



## FATAL TRANSACTIONS NEWSLETTER

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### PARTNER ACTIVITIES

Frankfurt, December 13th 2006

#### [Hollywood blockbuster "Blood Diamond" puts conflict diamonds back on the agenda](#)

International NGOs claim grave human rights abuses in diamond mines. Since the release of the movie 'Blood Diamond' with Leonardo DiCaprio, the diamond industry is spending a substantial 'Public Relations' budget on adverts and reports in an attempt to deny their involvement in human rights abuses in diamond mines and their responsibility for diamond financed wars.

Amsterdam, December 2006

#### [New Fatal Transactions coalition](#)

Fatal Transactions started campaigning in 1999. With the rewarding of a new grant from the European Union, Fatal Transactions is able to continue its campaign effectively, for the coming three years. From January 1st 2007 Fatal Transactions will have a new coalition, with members from Europe and Africa.

Rotterdam, November 4th 2006

#### [Kings of Congo](#)

This exhibition of photographer Sven Torfinn covers Congo's first democratic elections, which took place after forty years. "Kings of Congo" shows a series of portraits of Congo's new leaders: the traditional leader, the businessman, the colonel and the presidential candidate. Exhibited in "[Kunsthal Rotterdam](#)" till February 18th 2007.

Amsterdam, September 5th 2006

#### [Africa: War is business](#)

In the three part documentary "Africa: War is business", the Dutch prince Jaime de Bourbon Parme travels to several countries in Africa, to explore the different aspects of war economies.

Visit our website to watch the [full documentary](#)!

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## NEWS & PUBLICATIONS

Durban, November 2006

### [The Dark Side of Durban](#)

When you visit South Africa, Durban is a must see for many reasons. Durban offers great opportunities for tourism, like fishing and whale watching. The mixture of all kinds of people, black, white and the Indian community, makes Durban to a melting pot of cultures and therefore a very vibrant place. Unfortunately there's also a dark side of Durban.

Juba, November 2006

### [Civil society holds Sudan oil conference in Juba to enhance peace](#)

The European Coalition on Oil in Sudan co-organised a conference in Juba, the capital of southern Sudan, to explore ways of an oil policy that can help government to use petrodollar revenue as an instrument to consolidate peace and bring prosperity.

Pietermaritzburg, October 2006

### [Poisoned Spaces: Manufacturing wealth, producing poverty](#)

This fifth groundWork report focuses on the industrial complexes of the Vaal Triangle where communities experience environmental injustices determined by global corporate-led states. Corporate led injustices perpetuated against the people in the Vaal began in the apartheid era and are still starkly evident today..

### [CSR Practices in Small-scale Mining on the Copperbelt, Zambia](#)

The small-scale mining companies operate in very uncertain conditions and circumstances. This baseline study concentrates on small-scale mining with a bias to the gemstone sector. The main objectives of the study are to investigate the operations, profitability and Corporate Social Responsibility Practices of small-scale mines in existence.

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Fatal Transactions is an international campaign for awareness raising among consumers, opinion makers, politicians and industry on the crucial relation between trade in natural resources from African countries and continuation and escalation of armed conflicts and human rights violations. The overall objective is to end armed conflicts and human rights violations by drying up the financial resources and making sure that the revenues made out of the exploitation of natural resources are being used for the well-being of the population.

Fatal Transactions is carried out by eight European NGOs; [Netherlands Institute for Southern Africa](#) (The Netherlands), [Pax Christi Netherlands](#) (The Netherlands), [IPIS](#) (Belgium), [BICC](#) (Germany), [Medico International](#) (Germany), [OxfamNovib](#) (The Netherlands), [Broederlijk Delen](#) (Belgium), [Wroclaw University](#) (Poland) Members from Africa are; [JEA](#) (Angola), [groundWork](#) (South Africa), [CENADEP](#) (DR Congo).

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