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IPIS LATEST REPORTS

Mapping Conflict Motives: Central African Republic.

(20/02/2009 – IPIS)

www.ipisresearch.be/mapping_car.php

IPIS has published 'Mapping Conflict Motives: Central African Republic'. It is the third study in the IPIS mapping series and it deals with the presence, behaviour and motivation of the armed groups that operated in the Central African Republic in 2008.

Rechercher la problématique des ressources naturelles dans la RDC.

(12/02/2009 – IPIS)

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

This syllabus has been created by IPIS for its project 'Renforcement de capacité d'ONG congolaises qui travaillent autour les ressources naturelles : méthodologies de recherche et rédaction de dossiers de haute qualité servant de base aux activités de campagne et de lobbying'. The project aims to reinforce the capacity of Congolese NGOs to produce reports and articles of high quality.

Mapping Conflict Motives: Katanga Update: May- September 2008.

(6/01/2009 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/updates-katanga.php>

This report is the third (and for the moment the last) in a series of updates following an initial report on conflict motives in the Congolese province of Katanga. It analyses the most important security developments from May 2008 until September 2008.

IPIS would like to highlight the following issues dealt with in the report:

Security problems in Katanga have stopped figuring in the news. To a certain extent this is justified because the overall humanitarian situation in Katanga has improved and in general the number of human rights violations has decreased.

However, with MONUC gradually retreating from the province the international presence diminishes and with it the number of eyes and ears of observers in the field. Nonetheless, for the future several security hazards remain.

For one, the impact of the economic crisis on Katanga is enormous. Virtually all mining companies have significantly reduced or stopped their activities. The social consequences are dire for a province that economically relies heavily on mining. Secondly, in August a law was promulgated providing for the creation of 25 Congolese provinces instead of the 10 current ones. In this scenario Katanga will be cut into 4 new provinces. Feelings about the issue are mixed. The possible impact is difficult to estimate. Finally, the human rights situation in the North of the province remains disquieting, with persistent violations committed by state agents.

The information for the updates is drawn from desktop research by IPIS and permanent field research carried out by four Katangese partner organisations based in different parts of Katanga.

Towards a Sustainable Cocoa Chain: Power and possibilities within the cocoa and chocolate sector.

(December 2008 – Oxfam - IPIS)

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

IPIS drafted this report for Oxfam. It contributes in various ways to the debate on a sustainable cocoa economy. A sustainable cocoa economy is where each person investing time or money into the supply chain would be able to earn a decent income for themselves and their family, work in good conditions, and in a manner which did not harm the environment. It provides an overview of the various stakeholders in the cocoa and the wider chocolate supply chain. It identifies the concentration and purchasing power of companies as well as the trends in the supply chain. Finally, it makes a series of recommendations to the various stakeholders in the supply chain.

Fatal Transaction's second submission on EIB Statements.

(November 2008 – IPIS)

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

The European Investment Bank launched in March 2008 a public consultation on its draft revised "EIB Statement of Environmental and Social Principles and Standards". The EIB adopted its first Environmental Statement in 1996, which was revised in 2002 and again in 2004. The Statement describes the Bank's environmental and social requirements for projects that it finances.

The EIB invited organizations and individuals to comment on its 2008 draft Statement. The Bank also organised two rounds of public consultations. Fatal Transactions and IPIS now also commented on the second draft Statement of the Bank.

Fatal Transaction's submission on EIB Statement of Environmental and Social Principles and Standards.

(June 2008 - IPIS)

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

Fatal Transactions and IPIS commented on the Bank's environmental and human rights policy and its approach on good governance and transparency.

From conflict resources to sustainable development: Memorandum by Fatal Transactions on the European Union's contribution to natural resource management in Africa

(July 2008 – Fatal Transactions - IPIS)

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

IPIS drafted this publication for Fatal Transactions. The Memorandum looks specifically at the European Commission's contribution to a sustainable exploitation of natural resources in Africa and a sustainable supply chain. It also assesses its approach on conflict resources. The paper provides an analysis of the Commission's trade policy, development cooperation, foreign and security policy, cooperation under bilateral and multilateral agreements, humanitarian aid and financial assistance. It also takes a look at the Commission's view on integrating and implementing external actions in its internal policies (e.g. energy and environment) in order to promote a sustainable management of natural resources abroad.

L'Afrique révisé les contrats miniers.

(July 2008 – Le Monde Diplomatique – IPIS)

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

Article on the current contract revision projects throughout Africa.

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>

Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

Transforming natural resource wealth into sustained growth and poverty reduction: a conceptual framework for Sub-Saharan African oil exporting countries.

(1/03/2009 – World Bank)

<http://go.worldbank.org/0QVLV0FE20>

Abundance should not be a curse, but rather a blessing for Sub-Saharan Africa's oil and mineral exporting countries. The country context and political economy matter a great deal but should not be the main driving forces behind windfall management, to avoid excessive rent-seeking activities, inefficiency, and wasteful spending.

Congo, Ugandan leaders boost oil, security ties.

(6/03/2009 – Reuters – allAfrica)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20196>

Congo and Uganda have agreed to upgrade diplomatic relations and boost cooperation on security and oil exploration, the former enemies who share a border in one of Africa's most risky business regions, said on Thursday. New finds on the Ugandan side of Lake Albert by Heritage Oil Plc and Tullow oil appear to have accelerated cooperation and eased tension over the demarcation of the border running through the lake which previously caused armed clashes.

DRC

Congo-Kinshasa: Saisir les opportunités pour tirer le meilleur de ses potentialités naturelles.

(6/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903060653.html>

Article denouncing the small amount of income the DRC manages to recover from the enormous flow of money that is involved with its natural resources.

Congo miners suffer as boom turns to bust.

(9/03/2009 – Financial Times)

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/826a5478-0cf5-11de-a555-0000779fd2ac.html>

For artisanal miners, as well as for mining companies the disappointment of a boom that promised more wealth than it delivered is making the bust more bitter still.

La quadripartite de Mbuji-Mayi recommande la dénonciation des bandits et la réhabilitation de la SNCC et de la Miba.

(9/03/2009 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56946>

A meeting, under direction of Congolese Minister Mutombo Bakafwa Nsenda, brought together the provinces of East Kasai, West Kasai, Katanga and Maniema. Topics on the agenda were the security situation in these provinces and the rehabilitation of SNCC and MIBA.

Congo-Kinshasa: Conversion des titres forestiers - La mise en oeuvre des étapes post-processus en étude.

(5/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903050210.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Conversion des titres forestiers - Des étapes post-processus en étude.

(6/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903060649.html>

A three-day meeting has been organised to evaluate the execution of the forestry reform.

Gestion des forêts du bassin du Congo : le FFBC prêt à financer des projets fiables.

(4/03/2009 – Le Potentiel - Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56855>

The partners of the Forest Funds for the Congo Basin have gathered in Kinshasa to streamline their strategies to preserve the Congo Basin.

Statement on follow-up to the legal review of logging operations in DRC.

(4/03/2009 – Global Witness)

http://www.globalwitness.org/media_library_detail.php/734/en/statement_on_follow_up_to_the_legal_review_of_logging_operations_in_drc

On the opening of a government workshop in Kinshasa on the post-conversion process concerning DRC forest titles, international non-governmental organisations Global Witness, Greenpeace and Rainforest Foundation urge international donors to prevent the reversal of forest sector reforms that aim to increase transparency and legality and ensure that the conclusions of the Inter-Ministerial Commission (IMC), responsible for the review and conversion of eligible logging titles, be enforced.

Congo-Kinshasa: Réforme forestière - Les défenseurs des populations autochtones ne sont pas d'accord.

(5/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903050213.html>

Human Rights activists, defending indigenous populations rights, are rejecting the way the Congolese government has handled the forestry reformation.

DR Congo signals reversal of forest reforms: NGOs.

(9/03/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20202> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20208> (French)

DRC authorities have signalled their intention to reverse forest reforms and expand industrial logging, a statement from major environmental groups said Friday.

Belgian filmmaker shows DR Congo mining business.

(5/03/2009 – AFP)

http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gWVH1LCvQKGUoL2lt-fkHB-x_esA

Belgian filmmaker Thierry Michel, who won accolades for his 2005 documentary "Mobutu: King of Zaire," has premiered his latest work "Katanga Business" at the FESPACO film festival in Ouagadougou.

UGANDA

Uganda: Massive Oil Well Tested in Bulisa.

(5/03/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903060207.html>

Testing of oil at Kasemene, one of the potentially large oil wells in the western district of Bulisa, has started.

New hope ahead of EA oil meeting.

(9/03/2009 – The Citizen)

<http://thecitizen.co.tz/newe.php?id=11166>

Efforts to promote East Africa as a viable investment destination for petroleum exploration and development will get a boost during the 4th EA Petroleum Conference (EAPC '09) starting in Mombasa on Wednesday. With Uganda having discovered oil and gas near Lake Albert and Tanzania tapping natural gas from huge offshore reserves for power generation, the days of East Africa being a net oil importer could be numbered.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

DRC mining companies face 'a year of survival' in 2009.

(5/03/2009 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page36?oid=79686&sn=Detail>

Only the biggest projects being developed by major mining companies may survive in the crisis-stricken and cash-strapped DRC's mining sector this year.

FACTBOX-Mining in Democratic Republic of Congo.

(4/03/2009 – Reuters)

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/oilRpt/idUKL488392020090304>

Mining firms in Democratic Republic of Congo face a tough 2009 as metals prices languish far below last year's highs, squeezing profit margins. This article gives a list of mining firms with operations in the vast central African country.

First Quantum Minerals to Develop Kolwezi.

(4/03/2009 – Africa Mining Intelligene)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Despite the economic crisis, FQM still plans to exploit the Kolwezi tailings. The only obstacle is the renegotiation of its partnership contract that is still underway with Gecamines.

Brazilian Firms Move In.

(4/03/2009 – Africa Mining Intelligene)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

The Brazilian iron giant Vale has recently opened offices in Kinshasa and Lubumbashi for prospecting work in iron ore, copper, nickel coal and phosphates.

Randgold's Fast Lane to Growth in DRC.

(4/03/2009 – Africa Mining Intelligene)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Randgold Resources' announcement that it was examining opportunities in Africa came as a surprise to some. Randgold has had its eye on Congo for a while however, as it set up an office some months ago.

Africo Resources to Pay Entry Premium in Congo-K.

(4/03/2009 – Africa Mining Intelligene)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Africo Resources se positionne en RDC.

(9/03/2009 – Les Afriques)

<http://www.lesafriques.com/actualite/africo-resources-se-positionne-en-rdc.html?Itemid=89?article=14112>

Africo Resources is to make four payments of USD 1,6 million each as an entry premium to Gécamines.

Africo signs MoU on power supply to DRC project.

(10/03/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/africo-signs-mou-on-power-supply-to-drc-project-2009-03-10>

Africo owns 75% and DRC State-owned miner Gecamines holds the balance of Swanmines, which in turn owns the rights to the Kalakundi project, in the south-east of the country. According to the MoU, Africo will finance studies into reinforcing the electrical system capacity of Société Nationale d'Electricité (SNEL), in order to guarantee the availability of power to Swanmines.

Pursuing its consolidation strategy, the FORREST GROUP has just entered into major agreements, in Seoul on March 4th 2009 and in Beijing on March 5th 2009.

(9/03/2009 – Forrest Group)

For consultation at request.

The Forrest Group's announcement that it has entered on Wednesday March 4th, 2009 in Seoul, into two joint-venture agreements leading to the incorporation of two South Korean companies (FORREST ROWEMBERG ENERGY KOREA (FREK) and FORREST ROWEMBERG MINERALS KOREA (FRMK)). These two companies will be investing in the energy and in the raw material sectors in the DRC.

South Korea Will Join \$750 Million Congolese Deal.

(4/03/2009 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601116&sid=aGaO6AxGQbfs&refer=africa>

State-owned Korea Water Resources Corp. will take part in a \$750 million project to develop water and mineral resources in the DRC. Paris-based Alfonso Rowemberg and Congolese mining company George Forrest International Africa will form two ventures for the project, the statement said.

Antofagasta eyes expansion Africa, Australia.

(11/03/2009 – The Australian Business)

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/business/story/0,28124,25170373-5005200,00.html>

Although no new opportunities have been identified currently, Mr Awad said the copper producer is looking in Zambia, where it is already active, as well as in Congo, South Africa and Namibia.

RWANDA

Rwanda: American Firm Signs \$300 Million Methane Gas Extraction Deal.

(3/03/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903030938.html>

Rwanda: U.S. Company Lands U.S.\$325 Million Gas-to-Power Deal.

(7/03/2009 – East African Business Week – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903091025.html>

Contour Global, an American energy investment and development firm is to produce energy from Methane Gas amounting to about 100MW over the next 25 years according to agreements signed yesterday with the government. The deal, which is worth \$300m was signed following months of negotiations yesterday at the Ministry of Finance headquarters and will see the gas extracted from Lake Kivu in the Western Province generated into electricity.

China in the Great Lakes Region

Angola: Trade between China and Africa totals US\$72 billion in 2007.

(5/03/2009 – Macauhub)

<http://www.mcauhub.com.mo/en/news.php?ID=7002>

Trade between Africa and China totalled US\$72 billion in 2007, having risen more than seven-fold since 2000, Chris Alden of the South African Institute for International Relations said in Luanda Monday.

Congo-Kinshasa: Muzito sollicite le soutien de la Chine.

(3/03/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903040534.html>

After Congolese Prime Minister Muzito talked to the International Financial Institutions, and received their support, he now received a delegation from the Chinese Communist Party.

Sino-DRC contracts to thwart the return of Western patronage.

(5/03/2009 – Pambazuka)

http://www.pambazuka.org/en/category/africa_china/54567

The DRC's desire to choose its own mining trading partners, whether Chinese investors or Western corporations, calls the bluff of global financial institutions like the IMF and World Bank, writes Antoine Roger Lokongo. Negotiations the country has conducted reveal how these institutions are putting pressure on the DRC government to ditch the Socomin deal with China – a Beijing-based, joint-venture between the DRC's Gécamines and a group of Chinese state-owned enterprises – as a condition to get its debt forgiven. That is clearly blackmail, Lokongo maintains, and is inconsistent with the spirit of free trade and globalisation.

Congo-Kinshasa: Contrats chinois, palons-en.

(9/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903090264.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Contrats chinois - Les premières difficultés.

(10/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903100479.html>

Articles on the difficulties experienced when concretizing the economic cooperation agreement between China and the DRC.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

MSF launches 'Shattered Lives' report on sexual violence.

(5/03/2009 – Médecins Sans Frontières)

http://www.msf.org/msfinternational/invoke.cfm?objectId=D64DAEF2-15C5-F00A-254834002928493C&component=toolkit.pressrelease&method=full_html

Ahead of International Women's Day, Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) today launched a report summarising the organisation's experience in assisting victims of sexual violence. Based on its work in Liberia, Burundi, DRC, South Africa, Colombia and other countries, MSF highlights the need for emergency medical care to be made available to people who have been raped.

DRC

Justice-Sensitive Security System Reform in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

(February 2009 – International Center for Transitional Justice)

<http://ictj.org/en/news/features/2326.html>

The Congolese security system is incapable of defending the state and the state's authority, and poses a serious threat to the population, particularly to women and children. Impunity within the security system allows serious human rights violations, including sexual and gender-based violence, to go unchecked. This paper argues that the EU should seek to incorporate justice-sensitive initiatives within SSR programmes, and encourage the prosecution of human rights violators. Only by tackling the culture of impunity and empowering the population to hold the security system to account, can it become a protector of Congolese citizens' rights rather than a principal abuser.

North Kivu: 880 children associated with armed groups demobilised by MONUC.

(4/03/2009 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20183> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=20184> (French)

UN helps demobilize 880 children linked to armed groups in DR Congo.

(4/03/2009 UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=30087&Cr=democratic+congo&Cr1=children>

Between 30 January and 2 March 2009, 880 children associated with armed forces and groups in North Kivu were demobilised by the MONUC. The great majority of these children are Congolese, but there are also 31 Rwandans, two Burundians and two Ugandans. All these children were given to Non Governmental Organisations for their return and reintegration into their families and communities.

Hundreds of traumatized child soldiers return home in Congo.

(5/03/2009 – AP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20191>

Aid workers took an Associated Press reporter to speak to some demobilized Mai Mai child soldiers on condition that no questions be asked that might upset them. Their names are being withheld to protect their identities and to avoid reprisals.

DR Congo: Adapt Strategies to Assist Vulnerable People.

(4/03/2009 – Refugees International)

<http://www.refugeesinternational.org/policy/field-report/dr-congo-adapt-strategies-assist-vulnerable-people>

With the recent shift in the security situation in eastern DRC, UN agencies and NGOs must quickly reorient their strategies to assist and protect vulnerable people. Ongoing violence and a lack of access to basic services are taking their toll on the Congolese people and a more aggressive humanitarian response is now needed. The MONUC, working closely with UN agencies and NGOs, must also be more proactive in fulfilling its commitment to protect civilians.

DRC: Treating the sexually abused in South Kivu.

(5/03/2009 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=83321>

In Bukavu, the main town in South Kivu Province of eastern DRC, the Panzi referral hospital receives six to eight women daily who have experienced sexual violence.

Congo-Kinshasa: Sud-Kivu - Des groupes armés décident de déposer les armes.

(6/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903060625.html>

Twelve armed groups in South Kivu signed an act of engagement last weekend to lay down their arms. They did demand local and national governments and the international community to continue taking care of the civilian population after the end of the military operation against the FDLR.

Congo-Kinshasa: Bukavu - Finalisation du plan de désengagement des groupes armés.

(9/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903090279.html>

A meeting has been organised at the MONUC office in Bukavu on the disengagement plan of armed groups in South Kivu.

Congo-Kinshasa: Ban Ki-moon salue une « stabilité plus ou moins temporaire » à l'Est.

(3/03/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903040467.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Après son séjour d'évaluation - Ban Ki-moon rassure.

(4/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903040420.html>

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon stated that the Congolese government and the MONUC should profit from the recent stability in the DRC to restore authority in the eastern part of the country.

Mission à Kinshasa du S.G.A. de l'Onu chargé des opérations de maintien de la paix pour renforcer les capacités de la Monuc.

(4/03/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56869>

UN Assistant Secretary General Edmond Mulet arrived in the DRC to discuss, with the Congolese government and UN representatives, the reinforcement of the MONUC's capacity, as Secretary General Ban Ki-moon demanded.

Congo-Kinshasa: Sauf changement de dernière minute - Le Conseil des ministres se tient ce vendredi à Goma.

(6/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903060532.html>

As the ceremony to celebrate the end of the Rwandan-Congolese joint military operation has ended and Kabila returned from his meeting with Museveni, the Congolese President is now having a meeting with his ministers to take a look at the launch of the 'stabilisation and reconstruction plan for the east'.

Congo President Kabila Aims to Resolve Disruptive Challenges in North Kivu Province.

(10/03/2009 – VOA – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20212>

DRC President Joseph Kabila is expected meet the central government of the restive North Kivu province to restore peace to the troubled region.

Rwanda: Les opérations militaires conjointes posent problème!

(6/03/2009 – IPS – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903060659.html>

Articles on the debates and criticism surrounding the joint military operations of the DRC with the Ugandan and Rwandan armies.

Congo-Kinshasa: Au-delà des opérations militaires conjointes en RDC - Une « Armée africaine » en gestation.

(5/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903050440.html>

There are voices stating that the good results of the joint military operations in the DRC are foretastes of more military cooperation in the region and eventually the creation of an African Army.

DR Congo, Uganda, Rwanda in anti-insurgency diplomacy.

(10/03/2009 – Xinhua – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20216>

The DRC, Uganda and Rwanda, the three neighbouring countries suffering rebel-induced tensions for years, are bracing for a new era of cooperation after joint operations to uproot the long-standing cause of mutual hostilities.

Democratic Republic of the Congo – Complex Emergency.

(4/03/2009 – USAID)

http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/countries/drc/template/fs_sr/fy2009/drc_ce_fs12_03-04-2009.pdf

An emergency assistance fact sheet of USAID for the DRC. It includes a current situation analysis, an overview of recent developments and an overview of USAID's assistance to the DRC.

John Numbi, le bras armé de Kabila.

(8/03/2009 – Jeune Afrique)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Article on General John Numbi, one of the architects of the recent military operation against the FDLR rebels.

RDC: peine capitale pour un ancien chef milicien du Katanga.

(9/03/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20203>

A former Mai Mai militia leader has been sentenced to death for war crimes and crimes against humanity by the Kipushi military tribunal.

Kinshasa menacé par la poudrière du Kivu.

(December 2008 – Le Monde Diplomatique)

<http://www.monde-diplomatique.fr/2008/12/TSHIYEMBE/16594>

December article, that was only recently made public, from Le Monde Diplomatique on the conflict in eastern DRC.

ICC seeks new charges for Congo warlord.

(6/03/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20193> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20192> (French)

International Criminal Court judges asked prosecutors Thursday to refile charges against ex-DR Congo vice-president Jean-Pierre Bemba so he can be tried for war crimes as a military, rather than political commander.

Child Soldiers Recount First Killings.

(6/03/2009 – Institute for war and peace reporting)

http://www.iwpr.net/index.php?apc_state=hen&s=o&o=l=EN&p=acr&s=f&o=350714

Two former Congolese child soldiers in Thomas Lubanga's militia this week told the International Criminal Court about the first time they killed others in battle and how they are haunted by the memories.

FDLR**A jungle alliance that may just endure.**

(5/03/2009 – The Economist)

http://www.economist.com/world/mideast-africa/displaystory.cfm?story_id=13240217&fsrc=rss

Two rival countries have joined forces to hammer the militias that have devastated eastern Congo for so long. However, events in a village such as Pinga, north of the FDLR stronghold of Walikale, deep in the jungle, suggest a less certain outcome. Though driven out of the village, the FDLR is still lurking nearby.

Central Africa: Rwanda/DRC Sign Joint Operation Final Report.

(3/03/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903030933.html>

Rwanda and the DRC yesterday signed a final report of the just concluded joint military offensive against rebels of the FDLR in eastern DRC. The report which included details of the recent operation was signed in Goma by General John Numbi who represented FARDC while Brig.Gen. Jerome Ngendahimana signed on behalf of the RDF.

Rwanda: DRC Shifts Attention to FDLR in South Kivu.

(10/03/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903100004.html>

The DRC has successfully maintained pressure to root out rebels of the FDLR out of their country, the Rwandan army has confirmed. According to Rwanda Defence Forces Spokesman Maj. Jill Rutaremara, the DRC army has maintained the tempo against the rebels and intends to pursue them into DRC's South Kivu Province where they are reportedly fleeing.

Congo-Kinshasa: Finie la 1ère phase de la traque des FDLR, l'esprit d'entreprise de la population sollicitée.

(5/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903050431.html>

Après le retrait des troupes rwandaises, le temps des comptes jusqu'à exiger leur localisation et missions.

(5/03/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/56874>

Predominantly positive reactions on the military cooperation between the Congolese and Rwandan armies were expressed as the Rwandan troops are returning home. A lot remains to be done however.

Congo-Kinshasa: Traque contre les FDLR - La Monuc prête à soutenir les FARDC.

(5/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903050209.html>

The MONUC is prepared to support the FARDC in its continued pursuit of FDLR rebels.

Rwandan Pullout Leaves DRC Civilians Still Searching for Greater Security.

(5/03/2009 – VOA- MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20190>

The joint military operation in eastern DRC by Rwandan forces and the Congolese army uprooted violent Hutu groups operating the region since the 1994 Rwandan genocide. But the offensive, launched in January, also raised many new concerns about the security of civilians.

Security in eastern DR Congo province 'rapidly deteriorating'.

(9/03/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20200>

Displacement in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

(6/03/2009 – UNHCR – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/ASAZ-7PVF7Y?OpenDocument&RSS20=18-P>

Congo-Kinshasa: Des exactions contre les déplacés et les humanitaires continuent au Nord-Kivu.

(5/03/2009 – Le potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903050211.html>

Upsurge in attacks as militia group returns to North Kivu, UN agency reports.

(6/03/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www0.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=30107&Cr=Democratic&Cr1=Congo>

The UN refugee agency on Friday warned that the security situation in eastern DRC was "rapidly deteriorating," as Hutu rebels stepped up attacks after a government operation against them came to an end. Furthermore also OCHA was concerned about the violence committed against displaced people and humanitarian workers.

RDC : La MONUC s'inquiète de la situation au Nord Kivu.

(6/03/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=18626&Cr=RDC&Cr1=MONUC>

Despite the relative peace and quietness prevailing in North Kivu for the moment, MONUC is concerned that the security situation in the province might deteriorate in the near future.

DRC: IDPs returning to North Kivu despite violence.

(6/03/2009 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=83334>

Civilians are slowly returning to their homes in the North Kivu region of eastern DRC, despite continuing violence and displacement due to militia activities, sources said.

Congo-Kinshasa: Les soldats rwandais ayant quitté Goma pour Kigali - Le Nord-Kivu écartelé entre espoir et angoisses.

(5/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903050466.html>

As the Rwandan soldiers leave the Congolese soil after the end of the joint military operation against the FDLR, Congolese civilians do not know whether they should be hopeful as the war in North Kivu is over, or they should fear new retaliations of the FDLR rebels.

Congo-Kinshasa: De l'ASD aux opérations conjointes - Qui a pactisé avec les Rwandais?

(7/03/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903091145.html>

The Rwandan military entrance on the Congolese territory, and now their retreat, has dominated the Congolese national news during recent months. It provoked many discussions between supporters and opponents, of which the most remarkable is the debate between the president of the republic and the president of parliament.

UN Official Says More Rwandan Hutus Returning Home From DRC.

(10/03/2009 – VOA – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20215>

RDC : Des éléments des FDLR continuent de se rendre.

(10/03/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=18643&Cr=Congo&Cr1=Rwanda>

FDLR troops continue to surrender to FARDC and MONUC forces.

(10/03/2009 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=20219>

A UN official said Monday that the number of Rwandan Hutu rebels who have left the DRC and gone home has risen substantially since the beginning of the year. Despite recent violence in eastern Congo, the official credits the world body's efforts to convince rebel fighters that repatriation is best for them and for the stability of Africa's Great Lakes Region.

DR Congo: appeal to Rwandan fighters to return home is working, UN says.

(10/03/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=30140&Cr=Democratic&Cr1=congo>

The appeal to Rwandan rebels in eastern DRC to return home is having a positive impact on peace and security in the strife-torn area, the United Nations' top envoy there said today.

Rebel leaders added to UN sanctions list over Congo.

(4/03/2009 – Reuters – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20181>

RDC: 4 responsables des rebelles hutu frappés par les sanctions de l'ONU.

(4/03/2009 – AFP - MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20182>

Rwanda: Four FDLR Leaders Handed Travel Bans.

(6/03/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903060007.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Quatre responsables des FDLR interdits de séjour en Occident.

(7/03/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903091144.html>

A U.N. sanctions committee has decided to impose travel bans and asset freezes on four leaders of FDLR, France's U.N. mission said on Tuesday. The four leaders of the Rwandan Hutu rebels will face the U.N. sanctions in line with Security Council resolution 1857 for undermining the fragile peace process in eastern DRC.

The FDLR are up against the unjust sanctions imposed on their members.

(5/03/2009 – FDLR)

<http://www.fdlr.org/?DocID=0000000612>

FDLR published this press release to state it judges the sanctions, imposed by the Security Council of the United Nations on some of their members, unjust, unnecessary and counterproductive. The rebel movement finds these sanctions are based on false, unfounded, non-verified accusations.

Rwanda: Government Finds UN Bans On FDLR Wanting.

(7/03/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903070008.html>

The Rwandan government has welcomed the UN Sanctions Committee's decision to impose a travel ban and freezing assets of four FDLR leaders, but also firmly urged the world body to do more.

U.S. targets five Rwandan rebel leaders.

(5/03/2009 – Reuters- MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20186>

The U.S. Treasury on Wednesday levied sanctions against five leaders of a Rwandan Hutu insurgency group in the DRC. On March 3, the UN added Mbarushimana, Ntawunguka, Mujoyambere and Nzeyimana to the Security Council's Consolidated Travel Ban and Assets Freeze list. Mudacumura previously had been listed.

CNDP**Nkunda under house arrest – Kagame.**

(3/03/2009 – afrol News)

<http://www.afrol.com/articles/32577>

The Rwandan government has put the former rebel leader General Laurent Nkunda under house arrest in western town of Giseny, President Paul Kagame has announced.

Congo rebel's wife seeks his release in Rwanda: lawyer.

(9/03/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20201> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20207> (French)

The wife of detained Congolese rebel leader Laurent Nkunda has filed legal papers in Rwanda demanding his release, her lawyer Stephane Bourgon said Friday.

Comment: Why Ntaganda Reprieve is Wrong.

(5/03/2009 – Institute for war and peace reporting)

http://www.iwpr.net/index.php?apc_state=hen&s=0&o=I=EN&p=acr&s=f&o=350689

Article stating that Congo's refusal to surrender rebel leader to ICC is huge blow for victims expecting justice and compensation.

LRA**Uganda: Museveni, Kabila Discuss Kony.**

(3/03/2009 – New Vision - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903040378.html>

Uganda: Museveni, Kabila Meet.

(4/03/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903050023.html>

President Yoweri Museveni and his DR Congo counterpart, Joseph Kabila, met in Kasese district to discuss the ongoing operation against Joseph Kony's LRA.

RDC: Kabila et Museveni signent des accords sécuritaires et économiques.

(5/03/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20185>

Congo-Kinshasa: Pas de guerre de pétrole, mais l'ombre de la LRA.

(5/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903050438.html>

The neighbouring Presidents, Kabila and Museveni, Wednesday agreed on some economic and security matters.

Uganda allowed to continue pursuing LRA rebels in northeastern region: minister.

(6/03/2009 – Xinhua – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20197>

Uganda to continue Congo LRA hunt.

(5/03/2009 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7926173.stm>

Ouganda: Traque contre la LRA en province Orientale - J.Kabila et Museveni d'accord pour des opérations militaires conjointes en RDC.

(5/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903050439.html>

The DRC has allowed Uganda to continue pursuing the rebel LRA in the northeastern part of the vast central African country, Kabakumba Masiko, Ugandan minister of information told Xinhua. He said that Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni and his Congolese counterpart Joseph Kabila on Wednesday agreed to strengthen their security cooperation in order to end the rebellion.

DR Congo president says Ugandan troops out in March.

(9/03/2009 – Xinhua – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20199> (English)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20204> (French)

Ugandan troops joining a joint military operation against insurgency in the DRC will pull out by the end of March, Congolese President Joseph Kabila announced on Sunday.

Congo hunt has 'caught 90 of LRA'.

(9/03/2009 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7933240.stm>

Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni says a three-month operation in DRC against the LRA has captured just a fifth of the force.

LRA man 'captured in Congo park'.

(6/03/2009 – BBC – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsId=20195>

Uganda: UPDF Captures Kony Commander.

(3/03/2009 – New Vision - allAfrica)

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Uganda: LRA's Kwoyelo Flown to Entebbe On Drip.

(4/03/2009 – New Vision - allAfrica)

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Uganda army captures rebel commander.

(4/03/2009 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2009-03-04-uganda-army-captures-rebel-commander>

Uganda: LRA's Kwoyelo Captured, Bashir Indicted.

(7/03/2009 – New Vision - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903090503.html>

Uganda says it has captured a commander of the LRA at a national park in the north-eastern DRC. An army spokesman said Thomas Kwoyelo, believed to be LRA fourth-in-command, was seized in fighting on Tuesday.

Uganda: Okot Odhiambo Surrender a Hoax.

(7/03/2009 – New Vision - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903090501.html>

The highly publicised surrender of the LRA rebel second-in-command, Okot Odhiambo, could be a hoax. Security sources said the army is holding one Richard Komakech, who is suspected to have been making calls posing as Odhiambo offering to surrender.

Uganda: Army Captures Five LRA Rebels.

(5/03/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903060192.html>

The joint force pursuing the LRA in the Garamba jungles yesterday captured five rebels, including a Ugandan woman who was wife to a rebel commander.

Ugandan rebel leader still eligible for amnesty: Museveni.

(10/03/2009 – AFP – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/news.aspx?newsID=20213>

Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni said Monday the LRA rebel leader Joseph Kony could still be granted amnesty if he ends the warfare.

Ex-LRA Captives Speak of “Devil’s” Army.

(5/03/2009 – Institute for war and peace reporting)

http://www.iwpr.net/index.php?apc_state=hen&s=o&o=I=EN&p=acr&s=f&o=350687

Five South Sudanese abducted by the rebel Lord's Resistance Army, LRA, have returned home, revealing details of their harrowing experiences and dangerous escapes.

RD Congo : ces enfants tueurs au service de la LRA.

(5/03/2009 – Syfia Grands Lacs)

<http://www.syfia-grands-lacs.info/index.php5?view=articles&action=voir&idArticle=1320>

Testimonies on the LRA's use of child soldiers to commit horrible violations.

Congo-Kinshasa: Les attaques de la LRA et la situation humanitaire dans le Haut-Uélé.

(5/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903050219.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Province Orientale - La LRA sème encore la désolation à Dungu.

(5/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903050443.html>

Enraged reactions as the assaults of the LRA rebels in Orientale Province continue.

Ouganda: A propos des exactions de la LRA - La Société civile et les ONG exigent la protection des civils.

(9/03/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200903090265.html>

NGOs and civil society gathered in Arua to talk about the protection of the population and the atrocities committed by the LRA in Orientale Province.

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WFP stops feeding over 210,000 displaced persons in war-ravaged northern Uganda.

(9/03/2009 – Xinhua - Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/MYAI-7PZ8EH?OpenDocument&RSS20=18-P>

The UN World Food Program on Monday announced that it had stopped general food distributions for an estimated 214,000 IDPs in war-torn northern Uganda.

Other

Rwanda: Japan Set to Open Embassy in Kigali.

(4/03/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903040195.html>

The Japanese government will soon open an embassy in Rwanda, to facilitate the "good cooperation between the two countries", the Japanese Ambassador, Shigeo Iwatani confirmed yesterday.

Rwanda: Japan Signs Grant Contract With Two Local NGOs.

(5/03/2009 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903050051.html>

The Japanese embassy on Tuesday signed a grant agreement with two NGOs amounting to UD\$173,639 under the Grant Assistance to Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP). The two recipient organisations will share the grant to help implement projects relating to health, infrastructure and accessibility of educational opportunities.

Rwanda: Kagame Meets IMF, World Bank Officials.

(6/03/2009 – The New times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200903060155.html>

President Paul Kagame yesterday held talks with officials from the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund regarding how the two institutions can continue supporting development projects in the country.

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