

**DRC Domestic Radio, February 23, 2010 (covering February 15 to February 21, 2010)**  
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**(Radio Okapi website, Kinshasa, in French 16 Feb 10)**

- The exploitation and use of conflict minerals from the DR Congo (typically used in the making of cell phones and other electronics) has been harshly criticized by Global Witness at the Mobile World Congress as their use funds and prolongs conflict in the DR Congo.

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- Police have indicated that the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda (“FDLR”) attacked Buramba village, Nord-Kivu on February 14 and that a civilian was fatally wounded during the course of the attack. The Nyamilima police stated that the DR Congo Armed Forces (“FARDC”) forced the FDLR back to their base in the National Park of Virunga.

**(Radio-Television Nationale Congolaise TV, Kinshasa, in French 1230 GMT 16 Feb 10)**

- Evariste Boshab, the national assembly Speaker, met with Laure Mbungu the coordinator of the anti-personnel mine NGO where they discussed the use and disposal of these mines in the DR Congo (there is a high use of these mines in the DR Congo).

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- The DR Congo, Rwanda, and the UNHCR are working towards an agreement which could lead to the repatriation of thousands of Congolese (there are approximately fifty-three thousand Congolese refugees in Rwanda) and Rwandan refugees. This agreement could be signed as early as February 17, in Kigali.

**(Radio-Television Nationale Congolaise TV, Kinshasa, in French 1230 GMT 18 Feb 10)**

- Lambert Mende Omalanga, the Minister of Communication and Media, hosted a press conference and announced the Nord-Kivu Province war council sentenced three FARDC fighters with the death penalty for “extortion, harassment, rape and misuse of war weapons”.