



## EurAc Info

Daily Press Review on the Great Lakes region & EurAc network

13 January 2017

### Press Review

#### EU Foreign Policy

##### EU/BURUNDI



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Good News: We welcome #EU contribution of 10mln Euros to support #AU HumanRights Observers & Military Experts in #Burundi.  
#StrongerTogether

##### 1. EU/BURUNDI

09/01/2017 (EDD) – During the meeting on Tuesday 10 January, the Political and Security Committee (PSC) – the EU Council of Ministers' body composed of member state ambassadors responsible for CFSP and CSDP – is expected to approve the principle of a contribution by the African Peace Facility of up to €10 million for the human rights observer mission and African Union military experts in Burundi. That amount will cover a twelve-month period, from 1 November 2016 to 31 October 2017, and aims to support the deployment of the mission and its activities.

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[EU/BURUNDI/AMISOM - Paying for AMISOM: Are Politics and Bureaucracy Undermining the AU's Largest Peace Operation?](#), The Global Observatory, January 11

*Over the past 18 months, the EU has taken several decisions about how it pays AMISOM allowances, placing a cap on the amount it pays towards those allowances, and adopting measures to reduce its financial risks in case the AU does not comply with the EU's financial standards. These decisions have contributed to at least three types of controversies related to AMISOM.*

First, there have been arguments over the appropriate amount of money that should be provided to AMISOM troops as allowances. These arguments intensified when from January 2016, the EU, which pays for all the allowances for AMISOM troops, reduced its payment by 20%, from \$1,028 to \$822 per soldier, per month.

[...]

Third, the EU's relationship with Burundi has generated its own unique set of arguments and issues. Specifically, in addition to the previous two issues, in March 2016 the EU Council decided to impose sanctions on the Burundi government related to Article 96 of the bloc's Cotonou Agreement with the African, Caribbean, and Pacific Group of States. This meant the EU suspended direct financial support to the Burundian administration. Since then, the AU has investigated whether it might be possible to pay Burundian peacekeepers in AMISOM without channeling any monies to the Burundi government. But, so far, no solution has been found.



**Willy Nyamitwe** ✓  
@willynyamitwe



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**#EU** playing a bad game while **#Burundi**-ans and others are paying with blood and flesh to stabilize **#Somalia**. **#AMISOM**  
[theglobalobservatory.org/2017/01/amisom...](http://theglobalobservatory.org/2017/01/amisom...)

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Reply to @willynyamitwe



**Wolfram Vetter** @WolframVetter · Jan 12

@willynyamitwe **#EU** values highly **#Burundi**-an troops' contribution to **#AMISOM** and wants them to be paid but not through gov's treasury



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**Willy Nyamitwe** @willynyamitwe · Jan 12

@WolframVetter The way you continue to think that **#Africa**-ns are beneath contempt is the only leitmotiv of your rash decision. **#Burundi**



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#EU relationship with #Burundi complicates #Somali peace op @PDWilliamsGWU @ElliottSchoolGW @IPI\_GO ipin.st/VY9G307UEet

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**THE NETHERLANDS/BURUNDI** - [Fait du jour « Visite de l'ambassadeur des Pays-Bas au Burundi au Groupe de presse Iwacu »](#), Iwacu, 11 janvier

## *Central Africa – Great Lakes – African Union & other regional institutions*

[La RDC et le Burundi s'accordent pour sécuriser les mouvements transfrontaliers des individus](#), Radio Okapi, 13 janvier

## *Natural Resources - Conflict minerals*

[Entre les deux Congo, un énorme puits de carbone mis au jour](#), Jeune Afrique, 12 janvier

## *DRC*

Politics – Elections

**HIGHLIGHT** - [Les vérités de Lambert Mende sur la RDC](#), VOA, 11 janvier

[RDC: poursuite des discussions sur la mise en œuvre de l'accord de la Saint-Sylvestre](#), RTBF, 12 janvier



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**#RDC**: La Ste Civile non signataire de l'accord du 18/10 exige 4 ministères de neutralité: Justice, Droits humains, Commun et médias et EPSP.

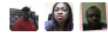
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**#RDC #Cenco**: samedi = date limite pr mise en œuvre des 1ères mesures accord: réouverture radios, parmi lesquelles @RFI tjs coupée ce matin

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**HIGHLIGHT** – ITW – [RDC : « 2017, un sursis accordé au président Kabila »](#), La Libre, 12 janvier

*Quel avenir pour les mouvements citoyens congolais qui n'ont pas été invités au dialogue organisé par l'église catholique ?*

*Godefroid Mwanabwato, militant honoraire de la Lucha (mouvement citoyen congolais de la Lutte pour le changement) et avocat au barreau de Kisangani sait ce qu'il peut en coûter de s'élever contre les dérives du pouvoir du président Kabila.*

[David Brown \(USA\): « La décrispation permettra à la Communauté Internationale d'aider le Congo »](#), Actualité.cd, 13 janvier



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**#RDC #Cenco** : l'appel de Carbone Beni @filimbi243 à la libération de ses 4 collègues des mvts citoyens détenus à Kin dps un mois et plus

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**#RDC #Cenco**: cela fait 1 mois que 3 militants de Compte à rebours, Chris Shematsi, coordonnateur, Samuel Bosasele et John Ngandu st détenus

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## Security

[RDC: 26 morts dans des affrontements en huit jours](#), TV5 MONDE, 11 janvier

[RDC: les craintes grandissantes d'un débordement du conflit sud-soudanais](#), RFI, 12 janvier // [Nord-Kivu: l'ONU veut «une solution urgente» au problème des ex-rebelles sud-soudanais](#), Radio okapi, 12 janvier

[Violences dans les provinces du Kasai en RDC: le gouvernement interpellé](#), RFI, 12 janvier

## Natural resources

[DRC says Ok for Glencore to take full control of Mutanda copper mine](#), Mining.com, January 12

**HIGHLIGHT** - [La RDC lance une initiative de contrôle de l'exploitation artisanale de l'or](#), Radio Okapi, 13 janvier

## Others

[UN Child Rights Committee to review the Democratic Republic of the Congo](#), OHCHR, January 12

## Burundi

### Political & Security crisis

[Mass grave dating from 1972 discovered in Mwaro province](#), Iwacu, January 12

[Anti-Nkurunziza Third Term Civil Society accuses Mkapa of excluding them from dialogue](#), Iwacu, January 12

[Advocating for children's rights in Burundi](#), ReliefWeb, January 12

## Others

**HIGHLIGHT** - [Burundi : la vie chère devient encore plus chère](#), Jeune Afrique, 12 janvier

## Rwanda

### Politics & Security

[Rwanda's new king named – a father of two living on an estate near Manchester](#), the guardian, January 12

[Au Rwanda, des villages de réconciliation où cohabitent anciens bourreaux et victimes](#), Slate.fr, 13 janvier

## News from EurAc network and from partner organisations

- Communiqué, La Nouvelle Société civile/ Front De La Societe Civile Pour La Surveillance Et Le Controle Citoyen De La Transition De La Mise En Oeuvre De L'accord Global Et Inclusif

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« Le « Front de la Société Civile pour la Surveillance et le Contrôle Citoyen de la Transition et de la mise en oeuvre de l'Accord Politique Global et inclusif », se félicite du dépôt, par les différentes parties prenantes, des propositions sur les arrangements particuliers, le chronogramme ainsi que la taille du gouvernement et les critères à remplir par la personne appelée à conduire le gouvernement pendant la période préélectorale et de transition. »

See document attached // Voir pièce jointe

## Interesting statements, research, analysis & campaigns

- Feature/Photo documentary, Reuters

[For Congo's Pygmies, expulsion and forest clearance end a way of life](#)

12 January 2017

By Therese Di Campo & Aaron Ross

- ⇒ Photo documentary - [A dying way of life for Congo's Pygmies](#), Reuters, January 12
- ⇒ Article - [In the Democratic Republic of Congo, one of Africa's oldest indigenous peoples is facing a land crisis](#), The Independent, January 12

- Article, The Economist

[Congolese pop music](#)

By The Economist

14 January 2017

*"An oddly symbiotic relationship between some of Africa's best singers and worst politicians.*

*In the Democratic Republic of Congo there are three ways to make it big, says Lexxus Legal, a rapper (pictured). Standing in his house in Kinshasa, the capital, underneath a mural of Congo's first prime minister, Patrice Lumumba, he lists them. First, you can become a politician. Second, you can join the army ("but you need to be at the top: a general, not a footsoldier"). Finally, you can set up a church. "That is what you call having power," he says. Noticeably, he rules out his own profession. "The musicians in this country are beggars," he says. "They are obliged to sing and dance to please politicians and businessmen. If you sing as I do, controversially, you really have no chance."*