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IPIS UPCOMING EVENTS

17 September – IPIS lecture 'Between hammer and anvil: the predicament of artisanal miners in Katanga', at 'Great Lakes Conference: people and power in transition' organised by IOB – 14h, University of Antwerp, Rodestraat 14 2000 Antwerp.

Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

Rich states should pay for Africa mineral advice: panel.

(13/09/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJJOE68C00Q20100913?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRIC A+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

Rich countries should pay for African governments to get advice on negotiating the best deals for exploiting their natural resources, a panel set up by former British Prime Minister Tony Blair said on Monday.

DRC

DR Congo bans mining in eastern provinces.

(11/09/2010 – BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-11269360> (English)

http://www.bbc.co.uk/french/news/story/2010/09/100911_drc_mining.shtml (French)

Update: Congo Bans Mining in the Volatile East.

(11/09/2010 – Global Witness)

http://www.globalwitness.org/media_library_detail.php/1044/en/update_congo_bans_mining_in_the_volatile_east

DRC bans mining in three eastern provinces.

(12/09/2010 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page72068?oid=111111&sn=Detail>

Kabilia Suspends Mining in Eastern DRC.

(10/09/2010 – Radio France Internationale - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009110002.html>

Congo bans mining in rebellious eastern provinces.

(13/09/2010 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/congo-bans-mining-in-rebellious-eastern-provinces-2010-09-13>

Le président congolais Kabila suspend l'exploitation minière dans les provinces du Kivu et de Maniema.

(11/09/2010 – Radio France Internationale - allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009131192.html>

Minerais de sang - La nouvelle guerre de l'Est!

(13/09/2010 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009131634.html>

Congo extends mining ban to 3 other volatile areas.

(13/09/2010 – AP)

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5i7vseY2mYrQ5Qry9qa4_28fulD7gD9l6GQ900

Nord-Kivu - Joseph Kabila suspend l'exploitation des minerais à Walikale.

(11/09/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009131006.html>

Walikale: Joseph Kabila suspend l'exploitation minière.

(10/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/10/walikale-joseph-kabila-suspend-lexploitation-miniere/>

Congo mining ban: a first step towards ending 'conflict mineral' trade?

(13/09/2010 – Global Witness)

http://www.globalwitness.org/media_library_detail.php/1045/en/congo_mining_ban_a_first_step_towards_ending_conflict_mineral_trade

Exploitation des minerais à l'Est - Joseph Kabila doit sanctionner les coupables.

(14/09/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009140897.html>

The DRC has banned mining in three eastern provinces, according to media reports. The move is aimed at cleaning up the sector in the provinces of North Kivu, South Kivu and Maniema, where mines and transport routes have been controlled by a variety of armed groups for many years.

DR Congo mining ban announced by President Kabila: impact on iTSCi project.

(13/09/2010 - ITRI)

http://www.itri.co.uk/pooled/articles/BF_NEWSART/view.asp?Q=BF_NEWSART_320731

ITRI will support the actions of the DRC Government, and therefore, once the requirements are clear, will suspend the iTSCi tagging project at the pilot mine sites until such a time that exploitation can be officially resumed.

Malaysia Smelting Backs Congo Government Ban on Tin-Ore Exports From East.

(13/09/2010 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-09-13/malaysia-smelting-backs-congo-government-ban-on-tin-ore-exports-from-east.html>

Malaysia Smelting Corp., the biggest buyer of tin ore from the Democratic Republic of Congo, will support a government ban on exports of the mineral from parts of the country, said ITRI Ltd., a tin industry group.

The mineral export ban: What gives?

(13/09/2010 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosiassa.blogspot.com/2010/09/mineral-export-ban-what-gives.html>

Analysis on the motives and the possible consequences of President Kabila's decision to suspend mineral exports from the eastern Congo.

DRC's conflict mineral clampdown will be hard to enforce – analysts.

(14/09/2010 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page72068?oid=111192&sn=Detail&pid=92730>

Analysts say the DRC will find it hard to enforce a new ban on mining in its eastern provinces because government troops are involved in the trade themselves. The move is likely to increase smuggling rather than help clean up an industry accused of fuelling conflict, analysts say.

Coverage of iTSCi tracking programme in DR Congo may be expanded.

(8/09/2010 – ITRI)

http://www.itri.co.uk/pooled/articles/BF_NEWSART/view.asp?Q=BF_NEWSART_320693

ITRI and the Tantalum-Niobium International Study Center (T.I.C.) have announced the commencement of a feasibility study to determine the practicality of extending the iTSCi Pilot Programme to Katanga province, DRC. The current pilot scheme, aimed at tracking "conflict minerals" and providing verifiable provenance information from individual mine sites in eastern DRC, began in June in South Kivu province and is expected to commence in North Kivu shortly.

Congo dispute could hurt Africa investment.

(8/09/2010 – TerraDaily)

http://www.terradaily.com/reports/Congo_dispute_could_hurt_Africa_investment_999.html

"Large mining companies have eyed Congo's mineral wealth for years but have refrained from investing until pioneers such as First Quantum proved that their licenses were secure," the Financial Times commented. "First Quantum now seems to have been systematically stripped of all its assets in the country, even as it disputes these alleged 'expropriations' through an international court in Paris."

Revisitation des contrats miniers - Echec et mât.

(14/09/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009140731.html>

The dispute over First Quantum's concessions is discrediting the conclusions of the Congolese revisitation commission.

Le Kasai Occidental réclame à la MIBA le paiement d'une taxe minière de 192.323 USD.

(9/09/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009090481.html>

The province of West Kasai demands 192.323US\$ from MIBA, it concerns a taxation on its mining concession for the year 2009.

Martin Kabwelulu dévoile le plan d'urgence de la Miba.

(9/09/2010 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009090517.html>

Article on the prospects of MIBA's relaunch.

UGANDA

Museveni Warns Oil Companies.

(12/09/2010 – New Vision - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009130403.html>

The Government will not tolerate foreign oil companies evading taxes, President Yoweri Museveni has warned. In his first public criticism of the multinational oil companies operating in the Albertine Graben, Museveni emphasised that the companies had no option but to pay all taxes due to the Government.

Joint Venture on Oil is a Brilliant Idea.

(8/09/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009090141.html>

Uganda and Kenya have agreed a joint partnership to build an oil refinery and a pipeline to exploit the oil in the Albertine basin. In a meeting with a delegation of Kenyan government officials and managers of the Mombasa oil refinery, President Yoweri Museveni appealed to the East African regional countries to support the project.

RWANDA

ITRI and Rwandan Government to co-operate on iTSCi conflict mineral traceability scheme.

(10/09/2010 – ITRI)

http://www.itri.co.uk/pooled/articles/BF_NEWSART/view.asp?Q=BF_NEWSART_320726

ITRI and the Rwandan Geology and Mines Authority (OGMR) are pleased to announce plans to co-operate in order to implement the ITRI Tin Supply Chain Initiative (iTSCi) Phase 2 mine-to-export traceability scheme for cassiterite and other minerals produced in Rwanda. This follows the iTSCi Phase 1 document collection requirement on-going since July 2009, and the piloting of the Phase 2 process at Kalimbi in eastern DRC over the last few months.

Rwanda to help buyers avoid conflict minerals.

(14/09/2010 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page72068?oid=111190&sn=Detail&pid=92730>

Rwanda plans scheme to avoid conflict minerals.

(13/09/2010 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/rwanda-plans-scheme-to-avoid-conflict-minerals-2010-09-13>

Rwanda plans to introduce a scheme to help buyers certify the origin and supply chain of tin and other ores to ensure they were not from conflict zones, a mining official said on Monday. Rwanda said it would cooperate with ITRI, a global tin authority, in a scheme that it hopes will mitigate the impact of the United States' "conflict minerals" bill, which some in the industry called a de facto embargo.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

Banro's gold mine development not halted by DRC mining ban.

(13/09/2010 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page66?oid=111138&sn=Detail>

Canada's Banro Exempt From Congo Government Mines Suspension, Company Says.

(14/09/2010 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-09-14/canada-s-banro-exempt-from-congo-government-mines-suspension-company-says.html>

According to Banro, which is developing the Twangiza gold mine in South Kivu province, the company has been told that the stated ban on mining in the Kivu provinces and Maniema does not apply to its operations.

ENRC rejects First Quantum accusations on disputed DRC copper project.

(9/09/2010 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page72068?oid=111017&sn=Detail>

ENRC defends DRC acquisition, hits back at First Quantum.

(9/09/2010 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/enrc-defends-drc-acquisition-slams-first-quantum-2010-09-09>

ENRC statement on Camrose Resources.

(14/09/2010 – SteelGuru)

http://www.steelguru.com/stainless_steel_news/ENRC_statement_on_Camrose_Resources/165290.html

The Kazakh miner said it would vigorously defend any legal action brought against it by First Quantum who said, Monday, it would seek billions in compensation for the loss of a mining licence in the DRC.

ENRC steps up defence of Congo deal.

(10/09/2010 – Financial Times)

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/72cd5d04-bc25-11df-8c02-00144feab49a.html?ftcamp=rss>

ENRC lashed out at First Quantum Minerals, the Canadian miner, implicitly threatening legal action if First Quantum continues to “try and discredit ENRC and interfere with ENRC’s rights to develop the ... Kolwezi tailings project,” according to an ENRC statement.

FQM et Sodimico font des victimes à Sakania.

(8/09/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009080309.html>

La situation demeure tendue à Sakania au Katanga.

(9/09/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009090480.html>

Sakania - Insécurité maximale - Les installations de Frontier pillées.

(8/09/2010 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009080436.html>

Accrochages entre les agents de Frontier Sprl et les gardes miniers de Sodimico - Sakania, la tension reste vive!

(9/09/2010 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009090828.html>

Gérer les passions.

(8/09/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009080310.html>

Articles on the consequences in the field of the replacement of FQM’s branches, Frontier and Comisa, by Sodimico, tensions and violence arose in Sakania.

UGANDA

Government Withdraws Tullow's Oil Licence.

(10/09/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009100103.html>

"As you are aware, the third and last exploration period under the Production Sharing Agreement between government and your companies for exploration Area 3A of the Albertine Graben has expired and therefore the area has reverted back to government," reads the letter addressed to the General Managers of Tullow Uganda Pty Ltd and Heritage Oil and Gas Ltd.

UK Distances Self From Oil Tax Row.

(13/09/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009140082.html>

The UK has distanced itself from the oil tax dispute between British oil companies and Uganda, choosing to stay silent on the issue. Uganda is demanding over \$404m, emanating from the sale of its huge oil assets by British firm, Heritage Oil. Heritage sold the oil fields to the UK oil explorer, Tullow Oil, at \$1.5b without the Government's consent.

Tower Resources Provides Operations Update.

(10/09/2010 – OilVoice)

http://www.oilvoice.com/n/Tower_Resources_Provides_Operations_Update/dd52c8900.aspx

Tower Resources plc, the AIM listed oil and gas exploration company with interests in sub-Saharan Africa, principally in Uganda and Namibia, provides an update on its current operations in Namibia and Uganda.

Italian Job - How Eni Could Take Country's Oil Fields.

(13/09/2010 – The East African – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009131179.html>

Italian oil firm, Eni, is back in contention in the hunt for oil in Uganda. This follows the expiration of the exploration license to the prized block 3a last week.

West Nile Oil Search on Track.

(14/09/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009150055.html>

The hunt for oil and gas in the West Nile is progressing well, Neptune Petroleum Uganda, the firm that is conducting the exploration, has said. The firm also revealed last week it would soon release results of the recent aero-gravity gradiometry survey that sought to gather more definitive information on the earth basement. The study, completed in June, was commissioned to specifically identify structures with more prospective oil reservoir properties.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

UN seeks to ease Rwanda tensions over leaked report.

(9/09/2010 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2010-09-09-un-seeks-to-ease-rwanda-tensions-over-leaked-report>

UN chief in Rwanda amid row over war-crimes report.

(8/09/2010 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2010-09-08-un-chief-in-rwanda-amid-row-over-warcrimes-report>

Ban urges Rwanda not to pull out Sudan peacekeepers.

(8/09/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE6870EN20100908?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

Secretary-General concludes visit to Rwanda to discuss human rights report.

(8/09/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=35868&Cr=&Cr1=> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=22924&Cr=Rwanda&Cr1=> (French)

Ban's discussions with Rwandan leader on UN rights report to continue.

(9/09/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=35879&Cr=rwanda&Cr1=> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=22933&Cr=Rwanda&Cr1=> (French)

Ban Ki-Moon Meets Kagame Over Leaked Genocide Report.

(9/09/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009090953.html>

Ban Ki-Moon Meets Kagame Over Report.

(9/09/2010 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009090276.html>

Visite surprise de Ban Ki-moon, secrétaire général de l'ONU.

(8/09/2010 – Radio France Internationale – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009080201.html>

Rwanda : les Nations unies lancent une opération «séduction».

(9/09/2010 – Afrik.com)

<http://www.afrik.com/article20740.html>

United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon urged Rwanda on Wednesday not to end its peacekeeping operations in Sudan as he sought to defuse rising tensions over a leaked UN report. Ban said the report, which in its draft form said Rwandan soldiers may have committed genocide in the DRC in the 1990s, would be released after UN members and interested parties had an opportunity to respond.

Hutu Rebels Warn UN Over Kigali 'Tactics'.

(14/09/2010 – Radio France Internationale – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009141170.html>

Rwandan Hutu rebels urged the UN not to succumb to Kigali's threat to withdraw troops from Sudan if the world body publishes a report accusing the country's troops of crimes. The FDLR rebels asked the UN "not to surrender to the manoeuvres, tactics of intimidation and other forms of blackmail that Kigali began to practice... by threatening to withdraw its troops from the UN peacekeeping missions."

Congo examines mass graves to find proof of revenge genocide on Hutus.

(12/09/2010 – The Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/sep/12/congo-forensic-scientists-hutu-genocide>

DRC examines graves to find proof of revenge genocide.

(12/09/2010 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2010-09-12-drc-examines-graves-to-find-proof-of-revenge-genocide>

Forensic science experts examining mass graves in the Democratic Republic of the Congo could provide further evidence of a Tutsi-led retaliatory genocide of Hutu civilians in the mid-1990s.

UN Report Links Uganda to War Crimes in Congo.

(13/09/2010 – The East African – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009131182.html>

A United Nations draft report documenting alleged Rwandan atrocities in the Democratic Republic of Congo also implicates Ugandan forces in civilian massacres and rapes, as well as in the training of child soldiers.

La ministre rwandaise des Affaires étrangères en visite à Kinshasa.

(14/09/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009140923.html>

The Rwandan minister of foreign affairs is visiting Kinshasa.

DRC

Sud-Kivu - de nouveaux affrontements entre FARDC et Mai-Mai font des victimes à Fizi.

(13/09/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009130902.html>

Fizi: nouveaux affrontements entre FARDC et Mai-Mai, 5 morts.

(11/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/11/fizi-nouveaux-affrontements-entre-fardc-et-mai-mai-5-morts/>

Four rebels and 1 soldier got killed during armed fighting between Mai Mai rebels and the FARDC in Kananda, about ten kilometres from Fizi.

Walungu: la population réclame la levée des barrières illégales.

(12/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/12/walungu-la-population-reclame-la-levee-des-barrieres-illegales/>

The Walungu civil society demands the provincial parliamentary commission for defence and security to take care of the elimination of illegal roadblocks erected by FARDC soldiers, and an effective fight against the FDLR rebellion.

Sud-Kivu: point sur les attaques, la semaine dernière, des FDLR et des Mai-Mai.

(13/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/13/sud-kivu-point-sur-les-attaques-la-semaine-derniere-des-fdlr-et-des-mai-mai/>

All of South Kivu's territories had to endure FDLR and Mai Mai attacks last week.

Nord-Kivu - La situation sécuritaire demeure volatile.

(8/09/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009080317.html>

The security situation in North Kivu remains extremely volatile.

Nord-Kivu - La 2ème phase de l'opération Ruwenzori contre l'ADF/NALU en marche.

(9/09/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009090477.html>

Beni: poursuite des affrontements entre FARDC et ADF/Nalu, 29 rebelles tués.

(9/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/09/beni-poursuite-des-affrontements-entre-fardc-et-adfnalu-29-rebelles-tues/>

Last week, the FARDC has launched the second phase of the Ruwenzori military operations against the ADF/Nalu rebels.

Dongo: la vie reprend son cours normal.

(8/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/08/dongo-la-vie-reprend-son-cours-normal/>

According to the local civil society's president, ordinary life is reviving in Dongo sector as displaced civilians are returning home after they fled the Enyele rebellion last year.

What did Kagame and Kabila talk about?

(10/09/2010 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosiasa.blogspot.com/2010/09/what-did-kagame-and-kabila-talk-about.html>

There have been some persistent rumors in the region about a possible new deployment of Rwandan army soldiers into the Congo. Our ears, therefore, perked up when we found out that Joseph Kabila met with Paul Kagame several times (one source says up to four times) during the three days that Kabila spent in Kigali to attend Kagame's inauguration. What were they talking about?

Bosco suspended; CNDP to be relocated?

(13/09/2010 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosiasa.blogspot.com/2010/09/bosco-suspended-cndp-to-be-relocated.html>

Presidents Kagame and Kabila among other things discussed the fate of General Bosco Ntaganda during their meetings. They decided to suspend him as the deputy commander of Amani Leo operations and informed him last week about their decision. They also recommended for the two wings of CNDP (pro-Bosco and pro-Nkunda) to reconcile their difference. The two wings then apparently met in Goma and suggested that Bosco seek asylum as there was little they could do for him.

Nord-Kivu: Joseph Kabila s'engage à sécuriser le territoire de Masisi.

(13/09/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009130900.html>

Masisi: Joseph Kabila promet le rétablissement de la sécurité.

(11/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/11/masisi-joseph-kabila-promet-le-retablissement-de-la-securite/>

President Joseph Kabila promised the local population to fight against insecurity in Masisi territory, North Kivu.

Rétablissement de la paix : Kabila confie une mission spéciale aux FARDC.

(10/09/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009100382.html>

Sécurité et développement.

(13/09/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009131608.html>

FARDC General Didier Etumba declared President Kabila has instructed the FARDC to make every effort to reinstall peace in North Kivu.

Congolese army launches operation in mining territory.

(14/09/2010 – AFP)

http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iTjPlw3_6E_4Fc8X1nJvbSt74uJA

Est RDC : début d'opérations militaires anti-rebelles dans une zone minière.

(14/09/2010 – AFP – Africa1.com)

<http://www.africa1.com/spip.php?article3581>

The army in Democratic Army of Congo plans to launch a campaign in the territory of Walikale in the east, where several armed groups illegally exploit mines, military officials said Tuesday.

UN reports over 500 rapes in eastern DRC.

(8/09/2010 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2010-09-08-un-reports-over-500-rapes-in-eastern-drc>

L'ONU impuissante devant les viols en RDC.

(8/09/2010 – Afrik.com)

<http://www.afrik.com/article20737.html>

UN troops 'failed' to halt Congo rapes.

(8/09/2010 – Financial Times)

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/2a78bb78-bb2d-11df-b3f4-00144feab49a.html?ftcamp=rss>

UN peacekeepers 'failed' DR Congo rape victims.

(8/09/2010 – BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-11238357>

UN report on rapes released - why is MONUSCO so bad at protecting civilians?

(8/09/2010 – Congo Siasa)

<http://congosiasa.blogspot.com/2010/09/un-report-on-rapes-released-why-is.html>

Conseil de sécurité: Atul Khare présente son rapport sur les viols en RDC.

(8/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/08/conseil-de-securite-atul-khare-presente-son-rapport-sur-les-viols-en-rdc/>

The United Nations reported on Tuesday that more than 500 systematic rapes were committed by armed combatants in eastern DRC since late July -- more than double the number previously reported -- and accepted partial responsibility for not protecting citizens.

Viols en RDC: partage de responsabilités.

(8/09/2010 – BBC)

http://www.bbc.co.uk/french/news/story/2010/09/100908_rdc_viol_.shtml

Congolese governmental spokesperson Lambert Mende stated the Congolese government is satisfied the MONUSCO recognizes it bears responsibility for the failure to protect civilians.

U.N. Weighs Sanctions Against Perpetrators of DRC Mass Rapes.

(8/09/2010 – IPS – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009080784.html>

The U.N. Security Council is considering leveraging sanctions against the perpetrators of the mass rapes that occurred last month in the eastern DRC following a meeting held on the recent violence Tuesday.

L'échec des casques bleus au Kivu!

(9/09/2010 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009090611.html>

Article on reactions, within the UN, on the mass rapes that occurred last month in North Kivu.

MONUSCO to carry on with Operation "Shop Window" in North Kivu.

(9/09/2010 – MONUSCO)

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UN mission in DR Congo prolongs special patrols to deter attacks against civilians.

(8/09/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=35869&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo> (English)

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Sécurisation de Pinga, Kibua et Walikale - La Monusco lance l'opération « Shop Window ».

(9/09/2010 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009090825.html>

The United Nations peacekeeping force in the DRC today said it was extending by another week an operation designed to enhance the protection of civilians in the eastern areas of the country where members of illegal armed groups raped some 240 people recently. The UN mission, known as MONUSCO, last week launched the operation known as Shop Window, intended as a show of force and to boost protection of residents of the villages of Pinga, Kibua and Walikale in North Kivu province, where the mass rapes took place. The operation has been extended until 15 September.

D.R. CONGO: 100,000 weapons destroyed.

(13/09/2010 – Mines Advisory Group - Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/MUMA-89B9UE?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P>

A ceremony to mark the destruction of the 100,000th weapon by MAG in partnership with the Congolese Ministries of Interior, Defence and Foreign Affairs has been held in Kinshasa.

Eringeti : situation humanitaire préoccupante pour les déplacés pygmées, selon PIDP-Sud Kivu.

(9/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/09/eringeti-situation-humanitaire-preoccupante-pour-les-deplaces-pygmees-selon-pidp-sud-kivu/>

Butembo: SOS pour les déplacés pygmées d'Erengeti.

(9/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/09/butembo-sos-pour-les-deplaces-pygmees-d%E2%80%99erengeti/>

Article on the harsh living conditions of 470 displaced pygmy families in Eringeti, North Kivu.

Uvira: la tripartite RDC-Tanzanie-HCR d'accord pour le retour des réfugiés congolais.

(9/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/09/uvira-la-tripartite-rdc-tanzanie-hcr-d%E2%80%99accord-pour-le-retour-des-refugies-congolais/>

A tripartite DRC-Rwanda-UNHCR has been organised to talk about the return of Congolese refugees in Tanzania.

Briefing humanitaire en RDC du 06 au 10 Septembre 2010.

(10/09/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/MCOI-89ADP4?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P>

OCHA reports on the humanitarian situation and humanitarian assistance in the eastern Congolese provinces.

FDLR

FDLR Defectors Speak Out.

(8/09/2010 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009080419.html>

Former combatants, who defected from the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda (FDLR), have accused their top leaders of spreading false information aimed at tarnishing Rwanda's image in their quest to gain support.

Punia: les FARDC mettent en déroute les FDLR au camp Mugunga.

(9/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/09/punia-les-fardc-mettent-en-deroute-les-fdlr-au-camp-mugunga/>

The FARDC has launched a counterattack against the FDLR rebels, after they looted a mining site near Kasese, Punia territory.

Walikale: des villages fantômes après attaques des Maï-Maï et FDLR.

(11/09/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/09/11/walikale-des-villages-fantomes-apres-attaques-des-mai-mai-et-fdlr/>

Article on the everyday attacks and pillaging committed by the Maï Maï/FDLR coalition on villages on the three large axes connecting Walikale with Bukavu, Goma and Kisangani.

LRA

UK Stuck With Rebel Negotiator.

(9/09/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009090951.html>

The UK government is stuck with a former top Lord's Resistance Army rebel negotiator after the High Court there blocked his planned deportation to Uganda for alleged involvement in terrorist activity. The State Minister for International Affairs, Mr Okello Oryem, said Mr Willy Oryem, who has been in detention since his arrest upon landing at Heathrow Airport on August 28, has never been "classified as a terrorist".

Dungu - Les bases opérationnelles de la LRA démantelées.

(9/09/2010 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009090823.html>

The MONUSCO spokesperson Madnodje Mounoubai confirmed that although the LRA has not disappeared from Province Orientale, its capacity has diminished considerably.

LRA Wants Peace Talks Resumed.

(13/09/2010 – New Vision - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009140341.html>

The residual LRA rebels' delegation to the stalled Juba peace talks has written to the secretary general of the UN, Ban Ki-Moon, appealing for the resumption of negotiations with the Government.

RWANDA

Kagame's former allies warn of Rwanda violence.

(9/09/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE6880FG20100909?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

A group of exiled Rwandans has warned that the central African nation could descend into conflict unless Tutsi President Paul Kagame shares more power with the majority ethnic Hutu.

Over 700 Illegal Firearms Recovered.

(10/09/2010 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201009100184.html>

763 illicit firearms have been recovered from several parts of the country between February and September this year, according to a police report.

BURUNDI

Une nouvelle rébellion refait surface.

(12/09/2010 – Radio France Internationale – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201009131558.html>

As new acts of violence were committed by unidentified armed men, it is rumoured that a new rebellion movement has been found.

Other

Burundi attracts \$150 mln in investments, May-Aug.

(10/09/2010 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE6890B720100910?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

Burundi saw private investment of \$150 million from May to August this year, with the bulk of funds going into the central African nation's nascent tourism sector, its new investment body said on Friday.

IPIS latest publications

IPIS LATEST REPORTS

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>

Les devoirs internationaux de la République centrafricaine relatifs à la conservation des milieux d'importance et des espèces sauvages.

(July 2007 – IPIS)

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

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)

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

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 derrière 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.

Activity Report 2008.

(9/11/2009 – IPIS)

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

Jaarverslag 2008.

(13/10/2009 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/news.php?id=252>

IPIS has published its activity report 2008. The activity report is a comprehensive report of IPIS' activities in 2008. Its assignments, publications and lectures are presented in this document.

Note accompagnatrice de la carte interactive des zones minières militarisées aux Kivus.

(13/10/2009 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/mining-sites-kivus.php>

The French version of the accompanying note on the interactive map of militarised mining areas in the Kivus has been published. It is an explanatory guide to the research methodology used to produce the interactive map of militarised mining areas in the Kivus (MiMiKi) map, the Concessions map and the 'Comptoirs 2008' table that are available at the site.

Exceptions in dual-use export licenses.

(September 2009 – Steunpunt Buitenlands Beleid / IPIS)

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

This paper begins with a general explanation of the applicable export policies in the United States and provides in chapter two an overview of the restrictions and conditions in applying a License Exception. Chapter three focuses on the License Exceptions that are similar with the CGEAs in the EC's Proposal.

Africa's natural resources in a global context.

(12/08/2009 – IPIS)

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

While, on the one hand, it is widely acknowledged that Africa has great natural resource potential, on the other hand, one cannot but regret that the complex interplay between political and economic factors at the national and international level appears to make it impossible to use a more substantial part of the revenues from the exploitation and trade of these resources for the promotion of the well-being of people at the grassroots level. This paper, which concentrates on non-renewable natural resources, aims to disentangle some of the processes that explain the paradox between Africa's natural wealth and its relatively limited level of economic development. It shows that the state of affairs in the resource sectors of most African countries is still to a large extent determined by external factors. Extractive industries in Africa tend to be export-oriented and contribute disappointingly little to local development.

Militarised Mining Areas in the Kivus.

(10/08/2009 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/mining-sites-kivus.php>

IPIS has published an interactive map of militarised mining areas in the Kivus (MiMiKi). Together with the map comes an explanatory guide to the research methodology and the possible uses of the map, including some striking findings.

The MiMiKi map constitutes a first systematic attempt to clarify the issue of profit by armed groups from the extractive industry in the east of the DR Congo. The interactive map contains information on the location of mines, the presence of armed groups at mining pits and a number of other variables. Although most recent analyses written on the issue point out that the region's relative mineral wealth is not the primary cause of the armed conflict in the Kivus, its role in financing armed groups is indisputable. Because of this situation, Western companies buying ores originating from the Great Lakes region, have been targeted by international NGOs who are asking them to implement a thorough system of due diligence. In the light of the loudening call for a stricter regulation of the sector, the listing of mining sites in the Kivus is essential.

The MiMiKi map only shows a part of the mining sector, namely the extraction of the minerals. In order to find out whether Western companies are buying Congolese minerals from which armed groups might benefit, the whole trading chain needs to be established. Therefore, in addition to the MiMiKi map, IPIS has appended a specific table containing information on the activities of the official comptoirs (mineral traders) in 2008.

It has to be noted that the MiMiKi map is not yet complete and should be considered as a work in progress. To date, more than 200 active mining sites are located on the map, including the most important. There are a few remaining blind spots (areas on which IPIS has no first hand information) on the map.

IPIS LATEST ARTICLES

Illicit brokering of SALW in Europe: lacunae in Eastern European arms control and verification regimes.

(September 2009 – IPIS)

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

The article argues that no arms control agreement which does not recognize the need to licence and control the activities of arms brokers can ever hope to be effective. Therefore the vital interest of the EU Code of Conduct for the purposes of this article is that it is extended to cover arms brokering activities by the EU Common Position on arms brokering of June 2003.

Stabilisation et secteur minier dans l'Est de la RDC.

(August 2009 – IPIS)

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

In the beginning of July the Congolese government established a plan for the stabilisation of eastern DRC. The media remained silent concerning this initiative and the plan has not been made public. IPIS, however, managed to obtain this Congolese stabilisation plan. The objective of this article is to look at the essential points of the plan that could be useful as part of the Congolese and international efforts to dissolve the crisis in the eastern part of the country.

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