eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), it is imperative that action be taken immediately to protect the population and bring an end to the fighting, top United Nations peacekeeping official Mr. Le Roy said.*

### **Interview: Vital Kamerhe.**

(7/12/2008 – Jeune Afrique)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*Interview with Vital Kamerhe, President of the National Assembly, concerning e.g. the war in North Kivu.*

**Rwanda stirs Congo's troubles.**

(3/12/2008 – Herald Tribune)

<http://www.iht.com/articles/2008/12/03/africa/04congo.php>

*Article on the alleged Rwandan involvement in Nkunda's rebellion.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Sans contrôle des mines, pas de paix.**

(4/12/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200812040352.html>

*Article stating that a good solution for the DRC conflict needs to include an economic dimension. Furthermore it talks about a SARW report that says that Rwanda has exported coltan for a total value of US\$250 millions, although its soil does not possess the mineral.*

**Recent fighting in North Kivu****Congo Rebels Pull Out of Eastern Town.**

(2/12/2008 – AP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19427>

*Rebels in Congo have pulled out of Ishasha on the Ugandan border, a town which they captured in fighting that forced 10,000 people to flee, a spokesman for the insurgents said. "We wanted to show that we are for peace and our objective is not to take other areas", he furthermore adds.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Les FDLR investissent les localités.**

(4/12/2008 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200812040801.html>

**Axe Kinyandoni-Ishasha: retour progressif des déplacés, mais les FDLR ont pris la place du CNDP.**

(3/12/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21282>

*Bertrand Bisimwa, CNDP spokesman, says the FDLR militia are occupying territories from which CNDP retreated to show its good will.*

**Hutu militia return to key DR Congo axis after rebel retreat.**

(3/12/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19459>

*Rwandan Hutu militia (FDLR) retook Wednesday a key axis in eastern RDC abandoned by Tutsi-led rebel forces (CNDP), rebel and UN sources said, as the United Nations reported fresh fighting between the two sides.*

**DR Congo: UN peacekeepers to 'press' rebels to leave eastern town.**

(4/12/2008 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=29192&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo>

*MONUC intend to press fighters from the DRC-based FDLR, a mainly Hutu rebel group, to leave a town they recently entered near the Ugandan border.*

*The MONUC however disputed information in some news reports that FDLR had systematically redeployed to "fill in" positions vacated by another rebel group, the CNDP, although they had entered the town of Ishasha in the northeastern part of strife-torn North Kivu province.*

**North Kivu: MONUC trying to secure a durable ceasefire.**

(4/12/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19473> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=19471> (French)

*MONUC's force continues reinforcing its presence in North Kivu, where fresh troops have just been deployed. New UN peacekeepers, including French-speaking units, have arrived in Goma, the provincial capital, in order to protect the civilian population.*

**International military support****Japan favours beefing up DR Congo UN peace mission.**

(2/12/2008 – AFP; published by MONUC – 3/12/2008)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19435>

*Japan said Tuesday it favours beefing up the United Nations peacekeeping mission in the DRC, known as MONUC, of which it is one of the biggest sponsors.*

**No prospect for now of EU force in Congo – Belgium.**

(3/12/2008 – Reuters – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19436>

**R.D.C.: l'U.E n'enverra pas de troupes.**

(4/12/2008 – BBC)

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/french/news/story/2008/12/081203\\_ue\\_nordkivu\\_rdc.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/french/news/story/2008/12/081203_ue_nordkivu_rdc.shtml)

**La Belgique n'enverra pas de troupes en RD Congo.**

(3/12/2008 – afrik.com)

<http://www.afrik.com/article15831.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Nord-Kivu, l'Europe recule.**

(7/12/2008 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200812080313.html>

**Afrique Australe: Après le refus de l'Union européenne - Regards tournés vers la SADC et la CEEAC.**

(5/12/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200812050463.html>

**Rencontre à Goma des chefs des diplomaties congolaise et rwandaise : Kinshasa et Kigali s'interdisent des accusations réciproques.**

(5/12/2008 – L'Avenir - Digitalcongo.net)

*U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon has led calls for Europe to provide a rapid reaction force to help the overstretched MONUC. Belgium said on Tuesday it saw no prospect for now of a European peacekeeping mission in the DRC, despite efforts by the former colonial power to rally backing for such a force.*

**EU troops for DR Congo still not on agenda: Solana.**

(3/12/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19450> (English)

(3/12/2008 – AFP)

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gjSwbA20Jjv9L6-VIHEYu2cDVTpQ> (French)

*Javier Solana, the European Union's top diplomat, on Wednesday confirmed that the EU was not currently discussing sending troops to the DRC.*

**UN still hopes for European force in eastern DR Congo.**

(3/12/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19452>

*The UN peacekeeping mission in DRC held out hope for a backstop European force for the turmoil-torn east Wednesday, even as EU members said immediate prospects were dim.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: L'UE se réunit à Paris à propos de l'envoi des casques bleus en RDC.**

(4/12/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200812040239.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Controverse autour de l'envoi d'une force européenne en RDC.**

(5/12/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200812050420.html>

*The European Union gathered to talk on Friday again about Ban Ki-moon's request for European 'bridging forces'.*

**New UN Congo troops may take half year to deploy.**

(6/12/2008 – Reuters)

<http://africa.reuters.com/top/news/usnJOE4B5004.html>

**Guerre au Nord-Kivu : L'ONU demande formellement à l'UE l'envoi d'une force relais en RDC.**

(8/12/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/55261>

*It may take up to half a year for the United Nations to deploy 3,000 new peacekeepers in eastern Congo, which is why it would help to have a bridging force from the European Union, the U.N. chief said on Friday.*

**Belgium in new push for EU force in DR Congo: foreign ministry.**

(7/12/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19510>

*Belgium is stepping up diplomatic efforts to win support among EU partners for sending a European force to the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, the Belgian foreign ministry said Saturday. Belgian Foreign Minister Karel De Gucht has asked that his EU counterparts discuss the issue at a meeting on Monday in Brussels after UN chief Ban Ki-moon formally requested a European force on Friday.*

**EU debates Congo force as pressure to act mounts.**

(8/12/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19511>

**Congo-Kinshasa: En attendant les troupes de la Monuc, l'UE examine l'envoi des troupes relais en RDC.**

(8/12/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200812080410.html>

**L'Union européenne discute de l'envoi d'une force militaire intérimaire à l'Est de la RDC.**

(9/12/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/55277>

*The European Union debated Monday whether to dispatch peacekeepers to the Democratic Republic of Congo, amid clear divisions among member states over whether to plug a gap before the arrival of UN troops.*

**EU nations divided over sending troops to Congo.**

(8/12/2008 – AP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19517>

**EU split on Congo troop mission.**

(8/12/2008 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7770916.stm>

**EU split on UN call for Congo bridging mission.**

(8/12/2008 – Reuters)

<http://africa.reuters.com/top/news/usnJOE4B70K3.html>

**EU sidesteps urgent appeal for Congo force.**

(8/12/2008 – Financial Times)

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/8d057606-c565-11dd-b516-000077b07658.html>

*European Union nations were divided Monday over whether to send an EU peacekeeping force to eastern Congo after U.N. officials appealed for more troops.*

**Conclusions du Conseil sur la République Démocratique du Congo.**

(8/12/2008 – Council of the European Union)

[http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms\\_Data/docs/pressdata/fr/gena/104548.pdf](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/fr/gena/104548.pdf)

*Conclusions of the EU Council of its 8 and 9 December meeting on the DRC.*

**EU orders officials to study DR Congo force request: diplomat.**

(8/12/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19519>

*The European Union ordered senior officials Monday to examine ways to respond to a United Nations request for troops to help provide security in the DRC, an EU diplomat said.*

**No French ground troops for Congo, Kouchner says.**

(9/12/2008 – Reuters – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19529>

*France on Tuesday ruled out sending combat troops to Congo to help U.N. peacekeepers there because the conflict zone is too close to Rwanda, further dimming hopes that an EU force can be put together to intervene quickly.*

**Belgium: EU warming to Congo force.**

(8/12/2008 – AP; published by MONUC – 9/12/2008)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19523>

*European Union nations appeared to be warming to U.N. appeals to send a 3,000-strong military force to aid U.N. peacekeepers in Congo, Belgian Foreign Minister Karel De Gucht said Monday. However, bigger EU members Britain and Germany, among others, led a large camp of countries remaining cool to sending a temporary "bridging force".*

**Congo-Kinshasa: République démocratique du Congo - Louis Michel: «Il ne faut pas imposer la paix de force».**

(4/12/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200812040311.html>

*Throughout the whole discussion of sending European troops to the DRC, EU Commissioner Louis Michel says that it is impossible to impose peace on the DRC by military means. Louis Michel says that there is some space for negotiation, and that this space must be used.*

## Diplomacy

### **CEEAC : Les chefs d'Etat major en conclave à Kinshasa.**

(3/12/2008 – Gaboneco)

[http://www.gaboneco.com/show\\_article.php?IDActu=11280](http://www.gaboneco.com/show_article.php?IDActu=11280)

### **Afrique Centrale: CEEAC - Les choses sérieuses ont commencé.**

(4/12/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200812040348.html>

### **L'Afrique Centrale dit non à l'agression : la CEEAC vole au secours de la République démocratique du Congo.**

(8/12/2008 – Le Palmarès – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/55263>

*CEEAC meeting last week in Kinshasa to discuss the situation in the eastern part of the country.*

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Négociations avec le CNDP - Le gouverneur du Nord-Kivu prend ses responsabilités.**

(3/12/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200812030206.html>

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Nord- Kivu - La main tendue du gouverneur est-elle celle de Kabila ?**

(2/12/2008 – L'observateur – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200812030205.html>

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Nkunda exige un mandat de Kinshasa.**

(3/12/2008 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200812030803.html>

*North Kivu governor Paluku proposed Nkunda to meet to talk about the conflict in the eastern DRC. Nkunda first wants Kinshasa's approval for the meeting, before to agree with it.*

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Le CNDP d'accord mais exige l'aval de l'exécutif central.**

(4/12/2008 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200812040825.html>

### **Nkunda's rebels in DR Congo will meet Nord-Kivu governor.**

(3/12/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19449>

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Le CNDP accepte d'accueillir le gouverneur du Nord-Kivu.**

(4/12/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200812040238.html>

*Laurent Nkunda's rebels said they were ready to meet the governor of Nord-Kivu province to discuss the conflict in the east of DRC. "We are ready to receive him for an information mission," Bertrand Bisimwa, spokesman for the CNDP said. On Tuesday (December 2), the rebels said they would not deal with governor Julien Paluku if he was not acting of behalf the central government in Kinshasa.*

**Congo to hold ceasefire talks.**

(5/12/2008 – Financial Times)

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/c5a70216-c30a-11dd-a5ae-000077b07658.html>

**Congo agrees to rebel peace talks.**

(5/12/2008 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7766602.stm>

**Kinshasa to 'formalise' ceasefire with rebels in Kenya talks.**

(5/12/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19483>

**DR Congo government, rebels set for landmark peace meeting.**

(6/12/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19499>

**Minister, rebels, in Nairobi for DR Congo talks.**

(8/12/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19512>

**UPDATE 2-Congo agrees to peace talks with eastern rebels.**

(5/12/2008 – Reuters – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19492>

**DR Congo: UN envoy to launch dialogue between Government and rebels.**

(5/12/2008 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=29207&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo>

(5/12/2008 – UN – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200812080066.html>

**Congo government, rebels want broad peace from talks.**

(6/12/2008 - Reuters)

<http://africa.reuters.com/top/news/usnJOE4B5067.html>

**RD Congo : gouvernement et rebelles autour de la table de négociation.**

(5/12/2008 – afrik.com)

<http://www.afrik.com/article15854.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Nairobi, pistes brouillées!**

(8/12/2008 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200812080333.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Vers des négociations avec Nkunda!**

(7/12/2008 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200812080309.html>

**Kenya: Les vertus de la diplomatie - Gouvernement - CNDP à Nairobi.**

(6/12/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200812080242.html>

**DR Congo: Government, rebels enter into UN-backed talks to end fighting.**

(9/12/2008 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=29239&Cr=Democratic&Cr1=Cong>

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**Nairobi : le CNDP espère que c'est l'ouverture des négociations directes avec le gouvernement.**

(7/12/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21321>

*Congolese government representatives and rebels loyal to renegade general Laurent Nkunda will meet in Nairobi on Monday to "formalise" a ceasefire in the east of the country, Kinshasa said Friday.*

**Mediators appeal to Congo rivals as talks begin.**

(8/12/2008 – Reuters)

<http://africa.reuters.com/top/news/usnJOE4B704D.html>

*Mediators urged eastern Congo rebels and the government to compromise on Monday at the first face-to-face talks to defuse tensions that have threatened to escalate into a new regional war*

**Congo rebels unhappy at gov't's wide talks invite.**

(8/12/2008 – Reuters – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19513>

**Congo Rebels Threaten to Quit Nairobi Peace Talks, AFP Reports.**

(8/12/2008 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=a6fJkHFENj1Y>

*Eastern Congo rebels in Nairobi for U.N.-brokered peace talks with the government said on Monday they were not prepared to sit down with other insurgent groups. The DRC government invited around 20 other armed groups to participate in the talks. While that difference raised the prospect of the talks failing before they had even started, there was no sign of other groups arriving in Nairobi, and the rebel-government discussions were due to start under U.N. auspices on Monday afternoon.*

**Congo peace talks open with U.N. plea.**

(8/12/2008 – CNN)

[http://edition.cnn.com/2008/WORLD/africa/12/08/congo.talks/index.html?eref=edition\\_africa](http://edition.cnn.com/2008/WORLD/africa/12/08/congo.talks/index.html?eref=edition_africa)

**RDC: pourparlers entre rebelles et gouvernement à Nairobi.**

(8/12/2008 – BBC)

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/french/news/story/2008/12/081208\\_drc\\_nairobi.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/french/news/story/2008/12/081208_drc_nairobi.shtml)

*The United Nations is mediating talks between the DRC's government and its main rebel group in an effort to "stop the hemorrhage" in the central African nation, a U.N. envoy said Monday.*

**Gouvernement – rébellion armée : Difficiles négociations à Nairobi.**

(9/12/2008 – Le Potentiel - Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/55276>

*The negotiations in Nairobi have started. It is difficult to make a good assessment of the outcome yet. But hearing the last declarations before the start of the conference, it looks like it will not be easy to find a good solution.*

**DR Congo government, rebels meet for second day in Nairobi.**

(9/12/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19527>

**Nairobi : 2e journée des discussions, Obasanjo parle des progrès entre le CNDP et le gouvernement.**

(9/12/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21356>

*Congolese rebels and government officials began a second day of direct talks under UN auspices in Nairobi Tuesday, UN officials and rebel representatives said.*

**Congo Government, Rebels to Begin Talks by Christmas, UN Says.**

(9/12/2008 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=aq4G&pid=C6OSQ>

*Substantive talks between the DRC government and Nkunda's rebels will begin before Christmas, according to UN envoy Olusegun Obasanjo. Representatives of the government and the CNDP spent yesterday and today agreeing on rules for the talks, Obasanjo told reporters in the Kenyan capital, Nairobi.*

**Humanitarian situation and aid.****North Kivu: Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) are gradually returning home.**

(3/12/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19457> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=19462> (French)

*Due to the absence of clashes as well as patrol operations by MONUC, nearly 65% of the families that fled from Kanyabayonga, 150km north of Goma due to insecurity, have started returning home during the past week.*

**UNHCR says 90,000 Congolese unaccounted for.**

(5/12/2008 – Reuters – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19484>

**Over 90,000 missing in DR Congo: UN refugee agency.**

(5/12/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19493>

*More than 90,000 people who fled their homes in eastern Congo because of violence are unaccounted for, the United Nations refugee agency said on Friday. Aid workers visiting parts of North Kivu province that had been inaccessible during recent fighting had found three makeshift displacement sites empty.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: UN Food Agency Extends Humanitarian Efforts Amid Spreading Violence.**

(3/12/2008 – UN News Service – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200812030891.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: En novembre, 564 000 personnes ont reçu l'aide alimentaire du PAM dans l'est de la RDC.**

(3/12/2008 – UN WFP – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200812030885.html>

*The United Nations food agency is ramping up its humanitarian operations in the east of the DRC in response to deadly fighting between Government forces and armed rebel groups that has forced hundreds of thousands of people to flee their homes.*

**UN starts airlifting aid to tens of thousands stranded in north-eastern DR Congo.**

(8/12/2008 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=29223&Cr=democratic+congo&Cr1>

**WFP warns of fresh crisis in DR Congo over Ugandan rebels.**

(3/12/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19444>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Le PAM va aider les civils qui fuient les rebelles ougandais.**

(6/12/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200812080551.html>

*The World Food Programme said it is extending its humanitarian operations across the eastern DRC, including areas hit by a conflict involving LRA rebels, a Ugandan rebel group.*

**Beni : environ 8 000 déplacés sans assistance.**

(9/12/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=21348>

*About 8.000 IDPs have been counted in Beni, North Kivu. Most of them already a month without any assistance.*

**UN assisting the deployment of humanitarians in Dungu.**

(3/12/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19456> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=19463> (French)

*The security situation is improving little by little in Dungu territory (Haut Uele) in Orientale province, as humanitarian actors are being deployed, with MONUC's logistic support, to assist the civilian populations.*

## UGANDA

**DR Congo leader in Uganda peace talks with Sudanese mediator.**

(5/12/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19496>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Joseph Kabila reçoit Riek Machar, vice-président de la région sud-Soudan.**

(8/12/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200812080411.html>

*Riek Machar, vice president of the South Sudan region and the chief negotiator in the peace talks between Kampala and the rebel LRA, travelled to DR Congo to discuss an overdue deal aimed at ending Uganda's two-decade-long civil war in the north.*

**Uganda: Govt Rejects Kony's New Terms.**

(3/12/2008 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200812040005.html>

*The Government has rejected LRA leader Joseph Kony's new demands and urged him to sign the final peace agreement before anything else can be addressed.*

**Uganda: Museveni Accepts Direct Kony Talks.**

(8/12/2008 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200812090015.html>

*Okello Oryem, the state minister for foreign affairs, told Xinhua news agency that Museveni was not opposed to Kony's request for direct contact and he gave his telephone number for Kony to call him directly.*

**Uganda: LRA's Diaspora Allies Plan to Register Party.**

(6/12/2008 – New Vision - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200812081341.html>

*There are Ugandans in the diaspora who were praying hard that the elusive Lord's Resistance Army leader Joseph Kony signs the peace accord. In the final agreement, they see the opportunity to get into power through the Lord's Resistance Movement (LRM).*

**Uganda urges LRA rebel boss Kony to sign deal.**

(9/12/2008 – Reuters)

<http://africa.reuters.com/top/news/usnJOE4B804L.html>

*Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni has urged fugitive rebel Joseph Kony to sign a final peace deal, saying the LRA boss has been told all about plans to lift an international arrest warrant against him.*

**Uganda blames DR Congo for ignoring Kony.**

(9/12/2008 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=19528>

*Kampala on Tuesday accused Kinshasa of doing nothing to hunt Ugandan rebel leader Joseph Kony, who has reneged on a peace deal and is currently hiding in northern DRC.*

**Uganda's Museveni Willing to Hold Talks With Kony, Vision Says.**

(9/12/2008 – Bloomberg)

[http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=a5ik\\_GqqxkQM](http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=a5ik_GqqxkQM)

*Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni is willing to hold direct talks with Joseph Kony, leader of the rebel LRA, to convince him to sign a peace pact, New Vision reported, citing David Matsanga, the rebel's chief negotiator.*

**Uganda: Karamoja Gets New Gun Rules.**

(3/12/2008 – New Vision - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200812040045.html>

*The Uganda People's Defence Forces has issued new guidelines for the disarmament exercise to check social unrest. Since 2001, the army has concentrated on recovering illegal firearms acquired during the different regimes. The army has to date recovered about 27.000 guns.*

## BURUNDI

**Ban calls on Burundi's Government, rebels to quickly complete peace accord.**

(4/12/2008 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=29193&Cr=burundi&Cr1=>

(4/12/2008 – UN – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200812050150.html>

*Burundi's Government and the rebel group Palipehutu-FNL must now summon the political will and courage to overcome outstanding issues and successfully conclude the peace process they agreed to two years ago, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said today.*

**Burundian rebels commit to peace.**

(4/12/2008 – BBC)

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**Burundi government, rebels commit to peace.**

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*Burundi's government and the last active rebel group say they have agreed to implement a 2006 peace deal.*

**Uganda: Museveni Leaves for Burundi Summit.**

(4/12/2008 – New Vision – allAfrica)

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*President Yoweri Museveni yesterday left for Burundi to attend a regional peace initiative summit. Museveni is chairing the initiative which led to the surrender of six of Burundi's seven rebel groups.*

**Burundi: Warring Parties Sign Peace Agreement.**

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*On Thursday, Museveni presided over the signing of a peace agreement between the Burundian government and the opposition political party, Palipehutu-FNL (Federation for National Liberation), led by Agathon Rwasa. Museveni is the regional chairperson of the Burundi Peace Initiative.*

**Burundi: Ban Ki-moon encouragé par les résultats du Sommet sur le processus de paix au Burundi.**

(5/12/2008 – UN - allAfrica)

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*UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon declared he was very pleased with the peace agreement reached between the Burundi government and the Palipehutu-FNL rebels.*

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(3/12/2008 – African Development Bank)

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*The two governments, submitted to the Bank a request for the financing of the study on the road-railway bridge between Kinshasa and Brazzaville and the feasibility study on the Kinshasa-Ilebo railway.*

### **Rwanda: U.S. \$7 Million for New Power Projects.**

(8/12/2008 – The New Times - allAfrica)

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*The Nile Basin Initiative has announced a pledge of US\$ 7million by development partners to aid in the preparation of new power and natural resource management programmes. Audace Ndayizeye, the NBI Executive Director, explained at a stakeholder's workshop in Kigali yesterday that this will help to achieve socio-economic development and benefits to all the Basin countries.*

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*Monthly Publication of the European Network for Central Africa. Contains several articles on the Great Lakes Region.*

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