

**DRC Domestic Broadcasting, 14 March, 2010 (7 March– 13 March, 2011)**  
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**Government-owned media**

**(Radio France Internationale, French state-funded public broadcaster, Paris, 0530 gmt, 12 March 2011, in French)**

**“DR Congo trade minister resigns to show solidarity with sacked deputy premier”**

- Minister of Trade, Small and Medium Enterprises Bernard Biando Sango presented his letter of resignation as a sign of solidarity with sacked deputy PM, Francois Mobutu Nzanga.

**(Radio-Television Nationale Congolaise TV, Kinshasa, 1230 gmt, 9 March, 2011, in French)**

- The Ministry of Gender, Family and Child organized a Women’s Day parade in Kinshasa.
- The first lady, the Minister of Gender, Family and Child, Marie Ange Lukiana, Kinshasa Governor, Andre Kimbuta Yango, and representatives from the MONUSCO were in attendance. In their speeches, they denounced sexual violence and advocated for the promotion of women and equal opportunities to all.
- In Kisangani, President Joseph Kabila attended a Women’s Day parade. In his address, Governor Autshai advocated for an overwhelming registration of women during the voters' registration exercise.

**(Radio-Television Nationale Congolaise TV, Kinshasa, 1230 gmt, 10 March, 2011, in French)**

- The MONUSCO human rights office plans to open 11 judicial clinics responsible for handling cases of sexual violence.

**Privately-owned media**

**(L’Observateur, privately-owned daily, article dated 7 March, 2010, in French)**

**« Victimes des violences sexuelles en RDC. L’Onu publie un nouveau rapport saisissant » by Klébar Kungu**

- The UN has just published a new report on sexual violence in the DRC. The report states that resources to address the needs of victims are inadequate at best.
- 61 victims have been interviewed, aged between 3 (at the time of the crime) and 61 years old. Many of the victims have contracted HIV/AIDS, others are pregnant and many have been ostracized
- Health and education are of the victims’ main concerns. Other victims also called for the establishment of socio-economic reintegration.
- The situation is particularly grave in the countryside where access to healthcare facilities and justice is inexistent.
- Many victims do not come forward out of fear of being stigmatized and because they do not trust the judicial system. Victims say those who denounced perpetrators of

sexual violence never achieved anything. They demand reparations, including restitution, rehabilitation and payment. The report insists on the responsibility of the government and the international community. According to the report, both individual and collective reparations are needed

**(Radio Candip, community radio broadcasting funded by Belgian NGO, Bunia, 1530 gmt, 7 March, 2010, in French)**

- Administrative sources in Ituri District said calm has returned to Kaege Bunia Town after militia fighters attacked this area on Sunday. The FARDC has been sent in order to increase security
- Military sources in Bas Uele District said troops the FARDC and the Ugandan People's Defence Forces dismantled a strong hideout of the foreign Mbororo herders accused of ambushing six trucks carrying food assistance. Four of the assailants were captured and others were killed.

**(The Daily Nation, Kenyan privately-owned newspaper, Nairobi, article dated 8 March 2011, in English)**

**“Kenyan police seek Interpol help in DR Congo gold-smuggling probe”**

- The Kenyan Police submitted findings on the missing 96m dollars consignment to Interpol, and are now seeking further assistance.
- The Criminal Investigation Department conducted the investigations with the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), detectives from DRC and the immigration department. President Joseph Kabila, who visited Nairobi, gave President Kibaki a list of 15 Kenyans and Congolese who should be investigated over gold smuggling. The gold was destined for Dubai and a South African company was to facilitate the shipment.

**(Radio Candip, community radio broadcasting funded by Belgian NGO, Bunia, 1530 gmt, 8 March, 2010, in French)**

- The commander of the Ninth Military Region of the FARDC in Orientale Province reported that heavy clashes have been taking place since last week between his troops and LRA. One of his soldiers and three rebel fighters were killed. Two teenage girls were rescued.

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**“DR Congo army reports continued clashes with Ugandan LRA rebels in northeast”**

- The commander of the Ninth Military Region of the FARDC in Orientale Province says heavy clashes have been taking place between his troops and LRA fighters in Haut Uele District.
- Two young girls were rescued
- The LRA has recently increased their attacks in many parts of Haut Uele and Bas Uele Districts.
- The FARDC is assisted by MONUSCO and some of troops from the Ugandan People's Defence Forces [UPDF].

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gmt, 9 March, 2010, in French)**

- Ituri District commissioner appealed to politicians to restrain from divisive speeches which might reignite tribal clashes and criticized politicians who are using the pre-election period to sabotage peace in the area

**(L'Observateur, privately-owned daily, article dated 10 March, 2010, in French)  
« En visite à Walikale, au Nord Kivu**

- Roger Meece reiterated his support for the FARDC in neutralizing the FDLR. He visited Walikale where met with local representatives and leaders, as well as victims of sexual violence
- According to several NGO report, Walikale is the world capital of sexual violence and abuses against women. Perpetrators include the FDLR, the Mai Mai, Nalu rebels but also some FARDC elements
- In this part of the country, the FDLR controls coltan and gold mines, and raises taxes from villagers, and recruit children to work in mines or join the army.
- Local women's group reaffirmed their opposition to sexual violence and urged the international community to work more effectively towards the disarmament and repatriation of FDLR fighters to their country.

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gmt, 10 March, 2010, in French)**

- Orientale provincial governor presided over a ceremony marking end of training of about 1,000 Congolese police officers. These officers are former fighters of armed groups
- A team of MONUSCO investigators says many villages in Haut Uele and Bas Uele Districts have been deserted as a result of frequent attacks by the LRA

**(L'Observateur, privately-owned daily, article dated 11 March, 2010, in French)**

**« En marge de la commémoration de la journée de la femme »**

- Some progress has been made in the fight against sexual violence against women and girls. Since the law against sexual violence was signed in 2006, even senior officers should not feel immune.
- Yet despite the laws, gender-based violence is still widespread. Few victims come forward as they fear ostracization. For many people, it is still normal for a husband to beat his wife.
- Several local customs encourage violence against women and a lot still has to be done to fight inhumane and degrading treatment of women in the Congo.

**(UN-sponsored Radio Okapi, Kinshasa, 11 March 2010, in French)**

**“Deputy DR Congo Prime Minister Mobutu sacked over reported prolonged absence”**

- Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Employment and Social Security Francois Mobutu Nzanga has been removed from government. He was “for abandonment of service (...) without any explanation” said government spokesperson, Lambert Mende

**(L’Observateur, privately-owned daily, article dated 11 March, 2010, in French)**

**« Valerie Amos tire la sonnette d’alarme. La situation humanitaire en RDC est une des plus sérieuses et des plus persistantes »**

- Valerie Amos, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief, said the situation in the DRC is one of the gravest in the world. She said a large number on people in eastern Congo have never known peace and security, and are in constant danger of being attacked by rebel groups.
- She said the DRC deserves more attention and added that, without humanitarian assistance, the most vulnerable people would suffer from and diseases. Cholera and malnutrition are widespread.
- Poverty, migration and ethnic tensions must be addressed. She reiterated the UN’s support to the government
- She underlined the importance of establishing viable judicial institutions in order to reinforce the rule of law and stop impunity
- She also called for a regional solution in order to dismantle armed groups in the east, especially the and the FDLR
- She said the Congolese people had not been forgotten and added that protection of civilian was a priority.

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- The commander of the Ninth Military Region of the FARDC announced that heavy fighting took place between his troops and the LRA rebels in Bas Uele District. 10 people were killed, including three FARDC soldiers and seven Ugandan rebel fighters.