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Eastern Africa standby by force ready in December

Source: The New Vision (Uganda)

By Pascal Kwesiga

Uganda and other countries in the Eastern Africa region will be ready to deploy a 5,000 strong standby force by December 2014, the army has said.

16 July 2014 - The force will be comprised of troops from Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi, Sudan, Ethiopia, Djibouti, Somalia, Seychelles and Comoros.

Others countries in the region have not yet joined the efforts to build the Eastern Africa standby force (EASF) that will be comprised of the military, police and civilian components.

Maj. Gen. Francis Okello, the commandant of Uganda rapid deployment capability centre, said the force which will be one battalion strong backed by tank units, will be ready for deployment by December, one year before the African Union (AU) deadline. African leaders resolved to establish Africa standby force during the AU summit in Addis Ababa in 2004.

The leaders from five regions – Eastern, Western, Central, Southern and Northern Africa were tasked to establish five standby regional forces by December 2015 to form Africa standby force.

Military chiefs from Eastern Africa have held a series of capacity building trainings for the soldiers, police and civilians since the eastern regional counties launched the process of building a standby force.

The civilian component of the force will mainly be handling the post conflict situations.

Addressing civilian representatives from the ten eastern Africa countries attending the security sector reform course at Silver Spring hotel in Kampala today, Okello said the force is urgently needed to counter internal and external threats that confront the member states.

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Kenya's youth initiatives capture regional interest

By Jackson Okoth

Source: Standard Digital News

14 July 2014 - Nairobi, Kenya: Kenya will next week host an International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) on youth unemployment at the Villa Rosa Kempinski hotel in Nairobi.

The meeting, which will run from July 19 to July 22, will feature representatives from the 12 countries that comprise the Great Lakes region: Angola, Tanzania, Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Congo, Zambia, South Sudan, Sudan, Central African Republic, Rwanda, Uganda, Burundi and Kenya.

The focus of the conference, expected to be attended by heads of state of these nations, will be youth empowerment and unemployment, with a case study on Kenya. The country was chosen as the location for the conference owing to its efforts to empower the youth.

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Le M23 ne se retrouve nulle part en Angola, foi de l'Ambassadeur Emilio Guerra

Source : Digitalcongo.net

Kinshasa, 15 juillet 2014 - Démenti musclé de la République d'Angola par le biais de son Ambassadeur accrédité à Kinshasa, des allégations faisant état de collusion entre les éléments M23 et les autorités angolaises, comme cela était largement diffusé dans la presse internationale.

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RDC : le désarmement des FDLR expliqué à ceux qui ont raté le début

Source : Jeune Afrique - Par Trésor Kibangula

Les rebelles rwandais des FDLR ont commencé fin mai à se rendre. Une reddition jusqu'ici timide mais suffisante pour obtenir la suspension des opérations militaires engagées contre eux. Des questions persistent cependant sur leur cantonnement en RDC, en attendant leur retour hypothétique au Rwanda.

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Le sujet est sensible, le terrain glissant. À Kigali comme à Kinshasa, voire dans les autres capitales de la région, le "désarmement volontaire" des rebelles des Forces démocratiques pour la libération du Rwanda (FDLR), entamé timidement fin mai, est au centre des préoccupations. Récapitulons.

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Le Rwanda, le Kenya, l'Ouganda et le Soudan du Sud mettent fin aux frais de roaming entre eux

Source : Agence Ecofin

Les abonnés au téléphone mobile du Kenya, Rwanda, Ouganda et Soudan du Sud pourront bientôt communiquer d'un pays à un autre sans avoir à payer des frais de roaming. Les quatre pays ont décidé de régler ce problème en adoptant mutuellement un cadre régional des télécommunications dénommé « One-Network-Area » qui prendra effet le 31 décembre 2014. Ce sont les ministres chargés des télécoms de chaque pays qui ont paraphé cet accord en marge du 6ème Sommet d'intégration du corridor Nord qui s'est déroulé le 3 juillet dernier au Rwanda.

Le cadre régional « One-Network-Area » a été mis en œuvre à la suite des résolutions prises durant le 5ème Sommet des chefs d'Etats des projets d'intégration du corridor Nord qui s'est tenu en mai dernier à Nairobi au Kenya. Il s'applique aux appels téléphoniques originaires de la région Afrique de l'Est et se terminant dans la région. Il permettra que les appels régionaux soient exonérés des surtaxes appliquées par les États membres sur les appels internationaux entrants, les abonnés ne paieront plus aucun frais supplémentaires dus à l'itinérance dans la région.

Afin d'assurer la pleine mise en œuvre de ce réseau régional, les opérateurs télécoms seront tenus de renégocier leurs accords bilatéraux pour assurer de l'effectivité du « One-Network-Area » au 31 décembre 2014.

République centrafricaine : La violence sectaire s'intensifie

Source : Human Rights Watch

Il faut de toute urgence mettre en œuvre une stratégie de protection des civils

Nairobi, le 15 juillet 2014 – Un cycle infernal de violence sectaire s'aggrave dans l'est de la République centrafricaine. Des dizaines de civils ont été tués depuis le début de juin 2014 et des dizaines de milliers de personnes ont abandonné leurs foyers, venant s'ajouter aux centaines de milliers de personnes qui ont déjà fui leurs maisons depuis que la violence a commencé en mars 2013.

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Afrique : Lancement de l'aide d'urgence de 64 millions d'euros en faveur de la RCA

Source : Info Plus Gabon

Libreville, 15 juillet 2014 - L'Union Européenne a annoncé lundi dans un communiqué de presse le lancement en République Centrafricaine de son premier fonds fiduciaire multi donateurs liant aide d'urgence, réhabilitation et développement.

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Congo-Kinshasa: Assessing the Performance of MONUSCO's Force Intervention Brigade

By Christoph Vogel, 14 July 2014

Source: All Africa

Analysis

Roughly 16 months ago (in March 2013), the United Nations strengthened its peacekeeping mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) with a more robust force to "neutralise armed groups".

This came as a response to a wave of criticism MONUSCO experienced for its passive stance during the capture of Goma by M23 troops. The so-called 'Force Intervention Brigade' (FIB) was set up with 3,069 troops from South Africa, Tanzania, and Malawi - all SADC member states. In a highly robust, mobile, and versatile manner, the FIB would start tackling various armed groups operating in eastern DRC, e.g. M23, FDLR, ADF and APCLS.

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Angola: CAR Official Praises Angolan Support

Source: All Africa

Luanda, 14 July 2014 - The support and efforts of the Angolan head of State, José Eduardo dos Santos, in aimed at restoring peace, stability and security in the Central African Republic (CAR) were lauded Monday by the Prime Minister of the Central African country, André Nzapayéké , on a 24-hour working visit to Angola.

This was expressed to the press after the RCA official was received by President José Eduardo dos Santos, at a meeting dedicated to address issues related to the political situation prevailing

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in this country of the Great Lakes region, hit by religious conflict that has claimed the lives of many citizens.

"Our country is in a state of crisis and President Jose Eduardo dos Santos has given a wise advice, that is why we are here, once again, to receive his guidance, in order to overcome this situation," said André Nzapayéké, before also highlighting his role as chairman of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR).

Angolan President assumes, since January this year, the presidency of the ICGLR, for two years, and has sought solutions to the conflicts in this region of African continent.

The ICGLR was created after the political conflicts that hit the Great Lakes region in 1994, whose result marked the recognition of their size and the need for a concerted effort aimed at promoting peace and development.

It groups twelve (12) States, namely Angola, Burundi, CAR, Congo, DRC, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Sudan, South Sudan, Tanzania and Zambia.

Angola: le PM André Nzapayéké reçu par le président José Eduardo dos Santos

Source : JournaldeBangui.com

Par Luidor Nono et agences

Les deux hommes d'Etat ont mis en exergue l'appui et les efforts du Chef de l'État angolais, dans la restauration de la paix, la stabilité et la sécurité en République Centrafricaine

15 juillet 2014 - En visite chronométrée de 24 heures dans la capitale angolaise le chef du gouvernement de transition de la République centrafricaine, a été reçu hier, lundi 14 juillet, 2014 par le Président Eduardo dos Santos, avec lequel il a abordé des aspects relatifs à la situation politique qui prévaut dans la région des Grands Lacs, plongée dans ces conflits religieux que déciment des vies humaines. «Notre pays connaît une situation de crise et le Président José Eduardo dos Santos prodigue des conseils sages, c'est la raison pour laquelle nous sommes ici, une fois de plus, pour recevoir ses orientations, dans le sens de mettre un terme à cette situation», a soutenu André Nzapayéké.

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Rwanda: Guinea President Lauds Rwanda, Calls for African Solidarity

Source: All Africa

By Ivan R. Mugisha

15 July 2014 - President Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo of Equatorial Guinea said that Africa must copy Rwanda's political resolve to create peace and development despite facing enormous challenges.

Obiang, who is on a two-day visit to Rwanda, made the remarks yesterday during a state banquet in Kigali, hosted by President Paul Kagame.

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Police to start recruitment of 10,000 officers today

Source: Standard Digital

Nairobi, Kenya - Thousands of youths are this morning [14 July 2014] expected to troop to recruitment centres nationwide as the National Police Service Commission (NPSC) begins selecting candidates to serve in the force.

Some 10,000 officers are to be recruited in the police service for a nine-month paramilitary training at the Kenya Police Training College in Kiganjo and Administration Police Training College.

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