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## IPIS

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### IPIS LATEST REPORTS

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

(25/06/2008 – IPIS)

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

*This report is the second in a series of updates following an initial report on conflict motives in the Congolese province of Katanga. It analyses the most important security developments from December 2007 until May 2008.*

#### **Heeft Congo iets aan zijn mijnen?**

(June 2008 – MO\*magazine – IPIS)

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

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

#### **Activity Report 2007**

(IPIS)

#### **Jaarverslag 2007**

(IPIS)

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

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

(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.*

#### **Democratic Republic of the Congo, mining contracts - state of affairs. The Congo wants to raise the profits of its mining sector.**

(04/04/2008 – IPIS)

#### **Congo, contract miniers - état des affaires. Le Congo veut accroître ses rentrées du secteur minier.**

(04/04/2008 – IPIS)

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

*In March the Congolese government published the final report of the Interministerial Commission for the Revisitation of Mining Contracts. This article discusses the findings of the report.*

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## Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

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### **Africa: 'Africa's Resource Curse' As Oil- Rich Continent Languishes in Poverty.**

(14/07/2008 – The New Times - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200807141102.html>

*The phenomenon in Africa, where natural resource abundance, is associated with poor development out-comes in the communities and countries of concern has been termed, 'Africa's resource curse.'*

### **Can Transparency in Extractive Industries Break the Resource Curse?**

(14/07/2008 – Resource Investor)

<http://www.resourceinvestor.com/pebble.asp?relid=44337&phrase=congo>

*The world's oil addiction is not solely our affliction. Our oil cravings fund and perpetuate undemocratic regimes in many energy-exporting countries. In many such petro-states, governance is inadequate. Policymakers in these countries rarely use energy revenues to alleviate poverty, diversify their economies, and enhance access to opportunity.*

### **High gold price swells ranks of illegal miners.**

(14/07/2008 – Reuters – Mining Weekly)

[http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a\\_id=137931](http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=137931)

*Poor men and women in Ghana, ex-militia fighters in steamy eastern Congo and farmers in Peru are among those joining the ranks of illegal miners and risking their lives as they seek to profit from soaring gold prices.*

## DRC

### **Reforme des entreprises : un coup d'œil sur l'Etat de la SNCC.**

(9/07/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=19436>

### **Kinshasa : entreprises publiques, Joseph Kabila promulgue quatre lois.**

(9/07/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=19420>

### **La réforme des entreprises publiques appelée de tous les vœux a de quoi inquiéter!.**

(10/07/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/52408>

*Four laws were voted concerning the reform of public companies. The aim is to disengage the state from some enterprises, to support national economy.*

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Kinshasa et Lubumbashi se disputent le siège d'une unité spécialisée de la DGE.**

(14/07/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200807141324.html>

*Dispute between Lubumbashi and Kinshasa concerning the tax incomes from mining enterprises.*

**Kinshasa: contrats miniers, les évêques catholiques demandent au gouvernement de renégocier.**

(12/07/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=19486>

*A conference of Congolese bishops recommends the government to renegotiate the mining contracts.*

**Democratic Republic of the Congo: The Carter Center Expresses New Concerns In Response to Announced Mining Contract Renegotiations.**

(14/07/2008 – Carter Center)

[http://www.cartercenter.org/news/pr/Congo\\_071408.html](http://www.cartercenter.org/news/pr/Congo_071408.html)

**Congo Urged to Improve Integrity of Mine-Contract Negotiations.**

(14/07/2008 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=ahsmfpDNf4UU>

**Human rights group 'deeply concerned' about DRC mine contract negotiations.**

(14/07/2008 – Mining Weekly)

[http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a\\_id=138010](http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=138010)

*The Carter Center is deeply concerned by the recent announcement that the Democratic Republic of the Congo will begin renegotiating critical mining contracts in mid-July without policy or procedures to guide this process or indication of whether requisite expertise will be secured.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Revoici la revisitation!**

(14/07/2008 – Le Potentiel - allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200807141365.html>

*Although it has been a while since the revisitation commission judged most of the mining contracts unfair, the Congolese people still have to wait for some meaningful adjustments to these contracts.*

**DRC copper and cobalt get UAE boost.**

(11/07/2008 – Mining Weekly)

[http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a\\_id=136468](http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=136468)

*United Arab Emirates sheikdom Ras Al Khaimah, also known as RAK Minerals & Metals Investments has formed a special-purpose vehicle, that will operate in DRC, after announcing that it will invest \$250-million in the DRC.*

**FDLR Hutu Rebels Control Cassiterite Market.**

(9/07/2008 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

For consultation at IPIS library, or at request.

*Hutu rebels from the FDLR now control a significant share of the mining receipts in North Kivu by means of a system of taxes and other payments. That is the conclusion of a report dated June 20 from the Non-Governmental Organisation Pole Institute.*

**Miba : au moins un creuseur clandestin meurt par jour au polygone.**

(13/07/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=19502>

*UCDAK, a Congolese NGO defending the rights of artisanal miners, stated that at least one clandestine miner dies every day.*

**Assemblée nationale : le ministre Mende a été interpellé samedi.**

(13/07/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=19497>

**Congo-Kinshasa: C'est fini, la tête de Mende sauvée!**

(14/07/2008 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200807141447.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Mende va être audité.**

(14/07/2008 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200807141565.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Cas Mende - le gouvernement face à ses responsabilités.**

(14/07/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200807140008.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Le ciel n'est pas tombé!**

(14/07/2008 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200807141459.html>

*The Minister of Hydrocarbon appeared, again, in front of the National Parliament, where he answered some questions concerning oil exploitation. Prime Minister Gizenga did oblige Mende to adhere to transparency.*

**The conversion of logging titles in DR Congo: the same old story of local community exclusion.**

(July 2008 – Greenpeace International Briefing Paper)

<http://www.greenpeace.org/belgium/fr/afrique/reports/titres-forestiers>

*On 24 October 2005, the President of the DRC, under heavy pressure of the World Bank, issued a decree that reconfirmed the legal validity of the moratorium on the allocation of new industrial logging titles that had been instituted in 2002. The decree also initiated the process of converting existing logging titles into new forestry concessions, in line with the 2002 Forest Code. The subsequent conversion process has been characterized by numerous flaws and imbalances. In both the design and the implementation of the conversion, the interests of industrial loggers and local communities have not been on an equal footing. In fact, the concerns of communities have been left aside in all dimensions and in all phases of the process.*

**FDLR Rebels Cutting Down Virunga Forests for Charcoal.**

(15/07/2008 – Rwanda News Agency - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200807150338.html>

*As conservationists in the Virunga park struggle to protect the forests that is home to the much prized Gorillas, Rwandan rebels in DR Congo - FDLR - also want the charcoal from cutting down the trees, as a recent encounter revealed.*

**Paris veut aider la RDC à mettre en place un observatoire de la forêt.**

(15/07/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/52476>

*France and Congo are working together on a durable management of the Congolese forests.*

## UGANDA

**Uganda: Museveni's Oil Masterplan.**

(15/07/2008 – East African Business Week – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200807151126.html>

*Revenues from Uganda's oil and gas reserves will be spent only on projects that improve the productive capacity of the country, President Museveni told a seminar in Kampala last week.*

**Uganda: Exclusion From Oil Meet Angers Latigo.**

(10/07/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 11/07/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200807110186.html>

*The Leader of the Opposition in Parliament has attacked the Government for not involving them in the planning of the management of the oil revenue.*

**Uganda: Minister Gives Advice On Oil Revenue.**

(10/07/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 11/07/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200807110176.html>

*Ugandans should not abandon agriculture because of the expected revenues from oil, investment state minister, Ssemakua Kiwanuka, has advised. He said the economy cannot thrive without a well planned agricultural sector, which provides enough food at lower prices.*

**Citizens to sue Uganda govt over oil contracts.**

(12/07/2008 – Daily Monitor)

[http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/news/Citizens\\_to\\_sue\\_Uganda\\_govt\\_over\\_oil\\_contracts\\_68087.shtml](http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/news/Citizens_to_sue_Uganda_govt_over_oil_contracts_68087.shtml)

*The government of Uganda has been sued for refusing to release details of the agreements it signed with various multi-national corporations that are currently engaged in oil exploration and exploitation in the Albertine basin of western Uganda.*

**Uganda: Oil Refinery to Save Sh650 Billion On Imports.**

(13/07/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 14/07/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200807140923.html>

*Uganda will save more than \$400m annually on imports when oil production starts next year.*

**Uganda: Oil - Watchdog Warns on Graft.**

(10/07/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 11/07/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200807110038.html>

*Be transparent in managing revenues from oil to minimise the conflicts common in oil-producing countries, the Ugandan Government has been told.*

**Bujagali Dam Seriously Flawed, Say African Bank Inspectors.**

(9/07/2008 – International Rivers – Pambazuka)

<http://internationalrivers.org/node/3138>

*The Bujagali Dam, now under construction on the Nile River in Uganda, racked up at least 22 violations of key African Development Bank policies, according to a new report by the Bank's internal investigative panel.*

**BURUNDI****Burundi tantalite project not viable – IGE.**

(11/07/2008 – Mining Weekly)

[http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a\\_id=137906](http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=137906)

*International Gold Exploration has halted work on its Kabarore Colombo tantalite project, in Burundi, after an evaluation study indicated that the project was not economically viable, the firm said.*

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## International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

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### **Tullow Oil Forecasts 'Substantially' Higher Profit (Update3).**

(9/07/2008 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=aNOFn8tAMDeM>

*Tullow Oil Plc, the U.K. explorer with the most licenses in Africa, expects "substantially" higher profit in the first half of this year because of asset sales and gains from oil and gas hedging.*

### **AXcess News: The Hunt for Oil.**

(15/07/2008 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Axcess-News-879021.html>

*Vangold Resources announced that it was launching an airborne survey covering the Kivu Graben basin in Rwanda. Due to the geopolitical turmoil in the Middle East, many oil and gas exploration companies are moving to explore in new regions of the world with Africa a strong likelihood of further foreign oil and gas development.*

## DRC

### **Anvil to raise C\$296m in private placement.**

(10/07/2008 – Mining Weekly)

[http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a\\_id=137804](http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=137804)

*Shares in copper-miner Anvil Mining surged 22,06% after the company said that it had agreed to sell shares to Catala Global, a company owned by a trust for the benefit of Israeli diamond trader Dan Gertler's family.*

### **Gertler Family Buys Quarter of Anvil Mining.**

(10/07/2008 – Resource Investor)

<http://www.resourceinvestor.com/pebble.asp?relid=44265&phrase=congo>

*A company controlled by Israeli diamond mogul Dan Gertler is taking a 25 per cent stake in Anvil Mining Ltd., a Montreal-based copper and silver producer.*

### **Congo-Kinshasa: Tullow et Heritage - Liaisons dangereuses? Absolutement PAS!**

(9/07/2008 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200807090128.html>

*This article focuses on the alleged links between Tullow Oil and Heritage.*

### **Oliebedrijf Perenco geeft geld voor luchthaven Muanda.**

(11/07/2008 – Congoforum)

<http://www.congoforum.be/ndl/nieuwsdetail.asp?subitem=1&newsid=145868&Actualiteit=selected>

*Oil company Perenco invests 2 million dollars in the airport of Muanda.*

### **Diamond exploration company gets go-ahead for DRC projects.**

(11/07/2008 – Mining Weekly)

[http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a\\_id=136498](http://www.miningweekly.com/article.php?a_id=136498)

*Africa-focused diamond exploration company BRC DiamondCore signed a letter of intent with diversified miner Rio Tinto Mining & Exploration in June, whereby Rio Tinto can earn a 60% interest in the company's five diamond exploration projects in the northern DRC.*

**International Barytex Resources Ltd.: Shituru Project Contract Review.**

(11/07/2008 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/International-Barytex-Resources-Ltd-TSX-VENTURE-IBX-878235.html>

*The company advises that in regard to the contract review process the Congo is undertaking, East China Capital Holdings Ltd, a subsidiary controlled by the company, has received a proposal from Gecamines to revise the Gecamines-ECCH agreement in regard to the Shituru copper deposit located near Likasi, Katanga province, DRC.*

**RWANDA****Rwanda: Canadian Oil Company Set to Begin Airborne Survey Soon.**

(14/07/2008 – The New Times; published by allAfrica – 15/07/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200807150264.html>

**Vangold Announces Airborne Survey Over Rwanda Oil Concession.**

(9/07/2008 – OilVoice)

[http://www.oilvoice.com/n/Vangold\\_Announces\\_Airborne\\_Survey\\_Over\\_Rwanda\\_Oil\\_Concession/37691a71.aspx](http://www.oilvoice.com/n/Vangold_Announces_Airborne_Survey_Over_Rwanda_Oil_Concession/37691a71.aspx)

*Vangold Resources Ltd, the Canadian oil, gas and mineral corporation exploring for oil in the Western Province, announced last week that an airborne survey was in the pipeline.*

**BURUNDI****International Gold Abandons Burundi Tantalite Mining Project.**

(11/07/2008 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=aWs0phAYfWgo>

*International Gold Exploration AB, a Stockholm-based gold mining company, said it will abandon a tantalite mining project in Burundi after a study showed it wouldn't be economically viable.*

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**China in the Great Lakes Region**

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**Chinese Contracts Lead IMF to Reconsider Aid.**

(9/07/2008 – Africa Mining Intelligence)

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*The recent signature of mining contracts involving loans by Chinese interests is changing Western lenders' policy in Congo-K.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: La RDC entre la Banque mondiale-FMI et le financement chinois.**

(15/07/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200807150428.html>

*The World Bank, IMF and other traditional lenders warn DRC for the heavy burden of repayment of the Chinese investments.*

**China's \$9bn Drive to Buy Africa's Mineral Wealth.**

(14/07/2008 – China Digital Times)

<http://chinadigitaltimes.net/2008/07/chinas-9bn-drive-to-buy-africas-mineral-wealth/>

*Several news cuttings on Chinese investments in DRC.*

**Africa: Export to China Rises to \$22 Billion, Says Report.**

(13/07/2008 – This Day; published by allAfrica – 14/07/2008)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200807140914.html>

*Sub-Saharan Africa's natural resource export to China increased from US\$3 billion in 2001 to about US\$22 billion in 2006, says a World Bank report.*

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## Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

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**Africa: Russia Behind China And Brazil in Building Relations.**

(12/07/2008 – IPS – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200807120051.html>

*The Soviet-era connections between Russia and some African states have collapsed into low levels of economic engagement between the former partners, with the arms trade remaining the exception.*

**Gambia: NAMs Step Up for Ecowas Arms Convention Ratification.**

(14/07/2008 – The Daily Observer – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200807141268.html>

*Members of the National Assembly who participated in a two-day seminar on the Ecowas Convention on Small Arms and Light Weapons, have braced up to push for the ratification of the sub-regional document by The Gambia, by the end of December, this year.*

**Nigeria: Country Not Against U.S. Africa Command – Azazi.**

(14/07/2008 – Daily Trust – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200807141121.html>

*The Chief of Defence Staff, General Owoye Azazi, said that Nigeria is not against the establishment of the United States Africa Command.*

### DRC

**Efforts to bring peace to Eastern DR Congo must be hastened – UN Report.**

(9/07/2008 – UN News)

<http://daccess-ods.un.org/access.nsf/Get?OpenAgent&DS=s/2008/433&Lang=E>

(English)

<http://daccess-ods.un.org/access.nsf/Get?OpenAgent&DS=s/2008/433&Lang=F>

(French)

*Steps towards bringing peace to the eastern DRC and bolstering lawful Government bodies must gather speed, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon wrote in his latest report on the United Nations peacekeeping mission in the country.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: L' Onu annonce une « réunion spéciale » pour la consolidation de la paix.**

(15/07/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200807150453.html>

*Grauls, the Belgian ambassador at the UN, announced a special reunion in October concerning the consolidation of peace in Central Africa.*

**Congo Accord 'Last Chance' to End Conflict, Coordinator Says.**

(9/07/2008 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=auwSyl7fVY90>

*A peace accord signed in the Democratic Republic of Congo in January represents the last chance to end conflict in the country's restive eastern region, said Apollinaire Malu Malu, the coordinator of the agreement.*

**Assemblée nationale : la loi d'amnistie votée.**

(12/07/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=19495>

**Congo-Kinshasa: La loi sur l'amnistie pour rassurer Nkunda.**

(14/07/2008 – Le Phare - allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200807141564.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: Amnistie - le Rubicon a été franchi.**

(14/07/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200807140012.html>

**DRC passes amnesty law.**

(13/07/2008 – Mail&Guardian)

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2008-07-13-drc-passes-amnesty-law>

*The Democratic Republic of Congo's Parliament passed a law on Saturday giving amnesty for acts of war and rebellion in the east of the country.*

**Dossier : loi d'amnistie, réactions de différents groupes armés.**

(13/07/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=19503>

**Vote de la loi d'amnistie : réactions de quelques députés.**

(13/07/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=19498>

**Goma : projet de loi sur l'amnistie, le CNDP se dit indigné.**

(14/07/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=19516>

**La loi sur l'amnistie pour les Kivu ne contente pas le CNDP de Nkunda telle qu'elle a été adoptée à l'Assemblée nationale.**

(15/07/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/52479>

**Kinshasa : les 2 Kivu, Roger Lumbala(opposition) salue la loi sur l'amnistie.**

(14/07/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=19507>

*Reactions to the Congolese amnesty law.*

**Sénat : projet de loi d'amnistie, l'examen reporté au mois de septembre prochain.**

(15/07/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=19528>

*In September the Senate will check up on the amnesty law.*

**Kabingo : près de 40 éléments CNDP tombés dans une embuscade des Pareco.**

(9/07/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=19442>

*Two CNDP teams trapped in a Pareco ambush.*

**Les rebelles du CNDP se transforment en bouviers dans les fermes de Masisi.**

(14/07/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/52449>

*The rebels of CNDP have deprived farmers in Masisi of their livestock, unemployment and high prices are the consequences.*

**Zungu Luka : accrochages signalés entre FARDC et miliciens FRPI.**

(14/07/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=19522>

*FRPI militia attacked FARDC at some 130 kilometres south of Bunia.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Un nouvel affrontement entre FDLR et FARDC signalé à Rutshuru.**

(9/07/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200807090307.html>

*Fighting continues in Eastern DRC. Confrontations were noticed between FDLR and FARDC.*

**Bukavu : 7 000 enfants soldats servent encore dans les groupes armés.**

(15/07/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=19523>

*According to a recent report, still some 7000 children serve as soldiers in different armed groups in the Kivu provinces.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Monuc Arms FDLR, Say Ex-Combatants.**

(10/07/2008 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200807100039.html>

**Congo-Kinshasa: «La Monuc bloque le rapatriement des Fdlr », crient les démobilisés.**

(9/07/2008 – Rwanda News Agency – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200807090777.html>

*Former members of the FDLR have accused the MONUC of selling back to them weapons that had been seized by the UN body during the disarmament process.*

**MONUC rejects the personal remarks of one of its unit commanders in North Kivu.**

(11/07/2008 – MONUC)

<http://www.monuc.org/News.aspx?newsID=17754>

**Congo-Kinshasa: La MONUC va poursuivre un de ses officiers 'sympathisant' de Laurent Nkunda.**

(10/07/2008 – UN News – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200807100768.html>

**UN Congo probes Indian officer over rebel "support".**

(11/07/2008 – Reuters)

<http://africa.reuters.com/top/news/usnBAN125887.html>

*MONUC received evidence, according to which, in mid-April 2008, right before the end of his UN service in the DRC, an officer of the Indian contingent commanding a blue helmets base in North-Kivu allegedly made a public statement in Kitchanga, in*

*which he expressed his personal sympathy towards the CNDP, and its leader, Laurent Nkunda.*

**Kamandi : la population demande la délocalisation des Pareco.**

(11/07/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=19473>

*The Kamandi population asks for the relocation of Pareco elements. Many people have fled the area because of fighting between the FARDC and Pareco.*

**Goma : des ex-combattants rwandais démobilisés ont achevé leur formation.**

(9/07/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=19428>

*The follow-up commission of the Nairobi agreement attended a ceremony to celebrate some 60 new ex-combatants who finished a 45-day-education of the DDR programme.*

**Les FDLR réfractaires à la reddition dans le camp de transit.**

(10/07/2008 – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/52388>

*The FDLR combatants in Kaina, in North Kivu, are still hesitating whether to go to the transition camps.*

**160 militaires des groupes armés au centre de brassage de Kitona.**

(14/07/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=19506>

(15/07/2008 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

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**Goma : 171 combattants s'envolent vers le centre de brassage de Kitona.**

(15/07/2008 – Radio Okapi)

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*171 new ex-combatants of Pareco, CNDP, Maï Maï and other rebel groups have arrived at Kitona.*

**Kinshasa : la Linelit vulgarise l'acte d'engagement de Goma.**

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**Programme Amani : place maintenant à la matérialisation de la paix au Kivu.**

(9/07/2008 – Radio Okapi)

<http://www.radiookapi.net/index.php?i=53&a=19416>

*A conference on the Amani programme, held in Goma at the beginning of July, judges it is time to make concrete plans to execute the Amani programme.*

**Minova : programme Amani, le gouverneur Muderhwa en campagne de sensibilisation.**

(15/07/2008 – Radio Okapi)

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(10/07/2008 – Eurac mailing)

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**Congo Rebel Leader Nkunda to Rejoin Peace Process.**

(11/07/2008 – Bloomberg)

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**Congo-Kinshasa: Vers un dégel!**

(15/07/2008 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

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*MLC had a meeting with minister Kaluma. It appeared MLC is not prepared to cool down immediately, it wants to wait for some new evolutions after the murder on Daniel Botethi.*

**Congo-Kinshasa: Monuc Task Force Leaves Bas Congo.**

(15/07/2008 – MONUC- allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200807151046.html>

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*Deployed in Bas Congo province as reinforcements following the February/ March 2008 unrest, the MONUC Task Force has begun its redeployment to Kinshasa since 10 July last, as Bas Congo finds peace and security.*

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**Uganda and international small arms transfers.**

(July 2008 – Saferworld)

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**UGANDA: Too many guns threaten returnees, say officials.**

(10/07/2007 – IRIN)

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*Northern Uganda has enjoyed relative peace following years of clashes between government troops and rebels, but the prevalence of illegal weapons across the region poses a new challenge to displaced civilians returning to their villages, officials said.*

**Uganda: 15,000 Mines Destroyed.**

(13/07/2008 – New Vision; published by allAfrica – 14/07/2008)

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*A total of 15,214 unexploded ordnances have been destroyed since 2006 by the humanitarian demining department in the office of the Prime Minister.*

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*United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has sent a report from the chief mediator between the Government of Uganda and the LRA rebels to the Security Council on efforts to resolve their long-running conflict.*

**Uganda: Kony orders mediators to resume peace talks.**

(10/07/2008 – The Nation – AfricaFiles)

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*Uganda's rebel leader, Joseph Kony, has ordered his team of negotiators to resume talks with the government of Uganda and to fast track a peace accord.*

**Ugandan Rebels Reiterate Support for Peace Process.**

(9/07/2008 – VOA News)

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**Uganda Rebel Group Wants More Monitors for Peace Accord.**

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*Uganda's Lord's Resistance Army rebel movement has appealed to the African Union and East African governments to boost a proposed monitoring team that will form part of cease-fire agreement with the Ugandan government.*

**Rebels say Uganda army used Sudan units to attack.**

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*Uganda's fugitive northern rebels accused the Ugandan military on Wednesday of attacking its guerrilla hideouts in the DRC and threatening efforts to resurrect peace talks.*

**UGANDA: Officials head to Sudan for meeting with LRA leaders over stalled talks.**

(10/07/2008 – IRIN)

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*A Ugandan government delegation is heading for Ri-Kwangba in southwestern Sudan to meet the leaders of the LRA in a fresh attempt to convince them to sign a peace deal, officials said.*

**SUDAN-UGANDA: Between Hope and Fear - new IRIN film.**

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*Burundi's government has accused the rebel Palipehutu-FNL of recruiting new combatants and delaying the peace process by insisting on political recognition before cantonment.*

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*The euphoria after the signing of the peace deal between FNL and the Burundi government has disappeared as robbing by men in uniform continue.*

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*A representative of the Burundi government told FNL that it has to change its name before it can be recognised as a political party.*

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(9/07/2008 – Eurac mailing)

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