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IPIS

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. Also the French version of the report is now online.

Rechercher la problématique des ressources naturelles dans la RDC.

(12/02/2009 – IPIS)

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

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

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

(6/01/2009 – IPIS)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(December 2008 – Oxfam - IPIS)

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

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

Fatal Transaction's second submission on EIB Statements.

(November 2008 – IPIS)

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

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

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

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

(June 2008 - IPIS)

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

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

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

(July 2008 – Fatal Transactions - IPIS)

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

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

L'Afrique révisé les contrats miniers.

(July 2008 – Le Monde Diplomatique – IPIS)

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

Article on the current contract revision projects throughout Africa.

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

Digging for Peace - Private Companies and Emerging Economies in Zones of Conflict.

(April 2009 - Bonn International Center for Conversion)

<http://www.bicc.de/index.php/publications/briefs/brief-38>

Publication on the BICC conference of the same name organised in November, including a contribution of IPIS researcher Jan Cappelle.

Africa: The Urgency of Harnessing Natural Resources to Fight Poverty.

(14/04/2009 – World Bank – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200904140767.html>

Afrique: Lutte contre la pauvreté par une exploitation rationnelle des ressources naturelles.

(14/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904140761.html>

Opinion article from Obiageli Ezekwesili, the World Bank's Vice President for Africa, on the prospects of Africa's natural resources as a remedy to fight poverty.

EITI Guide for Legislators: How to Support and Strengthen Resource Transparency.

(2009 – National Democratic Institute)

For consultation at request.

Legislatures have a critical role to play in the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI). This guide provides legislators with information about the EITI process and offers practical suggestions for them to encourage the government to participate and ensure that the EITI program is successful.

Global output of refined cobalt rose 4,1% last year.

(8/04/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/global-output-of-refined-cobalt-rose-41-last-year-2009-04-08>

Big increases from China helped push global production of refined cobalt up by 4,1% last year, despite declines in production levels from most other producers, according to figures from the Cobalt Development Institute (CDI).

DRC

Trading conflict for development: Utilising the trade in minerals from eastern DR Congo for development.

(April 2009 - Resource Consulting Service)

<http://www.crisisstates.com/download/others/Trading%20Conflict%20for%20Development.pdf>

This report suggests that trade militarisation is a symptom of conflict rather than its cause, and therefore asks policy makers to address the real causes of insecurity in Eastern DR Congo. These are identified as the ubiquitous governance weaknesses, and the inability of the Congolese state to maintain the monopoly of violence. The report suggests that, instead of trying to 'stop' or 'interrupt' the minerals trade, formalising a large percentage of it would contribute to achieving long-term security. This is because stopping or interrupting approaches are not only impossible to successfully implement in the context of Eastern DR Congo; they also have severe retarding effects on regional development.

'Conflict Minerals' ban could do more harm than good for DRC poor.

(8/04/2009 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page72068?oid=81602&sn=Detail>

Ban on 'conflict minerals' would hurt Congo's poor.

(8/04/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/ban-on-conflict-minerals-would-hurt-congos-poor-2009-04-08>

A proposed mineral tracing scheme would hit even clean mineral exports from the eastern DRC as mining is one of the few economic activities available in the region. A study funded by the British government, the London School of Economics and Belgium's Ghent University published this week found such a measure, although well-intentioned, would likely do more harm than good.

Congo wrapping up mining review.

(3/04/2009 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page504?oid=81364&sn=Detail>

The DRC is on the verge of finalizing mining contract agreements, including the massive Tenke-Fungurume project owned by Freeport-McMoRan and Lundin Mining, an official with the state-owned DRC miner said on Thursday.

The Mining Review in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: Missed Opportunities, Failed Expectations, Hopes for the Future.

(3/04/2009 – Carter Center)

http://cartercenter.com/news/pr/drc_040309.html?printerFriendly=true#

http://216.24.170.159/news/pr/drc_040309.html

Few benefits resulted for the people of the DRC from the government's two-year review of contracts with companies mining billions of dollars of gold, copper, cobalt, diamonds, and other minerals. From the limited documents that The Carter Center has been able to review, it appears that the government sought short-term benefits at the expense of long-term improvements.

Congo-Kinshasa: Rebond de cours du cuivre et regain d'activités minières dans le Katanga.

(9/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904090453.html>

Miners in Katanga are preparing to restart their activities as the price of copper on the world market is rising again after the crash of last year.

Congo's miners look to benefit as western investors turn to gold.

(14/04/2009 – Telegraph)

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/financetopics/financialcrisis/5146356/Congos-miners-look-to-benefit-as-western-investors-turn-to-gold.html>

The global economic crisis has created an unlikely windfall for hand-panning gold miners in the Democratic Republic of Congo, but has raised fears that the true benefits of the boom will once again pass them by.

Katanga : Creuseurs artisanaux et agents de Mck en colère à Kolwezi.

(13/04/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57560>

In Kolwezi, artisanal miners and 'négociants' protested to demand a total amount of 10 million dollars outstanding arrears from Gecamines.

Table ronde sur l'impact de la crise financière dans le secteur minier en RDC.

(7/04/2009 - South African Resource Watch)

<http://www.sarwatch.org/component/content/article/121-policy-dialogues/328-table-ronde-sur-limpact-de-la-crise-financiere-dans-le-secteur-minier-en-rdc.html>

Le Sarw en journée de réflexion sur l'impact de la crise financière en Rdc.

(10/04/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57509>

South African Resource Watch organised on Thursday a round-table conference in Kinshasa on the effects of the financial crisis for the DRC.

From rebel-held Congo to beer can.

(9/04/2009 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7991479.stm>

Les mines du Congo : entre rebelles et multinationales.

(9/04/2009 – BBC)

http://www.bbc.co.uk/french/highlights/story/2009/04/090409_drc_minesfdlr.shtml

BBC articles on mineral mining in the Congolese Kivu provinces, including some attention on the FDLR's involvement.

How illegal mining is fuelling DRC conflict.

(9/04/2009 – BBC)

http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/news/2009/04/090409_drc_mining_nh_sl.shtml

Illegal mining in DR Congo.

(9/04/2009 – BBC)

http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/africa/2009/04/090409_drc_mines.shtml

In the last decade, more than five million people have been killed in the conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The country's fabulous mineral resources, and the battle to control them, goes some way towards explaining why fighting has continued for so long there.

Of blood and gold in Congo.

(14/04/2009 – Aljazeera)

<http://english.aljazeera.net/focus/2009/04/20094145059518884.html>

In the mines of the Democratic Republic of Congo's northeast situated close to the Uganda border, thousands of miners are working in muddy pits, extracting sand, mud and rocks in the search for gold. But they are not getting rich and their work is risky.

Nouvelle loi des hydrocarbures.

(8/04/2009 - Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Congolese senator Fidèle Sulubika presented this bill that would replace the old law regulating the exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons. This new proposal more precisely defines tax regimes, which means there is less space for negotiating on tax cuts which in turn will heighten transparency.

Congo-Kinshasa: Caritas/Mbuji-Mayi appelle à la mobilisation contre l'exploitation sexuelle des filles des mines.

(10/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904100249.html>

Caritas taking action against sexual violence as it is concerned about the situation of girls at mining sites in East Kasai.

Enjeux du voyage de Nicolas Sarkozy en Afrique.

(25/03/2009 – Le Monde Diplomatique)

<http://www.monde-diplomatique.fr/carnet/2009-03-25-France-Afrique>

Article from Le Monde Diplomatique on French President Sarkozy's objectives of his visit to the DRC.

Comment la France a mis la main sur l'uranium congolais.

(5/04/2009 – Jeune Afrique)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Article on Sarkozy's charm offensive in the DRC, and the uranium deal he fixed for Areva. The article also includes some comments on some other interesting persons involved in the deal: among others Anne Lauvergeon and George Forrest.

UGANDA

Uganda: UAE to Explore Oil.

(13/04/2009 – New Vision - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200904140131.html>

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has promised to support oil mining in Uganda. The outgoing UAE ambassador to Uganda, Albasha Essa, made the promise last week at a farewell meeting with the Vice-President, Prof. Gilbert Bukenya.

Uganda: Emphasis on Local Oil Refining Capacity Premature.

(14/04/2009 – Ratio Magazine)

<http://www.ratio-magazine.com/20090414505/Uganda/Uganda-Emphasis-on-Local-Oil-Refining-Capacity-Premature.html>

Interview with Duncan Clarke, the Chairman and CEO of Global Pacific and Partners (GP&P), about Uganda's emerging hydrocarbon sector, the creation of local refining capacity, and prospects for the sector in East Africa.

RWANDA

Rwanda mineral revenue to drop by 40%.

(10/04/2009 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://www.newvision.co.ug/detail.php?newsCategoryId=220&newsId=677633>

Rwanda sees mining receipts falling 40% in 2009.

(9/04/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/rwanda-sees-mining-receipts-falling-40-in-2009-2009-04-09>

Rwanda's mining revenues may fall by 40% to around \$56m this year, down from a record \$94m in 2008, as demand contracts and prices drop on the world market.

Code pétrolier en préparation.

(8/04/2009 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Kigali is finalising a new code regulating the petroleum industry. The aim of the new code is to become more attractive to foreign investors.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

Ombre et lumière sur le lac Albert.

(8/04/2009 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Kinshasa announced it will work out a solution shortly concerning its dispute with Tullow Oil. It remains to be seen however whether a compromise will be found so easily.

DJ Anvil To Restart Copper Concentrate Output At Kinsevere Plant.

(14/04/2009 – MarketWatch)

http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/dj-anvil-restart-copper-concentrate/story.aspx?guid={186439FD-D1AC-4266-AE43-03482C5B72A5}&dist=msr_1

Anvil Mining Recommences HMS Production at Kinsevere - Announces 2009 Outlook and Current Cash Position.

(13/04/2009 – Canda NewsWire)

<http://www.newswire.ca/en/releases/archive/April2009/13/c9292.html>

Copper producer Anvil Mining Ltd. Tuesday said it will restart copper concentrate production from stockpiles at its Kinsevere operation in the DRC as copper prices recover.

Central African Mining Restarts Copper Operations at Luita.

(15/04/2009 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=aRDm6K0nMm1Q>

Central African Mining & Exploration Co. restarted copper operations at its Luita site in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The company made the announcement in a statement today.

Freeport sees 'substantial' progress at Tenke Fungurume project.

(9/04/2009 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/freeport-making-substantial-progress-at-tenke-fungurume-project-2009-04-09>

Progress at the Tenke Fungurume copper/cobalt project, in the Democratic Republic of Congo has been “substantial”, Freeport McMoRan Copper & Gold communications vice president Bill Collier said on Thursday.

EnerGulf Announces Financing to Raise Up to \$3.15 Million.

(14/04/2009 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Energulf-Resources-Inc-TSX-VENTURE-ENG-974009.html>

EnerGulf Resources Inc. is pleased to announce plans for a non-brokered private placement of up to 9 million units at a price of \$0.35 per unit, to raise gross proceeds of up to \$3,150,000. The proceeds will be applied to the upcoming seismic survey and work program on the Lotshi Block project located in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the anticipated work program for Block 1711, including the Kunene #1 well evaluation, and for general working capital.

De Beers halts diamond exploration in DRC.

(13/04/2009 – DIB Online)

<http://www.diamondintelligence.com/magazine/magazine.aspx?id=7825>

Diamond miner De Beers confirmed to IDEX Online that it has stopped diamond exploration activities in the Democratic Republic of Congo. This is another step in its efforts to curtail expenses at a time of low diamond demand.

UGANDA

Tower Resources secures rig deal for Uganda drilling.

(8/04/2009 – SmallCapNews)

http://www.smallcapnews.co.uk/article/Tower_Resources_secures_rig_deal_for_Uganda_drilli/7126.aspx

Oil and gas group Tower Resources is planning to start drilling its first commitment well in Uganda during May after agreeing a deal for a mobile drilling rig.

Heritage gets Shs60 billion to boost oil exploration.

(10/04/2009 – Daily Monitor)

http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/business/Heritage_gets_Sh60_billion_to_boost_oil_exploration_82919.shtml

Heritage Oil Limited, one of the four companies searching for oil deposits in Uganda, has received at least Shs60 billion to shore up its exploration and production activities in Uganda and Iraq.

Heritage Oil exits Oman.

(8/04/2009 – City A.M.)

<http://www.cityam.com/index.php?news=32823>

Rak Petroleum Pays \$28 Million for Heritage Oman Unit (Update1).

(8/04/2009 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=a0Bag1qDXz5E>

Heritage Oil, the oil exploration and production company, has sold its Eagle Energy (Oman) subsidiary. The company will reinvest the proceeds from the sale in its core activity areas of Uganda and Kurdistan.

China in the Great Lakes Region

Chinese involvement in African conflict zones.

(2/04/2009 – AfricaFiles)

<http://www.africafiles.org/article.asp?ID=20541>

As China expands its engagement throughout Africa, it increasingly finds itself involved in African conflict zones either by design or accident. This involvement takes essentially three forms: Chinese participation in UN peacekeeping operations; Chinese weapons, especially small arms, which make their way into conflict zones and kidnapping of Chinese nationals or attacks on Chinese facilities and nationals.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

Lubanga trial coverage: Psychologist describes child soldier trauma.

(14/04/2009 – Institute for war and peace reporting - AfricaFiles)

<http://www.africafiles.org/article.asp?ID=20615>

An expert clinical psychologist speaks at the Lubanga trial of the mental health of former child soldier-witnesses and their ability to recollect events in a consistent manner.

UN complains of Congo troop delay.

(8/04/2009 – BBC)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7989486.stm>

None of pledged new Congo peacekeepers arrived: UN.

(9/04/2009 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJQE53802V20090409?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews>

Selon Alan Doss, chef de la Monuc, aucun des 3.000 casques bleus promis n'est arrivé en Rdc.

(11/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57511>

Violence in Congo worsens as international reinforcements fail to show up.

(10/04/2009 – Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/apr/10/congo-uk-aid>

The UN force chief in the Democratic Republic of Congo has complained there is still no sign of 3,000 peacekeepers approved by the UN five months ago. Alan Doss told the BBC his force was overstretched and unable to respond effectively to outbreaks of violence. He said he needed the extra troops to deploy against a Rwandan Hutu militia and the Ugandan Lord's Resistance Army.

UN Congo envoy appeals to Council for choppers.

(10/04/2009 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJQE53901020090410?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews>

The top U.N. official in Congo complained to the Security Council on Thursday that a continued shortage of helicopters would hamper the ability of peacekeepers to protect civilians in the violence-torn nation.

Top UN official signals improvement, tough challenges in eastern DR Congo.

(9/04/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=30442&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo>

Alan Doss plaide pour un soutien continu en faveur de la Rd-Congo.

(13/04/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57559>

Although a nascent peace process has led to a “sea change” in the strife-torn eastern DRC, Alan Doss, a top United Nations official, cautioned that challenges – including rebel groups continuing to wreak havoc in the region – remain. Alan Doss told the Security Council that the “remarkable turnaround” came when the mainly Tutsi rebel militia CNDP and other armed groups declared an end to the violent conflict which had displaced some 250.000 people last year in the volatile North and South Kivu provinces.

UN Security Council press statement on the Democratic Republic of Congo.

(9/04/2009 – MONUC)

<http://monuc.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=932&ctl=Details&mid=1096&ItemID=3459>

Conseil de sécurité : Espoirs de paix encore fragiles dans les Kivus, selon le Représentant spécial du Secrétaire général pour la République démocratique du Congo.

(9/04/2009 – UN Security Council – Reliefweb)

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

Congo-Kinshasa: Après avoir entendu Alan Doss, Le Conseil de sécurité salue l'efficacité de la Monuc.

(13/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904130564.html>

After a briefing by Alan Doss, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General, on the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the following UN Security Council press statement on the Democratic Republic of the Congo was read out by Council President Claude Heller.

Twenty-seventh report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

(27/03/2009 – UN Security Council)

www.unhcr.org/refworld/docid/49e44f2a2.html

This report is submitted pursuant to Security Council resolution 1856 (2008), by which the Security Council extended the mandate of the MONUC until 31 December 2009. The report covers major developments in the DRC since the Secretary General's report of 21 November 2008 (S/2008/728), to 24 March 2009.

DR Congo: UN envoy to push for children's rights in peace process.

(13/04/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=30458&Cr=drc&Cr1=children> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=18911&Cr=enfants&Cr1=Coomaraswamy> (French)

The United Nations human rights envoy tasked with protecting the rights of children in armed conflict is set to arrive tomorrow in the DRC for talks to ensure greater protection for children amid the ongoing humanitarian crisis engulfing the country's east.

Droits de l'homme en RDC : l'Asadho accuse.

(9/04/2009 - Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22901>

An annual report of ASADHO (Association africaine des droits de l'homme) accuses the Congolese government of being co-responsible for human rights violations in the DRC.

Memorandum de la synergie des ONGs de la société civile de la RDCongo adressé à Monsieur le Ministre des Droits Humains.

(April 2009 – Synergy of Congolese NGOs)

For Consultation at request.

Memorandum from several NGOs from the Congolese civil society to the Minister of Human Rights.

Grands Lacs : L'ONU et l'UA s'activent pour la mise en œuvre des accords de paix.

(9/04/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=18894&Cr=Congo&Cr1=MONUC>

Congo-Kinshasa: Peace Pact Needs Continued Global Support – UN.

(9/04/2009 – UN News Centre - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200904090796.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Obasanjo, Mkapa Seek Implementation of Agreements.

(12/04/2009 – This Day - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200904120004.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Grands Lacs - Obasanjo et Mkapa dressent le bilan des accords entre le gouvernement et le CNDP.

(11/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904130707.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Le 15 mai à Nairobi - Réunion extraordinaire des chefs d'Etat des Grands Lacs.

(14/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904140870.html>

In a joint statement, Olusegun Obasanjo and Benjamin Mkapa, the UN and AU Special Envoys for the Great Lakes Region, praised the courage of signatories of last month's peace accord. That pact ended the fighting between Government forces (FARDC), the CNDP and other armed groups. Mr. Obasanjo and Mr. Mkapa "reminded the parties that rapid and faithful implementation is key to success, and urged them to fully implement the agreements, in accordance with their stated commitments and agreed timetable," the statement noted.

DR Congo: more than 30,000 flee new attacks by splintered rebel factions.

(7/04/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=30415&Cr=democratic+congo&Cr1=> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=18869&Cr=Congo&Cr1=HCR> (French)

Congo-Kinshasa: Le HCR déplore la situation humanitaire dans l'Est de la RDC.

(11/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904130703.html>

Even as some armed groups in the eastern DRC are being contained through peace pacts and military action, new fighting between other militias has driven more than 30.000 people from their homes, UNHCR said today. On 31 March, a group calling itself the Popular Front for Justice in the Congo (FPJC) attacked villages in the Ituri district between 50 and 80 kilometres south-east of Bunia, the administrative capital. A few days later, on 2 April, the self-styled Revolutionary Front for Peace in the Ituri (FPRI) launched a counter attack in the area, UNHCR said.

Congo-Kinshasa: Katanga - Le HCR prévoit d'aider 15.000 réfugiés à rentrer chez eux entre mai et décembre 2009.

(8/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904080438.html>

UNHCR is preparing to receive 15.000 returning refugees in Katanga from Zambia.

Congo-Kinshasa: Sud-Kivu - Les Maï-Maï et les Bayamulenge s'affrontent à Minembwe.

(8/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904080385.html>

Minembwe : poursuite des affrontements entre la 112è brigade non brassée et les Maï Maï.

(8/04/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22887>

Violent confrontations have occurred last week in Minembwe, South Kivu, between Banyamulenge and Mai Mai rebels.

Congo-Kinshasa: Après la panique créée par des hommes armés - Un calme relatif revient à Uvira.

(10/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904100252.html>

Uvira : tirs nourris entre FARDC et assaillants, 9 morts et un capturé.

(9/04/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22898>

Attaque à Uvira : 12 morts, plus de 200 détenus évadés, assaillants inconnus.

(9/04/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22900>

Une attaque des miliciens Mai-Mai à Uvira dans le Sud-Kivu repoussée par les Fardc.

(10/04/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57487>

Congo-Kinshasa: Après l'attaque d'Uvira, le gouverneur du Sud-Kivu renforce le dispositif de la sécurité.

(11/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904130704.html>

The Governor of South Kivu decided to take some new measures to improve the security situation in the province, after violent assaults on Uvira on Thursday.

Congo-Kinshasa: Répondant à la question orale des députés provinciaux-Julien Paluku : « Il existe encore des poches d'insécurité dans la province ».

(9/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904090447.html>

Governor Paluku answered some questions from the North Kivu provincial deputies concerning the security situation in the province.

Paix armée au Nord-Kivu.

(5/04/2009 - Jeune Afrique)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Article on the current security situation in North Kivu: according to the article a relative calm, armed peace.

Masisi : le recrutement d'enfants soldats force quatre écoles à fermer.

(9/04/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22897>

Four schools in Masisi and Walikale have closed their doors since two weeks as a some of their children were enrolled forcefully by a local rebel group.

Congo-Kinshasa: East As Bad As 2008 Says Oxfam.

(7/04/2009 – Oxfam International – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200904070852.html>

La situation dans la région Est de la RDC est aussi grave qu'en 2008.

(7/04/2009 – Oxfam – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/KHII-7QW4Y9?OpenDocument&RSS20=18-P>

Congo-Kinshasa: La situation humanitaire demeure encore préoccupante au Kivu selon Oxfam.

(8/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904080390.html>

The humanitarian crisis in DR Congo is as severe as it was in late 2008, international agency Oxfam said as it announced that it was significantly scaling up its emergency response to reach an additional 150,000 people displaced across swathes of North Kivu and South Kivu in eastern DR Congo.

DRC: Attacks against aid workers on the rise.

(10/04/2009 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=83885> (English)

(13/04/2009 – IRIN – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/VDUX-7R3JJP?OpenDocument&RSS20=18-P> (French)

Attacks against aid workers and their convoys have increased in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo since the start of the year, according to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

Congo-Kinshasa: Kindu - Installation d'une antenne provinciale du Programme Amani.

(13/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904140504.html>

The coordinator of the Amani programme, abbé Apollinaire Malumalu, visited Kindu, Maniema, on his tour to install provincial branches of the Amani programme.

Sud-Kivu : cultiver ensemble réconcilie militaires et civils.

(9/04/2009 – Syfia Grands Lacs)

<http://www.syfia-grands-lacs.info/index.php5?view=articles&action=voir&idArticle=1364>

In Luvungi, South Kivu, a project has been launched that would reconcile the military and civilians. Together they cultivate some fields, and as such confidence and a community feeling is built.

FDLR**RDC : La MONUC et l'armée congolaise renforcent leurs liens.**

(13/04/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=18906&Cr=RDC&Cr1=MONUC>

Congo-Kinshasa: Traque contre les FDLR - Un centre conjoint des opérations FARDC-Monuc installé à Goma.

(9/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904090450.html>

Congo-Kinshasa: Traque des FDLR - Les FARDC et la Monuc renforcent la campagne militaire.

(14/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904140871.html>

La Monuc et les Fardc décident d'en finir avec les Fdlr.

(9/04/2009 – Le Palmarès – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57489>

The MONUC and the FARDC announced they will increase cooperation to fight the FDLR rebels more effectively.

Congo-Kinshasa: Brutal Rapes by Rebels and Army.

(8/04/2009 – Human Rights Watch)

<http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2009/04/08/dr-congo-brutal-rapes-rebels-and-army>

Congo-Kinshasa: Rebels, State Army Accused of Rapes And Killing.

(9/04/2009 – Catholic Information Service for Africa - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200904090822.html>

RD Congo : Des viols brutaux sont commis par des rebelles et des soldats.

(8/04/2009 – Human Rights Watch – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/KHII-7QX745?OpenDocument&RSS20=18-P>

Congo-Kinshasa: HRW demande le renvoi des rangs FARDC les coupables de viols.

(10/04/2009 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904100275.html>

Rwandan rebel forces, Congolese government army soldiers, and their allies have raped at least 90 women and girls since late January 2009 in the volatile North and South Kivu provinces of eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, Human Rights Watch said.

RDC : les civils du Nord-Kivu livrés à la vengeance des FDLR.

(14/04/2009 – Afrik.com)

<http://www.afrik.com/article16604.html>

Pinga en RDC : classé zone rouge dans le jargon onusien.

(14/04/2009 – BBC)

http://www.bbc.co.uk/french/news/story/2009/04/090414_congopinga.shtml

About a month after the end of the joint Rwandan-Congolese military operation against the FDLR rebels, peace and stability remain far away in North Kivu as the rebels multiply violent acts of retaliation.

LRA**Les LRA pillent, violent, séquestrent et menacent de faire sauter le barrage de Nzoro.**

(13/04/2009 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/57561>

Haut Uélé : 70 personnes tuées par la LRA en mars.

(9/04/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22904>

The assaults and violent attacks on villages by LRA rebels continue to hamper north-eastern DRC. Since the beginning of March it drove away 22.000 people from their home villages.

Kisangani : plus de 400 otages de la LRA libérés grâce aux FARDC.

(11/04/2009 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=22923>

The FARDC managed to liberate yet more than 400 abductees from the LRA camps.

Uncertain Future for Former Rebel Wives.

(14/04/2009 – 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=351764

There are thousands of young girls that were abducted by the LRA during the region's 20-year war and handed over to rebel commanders as camp cooks and so-called child brides. Many escaped the LRA with young children, only to return home to face rejection by their former communities.

UNHCR supports restoration of law and order in northern Uganda.

(14/04/2009 – UNHCR)

<http://www.unhcr.org/news/NEWS/49e48c932.html>

Ringed by conflict, the village of Apieta was a no-go zone and if anyone needed help they had to travel almost 20 kilometres, usually by foot, to reach the nearest police station. But the situation has changed dramatically since the LRA and the government began sporadic peace talks in 2007. The return of peace has allowed some 800,000 people to leave special camps for the internally displaced in northern Uganda and return to their homes over the past two years. The police are also coming back to restore order among the returning population - and UNHCR is helping them serve the more remote areas.

UGANDA

Uganda: Former Warriors Resettle.

(7/04/2009 – New Vision - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200904080087.html>

The UPDF is opening up land in Moroto to resettle widows and former warriors and help them lead a sustainable life. The 3rd Division acting commander, Col. Paul Loketch, said the army would open up at least 1,000 acres of land for cultivation.

Uganda: Police, Army Recover Illegal Arms in West Nile.

(6/04/2009 – New Vision - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200904070176.html>

Security agencies in West Nile have launched an operation to recover illegal weapons in Nebbi district where armed robberies have been on the rise.

BURUNDI

Burundi: UN advocate for children welcomes rebels' release of child soldiers.

(9/04/2009 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=30444&Cr=burundi&Cr1=> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=18901&Cr=Burundi&Cr1=enfants> (French)

Burundi: Long-awaited demobilization of former FNL child combatants begins.

(9/04/2009 – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/EGUA-7QXR87?OpenDocument&RSS20=18-P>

The Secretary-General's Special Representative on children and armed conflict today welcomed the release of over 100 child soldiers by a key rebel group in Burundi, a move which will allow them the chance to rebuild their lives.

La démobilisation des combattants FNL se poursuit.

(1/04/2009 – BINUB)

http://binub.turretdev.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=735&Itemid=1

Although the demobilisation of the FNL should have been finished by now, the process still continues.

RWANDA

The power of horror in Rwanda.

(11/04/2009 – Human Rights Watch – AfricaFiles)

<http://www.africafiles.org/article.asp?ID=20605>

Here is a reflection on Rwanda by the director of Human Rights Watch. Fifteen years ago efforts at genocide killed about 800,000 Rwandans. Now that tragedy is providing the government with a cover for repression. The challenge is to build the foundation for more organic, lasting stability. "The best way to prevent another genocide is to insist that Kagame stop manipulating the last one."

Other

Congo-Kinshasa: Le Japon très engagé dans la reconstruction de la RD Congo.

(8/04/2009 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200904080841.html>

Japan is showing itself as an active player in the reconstruction and development process of the DRC.

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