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IPIS RECENT PUBLICATIONS

The complexity of resource governance in a context of state fragility: An analysis of the mining sector in the Kivu hinterlands.

(November 2010 – IPIS / International Alert)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/mining-hinterlands.php> (website)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/fck/file/20101202KIVUGL.pdf> (pdf)

The report 'Mining activity and mineral trade in the Kivu hinterland' was commissioned by the Directorate General for Development (DG DEV) of the European Commission and aims to fill an information gap by identifying the principal mining sites and analysing the trade networks of the 'Eastern hinterland' of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), located in Maniema, North Katanga and Orientale Province, and the transport networks from these territories to the regional hubs of Bukavu, Goma, Butembo and Bunia.

Mapping the labyrinth: more on the strange weapons flight of 4L-AWA.

(October 2010 – IPIS / TransArms)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/arms-trade.php> (website)

http://www.ipisresearch.be/att/20101203_4LAWA.pdf (pdf)

This research report is the third in a series about the case of a IL-76 aircraft used for an apparently clandestine arms flight in provenance from Pyongyang, which was impounded by Thai authorities during a technical stop in Bangkok December 12, 2009. The third updated report presents new information and documents that show other important actors in the chain of companies who managed the flight, shedding a new light on the information included in the previous reports.

Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

ITRI and ICGLR to co-operate on conflict mineral traceability in the Great Lakes Region.

(13/12/2010 – ITRI)

http://www.itri.co.uk/pooled/articles/BF_NEWSART/view.asp?Q=BF_NEWSART_321627

ITRI deal to help in tracing conflict minerals.

(13/12/2010 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/itri-deal-to-help-in-tracing-conflict-minerals-2010-12-13-1>

ITRI and the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) are pleased to announce signature of a co-operation agreement that aims to seek harmonisation between the ITRI Tin Supply Chain Initiative (iTSCi) Phase 2 mine-to-export traceability and due diligence scheme, and the ICGLR Regional Certification Mechanism.

Why ICGLR Must Fully Own Its Destiny.

(13/12/2010 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012131317.html>

Regional Leaders to Meet Over Natural Resources.

(14/12/2010 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012140647.html>

Great Lakes group to discuss illegal use of minerals.

(14/12/2010 – AFP)

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5i6WuonLEhoHtc7kYm1Kv2-yRMmAA?docId=CNG.9d86bd1b9e1dcce9c1b3a0448d6af28b.4f1>

A special summit of the Heads of State of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) is due in Zambia's capital, Lusaka, this week, with illegal mineral exploration top on the agenda.

Deputy UN chief arrives in Zambia for Great Lakes summit.

(13/12/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=37046&Cr=migiro&Cr1=>

Deputy Secretary-General Asha-Rose Migiro arrives in Lusaka, Zambia, today to attend a special summit to be held later this week on combating the illegal exploitation of natural resources in the Great Lakes region.

DRC

The Hill Belongs to Them: the need for international action on Congo's conflict minerals trade.

(14/12/2010 – Global Witness)

<http://www.globalwitness.org/library/hill-belongs-them-need-international-action-congos-conflict-minerals-trade>

Congolese army's role in 'conflict minerals' trade must be recognised, says Global Witness.

(14/12/2010 – Global Witness)

<http://www.globalwitness.org/library/congolese-army%E2%80%99s-role-%E2%80%98conflict-minerals%E2%80%99-trade-must-be-recognised-says-global-witness> (English)

<http://www.globalwitness.org/library/le-r%C3%B4le-de-l%E2%80%99arm%C3%A9e-congolaise-dans-le-commerce-des-%C2%AB-minerais-du-conflit-%C2%BB-doit-%C3%AAtre-reconnu> (French)

In eastern DRC, rebel groups and senior commanders of the national army are fighting over and illegally profiting from the country's minerals sector. These groups, responsible for mass rape and murder, enrich themselves through international trade. This report, based on recent findings of the UN Group of Experts and Global Witness's research over the past year, discusses this crisis. The report looks at the measures that are needed to end the "conflict minerals" trade – and to ensure that eastern Congo's mines help rather than hinder development.

Report Ranks Electronics Companies on Conflict Minerals.

(14/12/2010 – ENOUGH Project – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012141143.html>

U.S. co.s aim to stop conflict minerals through smelters-Enough Project.

(15/12/2010 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page72102?oid=116934&sn=Detail>

In response to growing consumer demand for mobile phones and laptops free of conflict minerals that fuel ongoing war in eastern Congo, the Enough Project has issued a new report, "Getting to Conflict Free: Assessing Corporate Action on Conflict Minerals," that ranks electronics companies on their progress toward responsible and conflict-free supply chains. Minerals that are essential to consumer electronics, such as tin, tantalum and tungsten, are fueling ongoing deadly violence in eastern Congo. The report's objective is to encourage companies at the top of the minerals supply chain to use their buying power to influence their suppliers to keep the supply chain free of conflict minerals.

US SEC to tackle conflict minerals in Congo.

(15/12/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOF6BE00320101215?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

U.S. regulators will take steps aimed at abolishing trade in "conflict minerals" that finance war in the DRC. A whole swath of companies could eventually be required to disclose whether they are sourcing their minerals from the war-torn region, under a plan to be considered by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on Wednesday.

20 morts dans la carrière minière de Kasongo.

(8/12/2010 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201012080558.html>

Twenty people died in a mine collapse in Kasongo, Maniema province.

Après l'interdiction d'exploitation minière artisanale à l'Est - Joseph Kabila suspend toute nouvelle attribution des carrés miniers.

(14/12/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201012140406.html>

President Kabila stated, in front of the parliament, he wants to clean up the Congolese mining sector. Awaiting the cleanup, he announced the suspension of the attribution of new mining concessions.

Transparence dans les industries extractives - La RDC scelle un partenariat avec la Banque mondiale.

(13/12/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201012131887.html>

The Congolese minister Matata Ponyo Mapon signed an agreement with the World Bank to reform the DRC's mining sector.

UGANDA

Army Evicts Pastoralists From Buliisa.

(12/12/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012131487.html>

Uganda evicts pastoralists from oil fields.

(14/12/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOF6BD0CP20101214?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

Ugandan Army Evicts Encroachers In Oil Region.

(13/09/2010 – The Wall Street Journal)

<http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20101213-704157.html>

The army and the Police has started evicting about 400 pastoralists from Buliisa. The operation was overseen by the national coordinator of intelligence services, Gen. David Tinyefuza. Tinyefuza told journalists that the evictions were carried out legally, following an order by the Court of Appeal. The ruling said the Balaalo (pastoralists) should be evicted from Bagungu land for occupying the land illegally. The eviction follows land-related ethnic conflicts, which have persisted in Buliisa since 2007 between the Balaalo and the indigenous Bagungu. The conflicts also came after Tullow Oil discovered vast oil deposits in Buliisa.

Tullow Sees Corruption in Oil State.

(13/10/2010 – WikiLeaks Cablegate – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012130506.html>

US diplomat believed Eni bribed Uganda ministers: US cable.

(10/12/2010 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE6B90HQ20101210>

Wikileaks Implicates Mbabazi, Hillary Onek in Shady Oil Deals.

(10/12/2010 – The Observer – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012101191.html>

Two Ministers Took Bribe On Oil Deal, Say Leaked Reports.

(11/12/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012130786.html>

Ugandan officials were likely bribed to support a bid by the Italian oil major ENI for control of half of the country's crude deposits, according to a diplomatic cable seen Friday.

I Have Never Been Bribed By Heritage or ENI – Mbabazi.

(11/12/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012130787.html>

This is the response Minister Amama Mbabazi sent to Saturday Monitor when contacted about the claims in the leaked documents. "That allegation is absolutely not true. I have never received even an offer let alone payment from Heritage or ENI of that kind or for anything."

Oil Firm Denies Bribing Ministers.

(11/12/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012130070.html>

Tullow Denies Reports in U.S. Secret Leaks.

(12/12/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012131220.html>

Tullow Oil vice-president for Africa has refuted allegations in one of the Wikileaks stories in which he is quoted accusing security minister Amama Mbabazi and energy minister Hillary Onek of graft. In a letter to President Yoweri Museveni on Friday, Tim O'Hanlon described the allegations as "doctored and absolutely false".

ENI to Sue Tullow Over Leaked Cable.

(12/12/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012131479.html>

Italian energy giant, Eni spa, has drawn battle lines against a UK-based oil firm, Tullow plc, over oil remarks which the later called "lies, libellous and detrimental." In a leaked US diplomatic cable last week, Tim O'Hanlon Tullow's vice president for Africa, alleged that the Italians bribed two cabinet ministers in the battle to own Ugandan huge oil and gas fields. O'Hanlon allegedly made the accusations at a December 14, 2009 meeting with the US Ambassador to Uganda Jerry Lanier.

RWANDA

Rwanda expects increased investment in mining.

(14/12/2010 – Mining Review)

<http://www.miningreview.com/node/18892>

he government of Rwanda expects increased investment in its mining and minerals industry, following the suspension of mining in the eastern parts of the neighboring Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). "We expect investors who had wanted to mine and trade minerals from the DRC to now do so in Rwanda because of the ban," said Rwanda minister for forestry and mining Christophe Bazivamo in an interview here.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

African Metals Corporation: Positive Test Pit and RAB Drilling Results From Kalande Project, Katanga Province, Democratic Republic of Congo.

(8/12/2010 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/African-Metals-Corporation-Positive-Test-Pit-RAB-Drilling-Results-From-Kalande-Project-TSX-VENTURE-AFR-1366263.htm>

African Metals Corporation is pleased to provide an exploration update on its on exploration activities at its Kalande project in the DRC.

Divine cherche des compensations.

(8/12/2010 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Divine Inspiration Group wants to be compensated by Kinshasa for the US\$ 4 million bonus it paid for bloc 1, but which was attributed to Caprikat and Foxwhelp afterwards.

Gorille ou pétrole, il faut choisir.

(8/12/2010 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Soco International and Dominionium Petroleum's exploration activities on bloc 5 in the Lake Albert basin might soon be halted, because it is largely located in the Virunga National Park.

UGANDA

L'ENI n'oublie pas le Graben.

(8/12/2010 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Article on the Italian oil company ENI's efforts to enter the oil fields at Ugandan site of Lake Albert.

China in the Great Lakes Region

Leaked US cable says China has 'no morals' in Africa.

(9/12/2010 – AFP – TerraDaily)

http://www.terradaily.com/reports/Leaked_US_cable_says_China_has_no_morals_in_Africa_999.html

The United States thinks China is a "pernicious economic competitor with no morals" whose booming investments in Africa are propping up unsavoury regimes, according to a leaked diplomatic cable. The frank assessment by the US assistant secretary of state for African affairs, Johnnie Carson, was among the latest revelations in thousands of documents released by whistleblower website WikiLeaks.

Cables Reveal Resentment at Chinese Influence in Africa.

(12/09/2010 – Der Spiegel)

<http://www.spiegel.de/international/world/0,1518,733870,00.html>

China has strengthened its economic and political ties in Africa in recent years in an effort to open up new markets and secure much-needed raw materials. The leaked US diplomatic cables reveal that Africans are growing increasingly resentful of China's aims and methods.

Chinese business in Africa breaking free of Beijing.

(12/12/2010 – AFP – TerraDialy)

http://www.terradaily.com/reports/Chinese_business_in_Africa_breaking_free_of_Beijing_999.html

Chinese businesses are enjoying increased autonomy and economic freedom to invest in Africa, analysts say, challenging diplomatic perceptions that Beijing is playing puppet master on the continent.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

Local, Congo Officials Meet Over Fishing Wrangles.

(12/12/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012130007.html>

A delegation from Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo have resolved to amicably settle conflicts between Congolese soldiers and Ugandan fishermen at Dei fishing site in Panyimur sub-county in Nebbi district.

Nation Hands Over Congo Soldiers.

(8/12/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012090084.html>

The commander of the UPDF 409 Brigade in Arua district, Lt. Col. Martin Ndyanabo, has handed over three Congolese soldiers to his counterparts in the DRC. They were captured during a joint UPDF and police mission to rescue 57 Ugandan fishermen and their fishing equipments that had been taken by the Congolese soldiers.

Govt-Uganda Officials Discuss Border Security.

(10/12/2010 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012100345.html>

Rwandan local leaders in Nyagatare District, on Wednesday, held a cross-border security meeting with a delegation of Ugandan officials from the western districts of Ntungamo and Kabale. The meeting mainly focused on security issues along the border and cross-border trade.

Spain offered to host Africom: WikiLeaks.

(8/12/2010 – TerraDaily)

http://www.terradaily.com/reports/Spain_offered_to_host_Africom_WikiLeaks_999.html

The Spanish government offered to host the US military command for Africa (Africom) in southern Spain, according to diplomatic cables released by WikiLeaks.

DRC

BURUNDI: Officials downplay FNL rebel activity in eastern Congo.

(8/12/2010 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=91322>

Amid growing complaints that post-war democratic gains are being reversed in Burundi, officials in the central African state have downplayed reports that a former rebel group has begun remobilizing in neighbouring DRC. Reacting to a report by a UN Group of Experts on the DRC that quotes "multiple credible sources" on the remobilization of the FNL in eastern Congo, Burundi's government spokesman and army spokesman both said there was no evidence the FNL was preparing for war.

Butembo: les miliciens Mai Mai Pareco font la loi à Bakununu, selon la société civile.

(8/12/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/12/08/butembo-les-miliciens-mai-mai-pareco-font-la-loi-a-bakununu-selon-la-societe-civile/>

The Bukununu civil society complain about the harassments committed by the Mai Mai Pareco, in Lubero territory.

Haut-Uele: la présence des Mbororo inquiète les habitants de Dungu et de Niangara.

(13/12/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/12/13/haut-uele-la-presence-des-mbororo-inquiete-les-habitants-de-dungu-et-de-niangara/>

The civil society of Dungu and Niangara territories, in Haut Uélé province, are concerned about the raids of Mbororo cattle rustlers.

Sanctions On Congo Rebels Still Needed.

(12/08/2010 – VOA News)

<http://www.voanews.com/policy/editorials/Sanctions-On-Congo-Rebels--111556074.html>

Given the ongoing turmoil in the DRC, the UN Security Council recently renewed the targeted sanctions and arms embargo, an action that the United States wholeheartedly supports. This action can play an important role in bringing stability to the DRC by stigmatizing and isolating those who lead armed rebel groups or commit atrocities.

Experts Declare UN Mapping Report Illegitimate And Flawed.

(10/12/2010 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012100202.html>

The highly controversial UN Mapping Report which accuses Rwandan troops of committing genocide against Hutu refugees in the DRC, was at the heart of critical scholarly analysis at a high-level conference, yesterday, with renowned local and international academics, researchers and diplomats, all branding it 'illegitimate and fundamentally flawed'.

Rapport de l'Onu - Kigali cherche à banaliser le génocide congolais.

(7/12/2010 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201012091041.html>

Article stating Kigali is trying to banalize the war crimes and human rights violations committed in the DRC between 1993 and 2003.

Kisangani: 60 officiers FARDC formés au respect des droits de l'homme.

(12/12/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/12/12/kisangani-60-officiers-fardc-formes-au-respect-des-droits-de-l%E2%80%99homme/>

Sixty officers of the FARDC ninth military region participated in a human rights training. According to General Jean-Claude Kifwa, the training is part of the FARDC reform.

L'ex-mouvement rebelle CNDP rejoint la majorité présidentielle.

(13/12/2010 – Radio France Internationale – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201012130289.html>

Le CNDP grossit les rangs de l'AMP.

(14/12/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201012140404.html>

Rapprochement Kabila-CNDP - Et N'kunda dans tout ça?

(13/12/2010 – L'Observateur – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201012140270.html>

The former rebel movement CNDP has decided to join the presidential majority.

La Monusco en conférence sur son rôle dans le processus électoral en RDC.

(9/12/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201012090706.html>

The MONUSCO gathered in Kinshasa to talk about the role it can take in the DRC's electoral process.

Le Haut Commissaire Assistant pour les opérations visite la RDC.

(7/12/2010 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201012091068.html>

UNHCR has reconfirmed its engagement in the DRC to offer assistance and protection to IDPs and refugees.

La situation humanitaire en Ituri et dans le Haut-Uele s'améliore, selon Ocha.

(13/12/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/12/13/la-situation-humanitaire-en-ituri-et-dans-le-haut-uele-s%E2%80%99ameliore-selon-ocha/>

The humanitarian situation in Ituri and Haut-Uélé has improved a little bit, resulting in a decreased number of IDPs.

RD Congo : Bulletin d'Information Humanitaire - Province Orientale, 07/12/2010.

(7/12/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/MCOI-8BXJVG?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

OCHA report on the humanitarian situation and humanitarian assistance in Province Orientale.

LRA

Aid groups fear central Africa LRA 'Christmas massacre'.

(14/12/2010 – BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-11987543>

Nineteen Agencies Call for Action to Prevent Another LRA Christmas Massacre.

(14/12/2010 – Oxfam International – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012140255.html>

CENTRAL AFRICA: Agencies call for international action against LRA.

(15/12/2010 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=91376>

Aid groups have called for efforts to prevent mass killings by one of Africa's most feared rebel militias over the Christmas period. The aid agencies say a concerted effort is needed to stop the LRA from committing what have become known as "Christmas massacres". LRA fighters killed hundreds of people in the DRC and Sudan in December 2008 and 2009.

LRA Still Active in the DRC.

(14/12/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012150050.html>

*A new report has revealed that the Lords Resistance Army (LRA) is still an active force in central Africa. According to a recent report, the LRA have killed over 1,000 people in nearly 200 separate attacks in two remote districts of the DRC. The report, *Ghosts of Christmas Past*, states that 19 human rights agencies agree that the weeks before Christmas are particularly tense for communities living in areas frequented by the LRA.*

DR Congo: UN warns of possible holiday-season attacks by Ugandan rebels.

(14/12/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=37068&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo>

The UN peacekeeping mission in the DRC voiced concern today at the possibility of renewed attacks on civilians by the brutal Ugandan rebel Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) over the upcoming holiday season. The mission, known as MONUSCO, has already deployed troops as a preventive measure in Orientale Province ahead of the end-of-year holiday season, which has in the past seen increased attacks by the LRA, including a Christmas Day massacre of nearly 500 people in 2008.

SUDAN: Arm militia to contain LRA in Western Equatoria, say leaders.

(10/12/2010 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=91342>

Southern Sudan should arm the local Arrow Boys militia to protect civilians in Western Equatoria State (WES) against possible attacks by remnant Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) fighters during January's referendum on secession, say local leaders.

UGANDA

Uganda opposition may stir violence in vote: US cable.

(9/12/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJ0E6B80I720101209?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

Uganda's opposition has privately threatened to turn February elections violent and it may now be too late for President Yoweri Museveni to stop it, according to a leaked U.S. diplomatic cable.

Karamoja Disarmament - We Must Avoid Violence.

(9/12/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012090135.html>

The disarmament exercise in Karamoja has achieved relative peace and security despite the manner in which it has been conducted. The process has been largely militarised. The civilian authority plays minimal influence over the activities of the army. This undermines the rule of law and fundamental justice.

Warriors Shoot Soldier Dead.

(9/12/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012100059.html>

A UPDF soldier and a Karimojong warrior were shot dead on Monday when a group suspected to be Matheniko and Turkana warriors clashed in Nakapelimoru village in Kotido district. The incident happened at 4:00am, with fighting spreading to Kotein general grazing area near the Uganda-Kenya border.

Government Arming Militias, Say MPs.

(10/12/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012100100.html>

Opposition MPs from Acholi sub-region yesterday said the government is arming people in northern Uganda, creating tension among the civilians who are already traumatised by two decades of civil strife.

Army to Sue IPC for Statements on Militia Training.

(9/12/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012100073.html>

The UPDF has given the Inter-Party Cooperation (IPC) two days to retract statements that the army was training a militia to disrupt next year's elections. The army said failure to do so; it would drag the IPC to court. The IPC, whose presidential candidate is Dr. Kizza Besigye, includes FDC, CP, JEEMA and SDP.

RWANDA

Rwandan opposition leader's Dutch houses searched.

(14/12/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJ0E6BD00E20101214?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

Dutch prosecutors have confiscated material from a Rwandan opposition leader in two Dutch houses after a request from the African country where she is suspected of terrorism, the prosecutors said on Monday. Opposition leader Victoire Ingabire was charged in October with helping to form the Coalition of Democratic Forces, a militant group based in the Democratic Republic of Congo. She was also charged with threatening national security and public order.

High Court Hears Ingabire's Appeal.

(14/12/2010 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012140372.html>

Victoire Ingabire Umuhoya, the embattled leader of the yet-to-be-registered political party, FDU-Inkingi, yesterday, appealed, in the High Court, the decision by Gasabo Intermediate Court to extend her provisional detention by 30 more days.

Exiled Officers Form Political Party.

(14/12/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012140056.html>

Exiled Rwandan military officers Gen. Kayumba Nyamwasa and Col. Patrick Karegeya have formed a political party, the Rwanda National Congress (RNC), Daily Monitor has learnt.

BURUNDI

Burundi outlook good ‘in many regards’ as it turns to economic development – UN.

(9/12/2010 – UN NewsCentre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=37005&Cr=burundi&Cr1=> (English)

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Burundi’s Transformation to Stability Still Fragile, Reversible, despite Progress, Secretary-General’s Executive Representative Tells Security Council.

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While the outlook is good “in many regards” as Burundi turns to building a sustainable economy after elections that met the requirements of all observers, social, political and institutional challenges remain, the head of the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission’s country-specific segment warned today.

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The race for the presidency kicks off.

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Although President Kabila said that the election campaign will not begin until mid-2011, one can consider that the unofficial race kicked off today with the arrival of veteran opposition leader Etienne Tshisekedi. He had been in "medical exile" for three years in Belgium.

Vital Kamerhe quitte le PPRD et crée l'UNC, parti d'opposition.

(14/12/2010 – Radio Okapi)

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Vital Kamerhe, former president of the Congolese national assembly, quits Kabila's PPRD party and created the UNC opposition party.

Democratic Republic of the Congo: Enhanced Initiative for Heavily Indebted Poor Countries - Completion Point Document and Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative Paper.

(14/12/2010 – IMF)

<http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/cat/longres.cfm?sk=24500.0>

This paper was prepared by staff of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank in connection with Executive Board's consideration of the Democratic Republic of the Congo's completion point under the enhanced Initiative for Heavily Indebted Poor Countries and debt relief under the Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative.

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Mining Concessions in the DR Congo.

(October 2010 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/mine-concessions-drc.php>

IPIS has produced an interactive web map of all mining concessions in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The data on this map are official and public data from the Cadastre Minier (CaMi) of the DR Congo, showing the situation as it was on 27 July 2010.

Deadly Movements. Transportation Controls in the Arms Trade Treaty.

(July 2010 – Amnesty International, IPIS, Transarms)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/arms-trade.php>

Effective regulation of the global trade in conventional arms must include adequate provisions to control the physical movement of arms across international borders. The proposed Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) should be designed to prevent unauthorised or irresponsible international transfers of weapons, munitions and related equipment internationally: it must therefore require states to impose effective controls and reporting requirements on the transport and transporters of arms, including through Free Trade Zones. Without such requirements, the ATT will fail to address a significant gap in international arms transfer controls, and will deprive states of a key tool to prevent arms transfers where it can be foreseen the arms are likely to be used to violate human rights and destroy lives and livelihoods contrary to international law.

Les devoirs de la République centrafricaine dans le contexte des activités des entreprises.

(July 2010 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/ong-rca.php>

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(July 2007 – IPIS)

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Une analyse de la législation environnementale et de la législation minière de la République Centrafricaine dans le contexte des activités des entreprises.

(June 2010 – IPIS)

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Amélioration de la pratique de l'Etude d'Impact Environnemental.

(June 2010 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/ong-rca.php>

Four reports on IPIS' project concerning capacity building of NGOs in the Central African Republic working on the management of uranium. The reports analyse the CAR's mining and environmental legislation, and the country's obligations in the field of environmental management and the regulation of enterprises' activities.

Jaarverslag 2009.

(06/05/2010 – IPIS)

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

IPIS has published its activity report 2009. The activity report is a comprehensive report of IPIS' activities in 2009. Its assignments, publications and lectures are presented in this document. The English version follows later on.

Mapping Conflict Motives: Province Orientale (DRC)

(March 2010 – IPIS)

http://www.ipisresearch.be/mapping_orientale.php?&lang=en

Cartographie des motivations derrières les conflits: 'Province Orientale' (RDC).

(June 2010 – IPIS)

http://www.ipisresearch.be/mapping_orientale.php

It is the fourth study in the IPIS mapping series and deals with the presence, behaviour and motivation of the armed groups that have been active in the Orientale province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in 2009.

With the publication of this fourth mapping report, IPIS links two areas it has studied and mapped in the past: the Kivu provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Central African Republic. IPIS is trying to complete the jigsaw puzzle of a conflict-ridden region. The following report constitutes a new piece fitting into this puzzle. As the work advances, ever more linkages will appear and facilitate regional analysis.

From deceit to discovery: The strange flight of 4L-AWA (text and documents).

(December 2009 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/arms-trade.php>

On Saturday 12 December 2009 Thai authorities seized an aircraft at Bangkok's Don Mueang airport. The Ilyushin-76 had stopped on the 11th December for refuelling while en-route from Pyongyang to Tehran, and was carrying 35 tonnes of arms and ammunition. While the media rushed to make unproven claims about the plane and alleged former owners of the aircraft, little attention was paid to the web of companies, the flight plan, and final destination.

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